

Daniel 3 Block Diagram

I. The Pride of Man Demands Worship (3:1-7)

- A. Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold (1)**
 - B. Nebuchadnezzar summoned (2)**
 - C. Purpose (3)**
 - D. The herald proclaimed Command(4-5)**
 - E. Penalty (6)**
 - refusal
 - furnace of blazing fire
 - F. Result (7)**
 - all peoples
 - all nations
 - all languages
 - fell down
 - worshiped the image
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II. The Faithful Remnant Refuses Idolatry (3:8-18)

- A. Accusation Against God's People (3:8-12)**
 - B. Confrontation Before the King (3:13-15)**
 - C. Faithful Response (3:16-18)**
 - a. No compromise**
 - b. Confidence**
 - c. Trust**
 - d. Submission**
 - e. Conviction**
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III. The Wrath of Man Meets the Sovereignty of God (3:19-23)

- A. Nebuchadnezzar is filled with wrath (19A)**
- B. Orders: (19B-20)**
 - heat furnace seven times hotter
 - bind the three men
 - cast them into the fire
- C. Result: (21-23)**
 - a. Soldiers are killed**

- b. Men of God survive
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IV. The Presence of God in the Fire (3:24-27)

- A. Nebuchadnezzar astonished (24)
 - a. Observation:
 - three were cast in
 - b. But now:
 - four are walking
 - c. Characteristics:
 - loosed
 - walking
 - unharmed
 - B. The fourth has the appearance like a son of the gods (25)
 - a. This is Christophany
 - b. Christ protects his people
 - c. Christ Comforts his people
 - d. His people enjoy fellowship with Him
 - e. His people experience Joy with Him
 - C. Nebuchadnezzar calls them out (26-27)
 - a. Inspection confirms:
 - no bodily harm
 - hair not singed
 - garments unharmed
 - no smell of fire
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V. The Glory of God Displayed Before the Nations (3:28-30)

- A. Nebuchadnezzar blesses God
- B. Decree:
- C. Reason:
- D. Result: Prosperity in Babylon and protection

VI) Application

- 1) Persecution will come our way if we are following Christ
 - a. Rejoice

- b. Be Glad
 - c. Stand firm
- 2) We are to stand resolved in our profession of faith. Be like the men of this story
 - a. Do not compromise
 - b. Have Confidence
 - c. Trust in God
 - d. Submit to the commandments of God
 - e. Have Conviction in your life from Gods word and stand by it
 - f. Remain faithful
- 3) Fear God more than man
- 4) Be astonished by our God as you read scripture
- 5) Worship and Praise the God of scripture
- 6) El-Elyon is the most high God
- 7) Jesus is the one who will:
 - a. Deliver you
 - b. Comfort you
 - c. Protect you
 - d. Rejoice with you
 - e. Be in the midst of the fire with you in your trials
 - f. Will never leave you nor forsake you
 - g. Enjoy fellowship with you