

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 188--Daniel 3:1-30

Introduction: It has been rare in history that God has worked miracles among men. Their existence occurs at critical times in His redemptive plan. Their purpose is to confirm the spoken word of God's prophets, serving as evidence for faith to the unbelieving. By means of such a miracle of great power, Nebuchadnezzar was convinced that there was no god able to deliver His people as did the God of the Hebrews.

Lesson aim: To show the triumph of faith in the life of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

Faith tested--Daniel 3:1-12

1. Describe the image that Nebuchadnezzar had built and erected (v. 1) What were all those who attended its dedication required to do? (v. 2-5)
2. What warning was issued concerning those who did not comply? (v. 6) How did the people respond to this command? (v. 7)
3. Who among Nebuchadnezzar's subjects did not submit to the king's edict? (v. 8-12)

Faith demonstrated--Daniel 3:13-18

1. How did Nebuchadnezzar respond to the report that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego had not obeyed his order? (v. 13) What did he do? (v. 14-15)
2. How did the three Hebrews answer Nebuchadnezzar's challenge? (v. 16-18)

Faith vindicated--Daniel 3:19-30

1. How did the king respond to the Hebrew's refusal to be intimidated into obedience by his threats? (v. 19-20)
2. What happened to the warriors who cast the Hebrew men into the furnace? (v. 21-22)
3. What remarkable thing did the king witness as he gazed into the furnace? (v. 24-25) What did he ask Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego to do? (v. 26) What did the king discover upon examining the three men? (v. 27)
4. What did this miracle of preservation cause Nebuchadnezzar to say? (v. 28) What decree did he make? (v. 29) How were the three Hebrew men rewarded for their courage and faith? (v. 30)