

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Daniel in Exile

Chapter 18 — August 16, 2015

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. - 1 Peter 2:11

Three Stories Show a Way of Life ...

I. Refusal of the Babylonian **diet**. (Daniel 1)

1. They are **healthier** and wiser than all the others.
2. What **diet** should Christian's eat?

II. Refusal to worship an **idol** of Nebuchadnezzar. (Daniel 3)

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.

– Daniel 3:17-18

1. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into a fiery **furnace**.
2. A **fourth** person is seen in the fire.
3. Nebuchadnezzar gives **glory** to the God of Israel.

III. Refusal to **pray** to Darius, King of Persia. (Daniel 6)

1. Darius's officials plot to **trap** Daniel.
2. Daniel is thrown into the **lion's den**.
3. Daniel is **protected** by God.

A Glimpse of the Second Coming of Christ ...

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. – Daniel 7:13

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