

Study Notes and Questions for Daniel 3

- In the narrative of chapter 3, notice the repetition of a couple of lists: first in verses 2 and 3 and then in verses 5, 7, 10, and 15. What is the effect of this repetition in the story's impact?
- What are the most important details given in verses 1–7?
- In Daniel 3:8–12, we see the report given to the king concerning the three young Hebrew men who were not bowing down to worship the image set up by the king. What motivations might have been at work in the hearts and minds of those who made this report?
- What is the substance of the accusation made in verses 8–12, and why is it such a serious charge?
- What do verses 13–15 reveal about Nebuchadnezzar?
- In verses 16–18, what do you see as most significant about the responses from Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
- Verses 24–25 are narrated from King Nebuchadnezzar's viewpoint. What are the reasons for his reactions, and what do you learn about him?
- How is God's miraculous protection of the three men emphasized in verses 26–27?
- In Daniel 3, what would you select as the key verse or passage—one that best captures or reflects the dynamics of what this chapter is all about?
- Reflect again on the faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as affirmed in Daniel 3:16–18. What are your own best opportunities for demonstrating the same kind of faith?