



# The Book of Daniel

## Chapter 3

### Part 2: The Fourth Man in the Fire



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## Outline

- Personal History of Daniel (Chapter 1). Written in Hebrew
- Prophetic History of the Gentiles during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 2-7). Written in Aramaic
- Prophetic History of Israel during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 8-12). Written in Hebrew
- *and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the ***times of the Gentiles*** be fulfilled. Luke 21:24 NASB*



# Language and Literary Style

- Aramaic Chiasm (Chapters 2-7).
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  - 2. Protection (Chapter 3)
    - 3. Revelation to a gentile king (Chapter 4)
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  - 2. Protection (Chapter 6)
- 1. Gentile History (Chapter 7)



## Daniel 2



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## Daniel 7



# Daniel 2



**Babylonian Empire  
606BC**

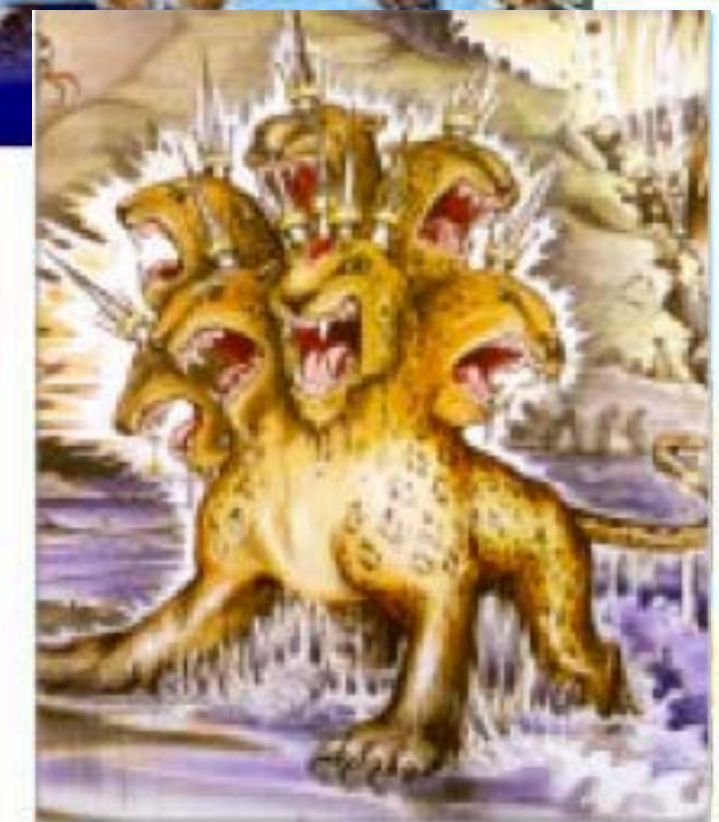
**Medo-Persian Empire  
536BC**

**Greek Empire  
330BC**

**Roman Empire  
27BC**

**END TIMES**

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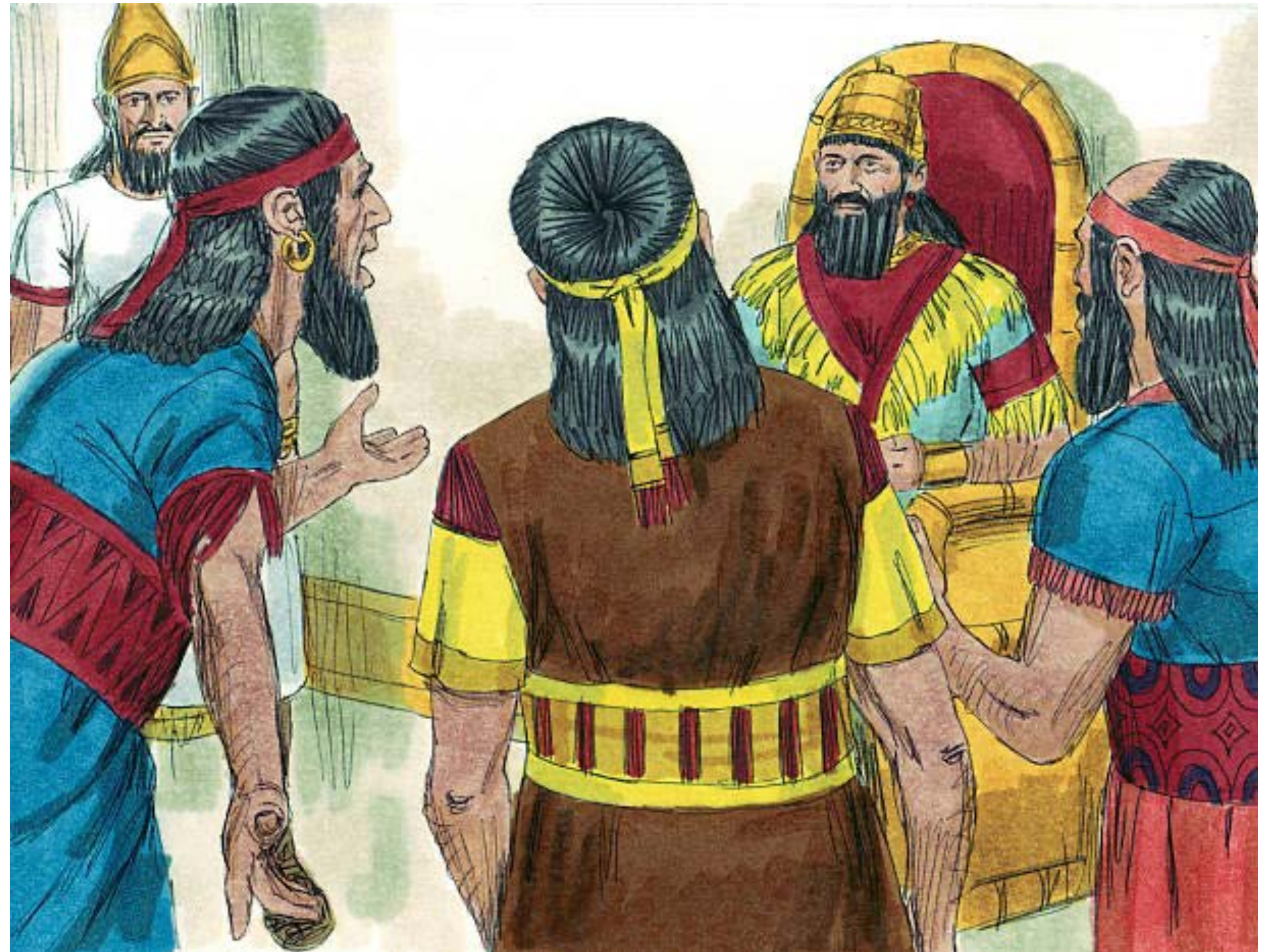
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# Changing of the Names

Jewish names (Deut. 6:4-9;

The Shema: listen!; Prov. 22:6) They we're brought up under the Mosaic Law!



- Hebrew names (Gen 2:19)
  - Daniel-God is my judge
  - Hananiah-Yahweh is gracious
  - Mishael- Who is what God is?
  - Azariah-Yahweh has helped

Babylonian names (Rom 12:2)

- Beltshazzar-Lady protect the king
- Shadrach-I am fearful of a god
- Meshach-I am of little account
- Abed-nego-Servant of Nebo

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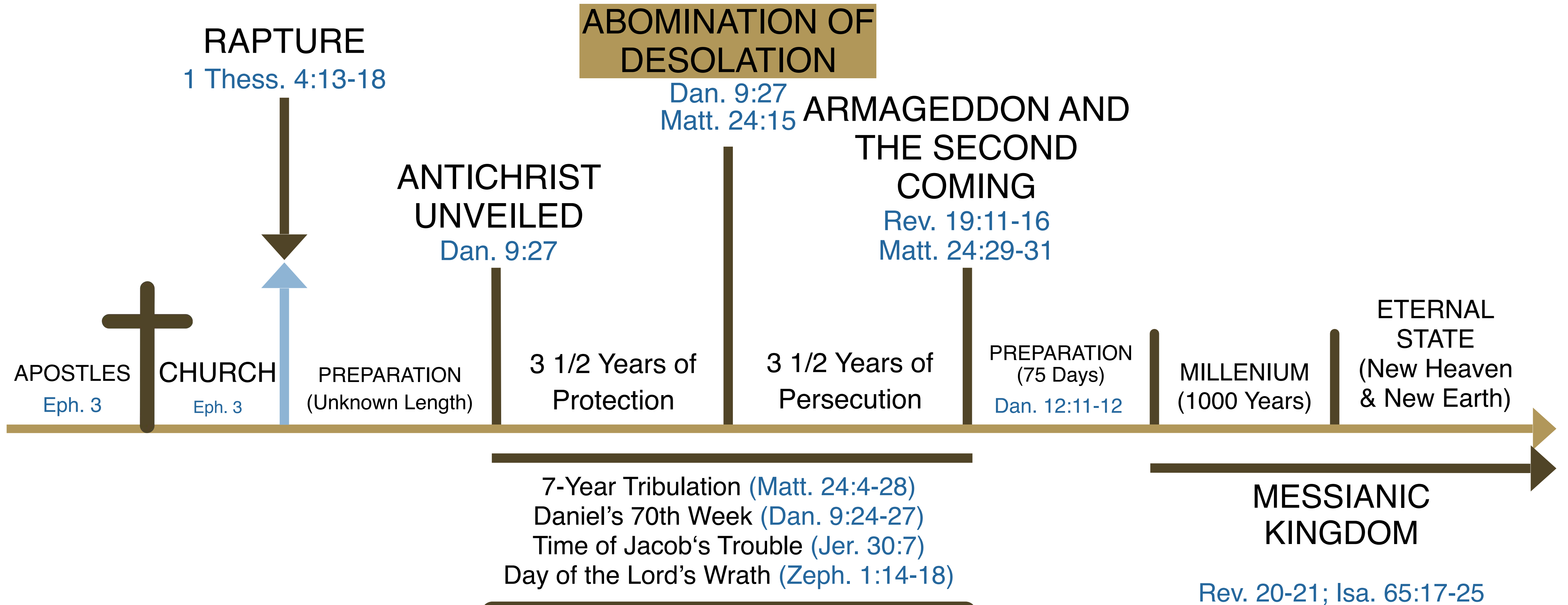


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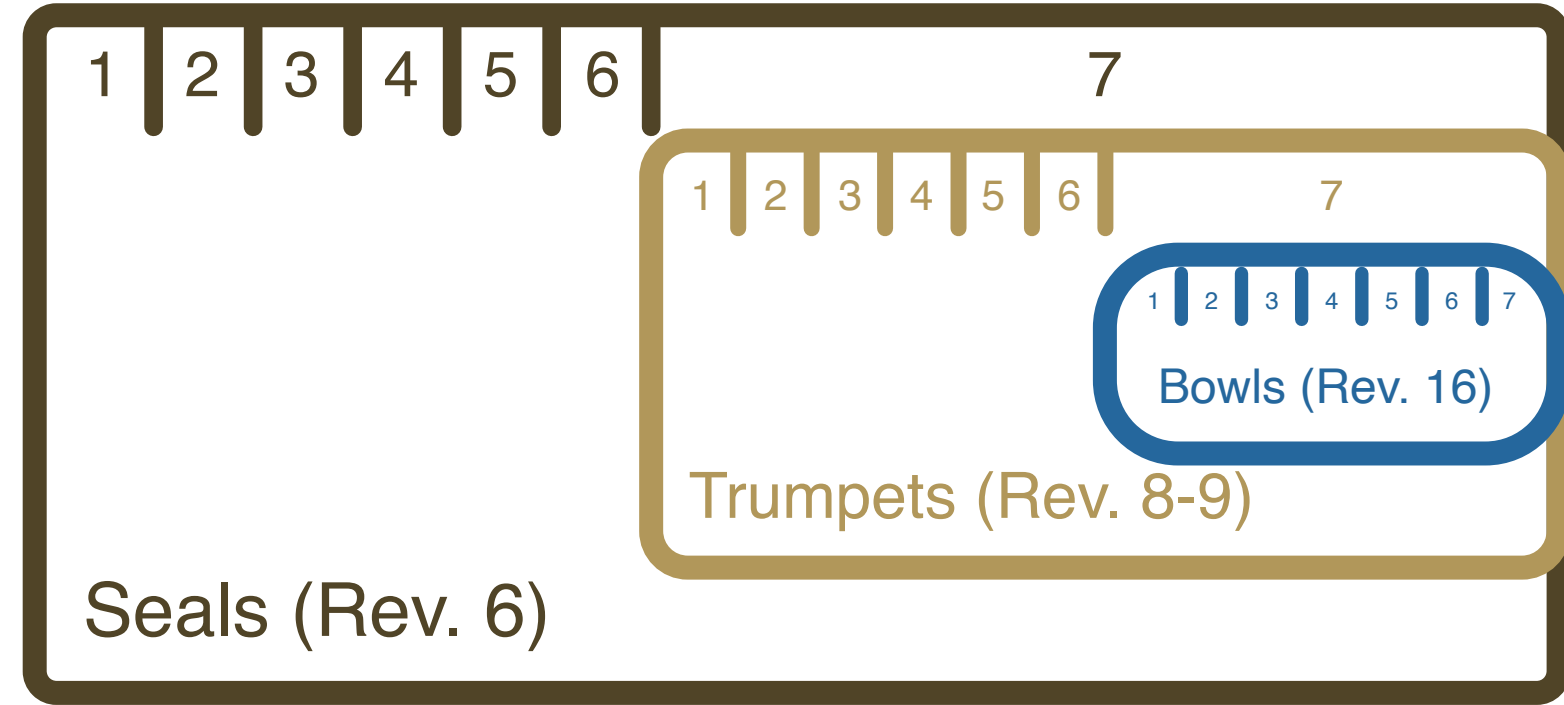
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's deliverance is emblematic of Israel's deliverance of Gentile domination at ***the end of the Tribulation***
- ***“When you pass through there waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you. Isaiah 43:2 NASB***



# THE END TIMES

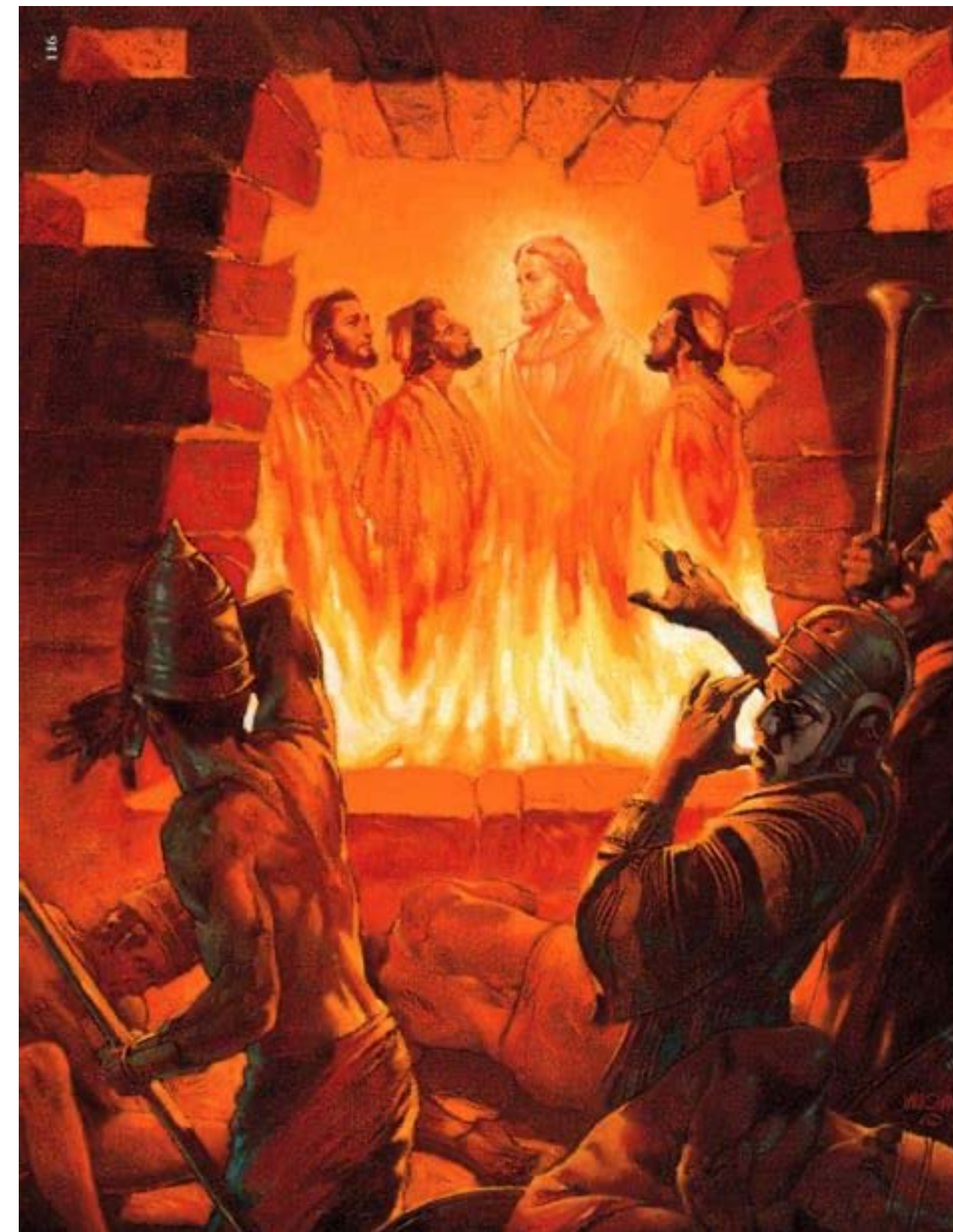


TRIBULATION  
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# What do you do when the test comes?

- Are you a thermostat or are you a thermometer?
- Human viewpoint?
- Divine viewpoint?



# Human viewpoint vs. Divine viewpoint

## Human

## Divine

- |              |                       |                   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| • Priority   | World, cosmos diablos | Word of God       |
| • Motivation | Flesh (Pride)         | Spirit (Humility) |
| • Decision   | Foolish               | Wise              |
| • Action     | Wrong                 | Right             |
| • Result     | Cursed                | Blessings         |

# What do you do when the test comes?

- ***And the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My Servant Job? Job 1:8a NASB***
- servant, *ebed, Heb.*; bondman, servant.
- ***Though He slay me, I will hope in Him. Job 13:15 NASB***

# What do you do when the test comes?

- ***Consider it all joy my brethern, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 NASB***
- endurance, *hupomone*; to persevere, remain under. A bearing up under, patience enduring as to circumstances.
- complete, *holokleros*; whole, complete in every respect, spirit, soul, and body. see 1 Thess.5:23

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## IV. The Deliverance (3:19-28)

- Fourth Man in the Fire: subject of dispute
- Like the Son of God (KJV) v.25
- Like a son of the Gods (NASB) v. 25
- Who has sent His angel (v.28)
- Similiar language in 6:22; sent His Angel
- ***Remember Aramaic Chiasm of chapters 3 & 6!***
- Guardian Angel, Michael, stands guard over Israel Dan.12:1; 9:13, 21



## IV. The Deliverance (3:19-28)

- Fourth Man in the Fire: subject of dispute
- Christophany : times in the Bible where the Lord Himself appears before the incarnation.
- ***Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day and he saw it and was glad John 8:56 NASB***
- An actual angel of God will not receive worship. Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9
- Angel of the Lord received worship in Exodus 3:2-5; Joshua 5:13-15.

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# “Believe” Defined

- pisteuo: to believe, also to be persuaded of, and hence, to place confidence in, to trust, signifies, in this sense of the word, reliance upon, not mere credence. It is most frequent in the writings of the apostle John. In John’s gospel it is used ninety nine times.



# Passage Conditioning Salvation on Faith Alone (*Sola Fide*)

- Genesis 15:6
- John 3:16; 5:24; 6:28-29, 47; 16:8-9; 20:30-31
- Acts 16:30-31
- Romans 1:16; Ephesians 2:8-9
- Hebrews 11:6



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