

| | <u>Witnesses</u> | <u>Non-believers</u> | <u>The Sign</u> | <u>The Spiritual Result</u> | <u>The Application</u> |
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| Chapter 1: <i>Entering the King's Service</i> | Daniel, Shadrach, Meschach & Abednego | Ashpenaz & Nebuchadnezzar | Superior external appearance to those not obedient to God's law. | Non-believers see a difference in God's followers. | God can be revealed to non-believers through our personal obedience to Him. |
| Chapter 2: <i>The Dream of the Great Statue</i> | Daniel | Nebuchadnezzar and his magicians, conjurers and sorcerers. | Interpretation of a dream without first being told the nature of the dream. | The king experiences a personal revelation of the sovereignty and power of the One True God. | God can be revealed to non-believers through us supernaturally. |
| Chapter 3: <i>Into the Fire</i> | Shadrach, Meschach & Abednego | Nebuchadnezzar & Officials | Unharmed in the furnace, heated 7 times hotter than usual. | The king publicly acknowledges the power and sovereignty of the One True God. | God can be revealed to non-believers thru commitment to our faith. |
| Chapter 4: <i>Nebuchadnezzar's Pride</i> | Daniel | Nebuchadnezzar | 7 years of madness. | The king backslides and returns to God. | We can reveal God to others thru His judgment on, and works within, others. |
| Chapter 5 <i>The Handwriting on the Wall</i> | Daniel and possibly the queen | Belshazzar, his wise men and his guests | Interpretation of God's message on the wall. | Judgment for failure to learn the lessons demonstrated in others' lives and rejecting God. | Not everyone that God is revealed to through us will accept His message. |
| Chapter 6: <i>The Lion's Den</i> | Daniel & Darius | The Officials | Unharmed in the lion's den. | Confirmation of the king's faith and a nation's salvation. | God can be revealed to non-believers thru the treatment of believers. |

1. One way to also look at this is that Daniel and his companions were the very example to the Gentiles that the nation of Israel was supposed to be for which Israel went into judgment for **NOT** being in the first place.
2. These 6 applications cover the different types of seekers/non-believers that exist and the different associated approaches for revealing God to each. (Note: God is revealed in every case but not every non-believer turns to God.)
3. There is a repeated lesson throughout these examples of how to be "*the light to the world*" and "*the salt of the earth*" to the world around us and how to live **IN** the world but not **OF** the world.
4. The ultimate purpose of all signs/works from God: **To Reveal Him**. Therefore, the ultimate purpose of prophecy and the related signs/works He will perform as expounded in Revelation and other prophecy: **To Reveal Him**.
5. Daniel and his companions were never **delivered** from the judgment God had brought upon Israel. (They remained in exile their entire lives in spite of their high, government positions.) Their example, however, is the working of God's salvation individually and His grace to provide the means to **DEAL** with the conditions brought about by judgment. Could this indicate that, along with the rest of the world, we may experience God's judgment on the whole earth but will be delivered as we provide an example as His people to non-believers?
6. There's a pattern that tells us that signs and wonders are meant for **non-believers** and not for believers whose responsibility it is to worship through obedience to His Word. (The true difference between a "*magician*" and a "*prophet*".)
7. One of the commonalities of each situation is living peacefully and consistently, not **seeking** confrontation but relying on **God** to deliver when confrontation is brought to **us**.
8. Don't let the prophetic information and images disguise the real message and application of Daniel 1-6: Our role in communicating God's truth to different types of people.