



## Introduction

*Daniel's friends refuse to worship an image set up by king Nebuchadnezzar and are punished.*



## Questions

1. What did Nebuchadnezzar make and what did he do then?
2. What accusation was made against Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
3. What decree did Nebuchadnezzar make as a result of what God did for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** Nebuchadnezzar orders all the leading men of his kingdom to bow down to his golden image
- **v 8 to 23** Because Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refuse (see theme), he threatens to cast them into the fiery furnace
- **v 24 to 27** Nebuchadnezzar is astonished to see a fourth man in the furnace and that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego come out unharmed
- **v 28 to 30** The king realises that their God is extremely powerful, and makes a decree to that effect. The three friends are promoted to positions of even higher authority in the province of Babylon

**Timeline** 570 BC (see below)



## Theme

### Making a stand

*A selection of verses showing that sometimes it is necessary to make a stand where God's principles are threatened.*

The midwives in Egypt made a stand against the king of Egypt who told them to kill the baby boys:

*Exodus 1 verse 17*

Daniel's three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up despite severe consequences:

*Daniel 3 verses 16 to 18*

Peter and John made a stand against the Jewish authorities who told them to stop preaching:

*Acts 4 verses 18 to 20*

The apostle Paul tells the Romans to resist being conformed to this world:

*Romans 12 verse 2*

The apostle James echoes the same sentiment:

*James 1 verse 27, 4 verse 4*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1 and 2, Q 2: v 12, Q 3: v 29

## Bible timeline

