

THE TESTING OF THE FURNACE, Part 1

“Faith and Fire” - Daniel 3:1-18

II. Dreams and Daniel’s Interpretations (2-7) - Rule of the Gentile Nations -

A. The Dilemmas of Nebuchadnezzar’s Dreams and Images (2-4)

1. The Time of the Gentiles - Dreams and Destiny (2)

2. The Testing of the Furnace (3)

a. The Trouble with False Faith (vv. 1-12) -*Faith Challenged by the Ungodly Prognosticators of False Religion*

(1) Dedication of a Gold Image (vv. 1-7)

(2) Determination of a Godly Intention (vv. 8-12; cp. 1:8))

b. The Testing of Formidable Faith (vv. 13-18) -*Faith Confronts the Ungodly Perversions of False Religion*

(1) The Fury of the King’s Command (vv.13-15)

(2) The Faith of the God’s Champions (vv. 16-18)

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c. The Triumph of Fireproof Faith (vv. 19-25) -*Faith Confuses the Ungodly Prediction of False Religion*

d. The Truth of Fearful Faith (vv. 26-30) -*Faith Confirms the Unfailing Promises of a Faithful Redeemer*