

FAITH IN THE FIRE

Living Faithfully in an Unfriendly World, Daniel 3:1-30

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We have no idea how many years elapsed between the end of chapter 2 and the beginning of chapter 3, but it seems that Daniel and his friends had been in their political posts for a few years. The chronology is not nearly as important as the theology lived out in these events.

Erection of the Golden Image (vv. 1-7)

Effect on the Three Jews (vv. 8-12)

Examination by the Great King (vv. 13-18)

Experience in the Fiery Furnace (vv. 19-26)

Elevation to the Royal Staff (vv. 27-30)

When God chooses to use people, He often puts them through difficult, frustrating and life-threatening experiences to burn the dross from their lives and refine their character.