

Series: The Prophecy of Daniel

Title: An Image of the End

Text: (Daniel 3:1-30)(Revelation 13:1-18)

1) INTRODUCTION

Faith ON Fire:

Faith UNDER Fire:

Faith IN FIRE:

- a) It takes courage to stand alone: (Matt 24:4-14)
- b) Familiar Story 3 Hebrew Children: Daniel 3:1-7
- c) Neb-K, Narcissistic, Self-Absorbed, Self-Centered
- d) Book of Daniel is a book of prophecy;
Neb-K ruled the known World: (Dan 3:2-4)
Antichrist will rule the entire World: (Rev 13:12-15)
Men by nature are religious. (Jn 3:19)
Men in darkness follow false teachings: (Matt 7:13)

Last Days: (1 John 2:18)

- (1) The Devil doesn't know when the Rapture will take place.
- (2) The Devil needs to be constantly grooming people

NebK made an image of himself & demanded worship

Antichrist will do the same thing: (Rev 13:13-15)

NebK told people they must worship or die: (Dan 3:6)

Antichrist will Also: (Rev 13:15)

NebK used of the number "six" in his worship:(Dan 3:1,5)

Antichrist will use #6 in his worship: (Rev 13:16-18)

We ALSO face these same pressures today:

i) Pressure of Emotional Enticement: (Daniel 3:5)

(1) Satan is a master musician: (Ezek 28:13)

(2) Music touches the emotions.

(3) Music is a gift from God, but the devil knows how to use the power of music.

(4) Satan has been capturing generations by music.

NebK had the best Pyrotechnic special effects: The Furnace
Antichrist will also: (Rev 13:13-14)

Antichrist's special effects will outshine NEbK's

(Rev 13:15) *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak,*

ii) **Pressure of Social Inducement:** (Daniel 3:3, 7)

(a) Everyone was doing this. (Peer Pressure)

(a) Everyone was expected to fall in line:

NebK had a Herald Leading the Worship: (Dan 3:4)

Antichrist will also: (Rev 13:11-14)

Anyone who did not comply, Stood out: (Daniel 3:13)

(1 Pet 4:12)

iii) **Pressure of Government Enforcement:** (Daniel 3:6)

(Rev 13:7-8)

It will be the same in the day of the Antichrist also:

(Rev 13:15b-17) (Rev 20:4)(John 16:2)

iv) **Spiritual Defilement:** (Daniel 3:14-15)

NebK had contempt for God. (Dan 3:15)

Antichrist will have contempt for God also: (Rev 13:4-6)

These 3 men stood alone by the faith that they had.

3 Necessary Requirements for US Today!

I. Salvation NOW! (Eph 2:1,12) LOST-Separated from God
The Only Hope of Escape is Faith in Jesus Christ.
(2 Cor 6:2)

II. Soul Winning NOW!

The Only Hope for the Lost is Soul Winning.
(Rom 10:13-15)

We are in a War for the Souls of Mankind
(Lk 19:10)(Prov 11:30)

a. **God decided to use us:** (Acts 1:8)
b. **Every Christian a Witness:** (Mk 16:15)
(Matt 28:19) *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,*
(1 Cor 1:17) *Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach*

c. **God told us how to do it:** (Lk 14:21-23)

d. **Every Soul Matters: It's all about reaching others:**
(Phil 2:4)

e. **Every Soul a Spiritual battle.**
They are Blind to their Need: (2 Cor 4:3-6)
Many Lost People's Hearts are hardened: (Jn 12:38-40)
Many Christian's Hearts have been hardened also:

III. Sanctification NOW! (Ps 19:7-13)

(Rom 12:2) Our Sanctification Proves the Existence of God
(Eph 4:22-24) I am free to choose to Glorify God.

(Mat 5:16) *"Let your light so shine before men,*

Tell Your Story: (Gal 6:9)
Obey by Faith: (Is 55:10-11)

Our Faith IN & Through the Fire Confounds the Lost:
(1 Pet 3:15-17)
(Matt 5:11-12)
(Matt 5:44-45)

The Holy Ghost Empowers Us to Obey: (Acts 1:5)
(Acts 2:4, 18, 21)

Passion for People: Do we have a burden for the lost?
(Mark 9:23, 28-29) Prayer and Fasting.

Do you believe anyone is outside the reach of God?
(Vs 23) *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*

What if it required more effort than others?
(Vs 29) *This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.*

If they bow, they lose their soul: (Rev 14:9-10)

If they refuse, they retain their soul, but lose their head:
(Rev 20:4)