

Types And Shadows:

The fiery furnace

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were exiles in a foreign land, but Jerusalem was their real home.

- They were living in Babylon.
- Babylon is used in the Bible and in the book of Revelation (**Revelation 17 and 18**) as the stereotypical enemy of God and His people and represents this fallen world and sin.
- It will be out of this land (Babylon), God will rescue them and protect them as He will do to all His elect that He rescues from this evil age (**Gal 1:4**)

Not bowing to the image

- The choice is simple: bow and live, don't bow and die.
- This instruction and command from the king went out to "people, nations, and men of every language (**cross reference Rev 13:7-8**).
- We see the vision in **Daniel 2** involving a giant statue in which the head represents Babylon and in Chapter 3 the king has the image or statue built. However, this one is all gold, not just the head as mentioned in **Daniel 2**.
 - **Exodus 20:1-6** Then God spoke all these words, saying,² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ^[a]slavery.³ "You shall have no other gods ^[b]before Me.⁴ "You shall not make for yourself ^[c]an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- We also see language similar in **Revelation 13:8,15** regarding those who will not worship the image of the beast. Those whose names were not in the book of the life of the Lamb will worship and those whose names have been written before the foundation of the world will not worship him. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were foreknown before the foundation of the world.
- The final analysis is that the statue seen in Daniel 2 will ultimately be destroyed. The stone that was cut out of the mountain will crush the kingdoms (**Rev 11:15-19**) and God's kingdom will endure forever.

Fiery furnace

- These furnaces were thought to have been used at times to cremate and dispose of the dead as well as burn other items.
- The furnace in this setting represents the wrath of God toward sin/hell. The Bible says in **Hebrews 12:29** *that our God is a consuming fire.*
- The 3 are bound and thrown into the fire. This represents our being enslaved in sin and the bondage of our wills prior to Christ setting us free.
- They declare that God is able to save them, but even if He doesn't, they will not serve another God. There is nothing unfair with God. He is able to save everyone, but He has chosen not to which is perfect. If Christ put us all in hell, could we say that's fair and say we would still love Him? Mercy is a sovereign act of God. This also represents that even when we walk through trials in life or persecutions, He may ordain us to suffer and not have an immediate rescue. In fact, our rescue may not come from persecution until Heaven.
- In **Daniel 3:17** we see what they are being thrown into was a furnace of blazing fire. Compare this with **Matthew 13:36-43**.
 - **Matthew 13:36-43** Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the ^[u]tares of the field." ³⁷ And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil *one*; ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the ^[u]end of the age; and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the ^[u]end of the age. ⁴¹ ***The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom ^[u]all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness. ⁴² and will throw them into the furnace of fire: in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*** ⁴³ Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, ^[u]let him hear.
- The heat was elevated and intense as the wrath and fury of God in hell will be unmatched.
- This fire, this furnace is the wrath of God and the punishment we deserve. The three men in bondage and unable to set themselves free.
- God came and stood in the fire with them which represents He took the wrath and punishment that was due to them to set them free and rescue them from the wrath and hell. They came out of what should have been their death and were alive.
- The fire did not have any effect on their bodies, their hairs were not singed, the trousers were not damaged, and they did not smell like fire.
- *As a result, God came to save us and rescue us, and to stand in our place to receive the wrath and punishment that was due to us to set, we now have no marring of sin or stains in the eyes of the father.*

- **Colossians 1:20-22** and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in ^[a]heaven.²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, ²²yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.
- **Ephesians 5: 25-27** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷that He might present to Himself the church ^[a]in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.
- **Jude 24-25** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and ^[a]forever. Amen.
- **Romans 8:1-4** Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life ^[a]in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For what the Law could not do, ^[b]weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of ^[c]sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
- **Revelation 19:7-9** Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His ^[a]bride has made herself ready.” ⁸It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the ^[a]saints.⁹Then he *said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he *said to me, “These are true words of God.”

Compare to being rescued out a furnace and Egypt

- **Duet 4:20** But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession, as today.
- **1 Kings 8:51** (for they are Your people and Your inheritance which You have brought forth from Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace),
- **Jer 11:4** which I commanded your forefathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, ‘Listen to My voice, and ^[a]do according to all which I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God,’

Smoke out of a furnace

All those who God does not rescue, whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world will have the smoke of their torments out of the furnace of hell rise forever.

- **Gen 19:28** and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the ^[a]valley, and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a ^[b]furnace.
- **Rev 14:9-12** Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed ^[a]in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and ^[b]brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and ^[c]whoever receives the mark of his name." ¹² Here is the ^[d]perseverance of the ^[e]saints who keep the commandments of God and ^[f]their faith in Jesus.
- **Matthew 13:36-43** Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the ^[a]tares of the field." ³⁷ And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil *one*; ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the ^[b]end of the age; and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the ^[c]end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom ^[w]all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, ⁴² and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, ^[z]let him hear.

Daniel 3:29 " there is no other God who can deliver this way(because He is the only God) and it is He alone that rescues us as we are unable to rescue ourselves.

- God promised that He would be in the fire with them and to those who are His, the same promise is to all those who are called by His name.
 - **Is 43:1-2** But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!" ² "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

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