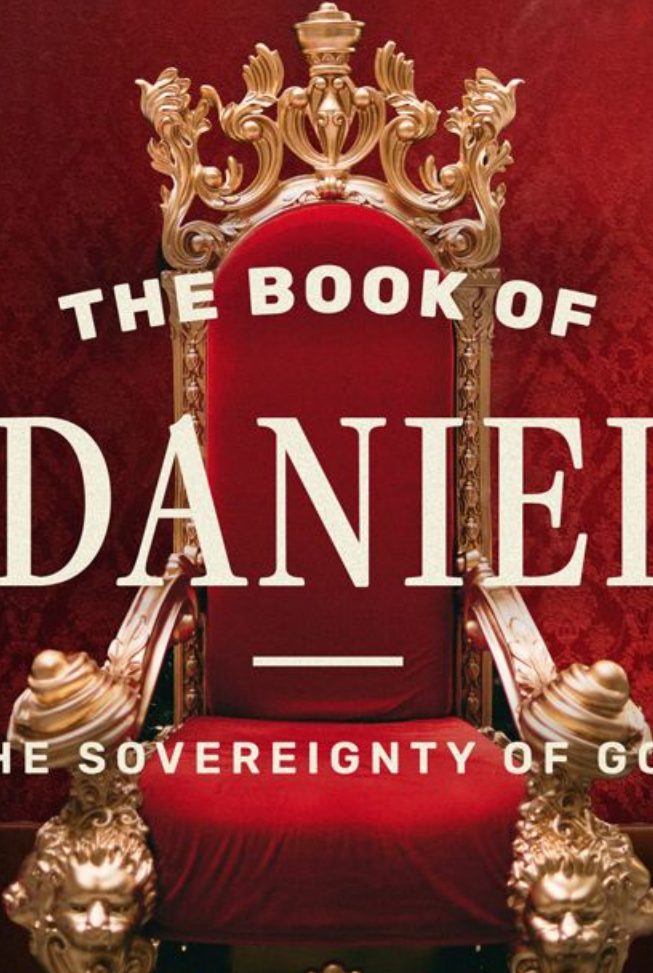




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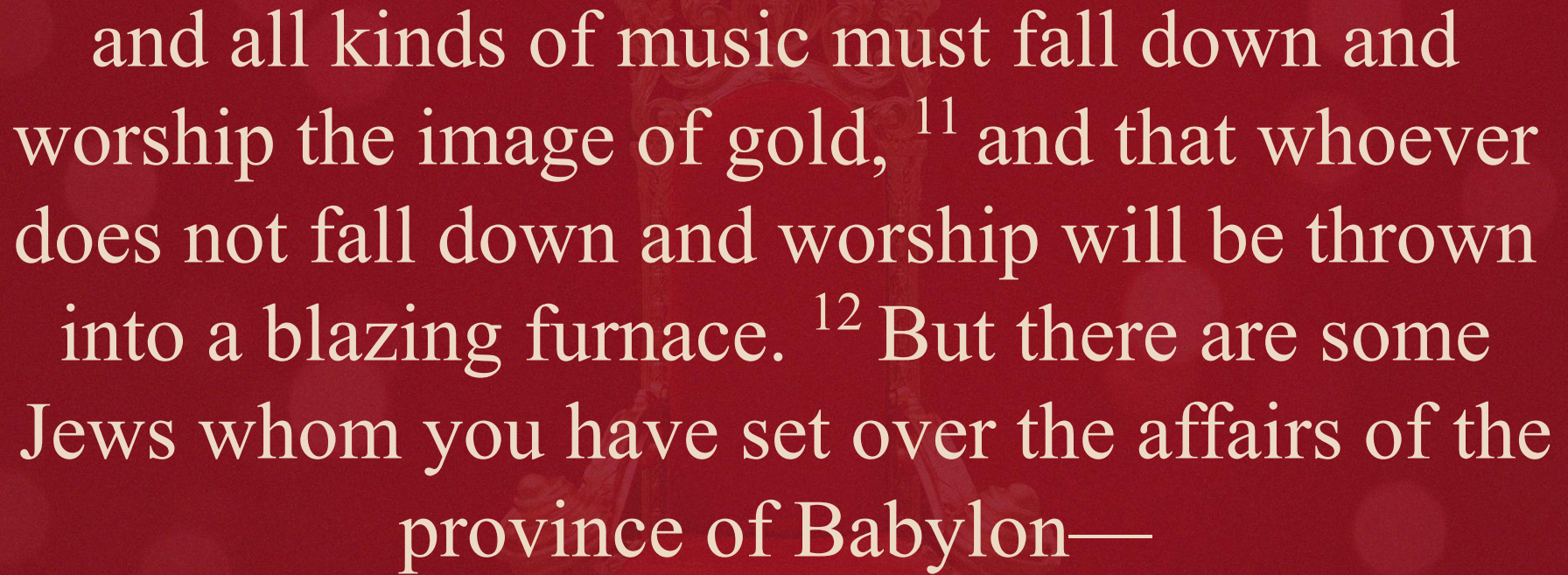


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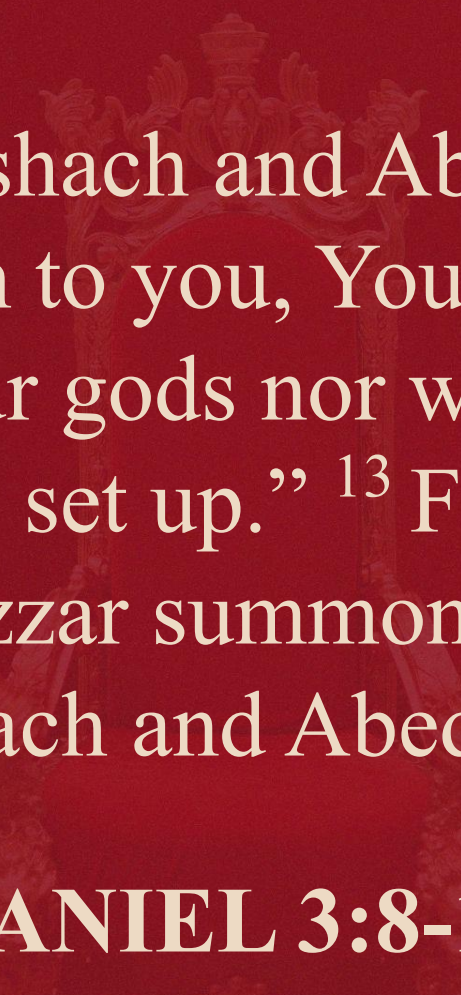
⁸ At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “May the king live forever!
¹⁰ Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe

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The background of the slide features a faint, golden-colored illustration of the statue of Nebuchadnezzar, a central figure in the biblical story of Daniel. The statue is depicted with multiple heads and arms, standing on a tiered base. The entire scene is set against a solid dark red background.

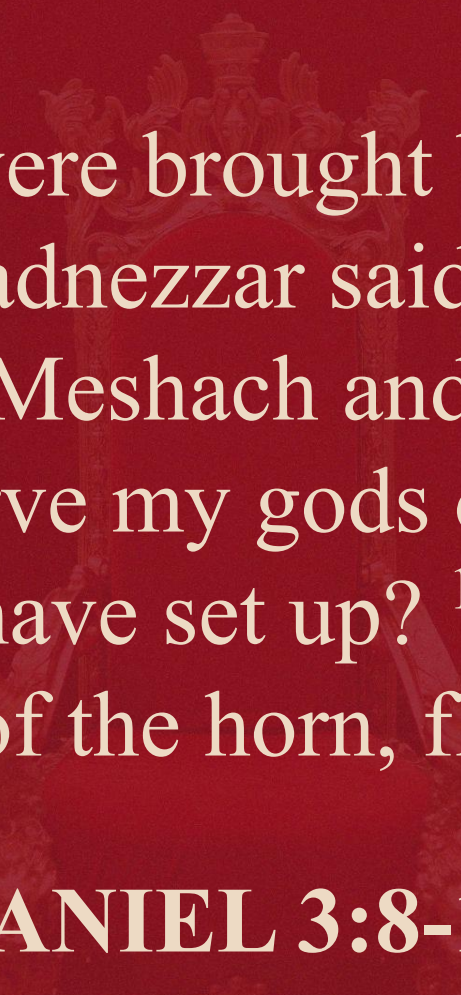
and all kinds of music must fall down and
worship the image of gold, ¹¹ and that whoever
does not fall down and worship will be thrown
into a blazing furnace. ¹² But there are some
Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the
province of Babylon—

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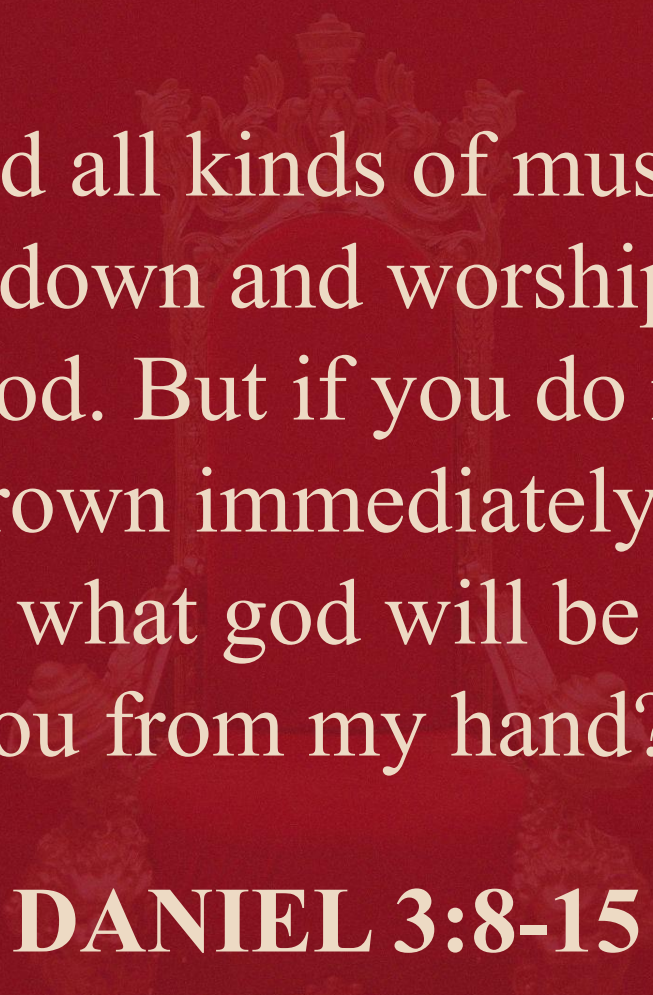
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

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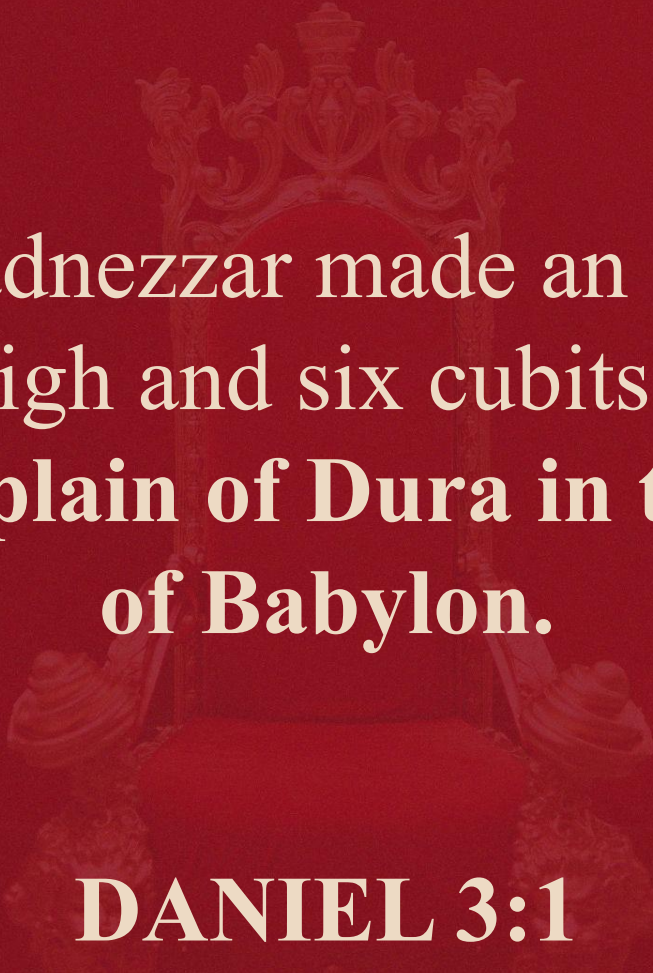
So these men were brought before the king,
¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it
true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that
you do not serve my gods or worship the
image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you
hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre,

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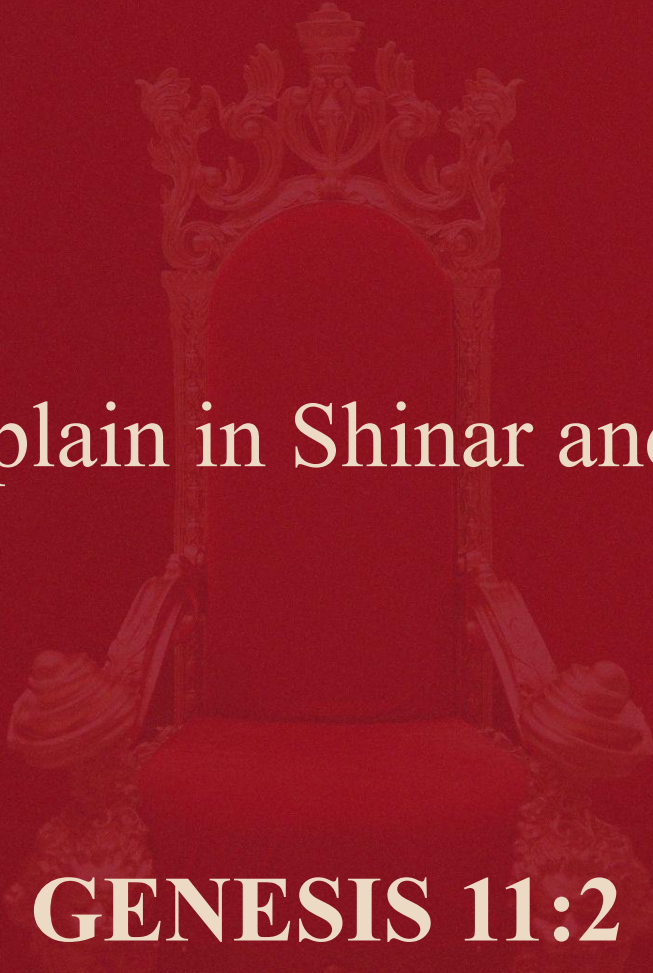
harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

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King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold,
sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set
it up on **the plain of Dura in the province
of Babylon.**

DANIEL 3:1

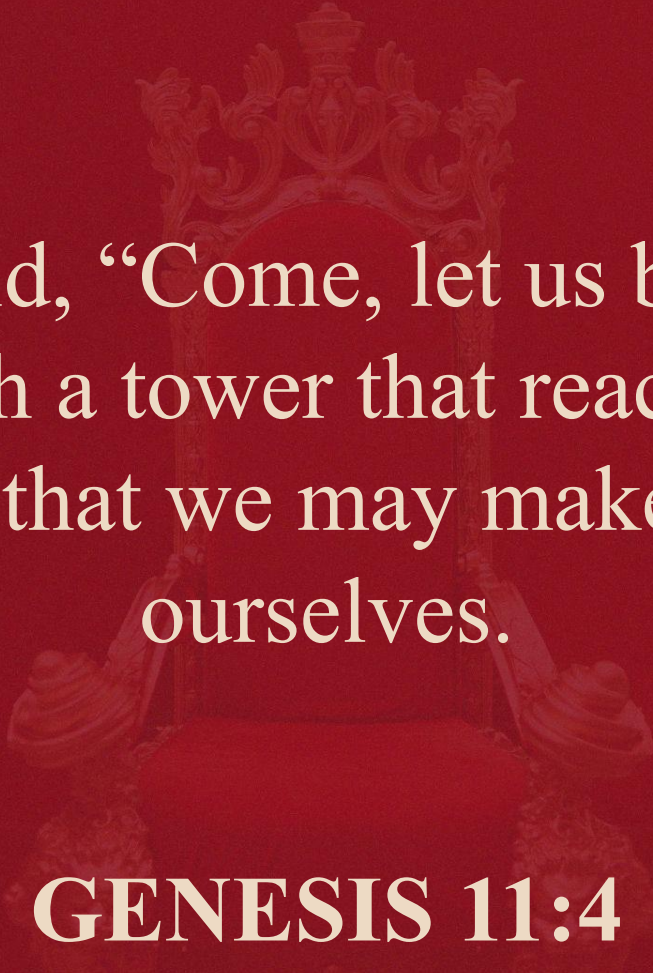


They found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

GENESIS 11:2

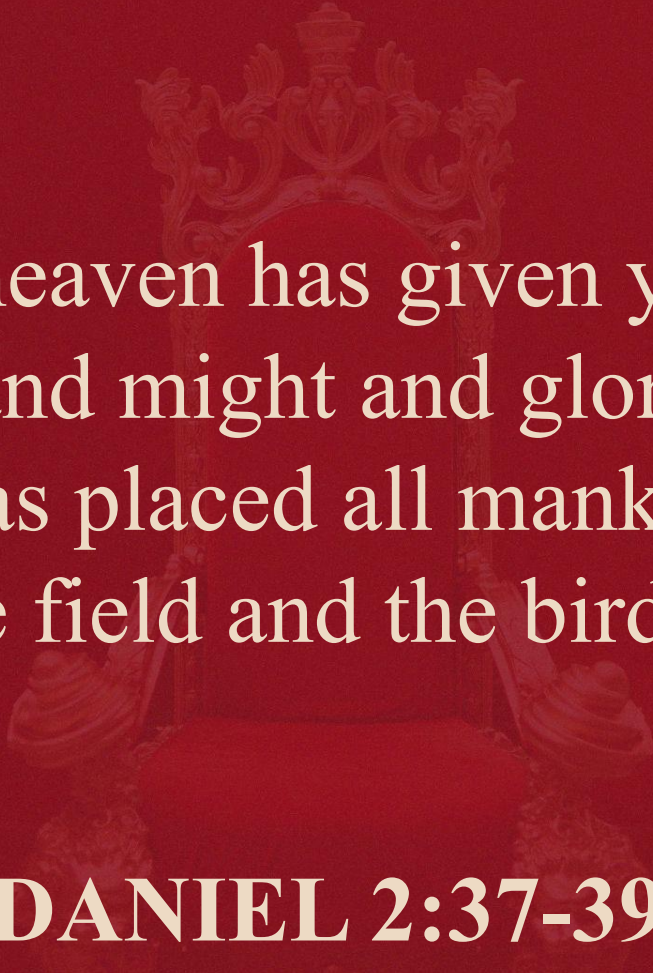
⁸ Cush was the father Nimrod, who became a mighty warrior on the earth. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; that is why it is said, “Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the LORD.” ¹⁰ The first centers of his kingdom were Babylon, Uruk, Akkad and Kalneh, in Shinar.

GENESIS 10:8-10



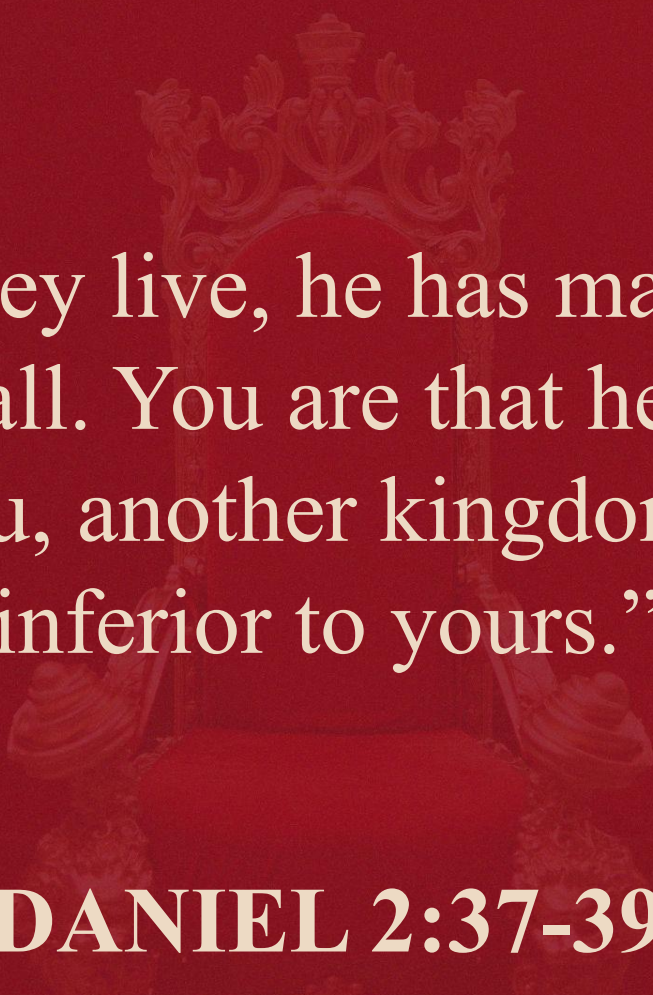
⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves
a city, with a tower that reaches to the
heavens, so that we may make a name for
ourselves.

GENESIS 11:4



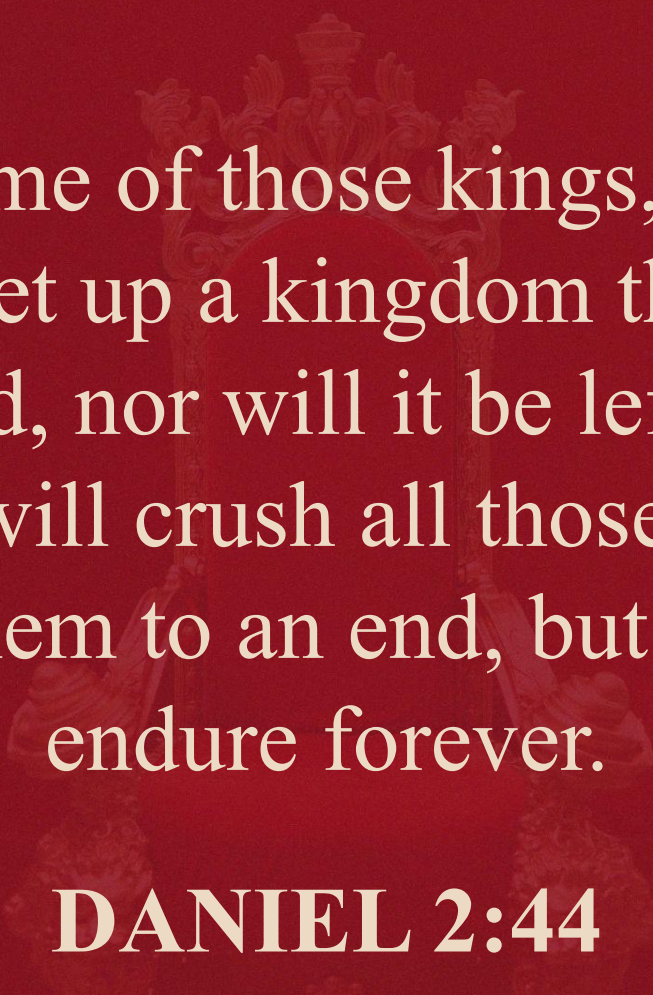
The God of heaven has given you dominion
and power and might and glory; ³⁸ in your
hands he has placed all mankind and the
beasts of the field and the birds in the sky.

DANIEL 2:37-39



Wherever they live, he has made you ruler
over them all. You are that head of gold.
³⁹ “After you, another kingdom will arise,
inferior to yours.”

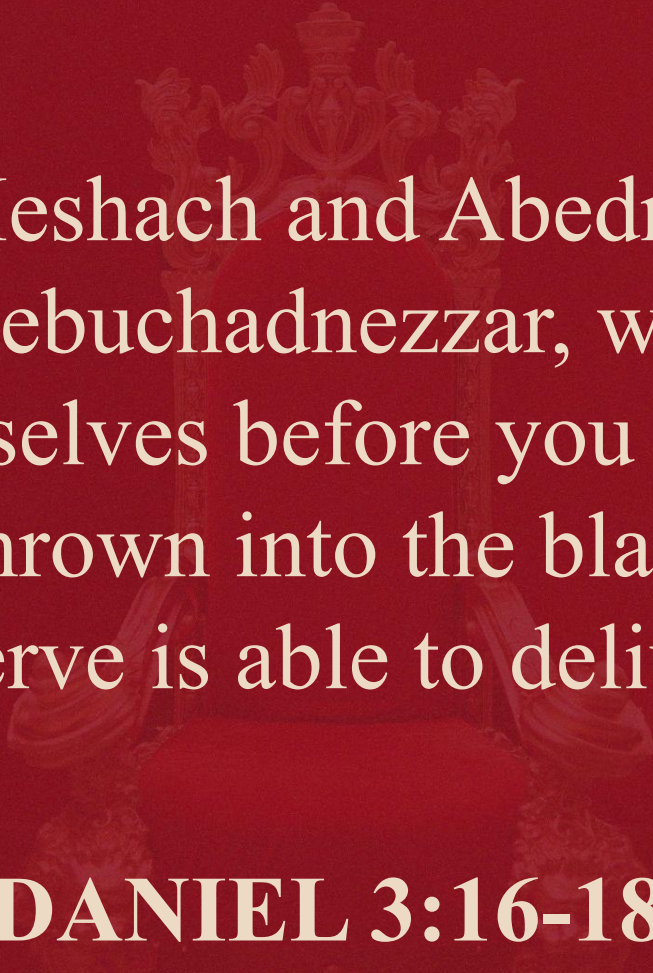
DANIEL 2:37-39



⁴⁴ “In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

DANIEL 2:44

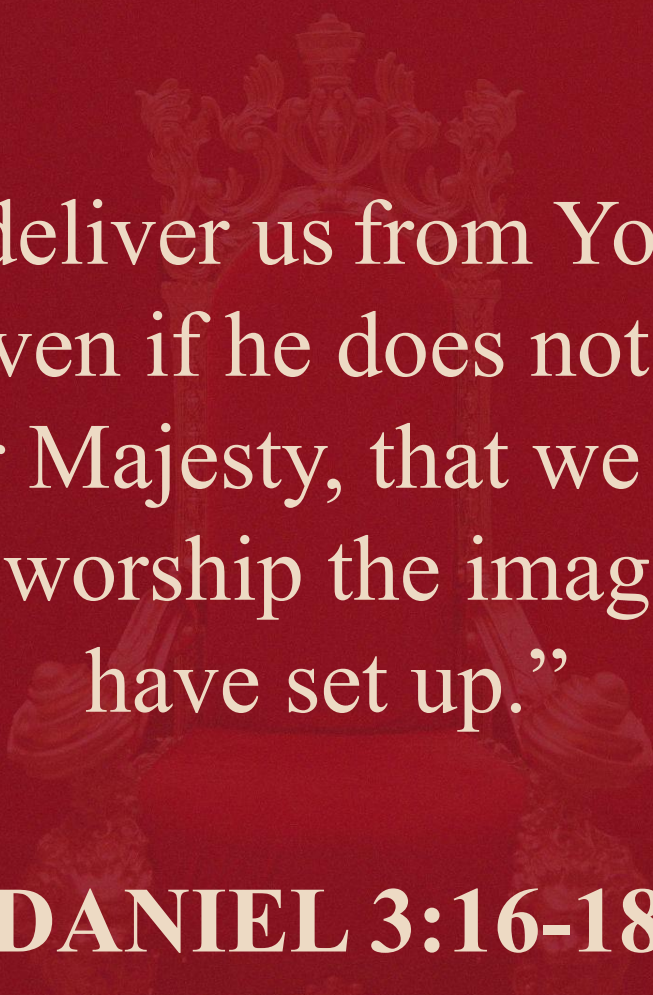
GOD DEFENDS



¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.

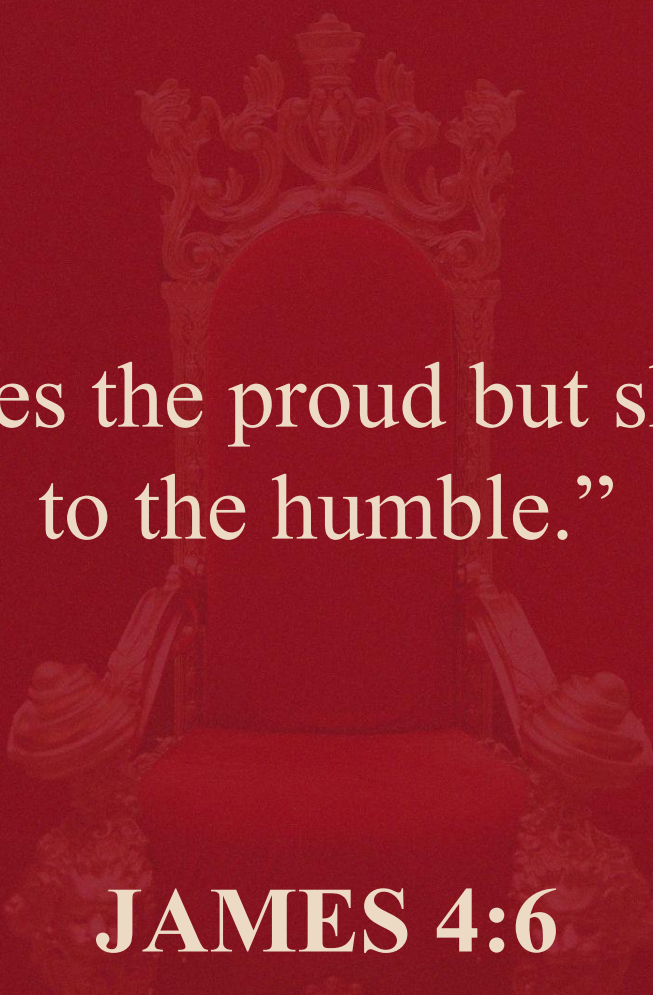
¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it,

DANIEL 3:16-18



and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

DANIEL 3:16-18



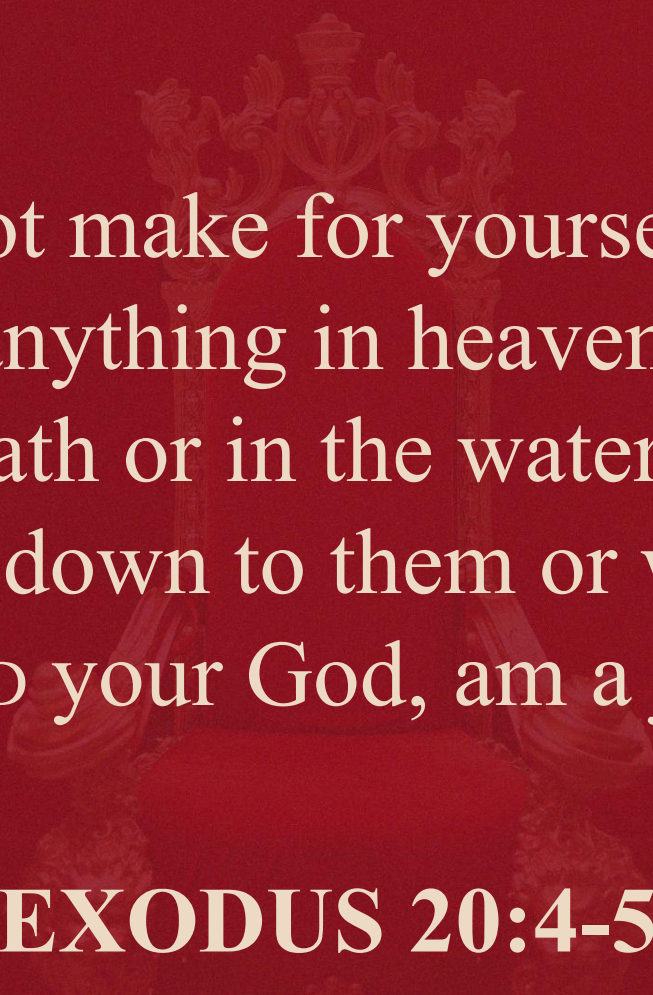
“God opposes the proud but shows favour
to the humble.”

JAMES 4:6



³ “You shall have no other gods before me.”

EXODUS 20:3



⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God.”

EXODUS 20:4-5

A) IF

**It is important that we
understand that God is able.
He can deliver us from real
people and real problems.**

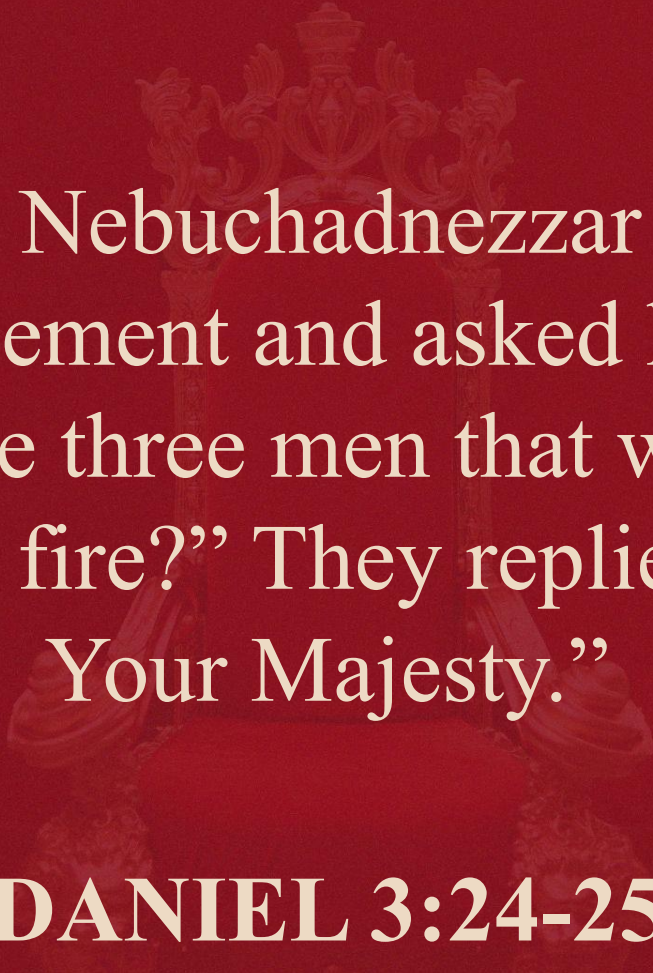
B) EVEN IF

**God being sovereign does not
automatically mean we always
get what we want.**

**God being sovereign is true
regardless of what happens to me.**

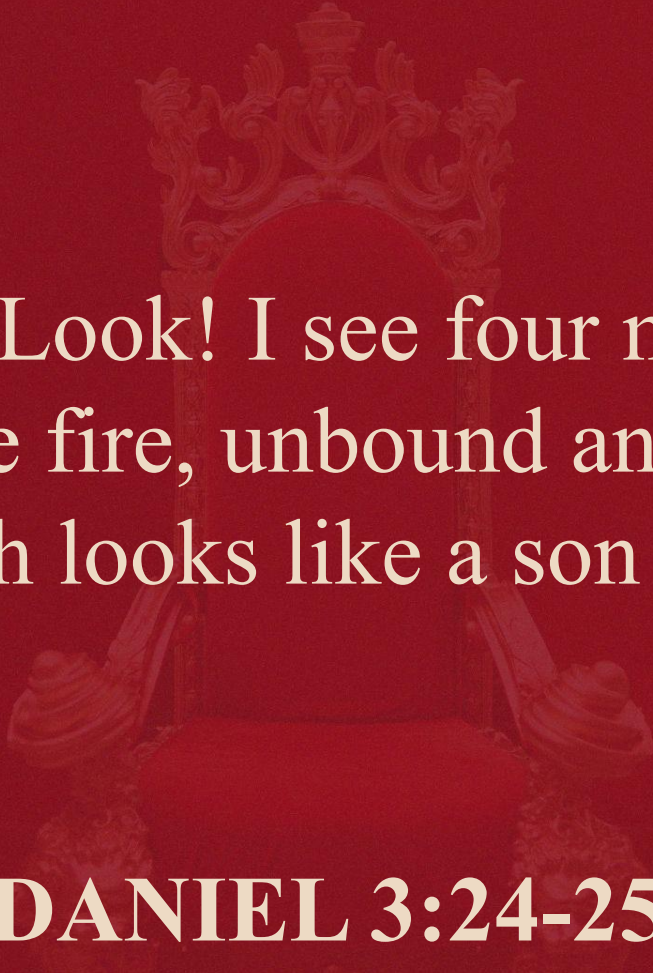
**We need to have an “if” faith
in God and an “even if”
trust in God.**

GOD INTERVENES



²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

DANIEL 3:24-25

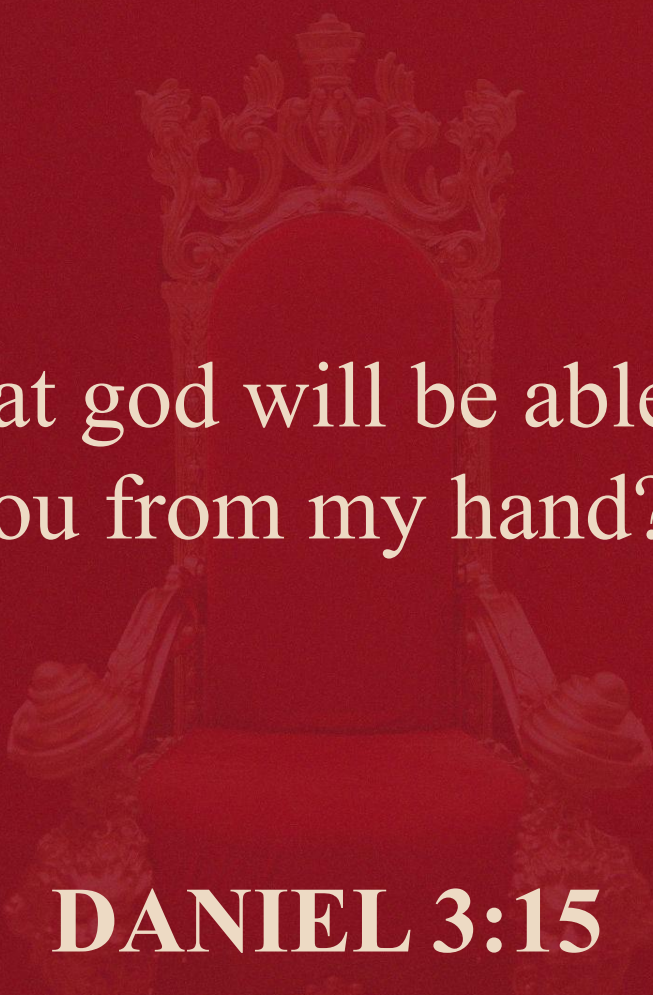


²⁵ He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

DANIEL 3:24-25

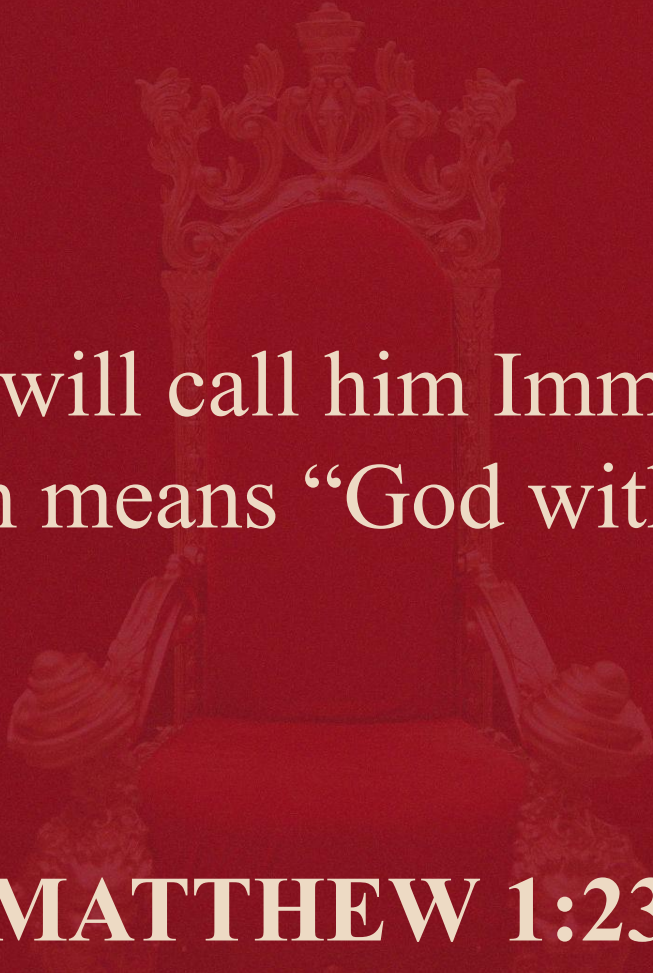
“It is hard to know what is more startling
to the king: that the three men were not
dead or that there were four men alive in
the furnace.”

– WENDY WIDDER –



“Then what god will be able to rescue
you from my hand?”

DANIEL 3:15



“They will call him Immanuel”
(which means “God with us”).

MATTHEW 1:23

**If God was present and
intervening prior to the coming
of Jesus, how much more is God
present and intervening in our
lives after the coming of Jesus.**

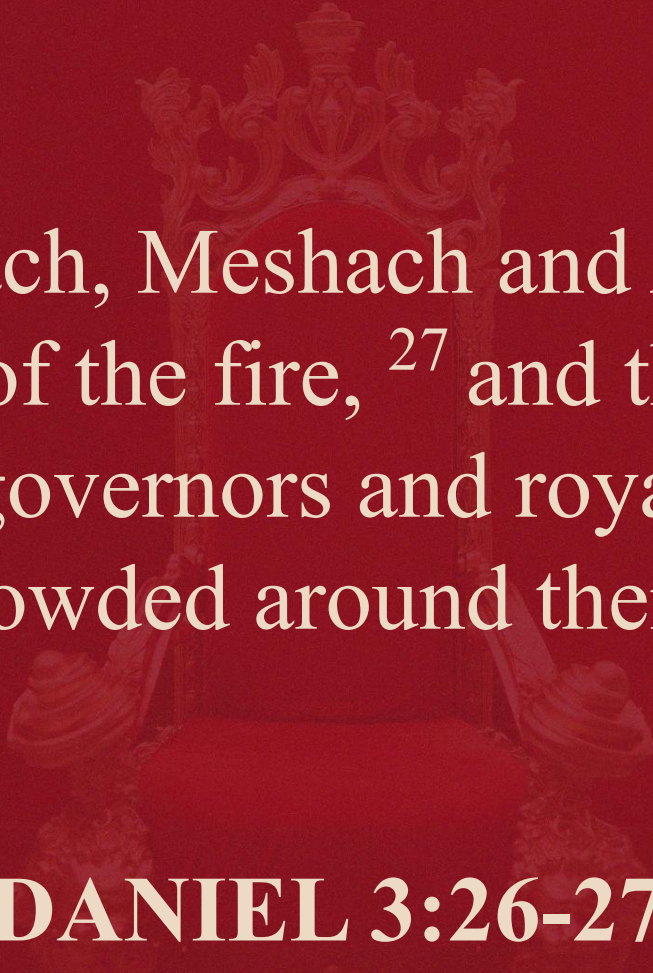
**The greatest supernatural
manifestation was the
incarnation of Christ.**



God is... an ever-present help in trouble.

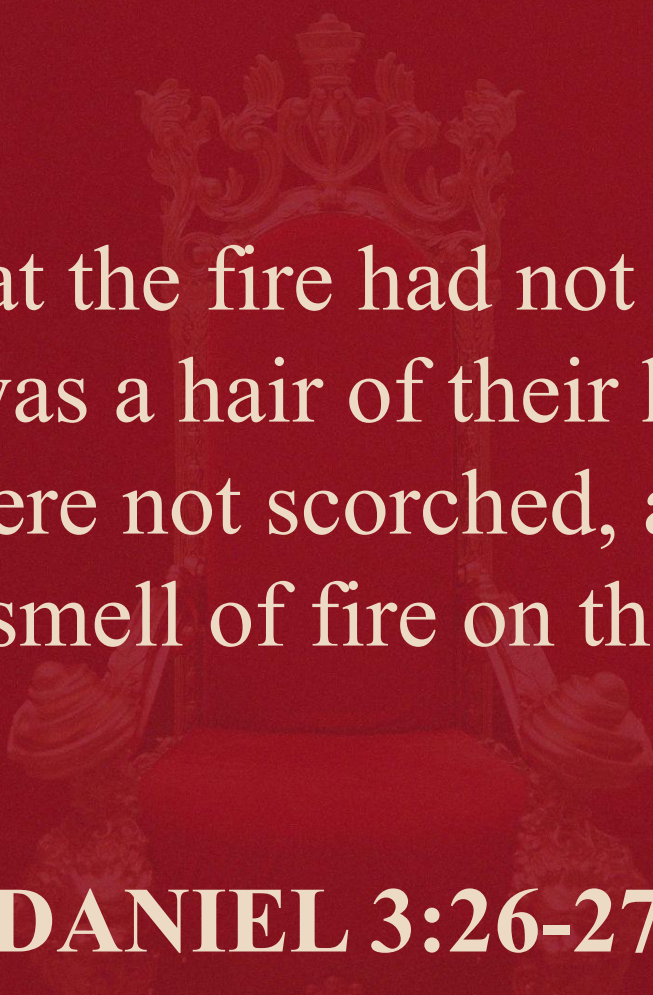
PSALM 46:1

GOD
PROTECTS



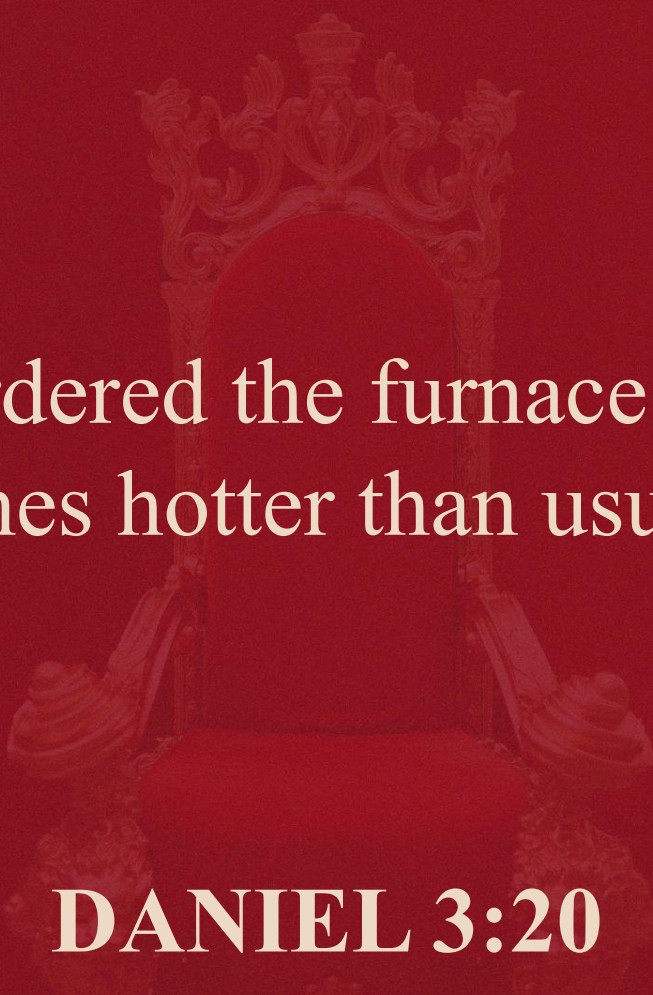
So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps,
prefects, governors and royal advisers
crowded around them.

DANIEL 3:26-27



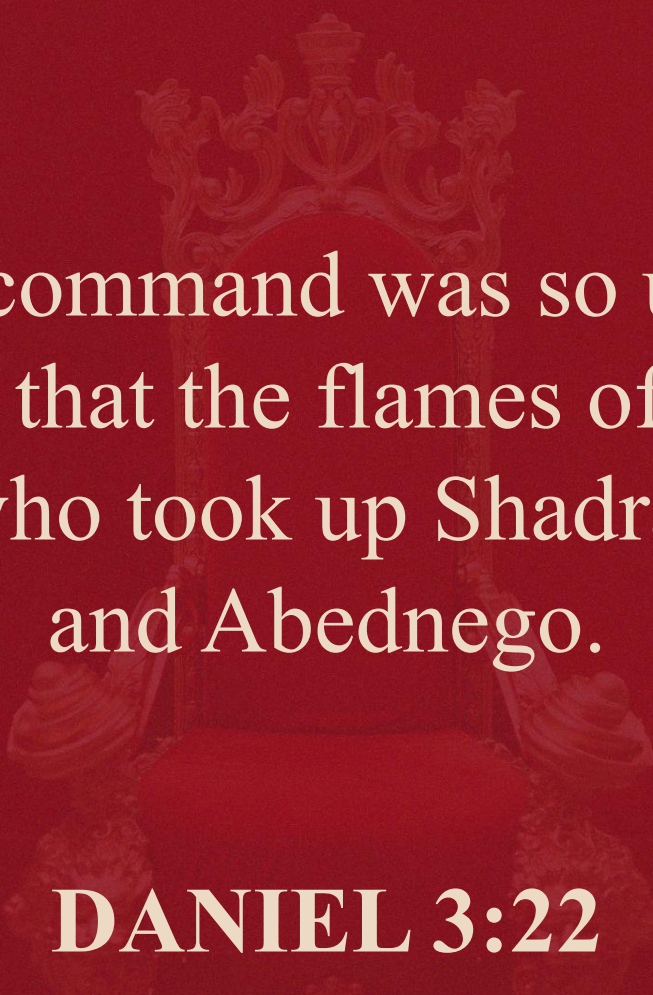
They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

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[The king] ordered the furnace heated seven
times hotter than usual.

DANIEL 3:20



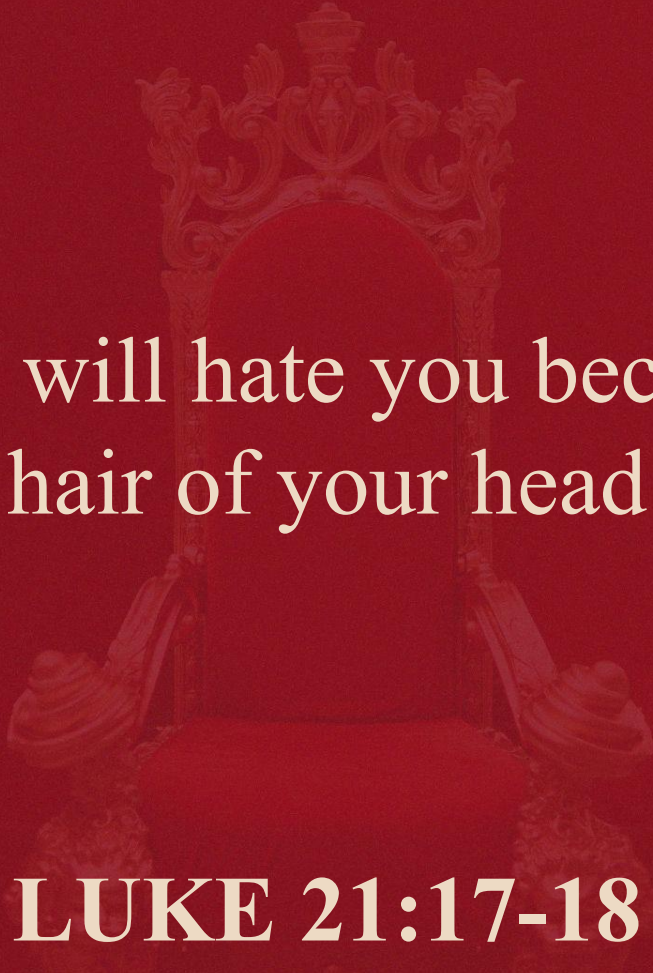
²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

DANIEL 3:22



When you walk through the fire, you will not
be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

ISAIAH 43:2



¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me.
¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.

LUKE 21:17-18



²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.

DANIEL 3:21

**The fact that their clothes
remained intact was a reminder
that God not only cared about
their lives, but also their dignity.**



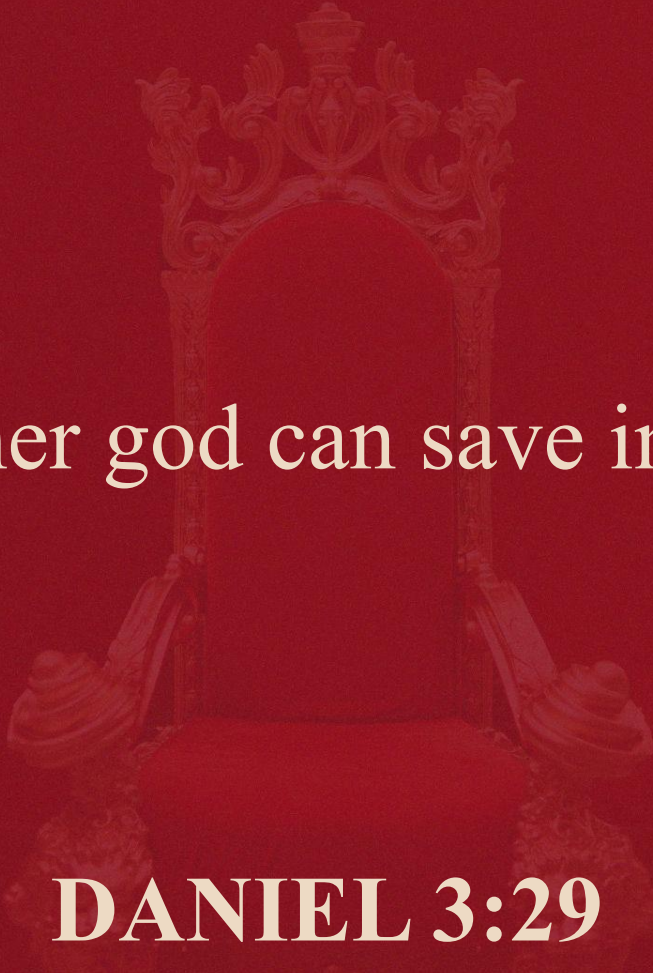
¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes
in him will never be put to shame.”

ROMANS 10:11



Who through faith... ³⁴ quenched the fury of
the flames.

HEBREWS 11:34



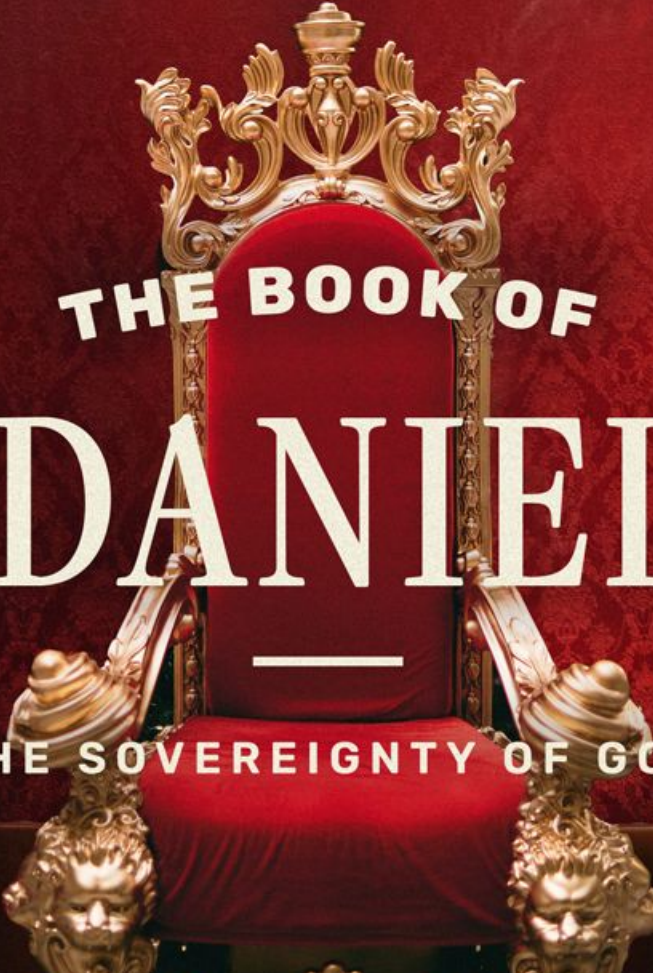
“For no other god can save in this way.”

DANIEL 3:29

**We need to reinterpret our
personal trials as platforms for
God's deliverance. The hopeful
result is that the unbelieving
world will believe.**

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) GOD DEFENDS
- 2) GOD INTERVENES
- 3) GOD PROTECTS



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