



# **Living A Stand Up Life In A Bow Down World**



Daniel's story is set right after Babylon's first attack on Jerusalem - (2 Kings 24).

Among these prisoners were four men from the royal family line of David: Daniel, later named Belteshazzar, and his three friends, who you probably know by their Babylonian names of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

This book tells of their struggles to maintain hope in the land of their conquerors.



**CONTEXT**

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was [a]sixty cubits *and* its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup> And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

**DANIEL 3 v 1 - 7**



So the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>4</sup> Then a herald cried [\[b\]](#)aloud: “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, <sup>5</sup> *that* at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up;

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and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.” So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, *and* lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down *and* worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

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# STANDING FIRM take **courage**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

**DANIEL 3 v 16**



# STANDING FIRM take **faith**

If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

**DANIEL 3 v 17 - 18**



# STANDING FIRM **inspires others**

Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel<sup>[a]</sup> and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language

**DANIEL 3 v 28 - 30**





# STANDING FIRM **inspires others**

which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this.” Then the king [\[h\]](#) promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

**DANIEL 3 v 28 - 30**



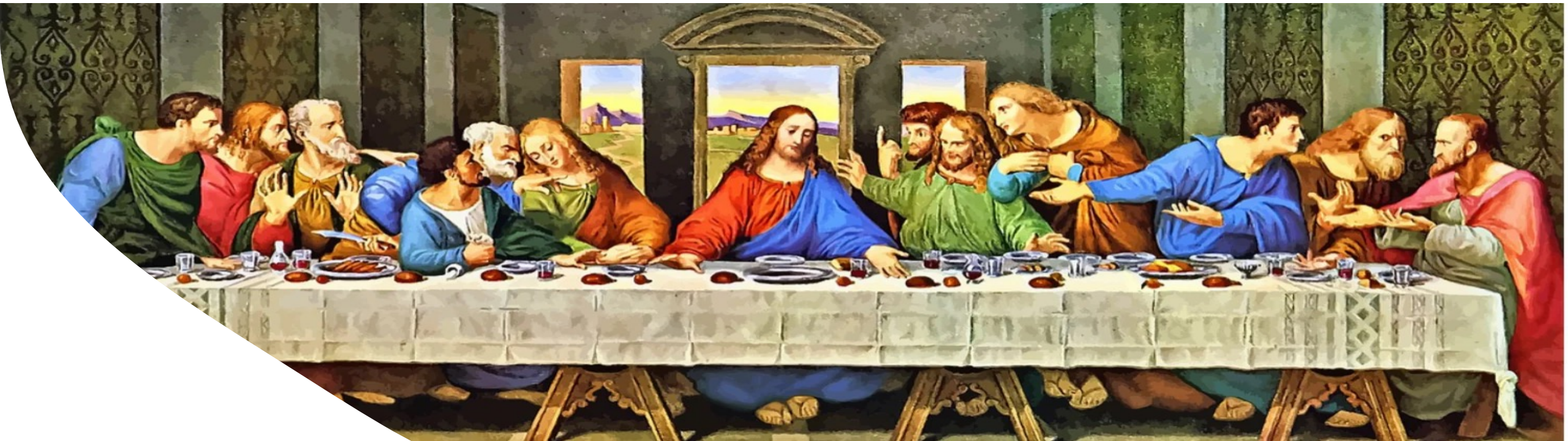
**REV 5v 5:** But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

**JOHN 1 v 29:** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The **Lamb of God** God who takes away the sin of the world!

**THE LION & THE LAMB**









Was the Olympian god of wine, vegetation, pleasure, festivity, madness, liberty and wild frenzy.

**DIONYSUS**



And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is *My* body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is *My* blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

**MATTHEW 26 v 26 - 28**





# STANDING FIRM for **God**

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

**MATTHEW 10 v 32 - 33**



Get into the Word, so the Word gets into you

**Hananiah**

(Yahweh is Gracious)

**Mishael**

(Hope in moments of despair)

**Azariah**

(Helped by God)

**#WHYYIT MATTERS**