

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – The Three Hebrew Boys

Read Daniel 3

- Ask the students to retell the story of Meshach, Shadrach, and Abed-nego.
- Who are these boys?
- Who is Nebuchadnezzar?
- What did the King create?
- What did the King want the people to do when they heard the music?
- Have you ever heard music from a cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, or dulcimer?
- What is a cornet? [horn] Flute? Harp? Sackbut? [in the book of Daniel, it is a string instrument; elsewhere in the Bible, it is a wind instrument with a slide similar to a trombone], Psaltery? [a harp with a soprano register] Dulcimer? [In Daniel, it's more like a bagpipe]. Curiously enough, the line opens with two wind instruments, goes to three string instruments (varied in the number of strings each has), and closes with a wind instrument.]
- What was the penalty if they didn't bow down to the image when the music played?
- Name the three Hebrew boys who refused to bow down to this image.
- What were their names before King Nebuchadnezzar changed them? (Dan. 1:6,7)[Shadrach was Hananiah, Meshach was Mishael, and Abed-nego was Azariah]
- How did the King respond when he heard that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego wouldn't pray to his gods or bow to his image of gold?
- Anger certainly can make people hot under the collar. Did the King's rage get hot like a fiery furnace? Was he heated 7 times greater than normal?
- Why is anger bad?
- Who does anger hurt?
- How did the three Hebrew boys respond to the King's anger?
- Were they afraid?
- What did they tell the king?