



CH 3

The Revelation of DANIEL

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*“The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water:
he turneth it whithersoever he will”*

The character of the kingdom of Babylon

The kingdom of Babylon ...

1. is both military and religious
2. defies God
3. uses force to retain power

The character of the KOM typed in Ch 3

1. All peoples, nations, and languages would be compelled to submit to false worship. **Rev 13:7; 17:15**
2. The worship would be established in defiance of God. **Rev 13:6**
3. The military power of the kingdom would be used to enforce the worship. **Rev 13:2**
4. The faithful would witness against the false worship. **Rev 13:7**
5. Those who refused to submit would pass through the fire of affliction. **Rev 13:7, 15**

Lessons for life



- The world will always impose conformity, so be prepared.
- Faithful servants don't compromise true worship.
- The righteous will always be in a minority, so stand up and do what is right.
- We are his servants to whom we obey.
- What we do when the "music starts", will be determined by how "in-tune" we are with God, and who our three friends are.
- Thank God for faithful companions.
- God *is able* to deliver us out of trial.
- We will either be saved by fire (1 Pet 1:7), or destroyed by it (Heb 12:29).