

The Book of Daniel

Chapter 3, Nebuchadnezzar's Folly

Intro: 2:46-end. Nebuchadnezzar has been given the revelation of God, regarding not only his own reign, but for all the major kingdoms, especially the Messianic Kingdom, when the Son of Man returns, crushes those kingdoms and sets up a righteous reign.



Mark 4-20: **Be thinking of this:** *In erecting a golden idol of himself in Ch 3, which soil best represents Nebuchadnezzar's response to God's word?*

Daniel 3:1, The **First Folly** of Nebuchadnezzar. (See 2:38)

v2-3, The **political manipulation** of Nebuchadnezzar.

v4-5, The **Second Folly**, the **wicked and blasphemous** demand of Nebuchadnezzar.

v6, The **obscene threat** of Nebuchadnezzar.

v7, The **strategic stupidity** of the unprincipled mind – it thinks short-term.

v8-12, The **petty jealousy** and **opportunistic whine** of snubbed politicians.

v13-15, Baby Nebo **pitches an infantile fit**.

This is the mark of a little man: a hot temper and rash, authoritative decisions.

v16-18, The **strategic wisdom** of a **living faith**.

- Exodus 20:1-7
- Jeremiah 10:1-25

v19-23, the **futility and stupidity** of Nebuchadnezzar's anger.

v24-27, The **Divine vindication** of a **living faith**.

V28, The **humility and praise** of a partially humbled Nebuchadnezzar.

The antidote to the poison of pride:
1 Peter 5:1-11