

THE MASTERCRAFT **...STAR PERFORMANCE ON** **SOLID ROCK**

LESSONS FROM THE FAITH OF THE FOUR HEBREW BOYS.
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THE MASTERCRAFT #1

Daniel 3:

²⁷“Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego Came Out Of The Fire, ²⁷ And The Satraps, Prefects, Governors **And Royal Advisers Crowded Around Them. 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.**”

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar Said, “Praise Be To The God Of Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego, **Who Has Sent His Angel And Rescued His Servants!** They Trusted In Him And Defied The King’s Command And Were Willing To Give Up Their Lives Rather Than Serve Or Worship Any God Except Their Own God. ²⁹ Therefore I Decree That The People Of Any Nation Or Language Who Say Anything Against The God Of Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego Be Cut Into Pieces And Their Houses Be Turned Into Piles Of Rubble, For No Other God Can Save In This Way.”

³⁰ Then The King Promoted Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego In The Province Of Babylon.

GOD'S COMMITMENT TO US:

Psalm 91: 9-13

**⁹Because You Have Made The LORD, *Who Is* My Refuge,
Even The Most High, Your Dwelling Place,**

¹⁰ No Evil Shall Befall You,

Nor Shall Any Plague Come Near Your Dwelling;

¹¹ For He Shall Give His Angels Charge Over You,

To Keep You In All Your Ways.

¹² In *Their* Hands They Shall bear You Up,

Lest You dash Your Foot Against A Stone.

¹³ You Shall Tread Upon The Lion And The Cobra,

The Young Lion And The Serpent You Shall Trample Underfoot.

Psalms 91: 14-16

**¹⁴“Because He Has Set His Love Upon Me, Therefore I Will Deliver Him;
I Will set Him On High, Because He Has Known My Name.**

¹⁵ He Shall Call Upon Me, And I Will Answer Him;

I Will Be With Him In Trouble;

I Will Deliver Him And Honor Him.

¹⁶ With long Life I Will Satisfy Him,
And Show Him My Salvation.”

***Brethren, “The King Promoted Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego In The
Province Of Babylon.” (Daniel 3:30)***

Background Story: Jerusalem fell, and people of God were banished to Babylon.

2 King 24: ⁸ Jehoiachin Was Eighteen Years Old When He Became King, And He Reigned In Jerusalem Three Months... ⁹ He Did Evil In The Eyes Of The LORD, Just As His Father (JEHOIAKIM) Had Done....

- The King Of Babylon Took Jehoiachin Prisoner (Captive to Babylon). ¹³ As The LORD Had Declared, Nebuchadnezzar Removed The Treasures From The Temple Of The LORD And From The Royal Palace, And Cut Up The Gold Articles That Solomon King Of Israel Had Made For The Temple Of The LORD. ¹⁴ He Carried All Jerusalem Into Exile: All The Officers And Fighting Men, All the Royals And All The Skilled Workers And Artisans—a Total Of Ten Thousand.
- ¹⁷ He Made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's Uncle, King In His Place And Changed His Name To Zedekiah. Zedekiah Rebelled Against The King Of Babylon. This led to the fall of Jerusalem

2 King 25:

- ²⁷Jehoiachin King Of Judah was later released from Prison. ...²⁸ The kings Spoke Kindly To Him And Gave Him A Seat Of Honor Higher Than Those Of The Other Kings Who Were With Him In Babylon. ²⁹ **So Jehoiachin Put Aside His Prison Clothes And For The Rest Of His Life Ate Regularly At The King's Table. ³⁰ Day By Day The King Gave Jehoiachin A Regular Allowance As Long As He Lived.**
- King Nebuchadnezzar had taken All The Best Educated Israelites Away To Babylon.

Daniel 1: ³ Then The King Ordered Ashpenaz, Chief Of His Court Officials, To Bring Into The King's Service Some Of The Israelites From The Royal Family And The Nobility—
⁴ Young Men Without Any Physical Defect, Handsome, Showing Aptitude For Every Kind Of Learning, Well Informed, Quick To Understand, And Qualified To Serve In The King's Palace. He Was To Teach Them The Language And Literature Of The Babylonians. ⁵ The King Assigned Them A Daily Amount Of Food And Wine From The King's Table. They Were To Be Trained For Three Years, And After That They Were To Enter The King's Service. ⁶ Among Those Who Were Chosen Were Some From Judah: Daniel, And The Other Three The Babylonians Called **Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego**.

- Nebuchadnezzar Plans To Train The Young Men To Serve In His Palace. After Three Years Of Training He Will Choose Only The Smartest Ones To Help Him To Solve Problems.

The Test of Faith and Victory (Daniel 1)

- ⁸ But Daniel Resolved Not To Defile Himself With The Royal Food And Wine, And He Asked The Chief Official For Permission Not To Defile Himself This Way. ⁹ Now God Had Caused The Official To Show Favor And Compassion To Daniel (WHEN WE HAVE GODLY INTENTION, GOD SHOWS US FAVOUR), ¹⁰ But The Official Told Daniel, “I Am Afraid Of My Lord The King, Who Has Assigned Your Food And Drink. Why Should He See You Looking Worse Than The Other Young Men Your Age? The King Would Then Have My Head Because Of You.”
- ¹¹ Daniel Then Said To The Guard ... Appointed Over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael And Azariah, ¹² “Please Test Your Servants For Ten Days: Give Us Nothing But Vegetables To Eat And Water To Drink. ¹³ Then Compare Our Appearance With That Of The Young Men Who Eat The Royal Food, And Treat Your Servants In Accordance With What You See.” ¹⁴ So He Agreed To This And Tested Them For Ten Days.
- ¹⁵ At The End Of The Ten Days They Looked Healthier And Better Nourished Than Any Of The Young Men Who Ate The Royal Food. ¹⁶ So The Guard Took Away Their Choice Food And The Wine They Were To Drink And Gave Them Vegetables Instead.
- ***Brethren, where the King Jehoiachin defiled himself, his subjects refused to defile themselves.***

Mastercraft #2: The result of faith (Daniel 1)

- ¹⁷ To These Four Young Men God Gave Knowledge And Understanding Of All Kinds Of Literature And Learning. And Daniel Could Understand Visions And Dreams Of All Kinds.
- ²¹ **And Daniel Remained There Until The First Year Of King Cyrus (of Persia).**
- **Brethren**, “The Eyes Of The LORD Run To And Fro Throughout The Whole Earth, To Show Himself Strong On Behalf Of *Those Whose Heart Is Loyal To Him*” (**2 Chronicles 16:9**)
Even in captivity, God saw their heart and honoured them.

THE MASTERCRAFT #3

“Daniel Remained There Until The First Year Of King Cyrus.” *Daniel 1:21*

Ezra 1:1 “In The First Year Of Cyrus King Of Persia (Who Captured Babylon), ..The LORD Stirred The Spirit Of Cyrus King Of Persia To Send A Proclamation Throughout His Kingdom And To Put It In Writing As Follows:

² “This Is What Cyrus King Of Persia Says:

“The LORD, The God Of Heaven, Has Given Me All The Kingdoms Of The Earth And He Has Appointed Me To Build A Temple For Him At Jerusalem In Judah. ³ **Any Of His People Among You May Go Up To Jerusalem In Judah And Build The Temple Of The LORD, The God Of Israel,** The God Who Is In Jerusalem, And May Their God Be With Them. ⁴ And In Any Locality Where Survivors May Now Be Living, The People Are To Provide Them With Silver And Gold, With Goods And Livestock, And With Freewill Offerings For The Temple Of God In Jerusalem.”

⁵ Then The Family Heads Of Judah And Benjamin, And The Priests And Levites—**everyone Whose Heart God Had Moved**—prepared To Go Up And Build The House Of The LORD In Jerusalem.

Brethren, The commitment of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego brought deliverance back to Jerusalem and led to the rebuilding of the temple of God.

Extra 4: 4 When The Enemies Of Judah And Benjamin Heard That The Exiles Were Building A Temple For The LORD, The God Of Israel, ² They Came To Zerubbabel And To The Heads Of The Families And Said, “Let Us Help You Build Because, **Like You, We Seek Your God And Have Been Sacrificing To Him** Since The Time Of Esarhaddon King Of Assyria, Who Brought Us Here.”

- ³ But Zerubbabel, Joshua And The Rest Of The Heads Of The Families Of Israel Answered, “You Have No Part With Us In Building A Temple To Our God. We Alone Will Build It For The LORD, The God Of Israel, As King Cyrus, The King Of Persia, Commanded Us.”

LESSON:

Those who know their God must be strong to do great exploit.

Where even the King of Judah fell, his subjects brought victory.

God rewarded the faithfulness of **Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach And Abednego:**

- He showed them favour before the King
- Brought them out of burning furnace
- Gave them intelligence beyond any other
- Restored Jerusalem that was so dear to them – **thus achieving the Mastercraft**
- Brought down King Nebuchadnezzar on their behalf

God Sees Our Heart. We Must “Love The Lord our God With All our Heart And With All our Soul And With All our Mind. ³⁸ This Is The First And Greatest Commandment. (Matt 22: 36-38).

Prayer Point (for Self):

God, I want to create **the Mastercraft**, within my domain, this year:

- I ask for grace to be steady in faith, be connected with the Holy Spirit and resist every pressures and challenges.
- Help me to stay alert and confess your word & my faith with boldness.
- Help me to stay away from sin and unbelieve.
- Help me to be fervent and earnest in prayer to the end.