

# DANIEL

## *Kingdoms in Conflict* *"The Believer's Allegiance"*

**INTRO:** *Nebuchadnezzar's dream (ch.2) apparently inspired the king to construct an image for the purpose of eliciting pledges of loyalty following an attempted coup. Envy over the promotion of Daniel's three friends motivated a challenge to their allegiance to God.*

**I. Believers pledge \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Allegiance is an expression of loyalty. Believers owe God nothing less than total allegiance. This expression of loyalty goes beyond verbal pledges; loyalty is displayed in behavior when challenged.*

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ will challenge Believers' \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-15).** *The World is the system (ideology) in rebellion against God (Cf. 1 John 2:15-18).*

**III. Courageously maintain \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ when challenged by the \_\_\_\_\_ (3:16-30).** *For what reasons is this possible? Three Jewish men provide our answer.*

**A.** \_\_\_\_\_ *Cf. Acts 4:19-20.*

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_ *Cf. Matt. 10:28.*

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_ *Cf. Job 13:15.*

**D.** \_\_\_\_\_ *Cf. Isa. 43:2.*