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## OUTLINE 2/24/13: DANIEL 3:1; 8-30

## "THE FIERY TRIALS THAT REVEAL HIS GLORY"

## Daniel 3: 1; 8-30

- 1. Babylonian Captivity is an evangelical strategy for God's glory: Jer. 29:5-11. Build/Marry/increase and not diminish- "Witness" Salt, light, extraction
- Secondly, Babylonia Gods whip for the nations: God raised up Babylon Habbakuk/Jeremiah – to control and govern the affairs of nations- hedge Israel in according to His covenant design. Deut 28 Why? To exalt His son!

Typified in Daniel / The 3 Hebrew Boys - Remember Ps 40:7/ John 5:39/ Rev 19:10

- Thirdly, Babylon is that Political/Spiritual Kingdom: vs 3-7— controlled by the Usurper Satan, to mimic the gospel mandate of God, in gathering together all the nations, kindred, people and tongue, to His glory – Isa 14: 4/ Rev 17:4/ 18:1-9 Seduction/Persecution
- 4. The three men, a type of the true Church: vs12— In whom is the Spirit of Christ to bear record to the Truth: 1 Peter 1:10 "Son ship principle"
  - a. Commitment to the true and living God: Dan 2:46-49
  - b. Maintaining their true identity: Refusing the dialectical process: Dan 1:12-20
  - c. Embracing the fire that reveals true faith: Dan 3:14/1 Peter 1:7

5. In the fire Christ is exalted, God glorified and the gospel spread: vs 26-30

- a. The promise of protection Is 43:1-5
- b. The Presence of their mediator Pre-incarnate Christ identified
- c. The Procession of victory vs 26: the resurrection Heb.11:33-35

Application: Cleave to Christ. In the midst of the trials He will prove Himself faithful.

