

# Deeper Living: Diving Partners

# CHURCH VISION

IT IS THE VISION OF THE AMHERST BAPTIST CHURCH THAT EVERY ONE OF ITS MEMBERS BECOMES A THRIVING, MULTIPLYING, JOY-FILLED FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE UNDERSTANDING OF GOD IS ALWAYS DEEPENING – TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND TO THE BUILDING OF HIS KINGDOM.

*Four Young Men:*

Daniel

Hananiah

Mishael

Azariah

*“When you sit down to dine with a ruler, consider carefully what is before you, and put a knife to your throat if you have a big appetite; don’t desire his choice food, for that food is deceptive.”*

*Proverbs 23:1-3*

*Daniel 2:3 ...“I have had a  
dream and am anxious to  
understand it.”*

*Daniel 2:10 ... “No one on earth can make known what the king requests. Consequently, no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked anything like this of any diviner-priest, medium, or Chaldean.*

*Daniel 2:11 What the king is asking is so difficult that no one can make it known to him except the gods, whose dwelling is not with mortals.”*

*Daniel 2:12-13 Because of this, the king became violently angry and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. The decree was issued that the wise men were to be executed, and they searched for Daniel and his friends, to execute them.*

*Daniel 2:14 Then Daniel responded with tact and discretion to Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, who had gone out to execute the wise men of Babylon.*

*Daniel 2:15-16 He asked Arioch, the king's officer, "Why is the decree from the king so harsh?" Then Arioch explained the situation to Daniel. So Daniel went and asked the king to give him some time, so that he could give the king the interpretation.*

*Daniel 2:17-18 Then Daniel went to his house and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah about the matter, urging them to ask the God of heaven for mercy concerning this mystery, so Daniel and his friends would not be killed with the rest of Babylon's wise men.*

*Daniel 2:19 The mystery was then revealed to Daniel in a vision at night, and Daniel praised the God of heaven...*

*Daniel 2:26b-30 “Are you able to tell me the dream I had and its interpretation?”*

*Daniel 2:27 Daniel answered the king: “No wise man, medium, diviner-priest, or astrologer is able to make known to the king the mystery he asked about.*

*Daniel 2:28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has let King Nebuchadnezzar know what will happen in the last days. Your dream and the visions that came into your mind as you lay in bed were these:*

*Daniel 2:29 Your Majesty, while you were in your bed, thoughts came to your mind about what will happen in the future. The revealer of mysteries has let you know what will happen.*

*Daniel 2:30 As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but in order that the interpretation might be made known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.*

**GOLD**

**Babylonian Empire**  
**606 B.C.**

**SILVER**

**Media-Persia**  
**536 B.C.**

**BRONZE**

**Greek Empire**  
**330 B.C.**

**IRON**

**Roman Empire**  
**27 B.C.**

**IRON / CLAY**

**Endtimes**



*Daniel 2:37 Your Majesty, you are king of kings. The God of heaven has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and glory.*

*Daniel 2:38 Wherever people live—or wild animals, or birds of the air—He has handed them over to you and made you ruler over them all. You are the head of gold.*

*Daniel 2:44 “In the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, and this kingdom will not be left to another people. It will crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, but will itself endure forever.*

*Daniel 2:45 You saw a stone break off from the mountain without a hand touching it, and it crushed the iron, bronze, fired clay, silver, and gold. The great God has told the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its interpretation certain.”*

*Daniel 2:46 Then King  
Nebuchadnezzar fell down, paid  
homage to Daniel, and gave  
orders to present an offering  
and incense to him.*

*Daniel 2:47 The king said to Daniel, "Your God is indeed God of gods, Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, since you were able to reveal this mystery." 48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many generous gifts.*

*Daniel 3:2 King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to assemble the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the rulers of the provinces to attend the dedication of the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.*

*Daniel 3:4 A herald loudly proclaimed, "People of every nation and language, you are commanded:*

*Daniel 3:5 When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, drum, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.*

*Daniel 3:6 But whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.”*

*Daniel 3:7 Therefore, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, and every kind of music, people of every nation and language fell down and worshiped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.*

*Exodus 20:3 Do not have other  
gods besides Me.*

*Daniel 3:8 Some Chaldeans took  
this occasion to come forward  
and maliciously accuse the Jews.*

*Daniel 3:12 “There are some Jews you have appointed to manage the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men have ignored you, the king; they do not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”*

*Daniel 3:15b ...“worship the statue I made. But if you don’t worship it, you will immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire—and who is the god who can rescue you from my power?”*

*Daniel 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach,  
and Abednego replied to the  
king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we don’t  
need to give you an answer to  
this question.”*

*Daniel 3:17 If the God we serve exists, then He can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and He can rescue us from the power of you, the king.*

*Daniel 3:18 But even if He does not rescue us, we want you asking to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up.”*

*Daniel 3:24 Then King  
Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in  
alarm. He said to his advisers,  
“Didn’t we throw three men,  
bound, into the fire?”*

*“Yes, of course, Your Majesty,”  
they replied to the king.*

*Daniel 3:25 He exclaimed, "Look! I see four men, not tied, walking around in the fire unharmed; and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."*

*Daniel 3:26 Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and called: “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God—come out!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire.*

*Daniel 3:27 When the satraps, prefects, governors, and the king's advisers gathered around, they saw that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men: not a hair of their heads was singed, their robes were unaffected, and there was no smell of fire on them.*

*Daniel 3:28 Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent His angel and rescued His servants who trusted in Him. They violated the king's command and risked their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.*

*Daniel 3:29 Therefore I issue a decree that anyone of any people, nation, or language who says anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be torn limb from limb and his house made a garbage dump. ...*

*Daniel 3:29 (continued):*

*“For there is no other god who is  
able to deliver like this.”*

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