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- **Episode #1 – The Fiery Furnace**
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Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

- Daniel 3:1

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent word to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

- Daniel 3:2

Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

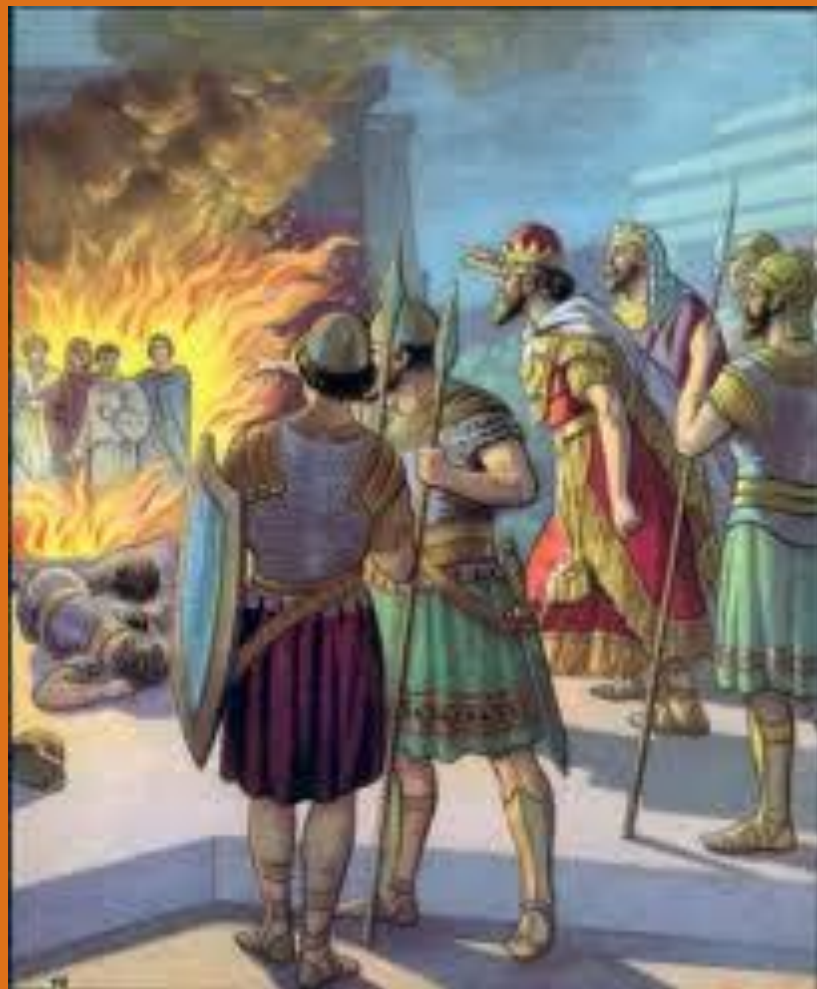
- Daniel 3:3

⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed: “To you the command is given, O peoples, nations and men of every language, ⁵ that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

- Daniel 3:4-5

⁶ But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.” ⁷ Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

- Daniel 3:6-7



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“Lycantrophy” Form of Schizophrenia

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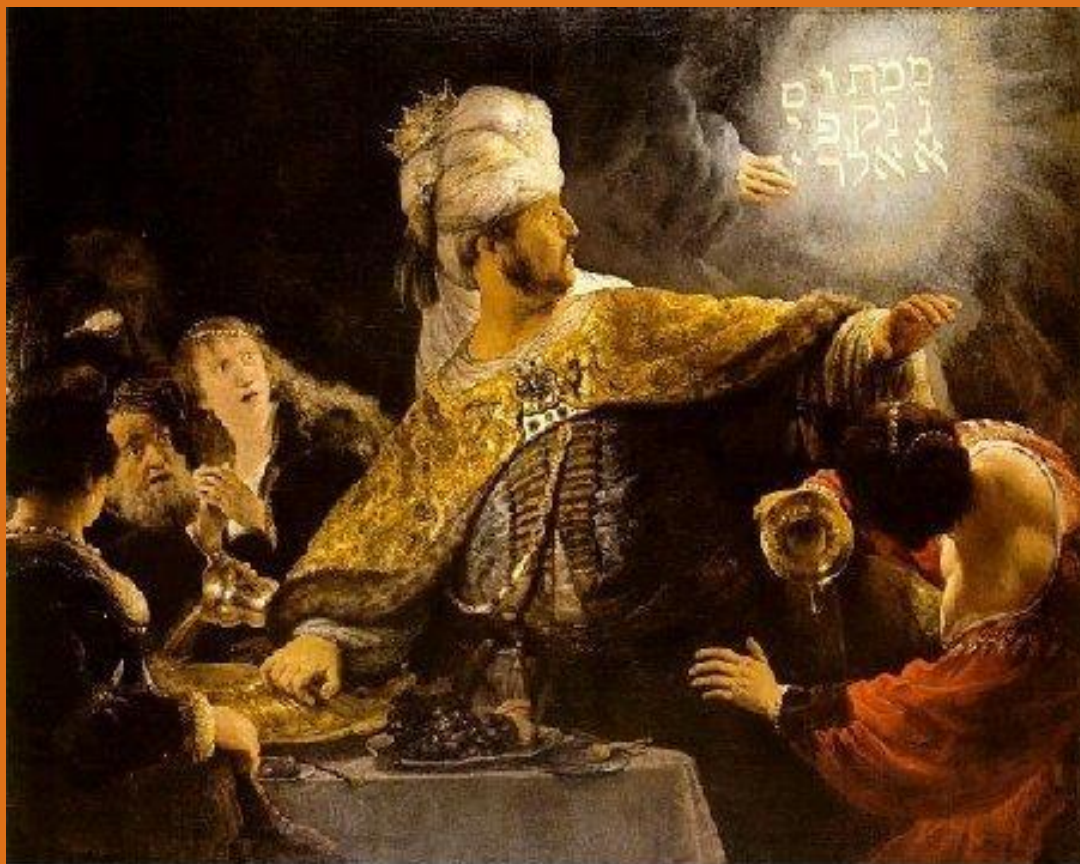
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"Belshazzar"

By Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669)

The inscription was a series of symbols for Aramaic weights & measures.

IE. A Mina; A Shekel; Fractions

Word Meanings:

- **Numbered**
(Minas were counted in units)
- **Weighed**
(Shekels were measured by weight)
- **Fractions**
(Fractions represented division)

Interpretation – Oct. 12, 539 BC

- God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.
- God has weighed you in the balance and you have been found wanting.
- Your kingdom will be **divided**.

Lessons From Episode #3

- Learn from the past...

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