

Worshiping God Alone

Daniel 3:1-12





“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12 (ESV)

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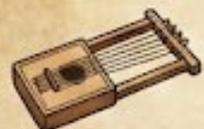
INSTRUMENTS IN DANIEL 3:5: A HISTORICAL VERIFICATION



HORN (Aramaic: *qarna*) - Symbol of power, common in ancient Near East.



FLUTE/PIPE (Aramaic: *mashroqita*) - High-pitched wind instrument, depicted in Mesopotamian art.



ZITHER/LYRE (Aramaic: *qitros*) - Plucked string instrument, related to Greek *kithara*.



HARP/TRIGON (Aramaic: *sabbeka*) - Small, triangular harp, possibly of foreign origin.



PSALTERY (Aramaic: *pesanterin*) - Stringed instrument, name likely derived from Greek *psalterion*.



BAGPIPE/DULCIMER (Aramaic: *sumponyah*) - Identification debated, could be a reed pipe ensemble or early bagpipe type.



AND ALL KINDS OF MUSIC

HISTORICAL ACCURACY & CONTEXT

The presence of instruments with Greek-derived names (*qitros*, *pesanterin*, *sumponyah*) in a 6th-century BCE Babylonian setting has been debated. However, evidence of cultural exchange and trade between Greece and the ancient Near East predates Alexander the Great, making the presence of such instruments or their names plausible in Nebuchadnezzar's cosmopolitan court. Archaeological finds confirm the use of various horns, lyres, and pipes in ancient Mesopotamia.



“You shall have no other gods before Me. (4) You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. (5) You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me”

Exodus 20:3–5 (ESV)

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image.”

Genesis 9:6 (ESV)

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (2)Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. (3)For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,

Romans 13:1–3 (ESV)

“for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. (5)Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. (6)For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. (7)Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.”

Romans 13:4–7 (ESV)

“Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work”

Titus 3:1 (ESV)

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:29 (ESV)

Conditions for Christian Civil Disobedience:

- Clear conflict between requirements of government and the requirements of God
- All 'legal remedies' have been pursued
- Be willing to experience the consequences
- Maintaining godliness and respect toward those in authority

“Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. (4) Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.”

Daniel 6:3–4 (ESV)

“The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. (17) But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy (18) they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.”

Acts 5:16–18 (ESV)

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. (13) But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. (14) If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

1 Peter 4:12–14 (ESV)

“...I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 14:6 (ESV)