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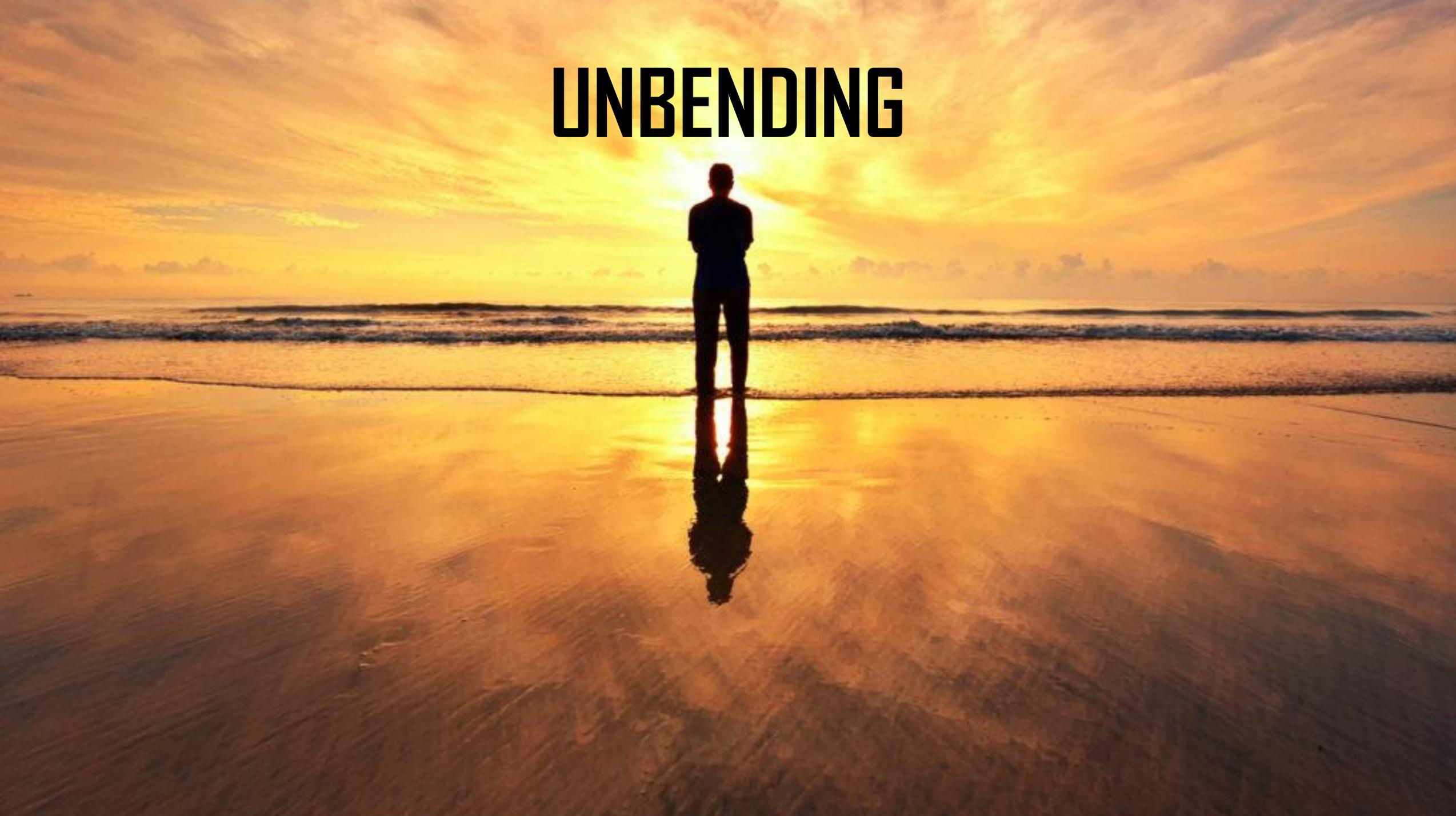




Exhibit 1



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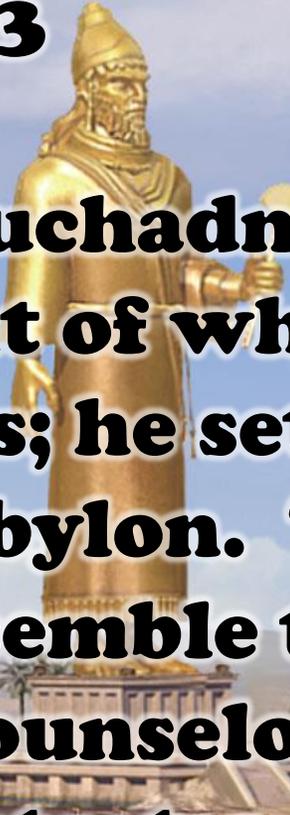
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Exhibit 2

1. THE IMPRESSIVE IDOL AND CALL TO WORSHIP.

vs. 1-3

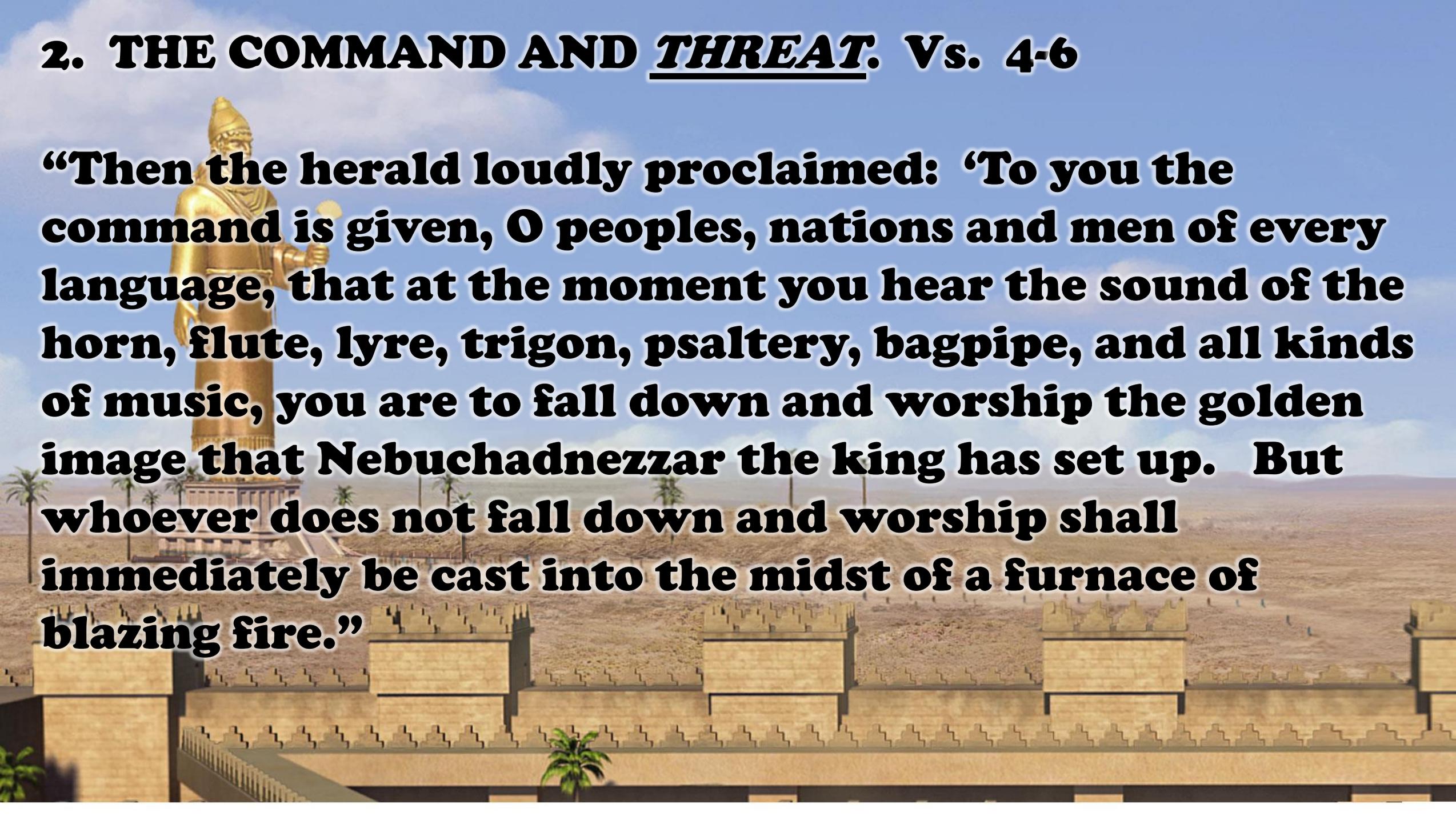
“Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent word to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, 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.” vs. 1-2



“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.” vs. 3

2. THE COMMAND AND THREAT. Vs. 4-6

“Then the herald loudly proclaimed: ‘To you the command is given, O peoples, nations and men of every language, 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. But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.’”



“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.” vs. 7

3. THE SYCOPHANTS AND SNITCHES. Vs. 8-12

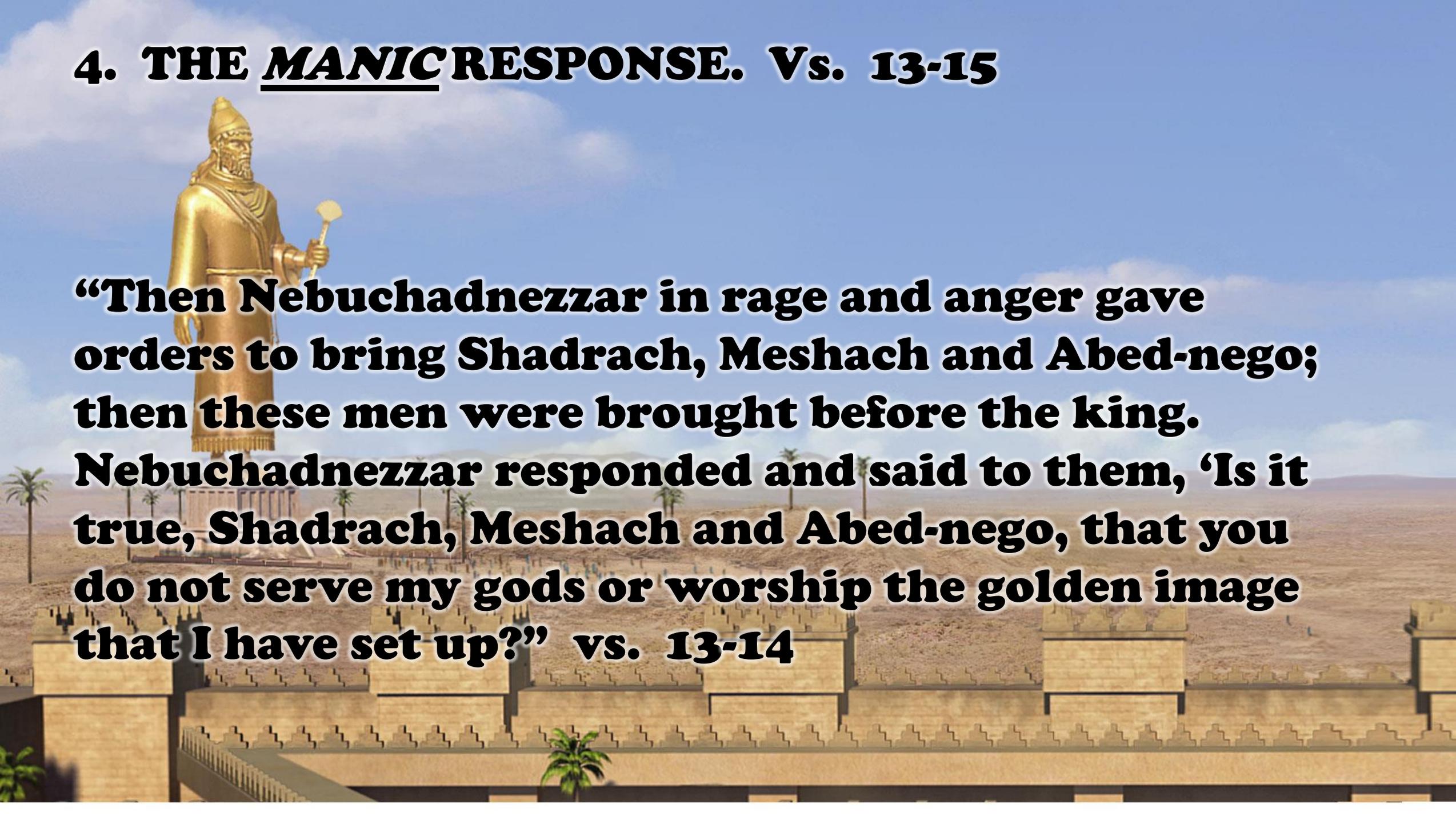
“For this reason at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought charges against the Jews. They responded and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king; ‘O king, live forever! You yourself, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image. But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.’ vs. 8-11

A golden statue of a man with a beard and a crown, standing on a pedestal in a desert landscape. The statue is the central focus of the background image. The background shows a desert with palm trees and a blue sky with clouds.

“There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.” vs. 12

“And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.” Rev. 13:7-8

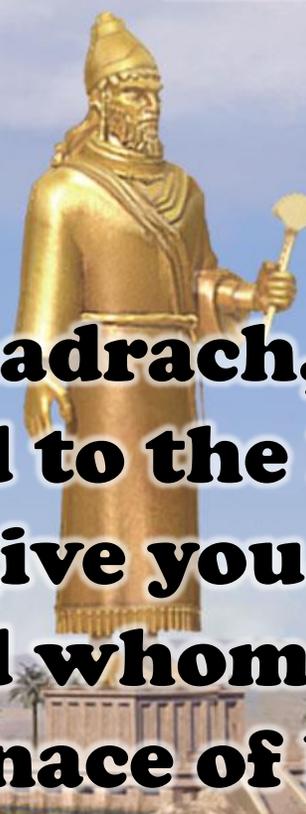
4. THE MANIC RESPONSE. Vs. 13-15



“Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king. Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, ‘Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?’” vs. 13-14

“Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltry, and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. But if you will not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?” vs. 15

5. THE RESOLVE OF THE FAITHFUL. Vs. 16-18



“Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.’” vs. 16-18



APPLICATION FOR ME:

If we do not bend when it comes to our love for the Lord and His Word:

A. GOD IS PLEASED.

“...shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire...” Heb. 11:33-34

**And all these, gained approval through their faith...”
vs. 39**

B. WE PROVIDE A POWERFUL WITNESS TO THE LOST.

C. WE MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE SAVIOR.

“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.” 1 Peter 2:21

D. WE ARE BLESSED WITH RICH REWARD.

“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

James 1:12

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