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## DANIEL 3

by DELLA GRACE STEVENS

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** Modern newscasters report on the execution of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. As the coverage unfolds, the execution turns out to be anything other than ordinary.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** This script is a great opportunity to mix media, by pre-taping the on-the-street segments, as well as the shots in the furnace. Use special effects such as smoke and flickering lights only as desired: the script stands up without needed those effects.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 9

**TOPIC:** Commitment, Salvation, Trust

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Daniel 3:19-30

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Youth Group, Bible Study

**CHARACTERS:**

JOSH DICKSON - A newscast anchor

KELLY SMITH - On-the-scene reporter

SHADRACH - A young man

MESHACH - A young man

ABEDNEGO - A young man

A SON OF GOD - A miraculous appearance

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR - The king

KING'S ATTENDANTS - Optional non-speaking cameos

TWO FIREMEN - Non-speaking cameos

**PROPS:** News anchor desk, desk microphone, handheld microphone, smoke effect (optional), fire fighting gear (optional)

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary clothing, appropriate to character; Nebuchadnezzar should be dressed regally-a very nice suit and ostentatious jewelry; Son of God could be in Biblical costume

**SOUND:** Three wireless mikes; sound effect of fire

**LIGHTING:** General stage; fire flickering effect

**SETTING:** Three settings: a news studio with anchor desk; a street corner; and the inside of the furnace.

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*Scene opens with JOSH inside the studio.*

**JOSH:** Welcome to Babylon Live at Five! I'm Josh Dickson. Our top story takes us to the heart of Babylon where King Nebuchadnezzar has just ordered the death of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. It seems that these three Jewish officials refused to worship the King's golden image, and thus Nebuchadnezzar has declared that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be thrown into the city's fiery furnace.

Our News Five crew has just arrived on the scene and is ready to give us a live report. Let's go to our on-the-scene reporter, Kelly Smith, for more details on this hot breaking story.

*KELLY ENTERS on a different part of stage that is set up like a street corner where you can see the fiery furnace behind her; smoke starts to stream out from furnace.*

Kelly, can you describe the scene from where you are standing?

**KELLY:** *(Holding microphone)* Yes, Josh. Smoke is streaming from the city furnace behind me. The heat is scorching as King Nebuchadnezzar had it heated to seven times its normal temperature.

**JOSH:** Yes, I noticed you looked a little flushed, Kelly. If you get any closer to the fire, you might add more sizzle to this story. *(Laughs at his attempt at humor)*

**KELLY:** Ha. Ha. *(Not amused)* Actually, we are trying to get a camera crew closer to the furnace that will send us a live feed as soon as the executions take place.

**JOSH:** Cool! Or should I say hot! *(Chuckles to himself as Kelly rolls her eyes)* Kelly, can you tell us what is happening to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego at this time?

**KELLY:** Josh, as far as we know they are being carried up to the furnace at this time and will be thrown into the flames any minute now.

*JOSH and KELLY look at their watches.*

*Pause, then screams are heard from furnace.*

**JOSH:** Well, Kelly, judging by the sounds of it, it appears that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are toast. Are we able to get any footage at this time?

**KELLY:** Not yet, Josh, but... hold on.

**JOSH:** Kelly, can you tell us what is happening?