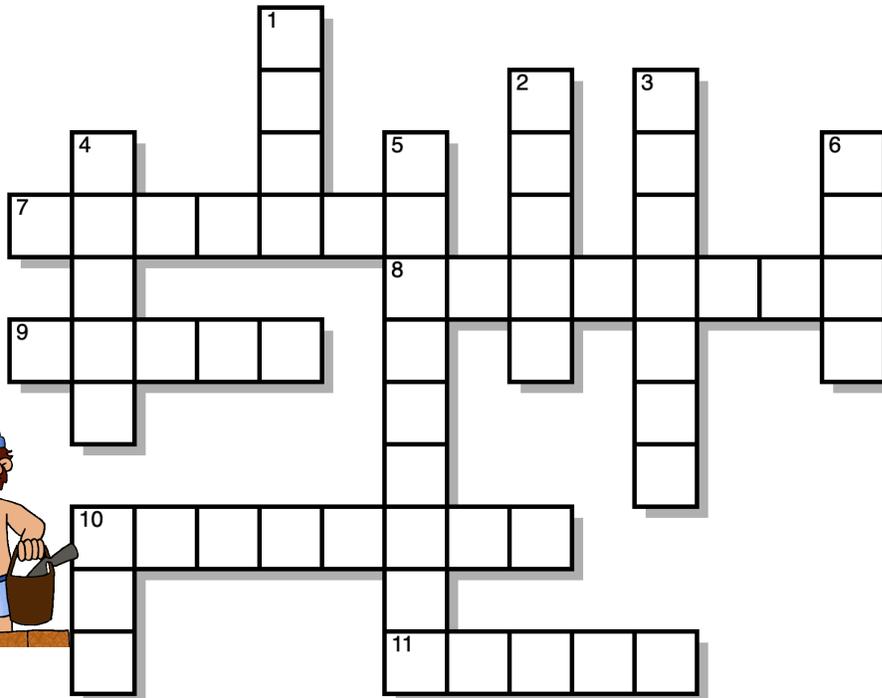


## “PLAIN REBELLION”

1. What things seem threatening to you? Fire? Accident? Height?  
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2. If you had a huge statue of gold made to look like yourself, what features would likely be accentuated by the artist, especially if this was a cartoonish satirical piece? How do you feel about those exaggerated features?  
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3. What does King Nebuchadnezzar do and why (vv.1-3)?  
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4. The king's huge statue and invited guests speaks to what tendency in people?  
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5. At the dedication ceremony for this statue (vv.4-7), what was the king's audience commanded to do? By whom? With what result?  
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6. What exception to this universal decree is duly noted (vv.8-12)? By whom? Why would these people tip off the king?  
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7. Why is the king furious? What test does the king propose? Who is he really testing?  
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8. How does this relate to Daniel's theme of God's authority vs. worldly authority? To the Fall (Ge 3)? The Ten Commandments (Ex 20)?  
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9. For you, what is the bottom line or climax in the classic testimony by Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (vv.16-18)? What were they sure about? What were they unsure about? What does this say about how martyrs for the faith ought to face their divine Maker and their human executioner?  
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10. What is remarkable about the fiery furnace? Who is killed? Why? Who manages to survive? How?  
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11. How do you explain the mysterious fourth figure: (a) An "angel", as does a Jewish tradition (see Ps 91:9-12)? (b) A "son of the gods" as does Nebuchadnezzar (who, as a pagan king, affirms "polytheism" or many gods)? (c) "Son of God", as does an ancient Christian tradition? Why do you think so?  
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12. What does Nebuchadnezzar make of the "God Most High" and his three undying servants (vv.26-30)? Why? Do you think this experience made a believer out of him or not? Why?  
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13. How is God with you in your sufferings? What have your sufferings to do with standing up for what you believe about God? How do you (or anyone) remain faithful "if he does not rescue you"?  
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14. How does the king's affirming the Most High God relate to the Christian belief concerning Jesus (see Php 2:6-11)?  
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15. How much are you now willing to risk in order to obey a clear commandment of God?  
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**Across**

- 7 The Babylonian name of Mishael.
- 8 The Babylonian name of Azariah.
- 9 The fourth person in the flames was likely this person.
- 10 The Babylonian name of Hananiah.
- 11 The golden image was \_\_\_\_\_ cubits high.

**Down**

- 1 The golden image was set up in the plain of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The Tower of \_\_\_\_\_ was also erected in a plain.
- 3 Those who did not worship the golden images were to be cast into a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 How many times over did they turn up the heat?
- 5 This group of men came forward to accuse the Jews.
- 6 The golden image was likely this material overlaid with gold.
- 10 The golden image was \_\_\_\_\_ cubits wide.

**WORD SEARCH:**

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|----------------|----------|
| Nebuchadnezzar | Flute    |
| Image          | Harp     |
| Plain          | Lyre     |
| Babylon        | Psaltery |
| Nimrod         | Symphony |
| Nineveh        | Music    |
| Satrap         | Worship  |
| Administrators | Deliver  |
| Governors      | Hananiah |
| Counselors     | Mishael  |
| Treasurers     | Azariah  |
| Judges         | Fire     |
| Magistrates    | Loose    |
| Officials      | Son      |
| Horn           |          |

