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Postlude To Trust Summary

Text: Daniel 3:19-27

- Postlude: a final or concluding phase, chapter, or development.

Introduction: The use of words, images and symbols are skilful ways to relay messages in scriptures. The text list certain words and pictures to give messages. The narrative of the text is rich in certain listed words and phrases.

1. Furnace: is a symbol of trial and testing. It was heated 7 times more than usual=severe trial—v19.
  - a. The word "seven" is a biblical **perfect** number and probably mean **as hot as possible**.
  - b. Opposition is full of anger and rage—wants to destroy—vv19.
2. Bound: is a symbol of conquering or subduing another—vv21 and 27.
  - a. Garments: coats, trousers, turbans and other clothing—symbolic of destroying ones entire identity.
    - Garments—symbol of covering, evil or righteous, defiled or beautiful—Rev.1:13. (Interpreting the symbols and types—Kevin J. Conner)
    - "So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace, fully dressed in their pants, turbans, robes, and other garments." (Dan. 3:21 NLT)
  - b. Turbans (head)—symbol of thoughts, mind, and authority—Eph.1:22.
  - c. Hair—symbol of glory—Judges 16:17, 22; I Cor.11:15.
3. Message
  - a. You don't have to stay bound in trials—they were loosed—vv24-25.
  - b. You can walk loosed or unbound in the midst of the hottest trials/fire—v25.
  - c. You have divine companionship in trials—v25 (fourth One).
  - d. God can allow you to go through the fiery trials, but not allow the fire to go through you.
  - e. Trials provide a platform for you and others to witness God's greatness—v27.
  - f. Trials don't have to mar our identity—v27.
    - The fire had no power; their hair was not singed, garments not burned; nor the smell of fire—v27. Cp v21, coats, trousers, turbans and other garments, all which reflected their identity wasn't destroyed. Neither their testimony that gave praise to the God they worshipped.

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