

The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

LEVEL 4 – WHAT’S IN A NAME?

We call our church *The New Church* or *The New Christian Church*. What is so very “new” about our church? Here are some of the “new” teachings:

1. The Lord God Jesus Christ is **One** Lord, and He has made His Second Coming.
2. The Word of the Lord has an internal sense, or an inner meaning, that we might not see until we read the Writings of the New Church.
3. In order to become an angel, we must shun (reject) evils as sins against the Lord, and live a life of love and service to our neighbors.

In this lesson, you will see how the Hebrew alphabet and language helped to reveal the “internal” or inner meaning of the Lord.

Daniel and his friends given new names

Daniel and his three friends were given new names when they were captives in Babylon.

Their Hebrew names all contained **the name of the Lord**. Instead of the Lord’s name, the Babylonian names contained **the name of an idol**.

Application

- 1) Do you know the meaning of your name? Write it here:
Name _____ Meaning _____
- 2) On page 2 is a key and a list of names from the story of Daniel. See if you can use the key to figure out what all the names mean.

Key

abed = servant of**Aku** = Aku, the moon god**azar** = has helped**Balat** = Baal**dan** = judge**El** = the Lord (from Elohim)**hanan** = is gracious**kudurri** = the boundary**mi** = who is**Nego** = the god Nabu**Nabu** = the god Nabu**sha** = like**shar** = the king**shudur** = command**usur** = protect**Yah** = the Lord (from Jehovah)

1. **Daniel** = dan - El = -----
2. **Belteshazzar** = Balat - shar - usur = -----
3. **Hananian** = hanan - Yah = -----
4. **Shadrach** = shudur - Aku = -----
5. **Mishael** = mi - sha - El = -----
6. **Meshach** = mi - sha - Aku = -----
7. **Azariah** = azar - yah = -----
8. **Abednego** = abed - Nego = -----
9. **Nebuchadnezzar** = Nabu - Kudurri - usur = -----