

The Fourth Man

In Daniel Chapter 3, we read that Nebuchadnezzar threw three men into a super-heated furnace. But to his surprise they did not die. Instead, a fourth Man appeared, walking with them in the middle of the furnace. Who was this fourth Man who exercised such power over the flames that when the three men finally came out at Nebuchadnezzar's bidding, not even the smell of fire was on their clothes, only the ropes with which they had been tied, were burnt?

Who is this fourth Man?

- ***In Genesis*** He is the Creator of heaven and earth and the Seed of the woman.
- ***In Exodus*** He is the Passover Lamb Who delivered His people out of bondage to Egypt; the Manna in the desert; the Rock of refuge providing His people with living water; the Pillar of cloud by day and the Pillar of fire by night.
- ***In Leviticus*** He is the Lawgiver; the Sin offering; and the Blood of atonement.
- ***In Numbers*** He is the bronze Serpent; the Star of Jacob and the Sceptre of Israel.
- ***In Deuteronomy*** He is the Prophet like unto Moses who was to come and bring deliverance to His people.
- ***In Joshua*** He is the Captain of the heavenly hosts, the Warrior of Israel.
- ***In Judges*** He is our righteous Judge; the strength of Samson stronger than a lion; the fleece of Gideon directing the armies of Israel.

- ***In Ruth*** He is our Kinsman Redeemer, the Root of Jesse.
- ***In 1&2 Samuel*** He is our trusted Prophet; and the small Stone in David's sling slaying the giant.
- ***In 1&2 Kings and 1&2 Chronicles*** He is Solomon's Wisdom; Elijah's Fire burning up the sacrifice; and his fiery Chariot; the widow's Oil which never failed; Naaman's healing Balm delivering him from leprosy. He is Elijah's Provider of food; and He is the King of kings.
- ***In Ezra*** He is the faithful Scribe; and God's Promise of restoration fulfilled.
- ***In Nehemiah*** He is the Rebuilder of the ruined walls of human lives.
- ***In Esther*** He is our Mordecai, intervening in the affairs of His people.
- ***In Job*** He is our Dayspring from on high, and our ever-living Redeemer.
- ***In Psalms*** He is the Lord of all the earth, our Shepherd; He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, and the wealth in every mine; He is the Stone which the builders rejected, but which was to become the Chief Corner Stone; the One whose hands were to be pierced, whose garments would be divided, who would cry out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

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- ***In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes*** He is our Wisdom.
- ***In the Song of songs*** He is our beloved Bridegroom.

- ***In Isaiah*** He is the Coal from the altar; our Immanuel (God with us); our suffering Servant; the Light to the nations; the Arm of Jehovah; the ever faithful Bridegroom; Our Rose blossoming in the wilderness; the Glory of Lebanon; the Encourager of the weak; the Giver of joy and gladness; the Wings of the eagle for those who wait on Him; He is the Prince of peace gushing forth rivers in the desert.
- ***In Jeremiah*** He is the Balm of Gilead, the righteous Branch; and the Promise of a New Covenant.
- ***In Lamentations*** He is our Hope; and the weeping Prophet caring for His people.
- ***In Ezekiel*** He is the four-faced Living Being moving about by the Spirit of God; the Shepherd Who keeps watch over His people Israel; and the Prince to come.
- ***In Daniel*** He is the fourth Man Who is with His children in the midst of the furnace; and the Angel with Daniel in the lions' den, shutting the lions' mouths; He is also the Son of Man being presented before the Ancient of Days, to Whom was given a kingdom, dominion and power to reign forever and ever.
- ***In Hosea*** He is the ever-faithful Husband promising forgiveness to His unfaithful wife.
- ***In Joel*** He is the One who baptises with the Holy Spirit.
- ***In Amos*** He is the burden Bearer; the One Who raises the fallen booth of David.
- ***In Obadiah*** He is the One Who is mighty to save.
- ***In Jonah*** He is the Lover of cities and nations.
- ***In Micah*** He is the Babe of Bethlehem; the Shepherd and Ruler of Israel; the Messenger with beautiful feet; the Pardoner

of iniquity; the Bearer of the good news of truth and unchanging love.

- ***In Nahum*** He is the One who breaks our chains of bondage.
- ***In Habakkuk*** He is the Awesome One Whose radiance is like the sun, and Whose splendour covers the heavens.
- ***In Zephaniah*** He is the Righteous One Who will do no injustice; the King of Israel in our midst as a Mighty Warrior.
- ***In Haggai*** He is the Rebuilder of the walls of His glorious house.
- ***In Zechariah*** He is the Lord our King; humble, and riding on a donkey's foal; the Shepherd of Israel, for whom 30 pieces of silver was paid; Who opened a fountain for David for the forgiveness of sins; Who said, "Not by might, nor by power but by My Spirit."; The One Who will be King over all the earth.
- ***In Malachi*** He is the Sun of righteousness rising with healing in His wings.

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- ***In Matthew*** He is the Messiah.
- ***In Mark*** He is the Wonderworker and Servant King.
- ***In Luke*** He is the Son of Man.
- ***In John*** He is the Word made flesh, the Son of God.
- ***In Acts*** He is the One who sends His Holy Spirit.
- ***In Romans*** He is the Justifier.
- ***In Corinthians*** He is the One who gives the gifts of the Spirit.

- ***In Galatians*** He is the One who redeems us from the curse of sin and death.
- ***In Ephesians*** He is the Christ of unsearchable Riches.
- ***In Philippians*** He is Peace which surpasses all comprehension; the One who strengthens us to be able to do all things through Him, and the One who supplies our every need.
- ***In Colossians*** He is the Head of the body.
- ***In 1&2Thessalonians*** He is our soon-coming King.
- ***In 1&2Timothy*** He is the Mediator between God and Man.
- ***In Titus*** He is our faithful Shepherd.
- ***In Philemon*** He is the Friend that sticks closer than a brother.
- ***In Hebrews*** He is our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek; Who holds all things together by the power of His Word, offering His own blood to establish the New Covenant.
- ***In James*** He is our Wisdom and our Great Physician.
- ***In 1&2Peter*** He is the Chief Shepherd who will soon appear with a crown of unfading glory.
- ***In 1,2&3 John*** He is LOVE.
- ***In Jude*** He is the Lord coming with tens of thousands of His saints.
- ***And in Revelation*** He is Lord of lords and King of kings.

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- ***For Noah*** He was the Ark.

- ***For Abraham*** He was the Stranger come to visit him, promising him a son.
- ***For Jacob*** He was the Ladder connecting heaven to earth – the Gate of heaven.
- ***For Joseph*** He was the Giver of dreams, who also fulfilled them at the right time.
- ***For Moses*** He was the burning Bush, and the Staff that struck the sea and made it part.
- ***For Joshua*** He was the Captain of the host of the Lord.
- ***For Samson*** He was Strength, stronger than a lion.
- ***For David*** He was a little round Stone in his sling, destroying the giant; He was also the Song in David's heart.
- ***For Elijah*** He was the Fire of God burning up the sacrifice, and the fiery Chariot taking Elijah into heaven.
- ***For the widow*** He was the Oil and Meal which never ran out.
- ***For Naaman*** He was Healing from leprosy.
- ***For Hezekiah*** He was the Angel, destroying 185 thousand of the enemy in one night.
- ***For Isaiah*** He was the Coal of fire from the altar, and the Voice calling, "Whom may I send, and who will go for us?"
- ***For Peter*** He was the Hand that lifted him up to walk on water.
- ***For Paul*** He was the bright shining Light and the Voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
- ***For the widow of Nain*** He was Life for her son who had died.

Who is this fourth Man?

- He is *Light for the eyes of the blind*.
- He is *Strength for the legs of the lame*.
- He is a *Husband for the widow*, and a *Father for the orphan*.
- He is the *Water of life*.
- The *ever-living Rock of refuge*.
- He is the *Way and the Truth and the Life*.
- He is our *Saviour, our Redeemer and Friend*.
- He is our *strong Warrior in battle*.
- He is the *humble Servant who will not break a bruised reed*.
- He is the *Potter, moulding our lives*.
- He is our *loving Bridegroom*.
- He is the *Door for the sheep* who lays down His life that we might have life and that more abundantly.
- He is the *Light of the world*, and the Light of our lives.
- He is the *Alpha and the Omega*, the Beginning and the End.
- He is the *Resurrection and the Life*.
- He is *Jesus Christ Our Messiah*, King of kings and Lord of lords.
- The *One who ever lives to make intercession for us*.
- The *One who walks with us through that valley of the shadow of death* just like He did for those three young men in Daniel Chapter three.

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