



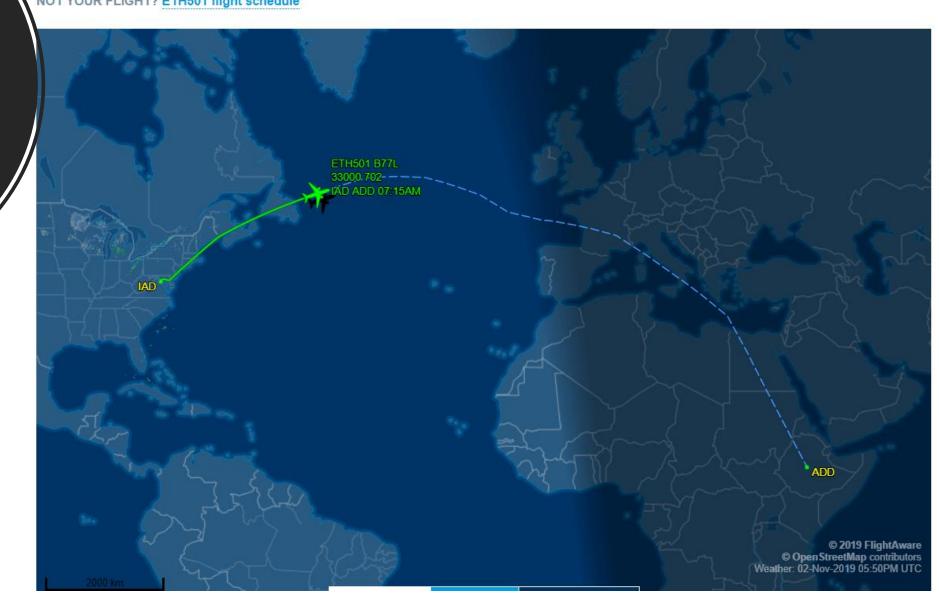




What is SEEN can be DISCOURAGING NOT YOUR FLIGHT? ETH501 flight schedule

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Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, 14 and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?

Daniel 3:13-14

Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

Daniel 3:15

"King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Daniel 4:16-18

What is SEEN can be DISCOURAGING

The future glory keeps us going when discouraged by the seen.

"because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself....

What is SEEN is IRREFUTABLE

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So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego....

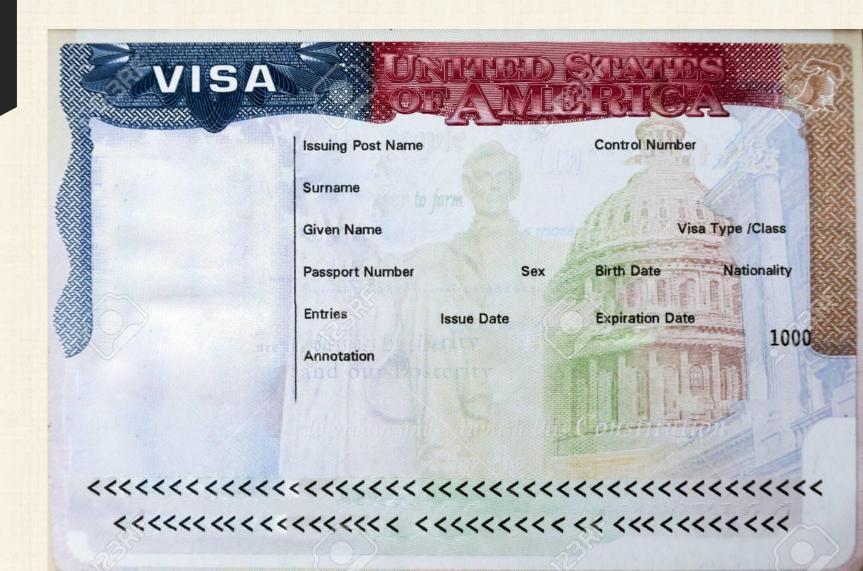
Daniel 3:21-22

What is SEEN is IRREFUTABLE

Even though what we see is real, it is but a glimpse of the whole.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

What is SEEN is TEMPORARY



Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't **there three men** that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵ He said, "Look! I see **four men** walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

Daniel 3:24-25

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire

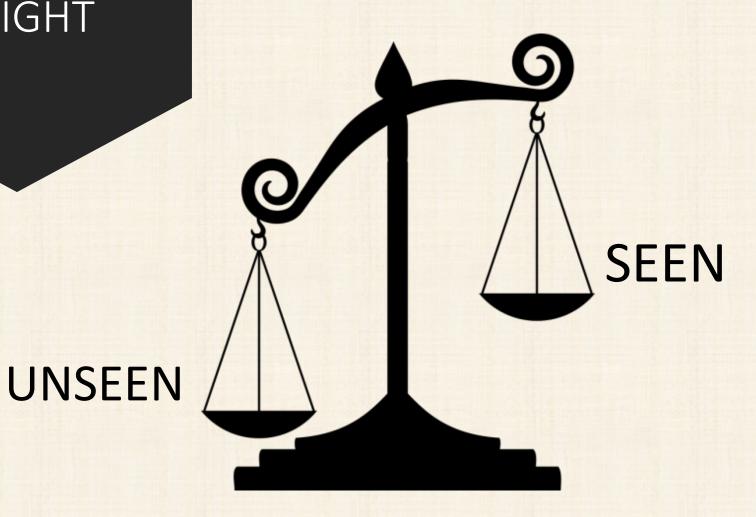
Daniel 3:26

What is SEEN is TEMPORARY

What is seen is temporary...What is unseen is eternal.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is <u>seen</u> is <u>temporary</u>, but what is **unseen** is **eternal**.

What is SEEN is LIGHT



... I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea...

2Cor. 11:23-28

For our **light** and **momentary** troubles are achieving for us an **eternal glory** that far outweighs them all.

What is seen is LIGHT.

•The weight of future glory outweighs what we see today.

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

Daniel 3:28

Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."

Daniel 3:29