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The mini-series by Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, *The Bible*, took stage in 2013 and was quite a sensation. However, after viewing two of the four DVD's, there is much that has been misinterpreted. I know they have the caveat at the beginning saying that they've tried to stay true to the spirit of the message, but when there are misrepresentations, it shows lack of credibility. With the money that was put into it and it's very well done, they should have done more research on their characters and stories to depict them scripturally using the Bible as their clear guide. We reviewed the 5<sup>th</sup> series where the children of Israel are taken into captivity to Babylon and the main focus was on Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

Here are some, although not exhaustive, of discrepancies;

- As these three, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego would not bow to King Nebuchadnezzar's gold image, the movie shows them being bound, and a handful of wood being thrown in at them and lit on fire. However the Bible is very clear in [Daniel 3:19-30](#) that they were cast *into the midst of the burning furnace* and that the furnace had already been heated seven times as hot **before** they were thrown in. So hot was the fire, that those who thru them in were killed in doing it! A very clear misrepresentation in the movie.
- When King Nebuchadnezzar failed to give God glory, the dream which he had came upon himself and the movie depicts him chained up in prison drinking from a bowl of water that Daniel brought him. Surely Hollywood with their make-up artistry could have clearly depicted what actually happened according to [Daniel 4](#) in particular vs. 28-33 where he was *driven from men, he would eat like an oxen with the beasts of the field, his body wet with the dew of heaven and had grown hair like eagles' feathers and nails like birds' claws!*
- Daniel was thrown into the den of lions because he refused to listen to the Kings edict regarding prayer. The movie shows only one who had plotted against Daniel being thrown into the den, but the Bible is clear that there were 'men' – plural, and not only them thrown into the den, but their *children and wives* according to [Daniel 6:24](#).

Again, my question is: how do the Producers of this movie rewrite portions of God's holy word? Galatians 1:8 says; "*But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.*" Also, Revelation 22:19 says; "*and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.*"

