



THE FIERY FURNACE

Oak

Daniel 3:26b-27

*So Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego came out of the fire,
and the satraps, prefects,
governors and royal advisors
crowded around them.*

*They saw that the fire had not
harmed their bodies, nor was
a hair of their heads singed;
their robes were not scorched,
and there was no smell of fire
on them.*

In order to get a block big enough for this carving as I envisioned it, I had to glue five pieces of oak together. This was the first time I ever tried that. It was a difficult piece as the three characters were kind of buried in the wood and it was hard to get a chisel or knife into such tight nooks and crevices.

Another first was that I decided to apply a very light reddish tint to the flames in order to accentuate the three characters. It is the only sculpture I have done in oak because the heavy grain in the wood doesn't allow for too much fine detail.