

~DURA (24)
(Du'ra)

- **The plain where Nebuchadnezzar set up a gold image.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and the breadth of which was six cubits. He set it up in the plain of **Dura** in the jurisdictional district of Babylon. (**Daniel 3:1**)**
- **It is Biblically described as being in the jurisdictional district of Babylon, and so apparently was relatively near that city. For this reason, some scholars today accept Tulul **Dura**, 10 kilometers (6 miles) Southeast of Babylon, as the most likely of the many proposed sites.**
- **The ruins of a dried-brick mound measuring 14 meters (46 feet) square were discovered here and have been conjectured by some to be the base of Nebuchadnezzar's image. Nevertheless, the **Akkadian** term *duru*, meaning circuit, wall, or walled place, appears frequently in Mesopotamian place-names, making any positive identification impossible at this time.**