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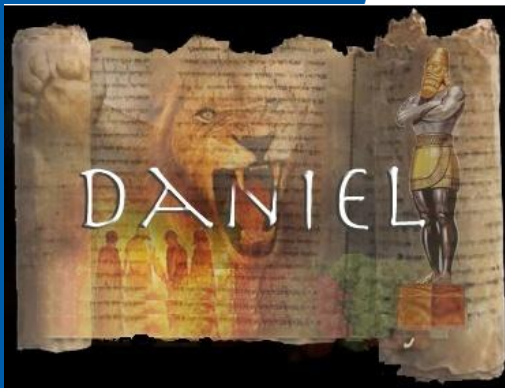
Lesson 10

The Lions' Den

Daniel 6

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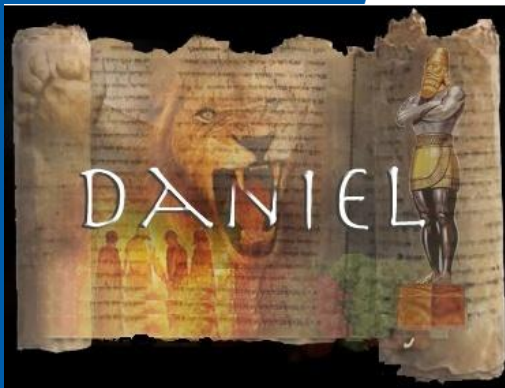
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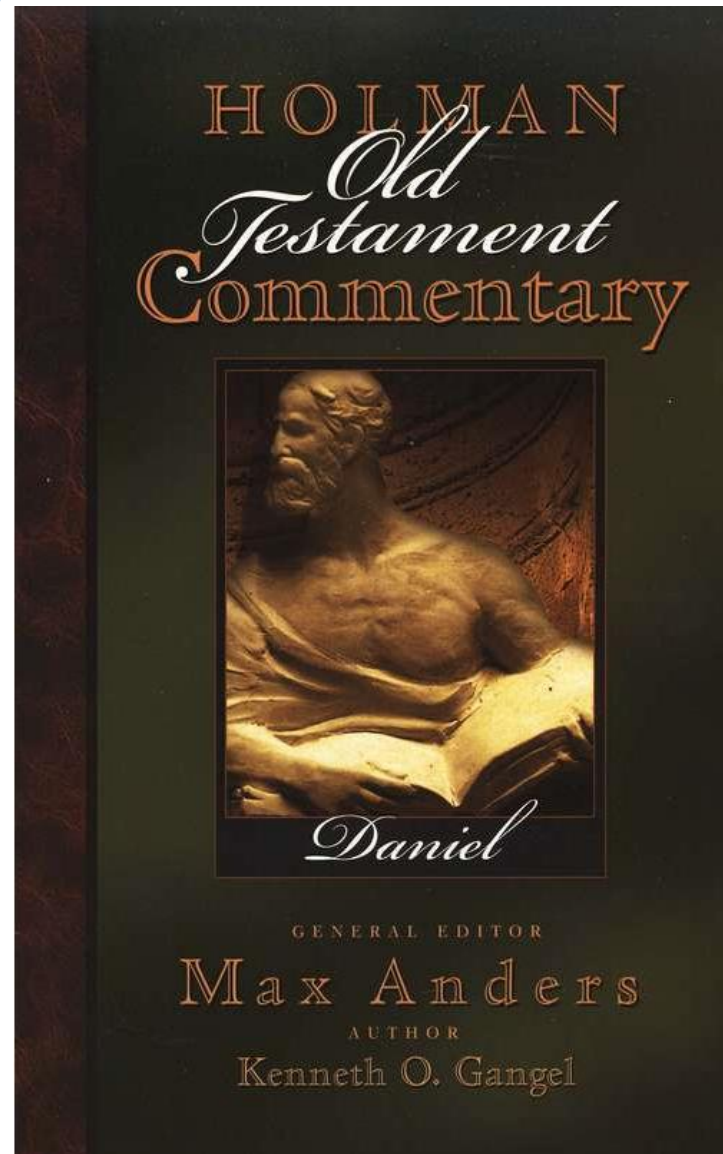
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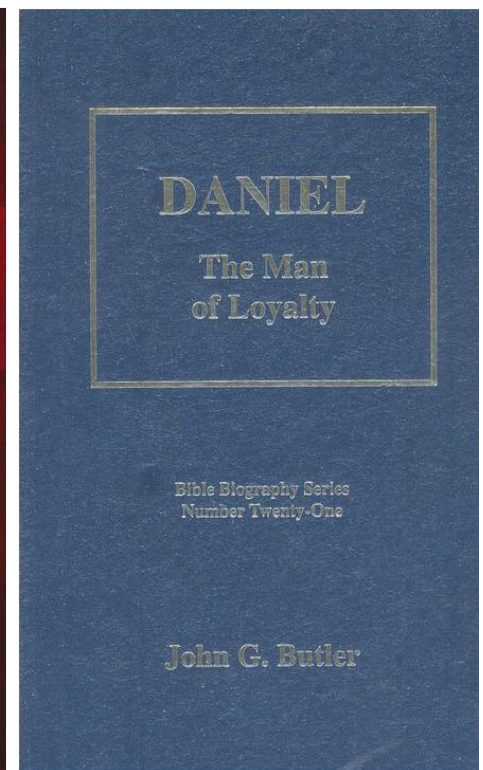
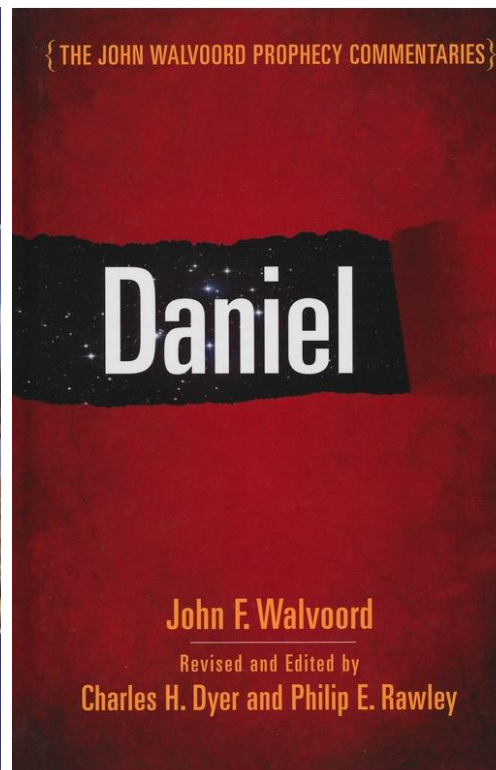
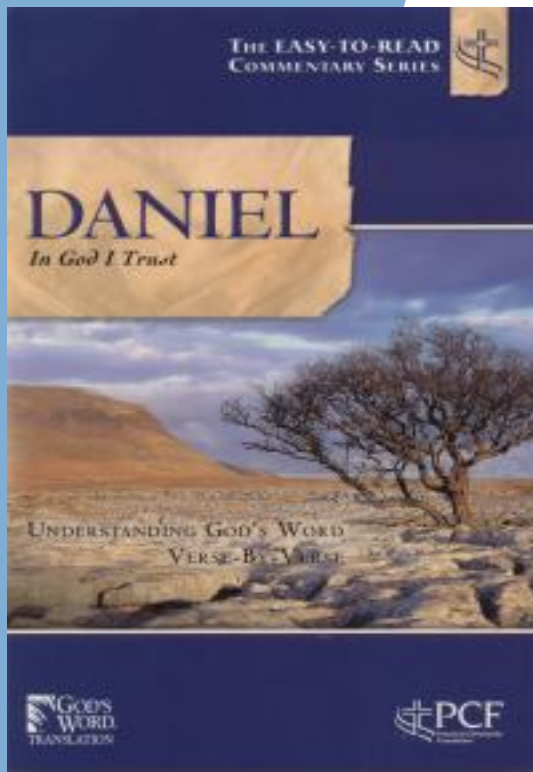
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But the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter.
-- Proverbs 25:2 ... NKJV

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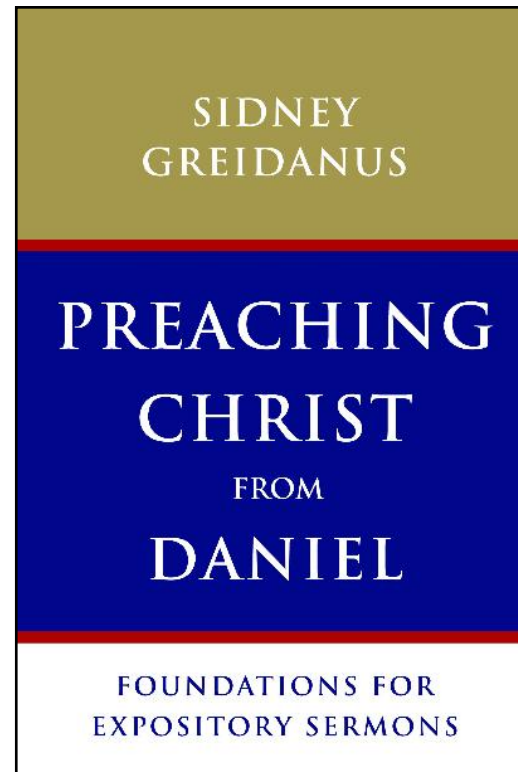
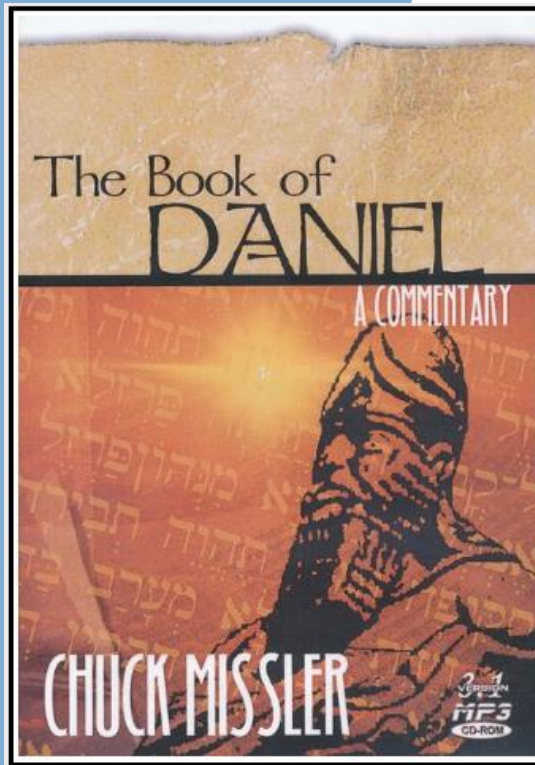


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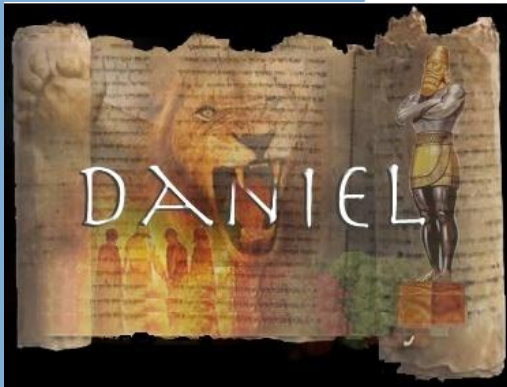
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THE BOOK OF DANIEL





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Course Outline - This Week's Lesson



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This weeks lesson.

Book of Daniel - Structure



Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrew	Aramaic						Hebrew				
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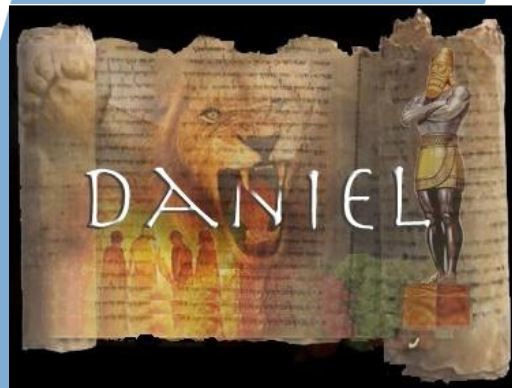
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Book Overview - Chapter Focus



■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.



The Lions' Den

Text – New King James Version

Daniel 6:1-28

The Plot Against Daniel

Daniel 6:1-9 - NKJV



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--- Daniel 6:3-4 ... NKJV

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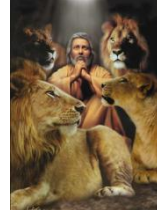


⁵ Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God."

--- Daniel 6:5 ... NKJV

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--- Daniel 6:6-7 ... NKJV

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--- Daniel 6:8-9 ... NKJV

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-17 - NKJV



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--- Daniel 6:10 ... NKJV

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-17 - NKJV



11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

--- Daniel 6:11 ... NKJV

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-17 - NKJV



12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered and said, "The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

--- Daniel 6:12 ... NKJV

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-17 - NKJV



13 So they answered and said before the king,
“That Daniel, who is one of the captives from
Judah, does not show due regard for you, O
king, or for the decree that you have signed,
but makes his petition three times a day.”

--- Daniel 6:13 ... NKJV

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-17 - NKJV



14 And the king, when he heard *these* words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him. **15** Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that *it is* the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

--- Daniel 6:14-15 ... NKJV

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-17 - NKJV



16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast *him* into the den of lions. *But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." **17** Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

--- Daniel 6:16-17 ... NKJV

Daniel Saved from the Lions

Daniel 6:18-23 - NKJV



1⁸ Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him. **1⁹** Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

--- Daniel 6:18-19 ... NKJV

Daniel Saved from the Lions

Daniel 6:18-23 - NKJV



20 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

--- Daniel 6:20 ... NKJV

Daniel Saved from the Lions

Daniel 6:18-23 - NKJV



21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! **22** My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

--- Daniel 6:21-22 ... NKJV

Daniel Saved from the Lions

Daniel 6:18-23 - NKJV



23 Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

--- Daniel 6:23 ... NKJV



24 And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

--- Daniel 6:24 ... NKJV

Darius Honors God

Daniel 6:24-28 - NKJV



25 Then King Darius wrote:
To all peoples, nations, and languages that
dwell in all the earth:
Peace be multiplied to you.

--- Daniel 6:25 ... NKJV

Darius Honors God

Daniel 6:24-28 - NKJV



26 I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom *men must* tremble and fear before the God of Daniel.

For He *is* the living God,

And steadfast forever;

His kingdom *is the one* which shall not be destroyed,

And His dominion *shall endure* to the end.

--- Daniel 6:26 ... NKJV

Darius Honors God

Daniel 6:24-28 - NKJV



27 He delivers and rescues,
And He works signs and wonders
In heaven and on earth,
Who has delivered Daniel from the power of
the lions.

--- Daniel 6:27 ... NKJV

Darius Honors God

Daniel 6:24-28 - NKJV

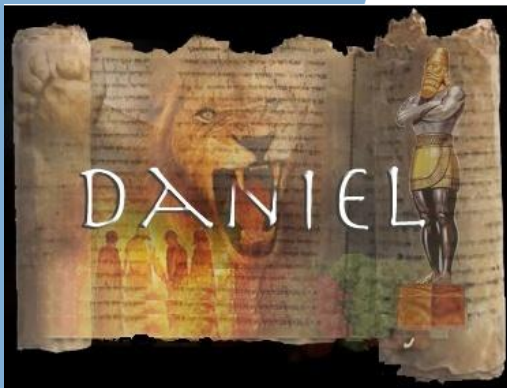


28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

--- Daniel 6:28 ... NKJV



Lesson Outline



Lesson 10 - Outline



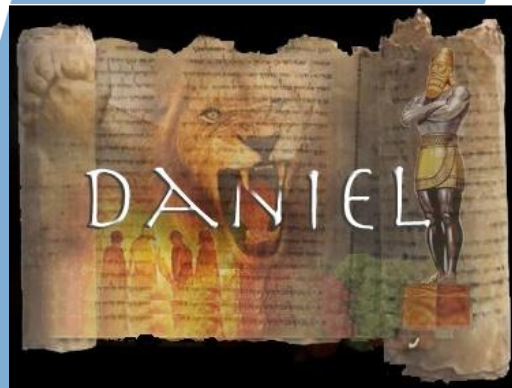
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The Lions' Den

The Plot Against Daniel

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■ Darius Sets Up His Organization Chart

• Who is Darius?

- ✓ Not Darius I (*the Great*) .. 522-486 BC
 - Babylon fell in 539 BC
- ✓ Two major schools of scholarship - Darius the Mede
 - 1) Darius the Mede is Cyrus the Great
 - 2) Darius the Mede is Cyrus' Commander Gubaru

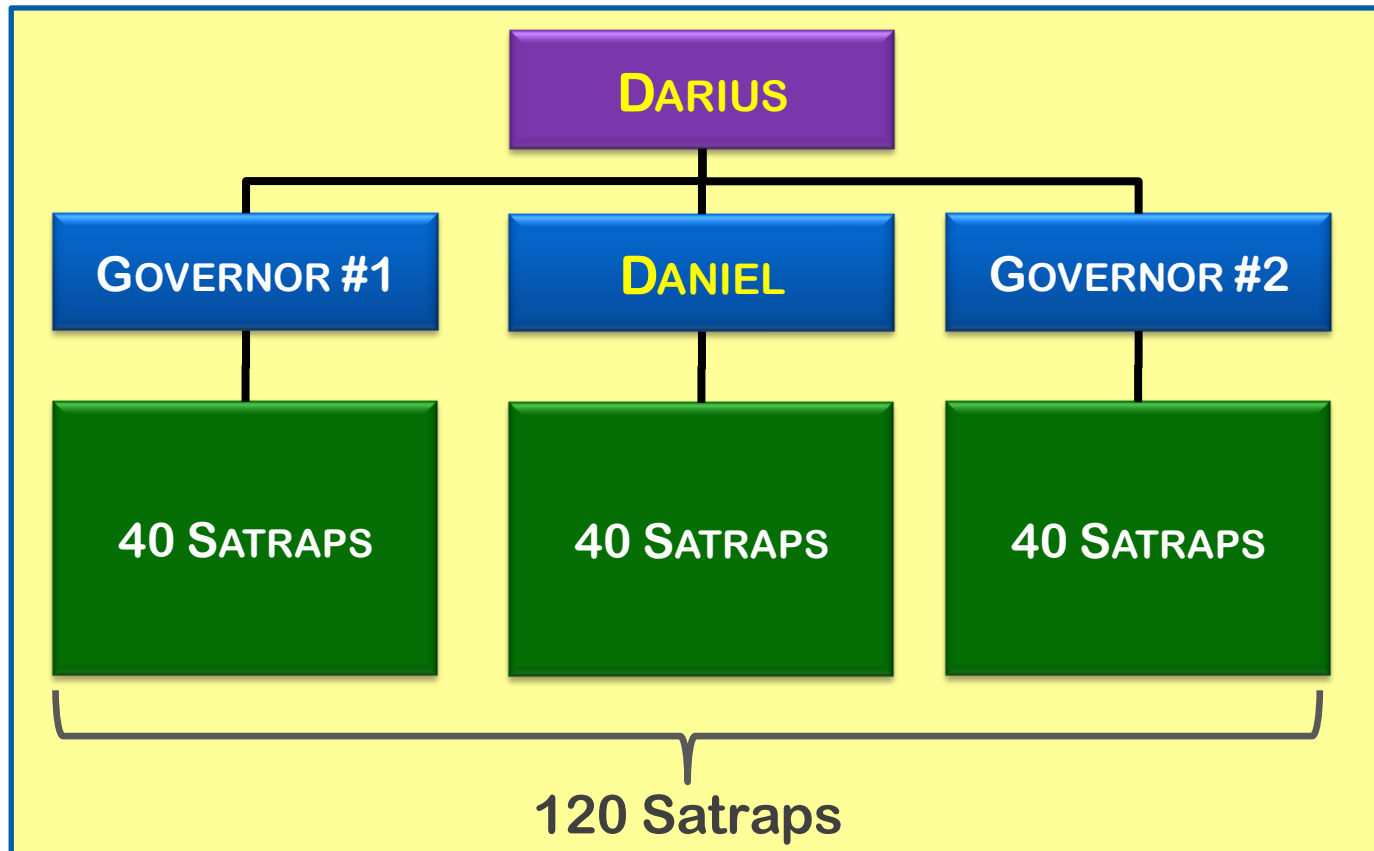
Darius the Mede	Rational	Proponents
Cyrus the Great (<i>Cyrus II</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kings often took on multiple names and titles• Cyrus II was ~ 60 yr old when King of Babylon	J. F. Walvoord, D. J. Wiseman, J. C. Baldwin, P. Giorgio
Gubaru (<i>Gobryas</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referred to Gobryas – governor of Babylon	J. C. Whitcomb Jr., Leon Wood, Sir Robert Anderson, Chuck Missler

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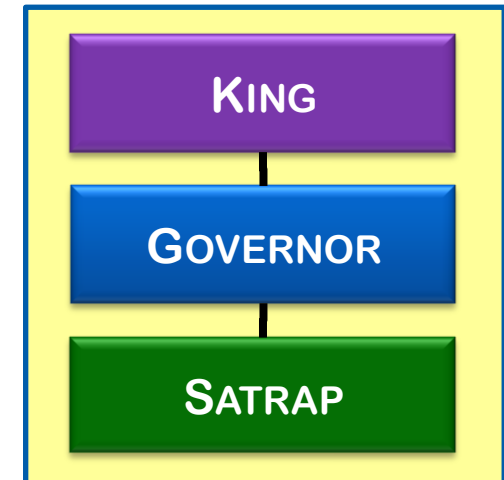
- **PURPOSE:** So that the king would suffer no loss

- ✓ **Governors - Presidents**

- Set over the satraps
- Protect the king's financial interests

- ✓ **Satraps**

- Collected taxes
- Highest judicial authority
- Responsible for internal security
- Raising and maintaining an army



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✓ What is a satrap?



1 the governor of a province in ancient Persia

2 a : RULER

b : a subordinate official

Provincial governor in the ACHAEMENIAN empire.

DARIUS I (r. 522–486 BC) established 20 satrapies with an annual tribute. Appointed by the king, satraps were usually of the royal family or Persian nobility and held office indefinitely. They collected taxes, were the highest judicial authority, and were responsible for internal security and for raising and maintaining an army. Controls guarded against the abuse of power, but after the mid 5th century BC, with central authority weakened, satrapies became virtually independent. Alexander the Great and his successors retained the satraps.

Daniel 6:3 - Observations



³Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

■ Daniel Distinguished Himself

• WHY:

✓ Because an excellent spirit was in him

- Same expression used by the queen

» Daniel 5:12

- Can this be said of us?

- Do people recognize the Spirit in us?

✓ And because of Daniel's excellent spirit

- He is highly trusted by the king
- The king contemplates an organizational change
 - » Daniel to be set over the entire kingdom
 - » Daniel second only to the king

Daniel at This Time

Daniel was at least 83 years old, with 66 years in public office and still in a position of honor. Daniel was an exceptional administrator, partly because of his extensive experience under Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 2:48) for about 39 years.

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!
ΣΟΒΕΡΕΙΝΤΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ

Inasmuch as an **excellent spirit**, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."

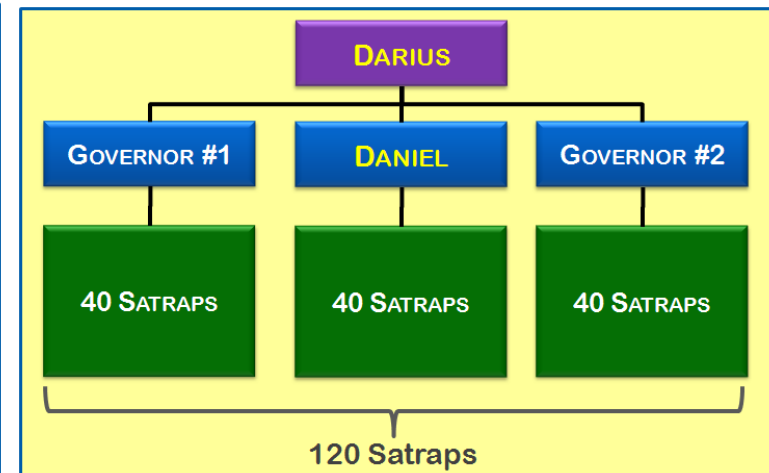
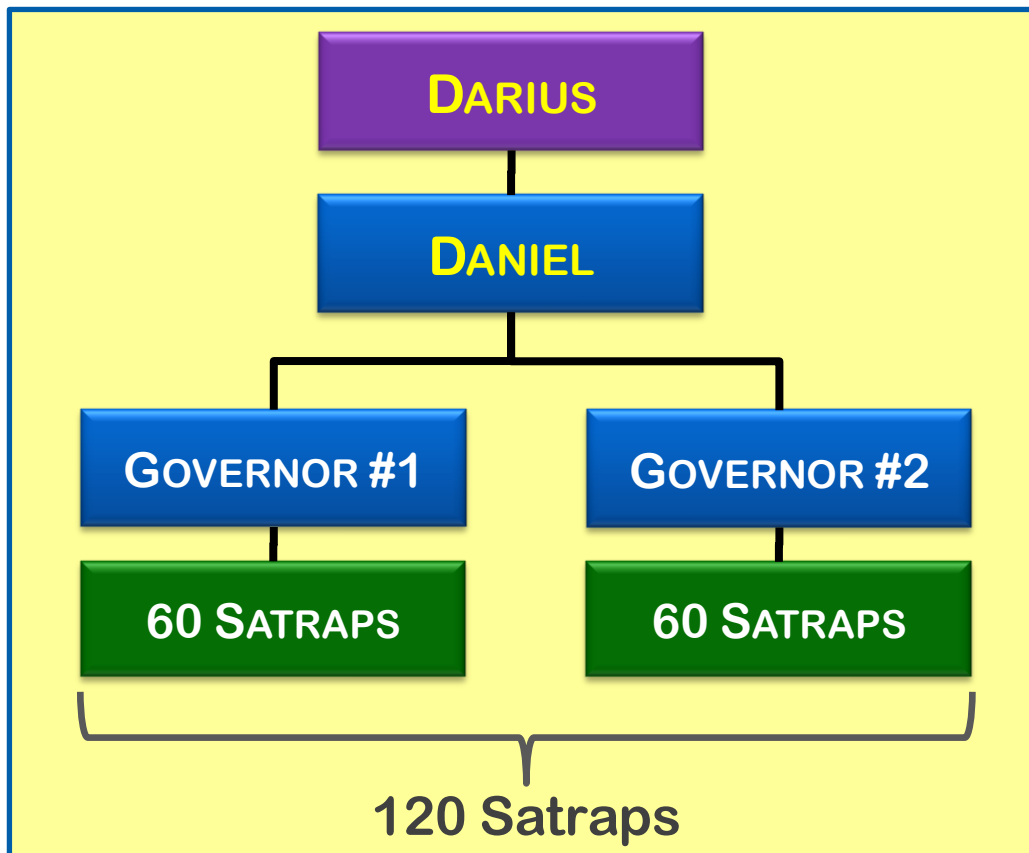
– Daniel 5:12... NKJV

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■ Darius Considers a New Organization



EXISTING ORGANIZATION

UNDER CONSIDERATION

Daniel 6:4 - Observations



⁴ So the governors and satraps sought to find *some* charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he *was* faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

■ Governors and Satraps Sought to Find ***Some Charge*** Against Daniel

- But are unable because
 - ✓ Daniel was faithful - to the king and the kingdom
 - ✓ They could not dig up any dirt on Daniel (error or fault) - regarding the kingdom
 - ✓ Is this your testimony? How do others perceive you?
- Daniel was not perfect
 - ✓ But had a relationship with Most High God - a man of prayer - beloved
 - ✓ Do you have a relationship with God? Are you born again?
 - ✓ Have you taken advantage of the **GREAT EXCHANGE?** ... 2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21... NKJV

Daniel 6:5 - Observations



⁵Then these men said, “We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.”

■ Daniel’s Enemies Seek Means to Charge Him

- Their Conclusion
 - ✓ They will only be successful in trapping Daniel
 - ✓ If they find a way to use Daniel’s faithfulness to the law of his God against him
- Jealousy leads these men to attack Daniel
- Jealous because
 - ✓ Daniel is more competent [**Aptitude**]
 - ✓ Daniel is a captive from the land of Judah..... [**Attitude - Ethnic**]
 - ✓ Daniel trusts in the Most High God..... [**Spiritual**]

Daniel 6:6-7 - Observations



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■ Daniel's Enemies Approach the King

- Thronged before the king
 - ✓ Not the entire group of Governors and Satraps
 - ✓ A contingency representing the group
- King Darius, live forever!
 - ✓ Standard way to address a king in those days

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■ Daniel's Enemies Address the King

- All ... have consulted together
 - ✓ This is a lie - a misrepresentation designed to deceive the king
 - Not All **governors** were consulted
 - » Daniel was a Governor and he was not among them
 - ✓ Setting the trap for the King
 - Similar to Chapter 3
 - » Fiery Furnace
 - » Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego [Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah]
 - » Trap set for Nebuchadnezzar

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■ Daniel's Enemies Propose a Royal Statute

- To make a firm decree
 - ✓ Whoever petitions any god or man for 30 days
 - ✓ Except the King
 - ✓ Shall be cast into the lions' den
- Prayer would be outlawed for 30 days
- The Governors and Satraps need the king to sign the statute
 - ✓ To make the decree firm
 - ✓ To make the decree the law of the land
 - ✓ To trap Daniel

Lions Den

The Lions den was a pit in the ground that was not very deep, and was sealed with a rock



Daniel 6:8-9 - Observations

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■ The King Signs the Decree

• Cannot be changed - according to the law of the Medes and Persians

- ✓ Nebuchadnezzar was an absolute monarch
 - Under Babylonian empire he was above the law
 - Absolute power... Daniel 5:19
- ✓ Cyrus was not an absolute monarch
 - Not above the law
 - Politically answered to the Magi
 - » Priestly class
 - » Similar to the Jewish priests and high priests
 - » “King Makers”

And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down.

– Daniel 5:19... NKJV

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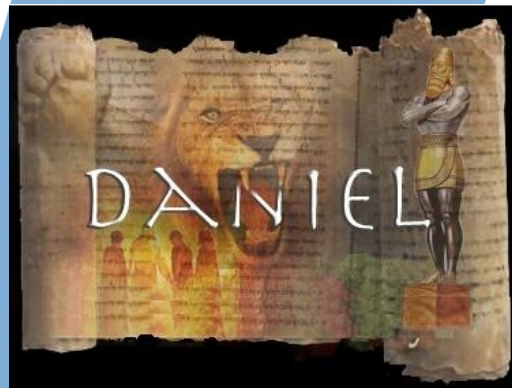
■ The King Signs the Decree

- Notice that the king is urged to sign the decree immediately
 - ✓ They do not want Daniel to get wind of their scheme
 - Similar to what happened in *Chapter 3 .. Fiery Furnace*
 - ✓ The King has been deceived into thinking that Daniel is on board with this
 - ✓ Given any sort of time the king would have ran this by Daniel
 - Remember the king was thinking of making Daniel second in the kingdom

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 6:1-9



Daniel Chapter 06		
Verses	Principle	Application
The Plot Against Daniel ... Daniel 6:1-9		
1-9	Expect that others will recognize the “ <i>excellent Spirit</i> ” that is in you. Some will praise God for it, others will plot evil against you because of it.	I resolve to let the Holy Spirit shine through me for His honor and glory. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.. --- Matthew 5:16 ... NKJV



The Lions' Den

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-17

Lesson 10 - Outline



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■ Daniel Learns of the Signing of the Decree

• What does Daniel do?

✓ He goes home

- Physically to his residence

- Spiritually to his place of intimacy with God ... *in prayer*

✓ He does not panic.

✓ He does not change his habits

- Praying as usual

» Upper Room..... [Special Place- set apart for God]

» Windows opened..... [Opened heart to God's will]

» Toward Jerusalem..... [Directed to Heaven - God's dwelling place]

» Praying aloud..... [Petitioning and thanking God]

- Would have been easy to change his habits to comply with the decree

- Daniel is a man of prayer who does not compromise - **Lesson for us!**

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■ Daniel Learns of the Signing of the Decree

- Daniel does not let the decree interfere with his relationship with God

- ✓ Daniel was trained as a child

- Godly parents ... Proverbs 22: 6
- Made it a regular practice

Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.
– Proverbs 22:6... NKJV

- » To go to his upper room three times a day
- » Opened his windows toward Jerusalem *the city is in rubble at this time*
 - » 2 Chronicles 6:36-39 *"toward the land"*
 - » 1 Kings 8:33-48, 54..... *"toward this place"*
 - » Psalms 5:7; 28:2 *"toward your holy temple"*
- » Knelt down on his knees *position of submission - humility*
 - » Ezra 9:5..... *"fell on my knees"*
- » Prays and gives thanks to God

- ✓ Even though Daniel knows that this is in direct violation of the signed decree
 - How would you have responded?

Daniel 6:11 - Observations



11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

■ Daniel Found Praying

- These men assembled
 - ✓ Implies they knew Daniel's routine
 - ✓ Pre-planned to meet
 - At one of the times during the day
 - When Daniel prayed
- They found Daniel praying
 - ✓ Just as they had hoped
 - ✓ Just as they had planned
- Now is the time to spring the trap

Daniel 6:12 - Observations



¹² And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered and said, "The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

■ Daniel's Enemies Go Before the King

- Have you not signed a decree
 - ✓ Want to confirm that the king did indeed sign the decree
 - ✓ Before springing the trap
- The king answers in the affirmative
 - ✓ It has been signed according to the law of the Medes and Persians
 - ✓ Which cannot be changed
- At this point we are not sure if the king suspects something or not

Daniel 6:13 - Observations



¹³ So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

■ The Trap is Sprung

• Daniel is accused

✓ ACCUSATION:

- Daniel - one of the captives from Judah ... *meant as a slur of insult*
- Daniel does not show due regard to the king
- Daniel does not show due regard to the signed decree
- Daniel makes his petitions three times a day
 - » Note that they knew he prayed not just once a day but three times a day
 - » They had to be observing him for at least one full day

✓ Contradicts their own analysis of Daniel in verse 4

- Original Assessment of Daniel Concerning the kingdom

» "no error or fault"

» "he was faithful"

So the governors and satraps sought to find *some* charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he *was* faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

– Daniel 6:4... NKJV

Daniel 6:14 - Observations



14 And the king, when he heard *these* words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

■ The King is Greatly Displeased

- When He Hears the Accusations
- Displeased not with Daniel - despite the accusations
- Displeased with himself
 - ✓ The king now realizes the whole “decree” matter was a trap
 - ✓ To eliminate Daniel
 - Why the trap?

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 - » Because the king was contemplating putting Daniel in charge of the kingdom
 - » Daniel would be ruling over these conspirators
 - » Type of Christ - ruling over your heart ... **What is your response?**
 - » This was their means to eliminate Daniel
 - » They reasoned that prayer was Daniel's Achilles' heel
 - » Not knowing that prayer was Daniel's greatest strength
 - » **Can this be said of us?**

Daniel 6:14 - Observations



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■ The King Tries to Deliver Daniel

- Set his heart on Daniel to deliver him
 - ✓ The king tries to find a loop-hole in the decree
 - ✓ The decree however is iron-clad
 - According to the Medes and Persians, it cannot be altered
 - Nevertheless the king tries valiantly to save Daniel

Daniel 6:15 - Observations



15 Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, “Know, O king, that *it is* the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed.”

- **The Conspirators Firmly Close the Trap on the King**
 - They approach the king
 - ✓ Remind him that the law cannot be changed
 - ✓ Notice they do not fear the king at this point
 - They know that even the king is subject to the law
 - They hide behind the law in their dastardly deed

Daniel 6:16 - Observations



16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast *him* into the den of lions. *But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

■ King Gives the Command

• Brings Daniel before him

✓ Needs to execute the demands of the law/decreed

✓ Reminds us the demands of the law

- Results in the wages of sin - which is death
- We will see later that Daniel receives the gift of God - deliverance

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 6:23... NKJV

• Daniel cast into the den of lions

✓ Not gently let in or placed in the den of lions

✓ But cast into

- Remember Daniel is in his eighties
- Casting cannot be a good thing for someone in their eighties
- No doubt that God intervened in this situation as well

Daniel 6:16 - Observations



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■ The King Shows Confidence in Daniel's God

- Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you
 - ✓ The king recognizes Daniel's God
 - The king is a polytheist - believes in many gods
 - The king was known to be tolerant of all religions in his kingdom
 - The king must have known of the deliverance of Daniel's friends
 - » Under Nebuchadnezzar
 - ✓ The king's faith is mixed with hope and doubt
 - How confident are you in your faith?
 - Do you believe that God will deliver you from your trials?

Daniel 6:17 - Observations



17 Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

■ The Stone is Laid on the Mouth of the Den

- The Den is Sealed
 - ✓ The king seals Daniel in the den
 - With the king's signet ring
 - With the signets of his lords
 - » Notice the king is not an absolute monarch like Nebuchadnezzar
 - **Why the signet rings?**

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- With his signet ring

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» Notice king is not an absolute monarch like Nebuchadnezzar

- **Why the signet rings?**

» So that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed

» So the king could not open the den and let Daniel out

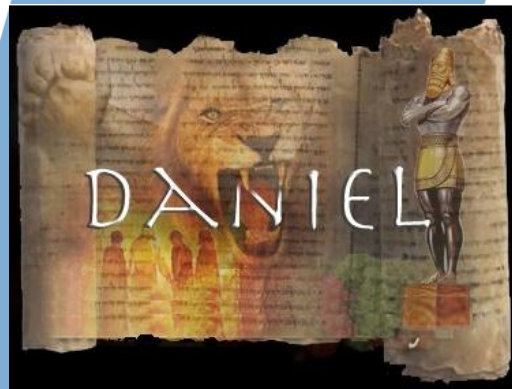
» If this were the case

» Then the signets of the lords would be broken exposing the release

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 6:10-17



Daniel Chapter 06		
Verses	Principle	Application
Daniel in the Lions' Den ... Daniel 6:10-17		
10-17	God wants to have a relationship with us no matter the circumstances.	I resolve to fellowship with God in prayer and the study of His Word no matter the consequences or time constraints. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. --- Matthew 6:33 ... NKJV



The Lions' Den

Daniel Saved from the Lions

Daniel 6:18-23

Lesson 10 - Outline



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■ The King is “Sleepless in the Palace”

- The king returns to his palace - concerned for Daniel’s well being
 - ✓ Spent the night fasting
 - ✓ No musicians were brought before him - *the mood is somber in the palace*
 - ✓ He did not sleep
- A testament to Daniel’s impact on the Kings’ life

✓ Do we have this type of impact on those in our sphere of influence?

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■ The King Runs to the Den

- The king rises very early in the morning
- Makes haste to get to the lions' den
 - ✓ To see if Daniel has survived the night
 - ✓ Custom at the time
 - IF victim being tortured/executed survived the night
 - THEN he would be released
- The king's actions demonstrate his hope that Daniel's God will deliver him

Daniel 6:20 - Observations



²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

■ The King Calls out to Daniel

- He cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel
 - ✓ The king's anguished voice betrays his doubt
- Addresses Daniel with a question - *doubt mixed with hope*

- ✓ Servant of the living God
- ✓ Your God
- ✓ Whom you serve continually
- ✓ Able to deliver you

[Living God - not a dead God]

[Personal Relationship with God]

[Serving God Continually]

[Power of God - Omnipotent]

IS THIS OUR TESTIMONY!

Daniel 6:21-22 - Observations



²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

■ Daniel Addresses the King

• O king, live forever

- ✓ Respectful address of the king
- ✓ The king must have been surprised yet relieved to hear Daniel's voice

³³ who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

– Hebrews 11:33 ... NKJV

Faith's Hall of Fame

• My God sent His angel

- ✓ Shut the lions' mouths - **Lion Lock Jaw**
- ✓ Notice God sent a single angel
 - Angel was the agent of deliverance
 - » Not source - God is the source
 - Psalm 91:11
 - Psalm 34:7
- ✓ God will save you from your adversary
 - 1 Peter 5:8

For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.

– Psalm 91:11 ... NKJV

The angel of the LORD encamps all
around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

– Psalm 91:11 ... NKJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks
about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

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■ Daniel Addresses the King

• WHY did God send His angel to deliver Daniel?

- ✓ Because Daniel was innocent before the King
- ✓ Because Daniel did no wrong before the King
- ✓ Because it was God's will

• Not everyone is delivered

- ✓ Not because God does not care
- ✓ But because it is God's will
- ✓ Hebrews 11:35-39

³⁵ Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, ⁴⁰ God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

— Hebrews 11:35-40 ... NKJV

Daniel 6:23 - Observations



²³ Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

■ The King Orders Daniel Out of the Den

- The king is exceedingly glad for Daniel
- Commands that he be taken out of the Den
- No injury was found on him
 - ✓ No mark of the beast - Lions
 - ✓ No injuries from being cast into the Den
 - Remember Daniel is over 80 years old
 - Den is a pit in the ground
 - ✓ WHY?
 - Because Daniel believed in his God



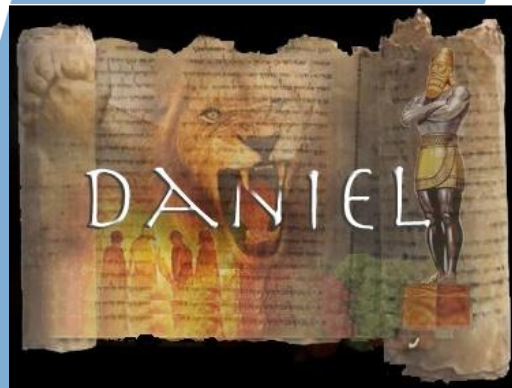
Lions Den

The Lions den was a pit in the ground that was not very deep, and was sealed with a rock

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 6:18-23



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Daniel Saved from the Lions ... Daniel 6:18-23		
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The Lions' Den

Darius Honors God

Daniel 6:24-28

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Daniel 6:24 - Observations



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■ The King Strikes Back

- The king commands those who accused Daniel be rounded up
 - ✓ The accusers and their families
- They were thrown into the lion's den
 - ✓ The lions overpowered them
 - ✓ Broke them into pieces
 - ✓ Immediately - before they came to the bottom of the den
 - Just in case there were any doubt to the condition of the lions
 - » Not hungry
 - » Old and not ferocious

Daniel 6:24 - Observations



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■ The King Strikes Back

- Accusers sentenced to the same fate as the accused
 - ✓ Principle of *lex talionis* - *Eye for an Eye*



An **eye for an eye** is the principle that a person who has injured another person is penalized to a similar degree, or according to other interpretations the victim receives the value of the injury in compensation.

According to Jewish interpretations the victim in criminal law gets financial compensation based on the law of human equality eschewing mutilation and *lex talionis*.

The English word *talion* means a retaliation authorized by law, in which the punishment corresponds in kind and degree to the injury, from the Latin *talio*. The phrase "an eye for an eye" is sometimes trivially referred to using the Latin term *lex talionis*, the law of retaliation.

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✓ Deuteronomy 19:15-21

¹⁵ "One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established. ¹⁶ If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. ¹⁸ And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, *if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother,* ¹⁹ then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. ²⁰ And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. ²¹ Your eye shall not pity: life *shall be* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

– Deuteronomy 19:15-21 ... NKJV

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Similar Fate for Haman

⁹ Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman." Then the king said, "Hang him on it!" ¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided.

— Esther 7:9-10 ... NKJV

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Break the cycle of feuds and vendettas

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

³⁹ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also. ⁴¹ And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

— Matthew 5:38-42 ... NKJV

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- Accusers and their families

- ✓ Persian custom

- ✓ Forbidden in Mosaic law

- Deuteronomy 24:16

¹⁶ "Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* children, nor shall children be put to death for *their* fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

— Deuteronomy 24:16... NKJV

Daniel 6:25 - Observations



25 Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you..

- **The King Makes a Proclamation for Entire Kingdom**
 - King Darius will now give a testimony of what God had done

Daniel 6:26-27 - Observations



²⁶I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom *men must* tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He *is* the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom *is the one* which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion *shall endure* to the end. ²⁷He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

■ The King's Testimony

• The Kings Decree:

- ✓ In every dominion of the kingdom
- ✓ Men MUST tremble and fear the God of Daniel
- ✓ WHY?

- Because He is the living God
- Steadfast forever
- His kingdom shall not be destroyed
- His kingdom shall endure to the end
- He delivers and rescues
- He works signs and wonders
 - » In Heaven and Earth

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Daniel 6:28 - Observations



²⁸ So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

■ Daniel Prospers

- In the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian
 - ✓ Third year of Cyrus

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 6:24-28



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Darius Honors God ... Daniel 6:24-28		
24-28	God want to use our lives as a witness of His greatness.	I resolve to live my life for the honor and glory of God. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven --- Matthew 5:16 ... NKJV

A sunset scene with a tree silhouette and rays of light. The sun is low on the horizon, casting long, golden rays across a sky filled with soft, orange-tinted clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a tree stands against the bright background. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

*John
11:25-26*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

