



LIONS  
WE WALK AS



DANIEL

**MAJESTIC**

**MUSCULAR**

**ATHLETIC**



**LION**  
*(panthera leo)*



**POWERFUL**

**TERRITORIAL**

**PARALYZING**



**THE ROAR**

**HUNTERS**

**DEVIOUS**

**SOCIAL**



**LIONNESS**



**WRECKLESS**

**VULTURISTIC**

**UNBRIDLED**



**YOUNG LIONS**

A close-up photograph of a lion's face, looking directly at the camera. The lion is positioned behind a jagged, torn hole in a white, textured surface, possibly paper or fabric. The background behind the lion is dark and indistinct. The lion's fur is a mix of brown and golden tones, and its eyes are a pale yellowish-brown.

# LION OF JUDAH

**“And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”**

REV. 5:5





# PROWLING LION

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring **LION**, seeking someone to devour.”

1 Peter 5:8



“Like a roaring **LION** or a  
charging bear is a wicked ruler  
over a poor people.”

Proverbs 28:15





“They open wide their mouth at me,  
As a ravening and roaring **LION.**”

Psalm 22:13



“He is like a **LION** that is eager to  
tear, and as a young lion  
lurking in hiding places.”

Psalm 17:12





“Or he will tear my soul like a **LION**,  
Dragging me away,  
while there is none to deliver.”

Psalm 7:2



“He lurks in a hiding place as a  
**LION** in his lair; He lurks  
to catch the afflicted;  
He catches the afflicted  
when he draws him to his net.”

Psalm 10:9





FEAR







UNKNOWN

“I’m so scared, what if...?”





# REJECTION

“I’m just terrified I would be all alone.”







# LOSS

“If I were to lose them, I’d just die.”







SHAME

“I am terrified I am going to be caught.”








# FAILURE

"I'm afraid I'm going to let everyone down."





**WHERE FEAR IS PRESENT,  
FAITH IS ABSENT**

How can I have faith when I'm walking in enemy territory?



HOW?

CAN I STAY FAITHFUL

When my enemy  
is so powerful?

**WHERE FEAR IS PRESENT, FAITH IS ABSENT**





# SCROLL OF DANIEL

“CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON”



<sup>1</sup> In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.

## **CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON**



## **SIN WILL DO THREE THINGS**

- **Take you farther than you wanted to go**
- **Keep you longer than you wanted to stay**
- **Cost you more than you wanted to pay**



**<sup>3</sup> Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, <sup>4</sup> youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.**

**BRING THE ELITE**





# WORLDVIEW

- REGULATE THEIR EDUCATION
- SHAPE THEIR THINKING
- DEVELOP THEIR PURSUITS

*“And to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.”*

<sup>5</sup> The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.

**ASSIGNED**





# PURSUITS

- CONFORM THEIR CULTURE (KING'S FOOD)
- CONFORM THEIR LIFESTYLE (KING'S PORTION)
- CONFORM THEIR AGENDAS (KING'S APPROVAL)

“The King assigned them a daily portion of the king’s food.”

<sup>6</sup> Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. <sup>7</sup> And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names:

Daniel he called BELTESHAZZAR,  
Hananiah he called SHADRACH,  
Mishael he called MESHACH,  
and Azariah he called ABEDNEGO.

## **BABYLONIAN NAMES**





- BELTESHAZZAR** (Bel protect the king)
- SHADRACH** (Command of Aku)
- MESHACH** (Who is what aku is)
- ABDNEGO** (Servant of Nego)

*“And the chief of Eunuchs gave them names.”*

## JEWISH

**DANIEL** (God is my judge)

**HANANIAH** (Lord is gracious)

**MISHAEL** (Who is like the Lord)

**AZARIAH** (The lord is my helper)

## BABYLONIAN

**BELTESHAZZAR** (Bel protect the king)

**SHADRACH** (Command of Aku)

**MESHACH** (Who is what Aku is)

**ABEN-EGO** (Servant of Nego)

# IDENTITY CRISIS





NEBACHUDNEZZAR'S SCHEME

**RESET** THEIR WORLDVIEW  
**REFOCUS** THEIR PURSUITS  
**REPLACE** THEIR IDENTITY



**THE PROWLING LION KNOWS**

**The safest road  
to bondage is  
the gradual one.**





# WORLDVIEW

- THE BIBLE IS IRRELEVANT
- FAITH IS FOR THE 'UNEDUCATED'
- SCRIPTURE INFRINGES ON 'MY RIGHTS'
- CHRISTIANITY IS FULL OF 'HATE'
- CHURCH IS FULL OF 'HYPOCRITES'

# PURSUITS



- AMERICAN DREAM IS THE "UTOPIA"
- SOCIAL MEDIA IS "EVERYONE"
- HAPPINESS IS "DESERVED"
- SUCCESS AND SECURITY IS THE "SHELF"



# IDENTITY

- YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO
- YOU ARE YOUR HOW MANY 'FOLLOWS'
- YOU ARE WHAT YOU HAVE
- YOU ARE WHO ACCEPTS YOU





HOW?

**CAN I STAY FAITHFUL**

When my enemy  
is so powerful?



# Anticipation

IS A SEPARATOR  
IT EXPOSES  
THE WORRIER OR  
**THE WARRIOR**





# DANIEL

“ FAITH IN ENEMY TERRITORY ”





**<sup>8</sup> But Daniel resolved that he  
would not defile himself  
with the king's food, or  
with the wine that he drank.**

**RESOLVED**



# PRESETS

## WHAT YOU WILL NOT DO

- BIBLICAL PRESETS
- PERSONAL PRESETS
- COLLECTIVE PRESETS



“But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself.”



**Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.<sup>9</sup> And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs,**

**HE ASKED**

<sup>10</sup> and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king.”

**I FEAR**





PREPARE

WHAT YOU WILL PLAN TO DO

- WHAT YOU WILL ASK FOR
- WHAT YOU WILL PROPOSE
- HOW YOU WILL APPROACH



“Therefore he asked the chief eunuchs if he could not defile himself.”

<sup>11</sup> "Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>12</sup> "Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see."

**GIVE US 10 DAYS**



<sup>14</sup> So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. <sup>15</sup> At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. <sup>16</sup> So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

**AFTER 10 DAYS**



# PRESUME

## WHAT YOU MAY HAVE TO DO

- ANTICIPATE SOME PUSHBACK
- EMPATHIZE WITH FEARS
- PRESENT THE SOLUTION
- PRESUME RESPONSIBILITY



“Test your servants for ten days.”



<sup>17</sup> As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. <sup>18</sup> At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

**GOD GAVE THEM**

**<sup>19</sup> And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king.**

**GOD GAVE THEM**



<sup>20</sup> And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom. <sup>21</sup> And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

**TEN TIMES BETTER**



FAITHFUL

**PRESET**

WHAT YOU WILL NOT DO

**PREPARE**

WHAT YOU WILL PLAN TO DO

**PRESUME**

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE TO DO



A man with dark hair, wearing a white head covering and a white robe, is looking through a jagged hole in a white wall. The background behind him is dark and blurry.

# CHIASM

## CHAPTER ONE

- A.** Babylonia assumes supremacy over Israel (vs. 1-2)
- B.** Young men taken and subjected to pagan training (vs. 3-7)
- C. DANIEL SEEKS TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO HIS GOD (VS. 8-14)**
- C. DANIEL REMAINS FAITHFUL TO HIS GOD (VS. 15-16)**
- B.** Young men triumph in their pagan training (vs. 17-20)
- A.** Daniel proves supreme over the Babylonians (vs. 21)



FEAR





**PRESET**

WHAT WILL YOU NOT DO?

**PREPARE**

WHAT YOU WILL PLAN TO DO

**PRESUME**

WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO DO

**“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power  
and love and self-control.”**

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



# ROAMING LION

**“For the eyes of the LORD roam to and fro over all the earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is fully devoted to Him.”**

2 CHRONICLES 16:9





# SCHEMING LION

**“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”**

EPHESIANS 6:11

*"IN GOD I TRUST,  
I WILL NOT BE AFRAID."*

**PSALM 56:11**



**DANIEL**





# DANIEL

“ FAITH IN ENEMY TERRITORY ”

