

Daniel Chapter 6

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Babylonian Empire And Exile



Persian Empire



Who is Darius the Mede?

Nobody?

One of Cyrus' Generals?

Cyrus himself (throne name)?

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”

-Daniel 6:1-5

The Issue at Hand

The Challenge of Faithfulness

Daniel – the envy of the Satraps

Creating a trap for Daniel

Daniel's bold faithfulness

The Issue Addressed

The Challenge of Faithfulness

Darius bound by law

Daniel delivered

Poetic justice

Challenging the Faithful

Daniel – Attack on Spiritual Practice

Early Church – Attack on Ideology

Church in America – Attack on practice
through undermining Ideology

Challenging the Early Church

“Caesar Augustus Tiberius,
son of the Divine Augustus”



Antoninus Pius as Caesar (138-161 C.E.)



“Why is it so wrong to save yourself by saying ‘*Caesar is Lord*,’ making a sacrifice, and so on?”

–Chief of Police Herod, and his father Nicetas to Polycarp, Mid 150s C.E.

“...if you confess with your mouth that *Jesus is Lord* and believe in your heart that God raise him from the dead, you will be saved.” –Romans 10:9

Challenging the Church Today



“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one Comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6



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The Hope of Deliverance

Daniel – Eyes on the hope of a restored Israel, not the mercy of the Persians.

Church Today – Eyes on the hope of restored creation, not the comfortable American life.

Questions for Reflection

1. Am I growing in awareness of how the culture is undermining my faith in Jesus?
2. Do I teach my children/teenagers how to “read” the culture?
3. Am I keeping my eyes on a new creation? Or a comfortable American life?