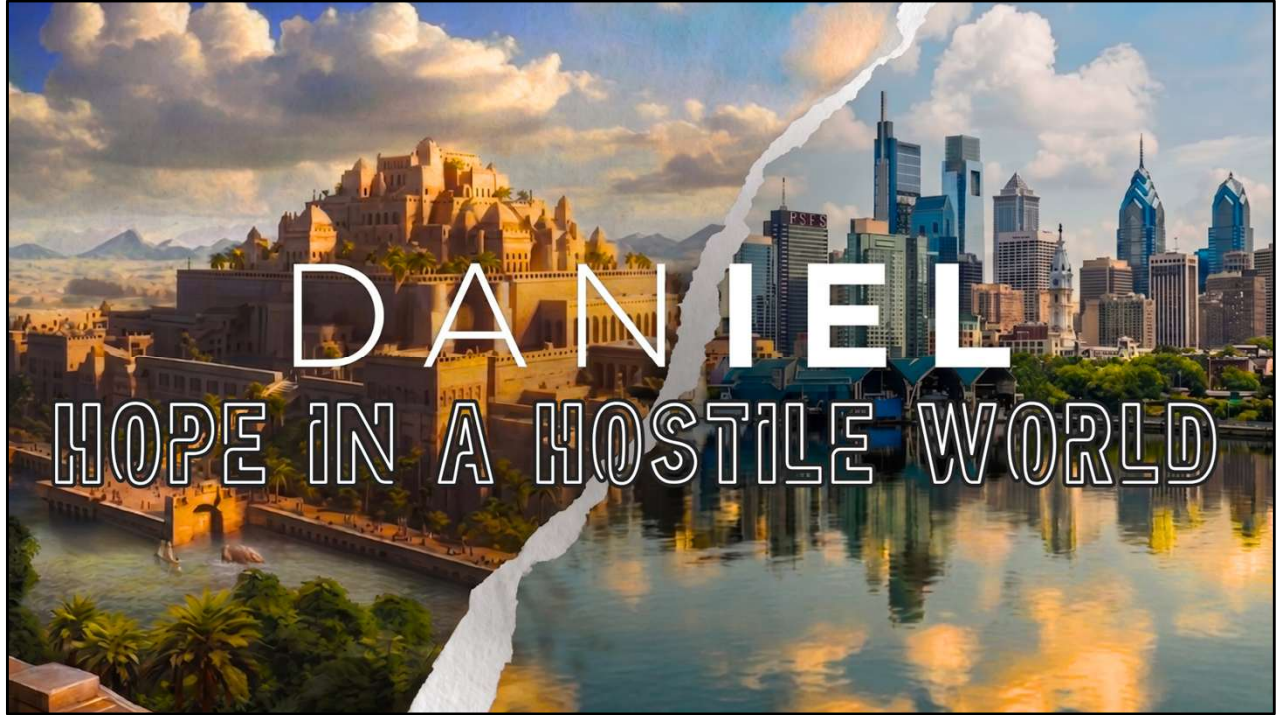
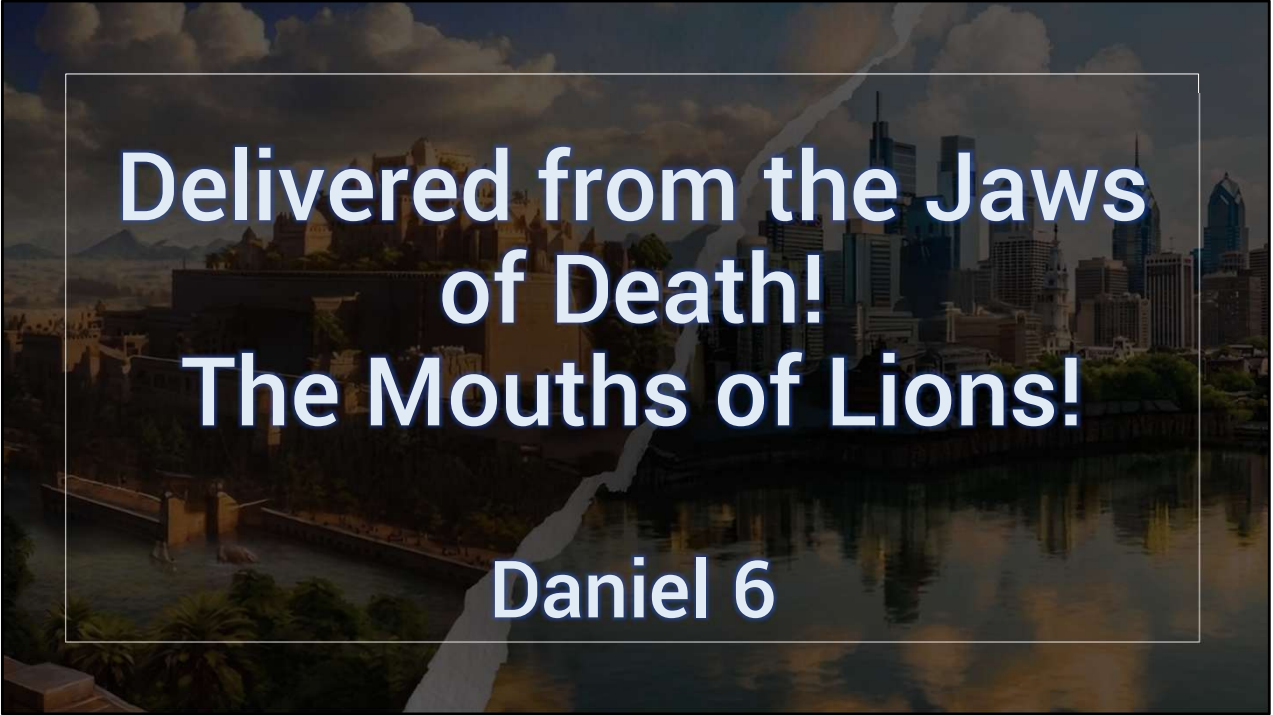




Same Kingdom, different materials and style and age
Notice the cities of Babylon and Philly!!



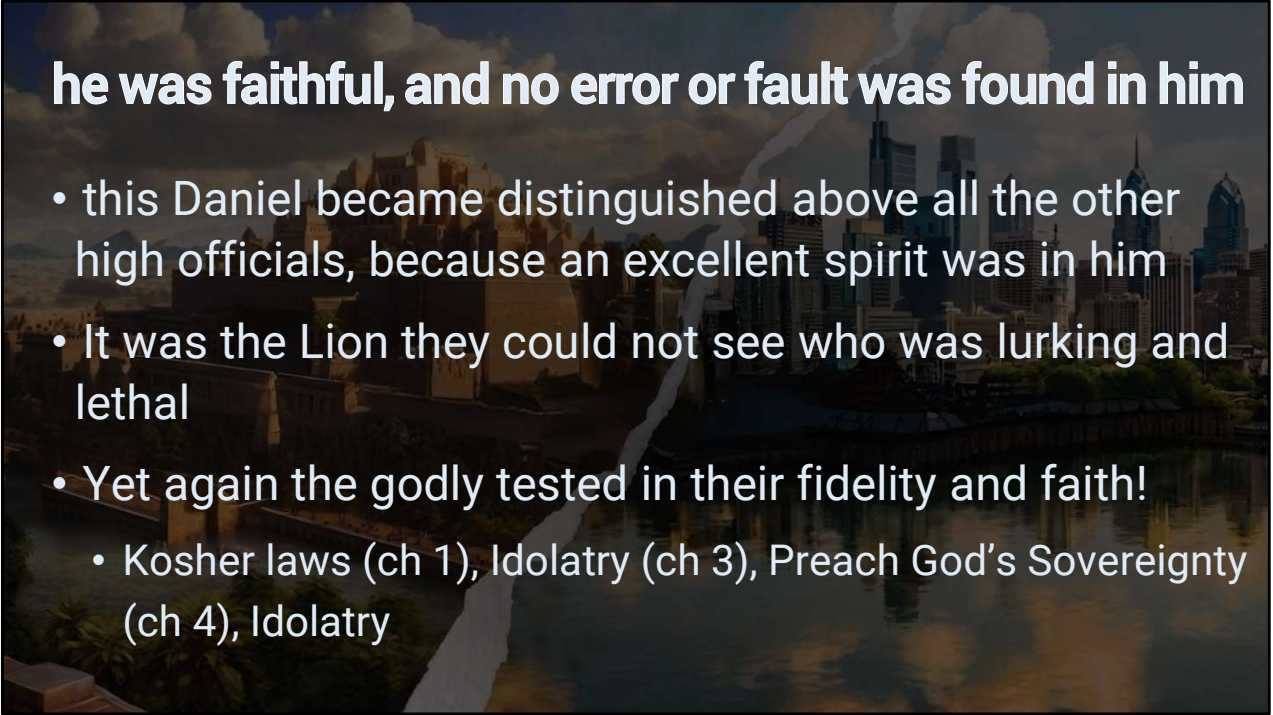
Delivered from the Jaws of Death! The Mouths of Lions!

Daniel 6

[1Sa 17:34, 37 ESV] 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ...
37 And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

The Story of
DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN





he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him

- this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials, because an excellent spirit was in him
- It was the Lion they could not see who was lurking and lethal
- Yet again the godly tested in their fidelity and faith!
 - Kosher laws (ch 1), Idolatry (ch 3), Preach God's Sovereignty (ch 4), Idolatry

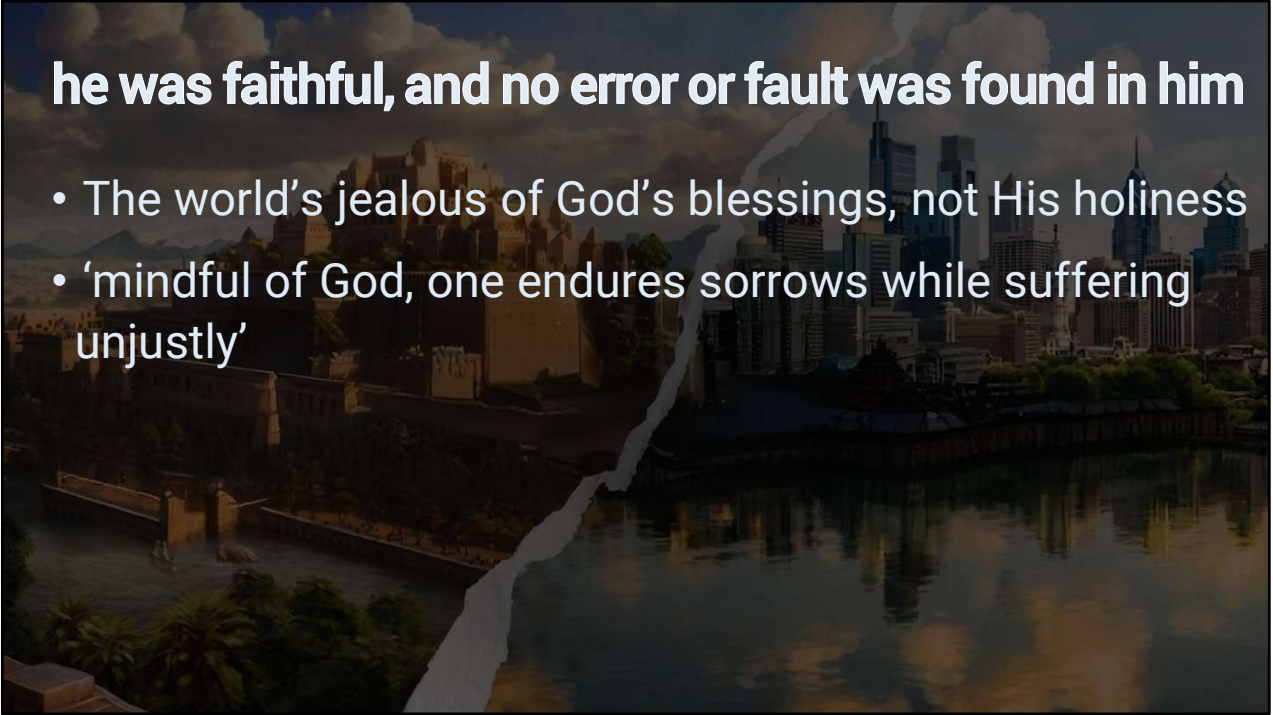
[Dan 6:1-5 ESV] 1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; 2 and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss. 3 Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. 4 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. 5 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."

[Dan 6:5 ESV] 5 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."

[1Pe 2:11-23 ESV] 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. 13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise

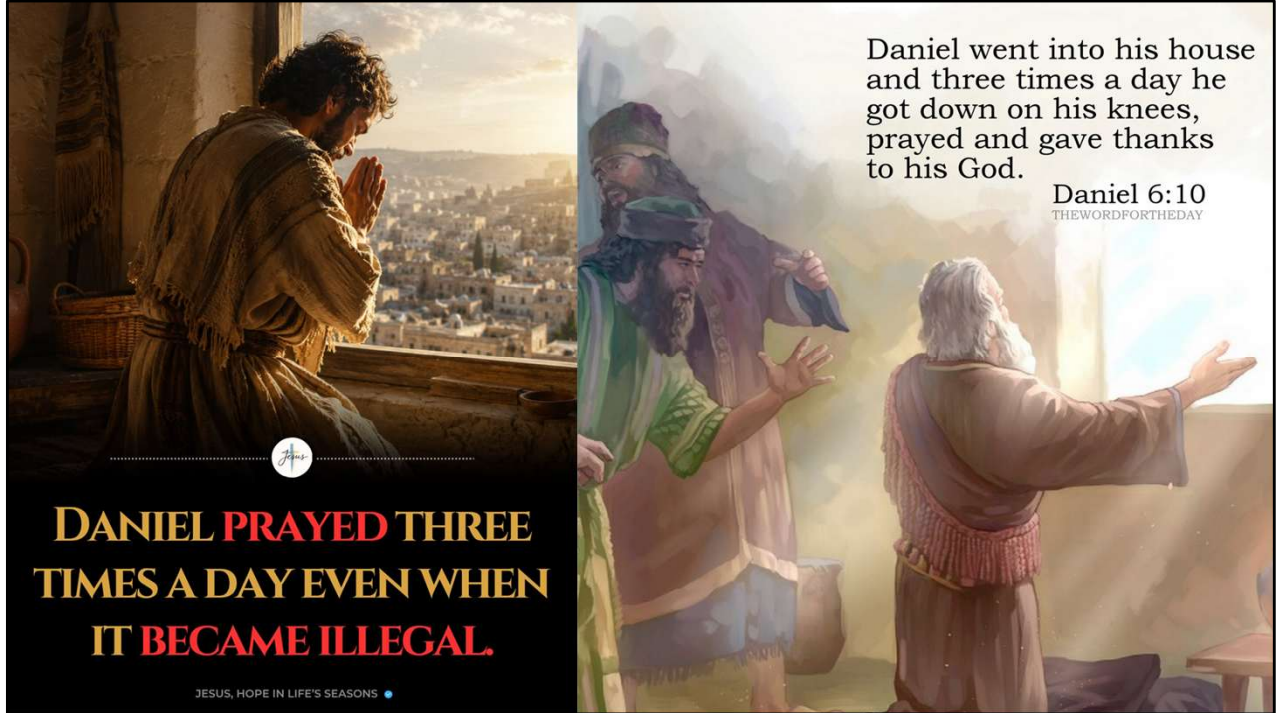
those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

[1Pe 3:12-17 ESV] 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.



he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him

- The world's jealous of God's blessings, not His holiness
- 'mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly'

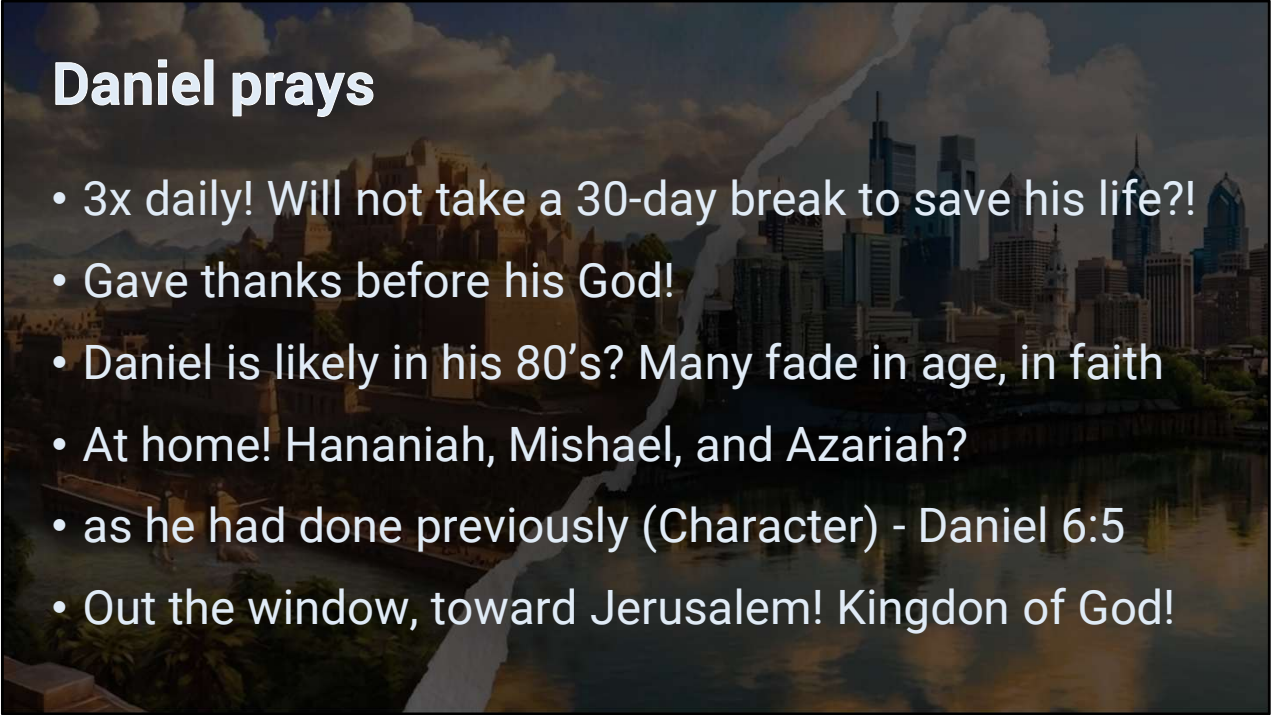


Daniel went into his house
and three times a day he
got down on his knees,
prayed and gave thanks
to his God.

Daniel 6:10
THEWORDFORTHEDAY

**DANIEL PRAYED THREE
TIMES A DAY EVEN WHEN
IT BECAME ILLEGAL.**

JESUS, HOPE IN LIFE'S SEASONS •



Daniel prays

- 3x daily! Will not take a 30-day break to save his life?!
- Gave thanks before his God!
- Daniel is likely in his 80's? Many fade in age, in faith
- At home! Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah?
- as he had done previously (Character) - Daniel 6:5
- Out the window, toward Jerusalem! Kingdom of God!

[Dan 6:5, 7, 9-10 ESV] 5 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." ... 7 All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ... 9 **Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.** 10 **When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.**

[Dan 6:11, 13 ESV] 11 Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. ... 13 Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

[Dan 2:17-18 ESV] 17 **Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,** 18 **and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.**

[Est 4:16 ESV] 16 "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

[Psa 50:15 ESV] 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

[Psa 91:15 ESV] 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

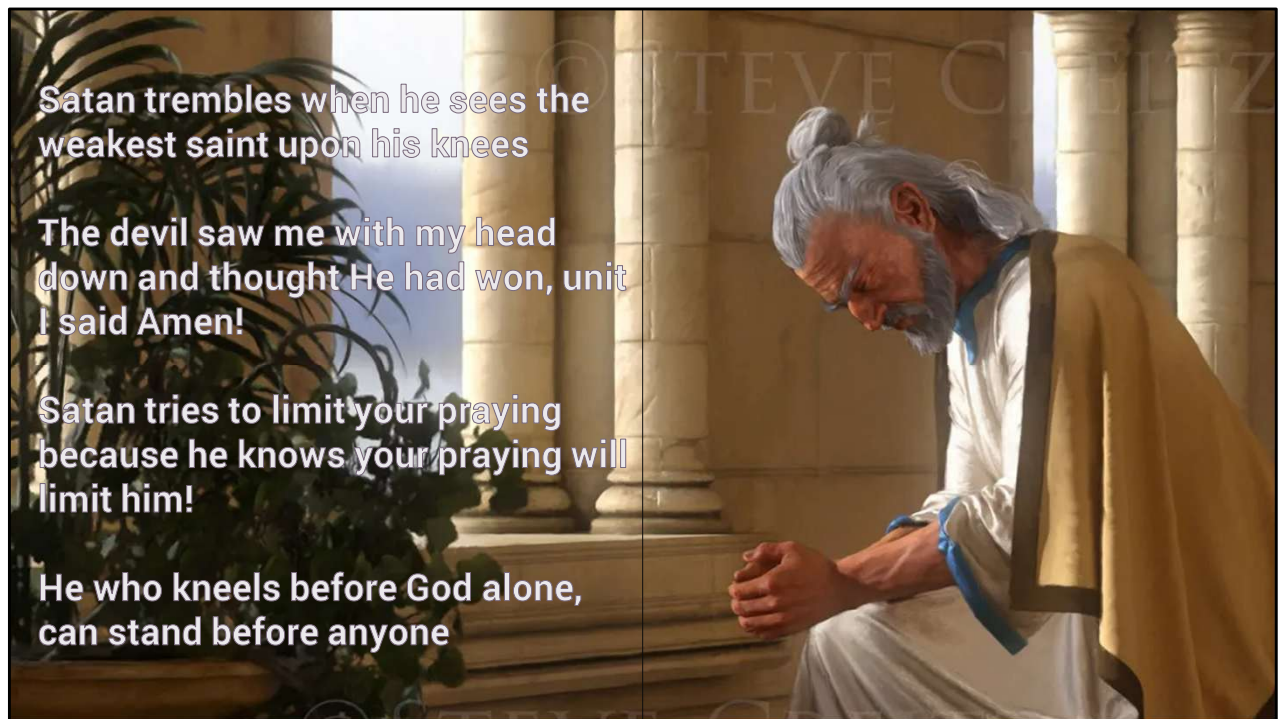
Noah was 600 when he embarked on the ark

Abraham was 100 when they received Isaac

Calenb was 85

Anna was 84 when she saw Jesus in the temple

Moses was 80 when God called him to rescue Israel



Do you think Dan's prayers were more passionate before or after being in the Lions den?

How did Dan's accusers know about his prayer habits?

Private prayer is not because we're hiding our faith, but so we can remove distractions from hearing God!

"Courage is fear on its knees." - Beverly Lewis

"When the world pushes you to your knees, you're in the perfect position to pray."

— [Rumi](#)

Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon their knees.

[William Cowper](#)

The devil saw me with my head down and thought He'd won, Until I said Amen!

Satan tries to limit your praying because he knows your praying will limit him!

He who kneels before God alone, can stand before anyone

Pitfalls, Pits and Perils

- Beware Lyin' men's mouths more than a Lion's mouth!
- Psalm 88:4 – I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength
- Proverbs 26:27 – Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and a stone will come back on him who starts it rolling.
- Ecclesiastes 10:8 – He who digs a pit will fall into it ...
- Joseph, Jeremiah and Daniel were thrown into Pits!

Persecuted SIMPLY for Loving God and serving others!!! Daniel has saved the wise men before! No gratitude!

Sometimes serving God can be the Pits!

Daniel's Man cave! Dudes Den?

Even at 80+ Daniel still had to walk circumspectly! The Lion never sleeps

The Golden rule lesson

[Psa 88:4-13 ESV] 4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength, 5 like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. 6 You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep. 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Selah 8 You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; 9 my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon you, O LORD; I spread out my hands to you. 10 Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the departed rise up to praise you? Selah 11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon? 12 Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 But I, O LORD, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

[Pro 28:10 ESV] 10 Whoever misleads the upright into an evil way will fall into his own pit, but the blameless will have a goodly inheritance.

[Est 7:10 ESV] 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

[Psa 7:15-16 ESV] 15 He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. 16 His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.

[Psa 9:15 ESV] 15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.

[Psa 10:2 ESV] 2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

[Psa 57:6 ESV] 6 They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah

[Ecc 10:8 ESV] 8 He who digs a pit will fall into it, and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.



What do they have in common and contrast?

They were in these positions because of Gods favor on them and others jealousy

They were all rejected by their own! Daniels wise men

Daniel and Jeremiah were both in pits because of Babylon! Daniel and Joseph ended up exiles from home!

Daniel and Jeremiah were in dire trouble IN the Pit, Joseph when he got out

Each had people relishing their struggle while being above them!

Joseph was alone, Daniel wished he was alone and Jeremiah had an unexpected friend, a Eunuch! Who came to his gentle rescue! Reuben plotted, Darius prayed, Ebed-melech the Ethiopian interceded,

Joseph and Daniel are alike in that we don't see any recorded failure or flaws in the lives, Jeremiah too except for fears and reluctance and despair, depression? Job like?

Joseph and Daniel were raised from the lowest positions and exalted above ALL others except the most powerful Kings on earth at the time

Daniel and Jeremiah were Prophets with books of scripture, Joseph is a Type of Christ!

Jesus quoted Daniel 9:27, Mt.24:15, 26:64, Jeremiah 7:11, 31:31 Mt.21:13, Lk.22:20

...

You cant keep a good man down!!

[Gen 37:22-24, 28-29, 31 ESV] 22 And **Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"**—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. 24 And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ... 28 Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt. 29 When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ... 31 Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood.

[Dan 6:12-13, 16-17 ESV] 12 Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." 13 Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day." ... 16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. **The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!"** 17 And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

[Jer 38:1-18, 21-23, 27 ESV] 1 Now Shephatiah the son of Mattan, Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah heard the words that Jeremiah was saying to all the people: 2 "Thus says the LORD: He who stays in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live. He shall have his life as a prize of war, and live. 3 Thus says the LORD: This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon and be taken." 4 Then the officials said to the king, "Let this man be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." 5 King Zedekiah said, "Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you." 6 So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. 7 When Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern—the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate— 8 Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 9 "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die

there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." 10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, "Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies." 11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went to the house of the king, to a wardrobe in the storehouse, and took from there old rags and worn-out clothes, which he let down to Jeremiah in the cistern by ropes. 12 Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Put the rags and clothes between your armpits and the ropes." Jeremiah did so. 13 Then they drew Jeremiah up with ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. 14 King Zedekiah sent for Jeremiah the prophet and received him at the third entrance of the temple of the LORD. The king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you a question; hide nothing from me." 15 Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I tell you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you counsel, you will not listen to me." 16 Then King Zedekiah swore secretly to Jeremiah, "As the LORD lives, who made our souls, I will not put you to death or deliver you into the hand of these men who seek your life." 17 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you will surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then your life shall be spared, and this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live. 18 But if you do not surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand." ... 21 But if you refuse to surrender, this is the vision which the LORD has shown to me: 22 Behold, all the women left in the house of the king of Judah were being led out to the officials of the king of Babylon and were saying, "'Your trusted friends have deceived you and prevailed against you; now that your feet are sunk in the mud, they turn away from you.' 23 All your wives and your sons shall be led out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself shall not escape from their hand, but shall be seized by the king of Babylon, and this city shall be burned with fire." ... 27 Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and asked him, and he answered them as the king had instructed him. So they stopped speaking with him, for the conversation had not been overheard.

King Zedekiah's officials threw the prophet Jeremiah into a deep, muddy cistern. They hated his message telling the people of Judah to surrender to Babylon. The pit had no water, only thick mud. Jeremiah sank into the mire and was left there to starve. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

A **cistern** is a large underground tank used to catch and store rainwater. In ancient times, empty cisterns were often used as muddy prisons. [1]

A brave foreign official named **Ebed-Melech** heard what happened. He was an Ethiopian serving in the royal palace. He went to King Zedekiah to plead for Jeremiah's life. He warned the king that Jeremiah would surely die of starvation in the pit. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

The king agreed to help. He told Ebed-Melech to take 30 men to rescue the prophet. Ebed-Melech knew the ropes might cut Jeremiah's armpits as he was pulled up. To protect the prophet, he gathered old rags and worn-out clothes from the king's storehouse. [1, 2, 3]

He lowered these rags down to the bottom of the cistern. He told Jeremiah to put them under his arms to act as padding. The men then pulled Jeremiah up using the ropes and saved his life. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

The Plot

- Daniel 6:11 – found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. (Had they been spying?)
- “the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” – Daniel 6:8, 12, 15; Esther 1:19, 8:3
- Daniel 6:13 – “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king... (Daniel 3:12)

[Est 3:8 ESV] 8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not to the king's profit to tolerate them.

[Act 17:7 ESV] 7 and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

The King was distressed? It doesn't say Daniel was!

God's word/decreed is also irrevocable!

[Rom 11:29 ESV] But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

[Ecc 5:2, 4-7 Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. ... 4 When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. 5 It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. 6 Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? 7 For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

[Mat 24:35 ESV] 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[Mat 5:18 ESV] 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

[Psa 102:26 ESV] 26 They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

[Isa 51:6 ESV] 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

[Isa 54:10] For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

[Jer 31:35-36 ESV] 35 Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar-- the LORD of hosts is his name: 36 "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever."

[Num 23:19 ESV] 19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

[Psa 19:7 ESV] 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

[Psa 89:34 ESV] 34 I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

[Pro 30:5 ESV] 5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

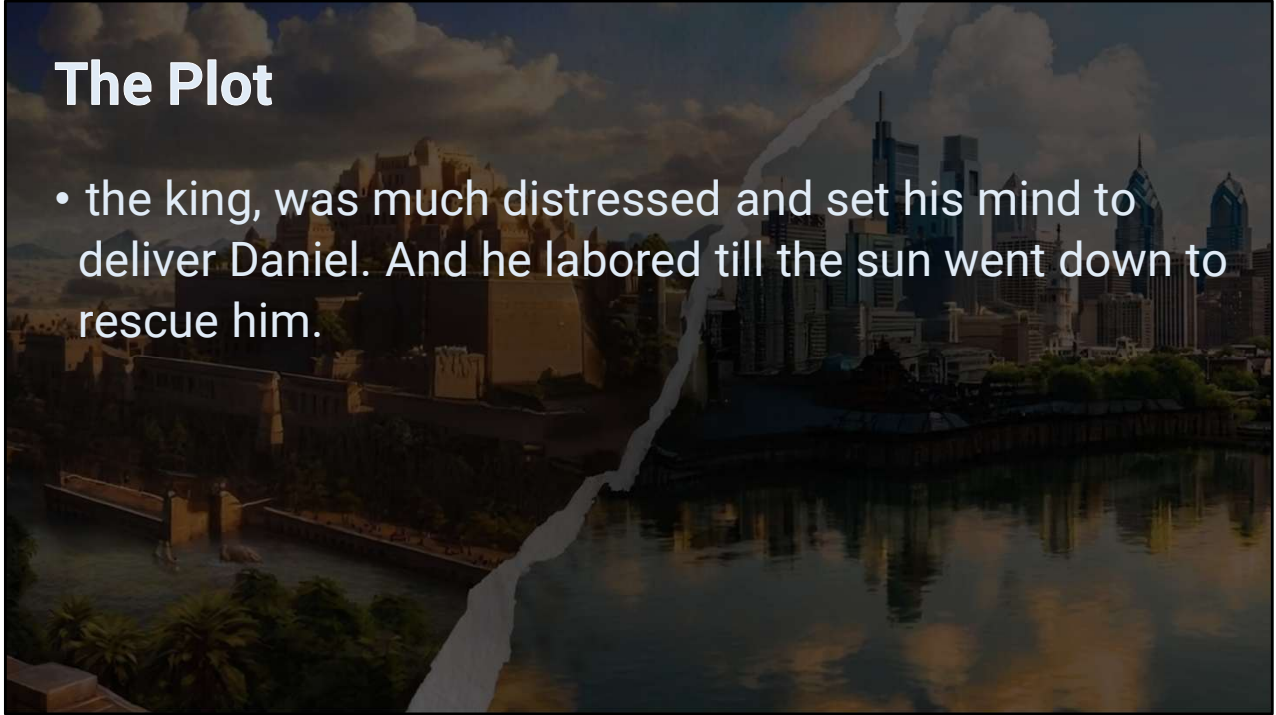
[Isa 40:8 ESV] 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

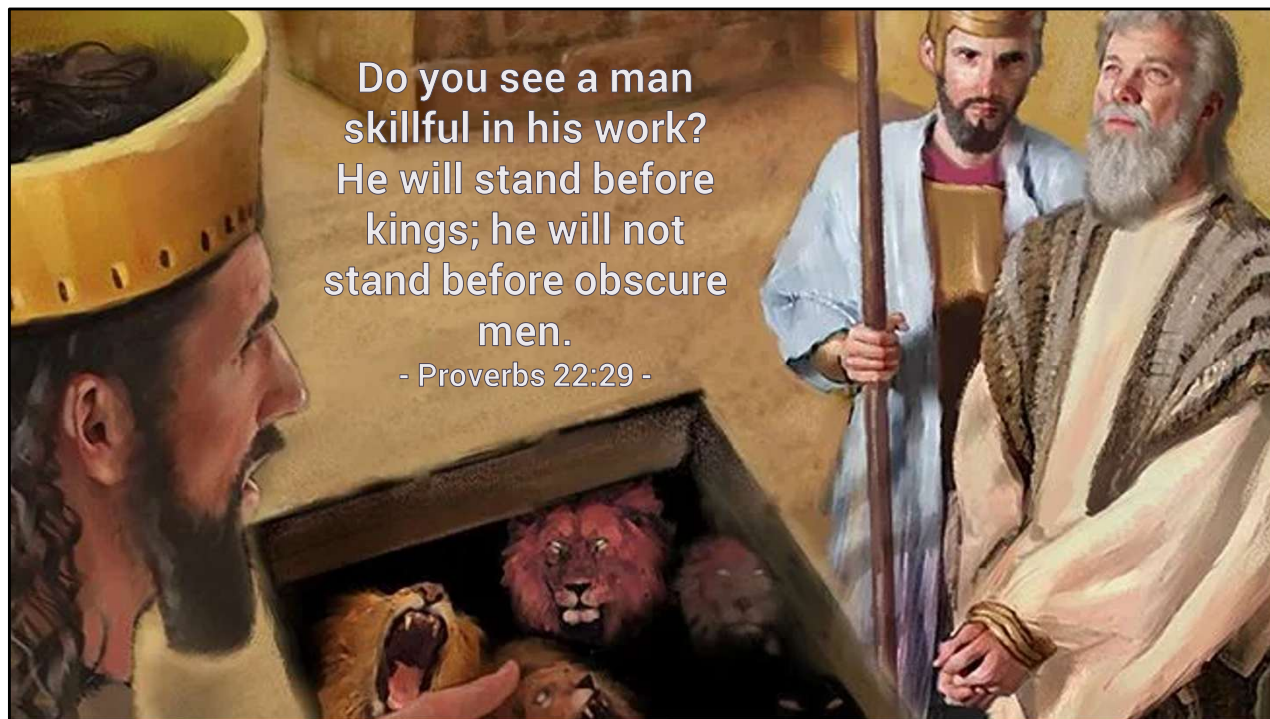
[Isa 55:11 ESV] 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

[Dan 6:26 ESV] 26 I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end.

The Plot

- the king, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him.





Do you see a man
skillful in his work?
He will stand before
kings; he will not
stand before obscure
men.

- Proverbs 22:29 -

[Pro 22:29 ESV] 29 Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.

Daniel found favor with King Darius

- Darius was distressed! Set his mind to deliver Daniel!
- “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!”
- The king went to his palace and spent the night fasting
- “the king arose and went in haste he cried out in a tone of anguish...has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”
- The king was exceedingly glad! The accusers weren’t!

[Dan 6:14, 16, 18-21, 23-24 ESV] 14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. ... 16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” ... 18 Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. 19 Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” 21 Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ... 23 Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. 24 And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Haman tried a similar plot! TO use the unbreakable law of the Medes and Persians to trap the Jews!



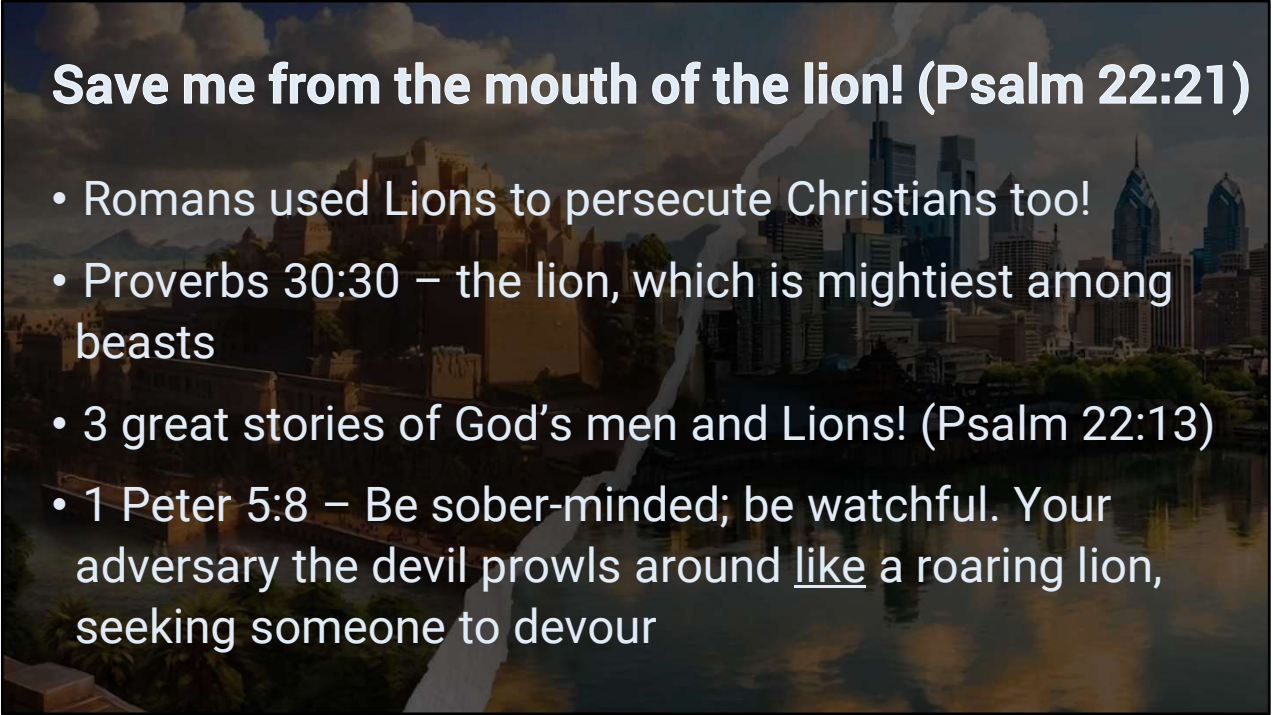
[Dan 6:22 ESV] 22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

The Angel shut their mouths! Apparently they couldn't even paw him either!
Did that mean they could growl? OR couldn't eat him?

Did God cause them to sleep?
Were they prowling continuously?
Did Daniel pet them?
Did he sleep?

What was the smell like down there?

Did he hear background music from the Lord
The Lion Sleeps Tonight (Wimoweh)



Save me from the mouth of the lion! (Psalm 22:21)

- Romans used Lions to persecute Christians too!
- Proverbs 30:30 – the lion, which is mightiest among beasts
- 3 great stories of God's men and Lions! (Psalm 22:13)
- 1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour

Why a Den of Lions?

The Romans did too! Not all Gods people get delivered, Physically at least
Because they represent the King of the Jungle??

Spiritual significance!! [1Pe 5:8](#)

Lions lurk, Lunge, Tear and hunt in Prides!

[Num 23:24 ESV] 24 Behold, a people! As a lioness it rises up and as a lion it lifts itself; it does not lie down until it has devoured the prey and drunk the blood of the slain."

[Num 24:9 ESV] 9 He crouched, he lay down like a lion and like a lioness; who will rouse him up? Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you."

[Jdg 14:5-6, 8-9, 18 ESV] 5 Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring. 6 Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. ... 8 After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold,

there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. 9 He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion. ... 18 And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle."

[1Sa 17:34, 37 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ... 37 And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

[2Sa 17:10 ESV] 10 Then even the valiant man, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will utterly melt with fear, for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and that those who are with him are valiant men.

[2Sa 23:20 ESV] 20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was a valiant man of Kabzeel, a doer of great deeds. He struck down two ariels of Moab. He also went down and struck down a lion in a pit on a day when snow had fallen.

[1Ki 13:24, 28 ESV] 24 And as he went away a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his body was thrown in the road, and the donkey stood beside it; the lion also stood beside the body. ... 28 And he went and found his body thrown in the road, and the donkey and the lion standing beside the body. The lion had not eaten the body or torn the donkey.

[1Ki 20:36 ESV] 36 Then he said to him, "Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you have gone from me, a lion shall strike you down." And as soon as he had departed from him, a lion met him and struck him down.

[Psa 7:2 ESV] 2 lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.

[Psa 10:9 ESV] 9 he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

[Psa 17:12 ESV] 12 He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush.

[Psa 22:13, 21 ESV] 13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ... 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

[Psa 91:13 ESV] 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

[Pro 19:12 ESV] 12 A king's wrath is like the growling of a lion, but his favor is like dew on the grass.

[Pro 20:2 ESV] 2 The terror of a king is like the growling of a lion; whoever provokes him to anger forfeits his life.

[Pro 22:13 ESV] 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside! I shall be killed in the streets!"

[Pro 28:1, 15 The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion. ... 15 Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

[Pro 30:30 ESV] 30 the lion, which is mightiest among beasts and does not turn back before any;

[Ecc 9:4 ESV] 4 But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

[Isa 5:29 ESV] 29 Their roaring is like a lion, like young lions they roar; they growl and seize their prey; they carry it off, and none can rescue.

[Isa 11:6-7 ESV] 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and **the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.** 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; **and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

[Isa 35:9 ESV] **9 No lion shall be there,** nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

[Isa 38:13 ESV] 13 I calmed myself until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end.

[Isa 65:25 ESV] 25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; **the lion shall eat straw like the ox,** and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

[Jer 4:7 ESV] 7 A lion has gone up from his thicket, a destroyer of nations has set out; he has gone out from his place to make your land a waste; your cities will be ruins without inhabitant.

[Lam 3:10 ESV] 10 He is a bear lying in wait for me, **a lion in hiding;**

[Eze 1:10 ESV] 10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had a human face. **The four had the face of a lion on the right side,** the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle.

[Eze 19:3 ESV] 3 And she brought up one of her cubs; **he became a young lion, and he learned to catch prey; he devoured men.**

Eze 22:25 The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured human lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst.

Dan 7:4 The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

[Hos 11:10 ESV] 10 **They shall go after the LORD; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west;**

[Hos 13:7 ESV] 7 **So I am to them like a lion; like a leopard I will lurk beside the way.**

[Amo 3:4, 8, 12 ESV] 4 **Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing? ... 8 The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?" ... 12 Thus says the LORD: "As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed.**

[Amo 5:19 ESV] 19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

[Nah 2:11 ESV] 11 **Where is the lions' den, the feeding place of the young lions, where**

the lion and lioness went, where his cubs were, with none to disturb?

[1Pe 5:8 ESV] 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

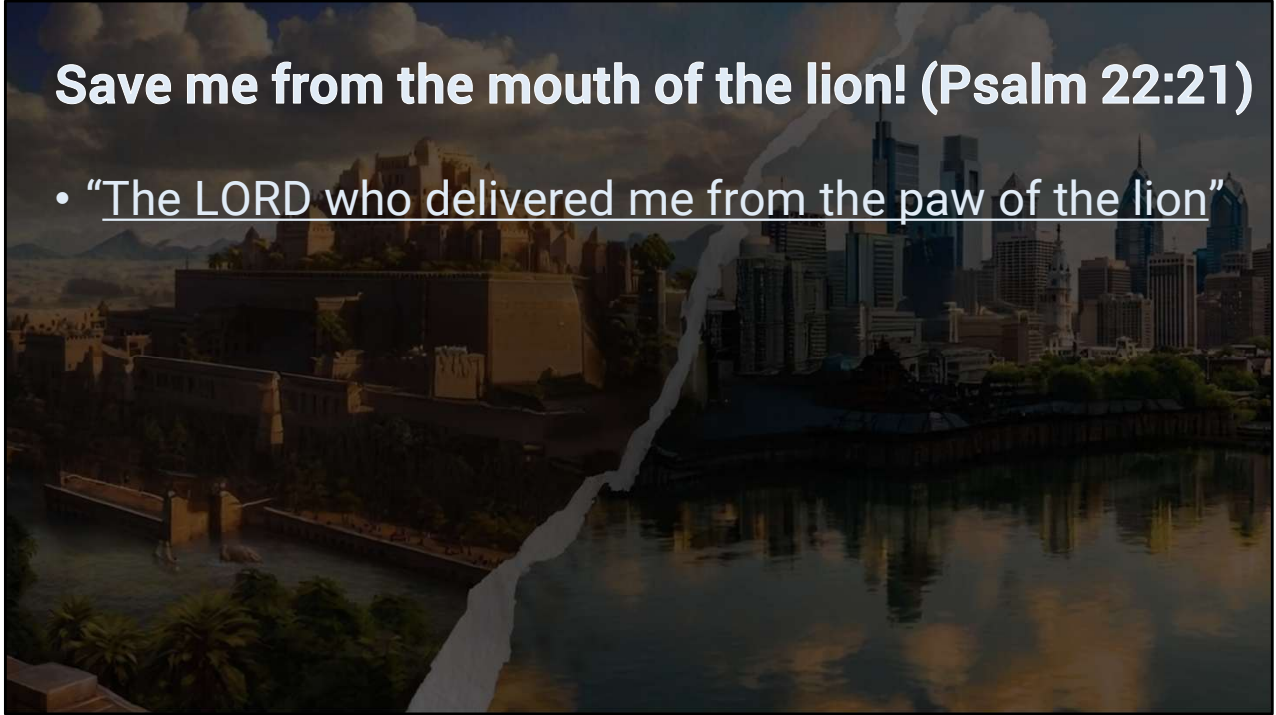
[Rev 4:7 ESV] 7 **the first living creature like a lion**, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

[Rev 5:5 ESV] 5 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 10:3 ESV] 3 and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded.

Save me from the mouth of the lion! (Psalm 22:21)

- “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion”





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Benaiah, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Its not the Man, it's the God of the man!

David was around but old now and had mighty men!! The Original Robin Hood!

What lesson must we learn about Samson who won and lost to the Lion!! Tune in to the Podcast!

[2Ti 4:17 ESV] 17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

A Type of Christ

- Daniel 6:17 – And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

[Mat 27:60, 65-66 ESV] 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ... 65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

A Type of Christ

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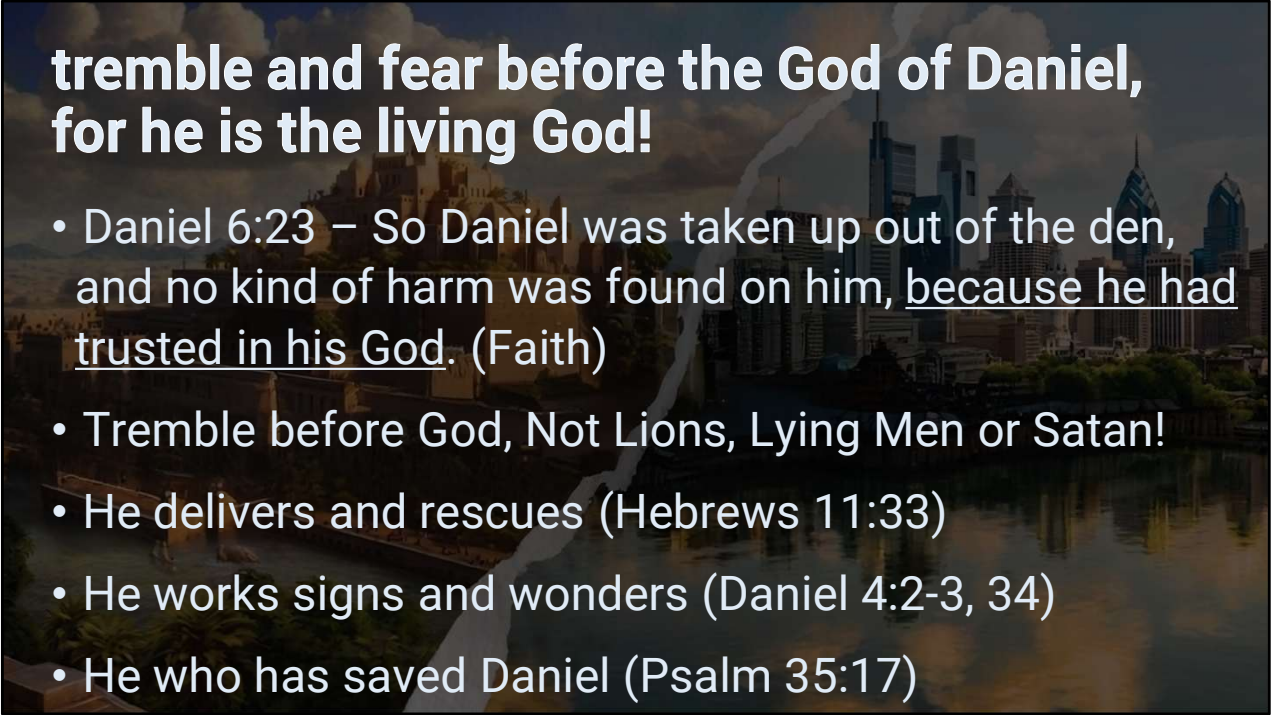


Jesus is the True Lion of the Tribe of Judah!! Our Advocate! Rev.5:5

Satan, the Adversary , is LIKE a Lion, Not a Lion! He is an Antichrist! An Antitype! A Cheap imposter/Imitation!

Jesus is both LAMB and LION!

[Rom 8:31-39 ESV] 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God!

- Daniel 6:23 – So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. (Faith)
- Tremble before God, Not Lions, Lying Men or Satan!
- He delivers and rescues (Hebrews 11:33)
- He works signs and wonders (Daniel 4:2-3, 34)
- He who has saved Daniel (Psalm 35:17)

[Dan 6:25-28 ESV] 25 Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you. 26 I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. 27 He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions." 28 So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

[Psa 18:48 ESV] 48 who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from the man of violence.

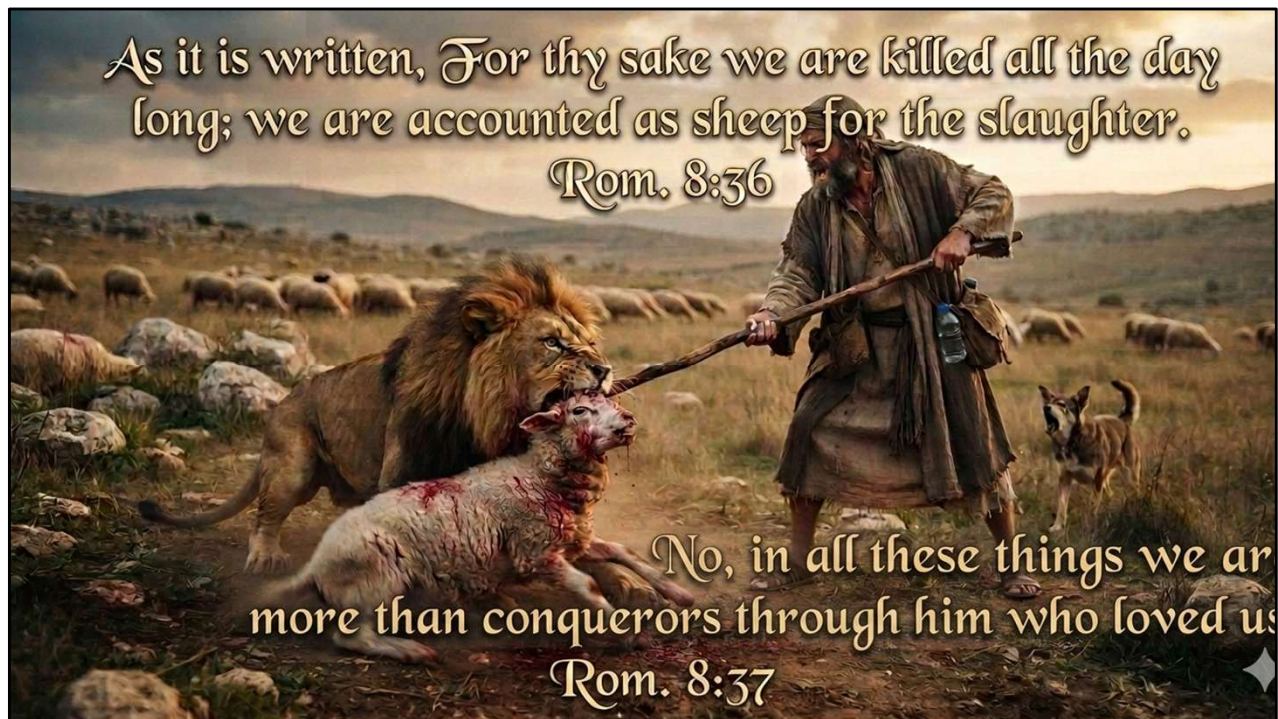
[Psa 35:17 ESV] 17 How long, O Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their destruction, my precious life from the lions!

[Heb 11:33, 39 ESV] 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ... 39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (by Faith)

[2Co 1:8-10 ESV] 8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that

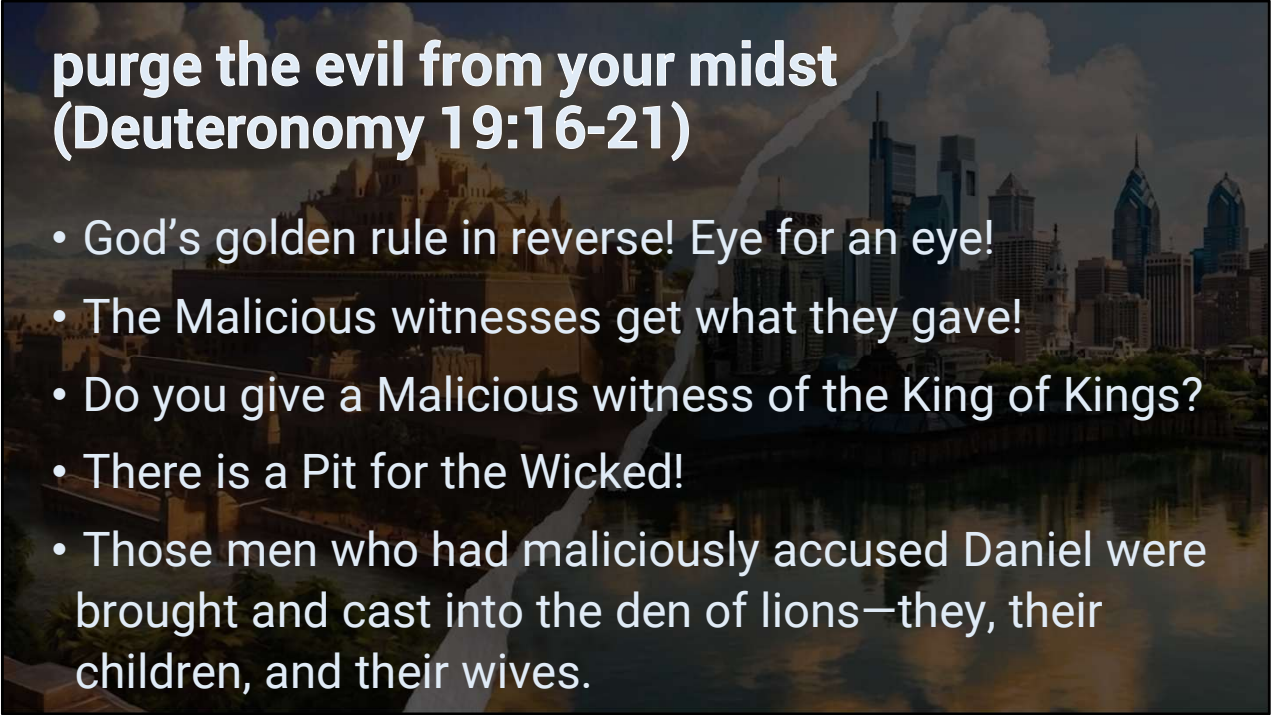
we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

[Heb 2:1-4 ESV] 1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. 2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 **while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.**



Thy Rod and staff they comfort me! Ps.23

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purge the evil from your midst (Deuteronomy 19:16-21)

- God's golden rule in reverse! Eye for an eye!
- The Malicious witnesses get what they gave!
- Do you give a Malicious witness of the King of Kings?
- There is a Pit for the Wicked!
- Those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives.

[Deu 19:16-21 ESV] 16 If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, 17 then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. 18 The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, 19 then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. 20 And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. 21 Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

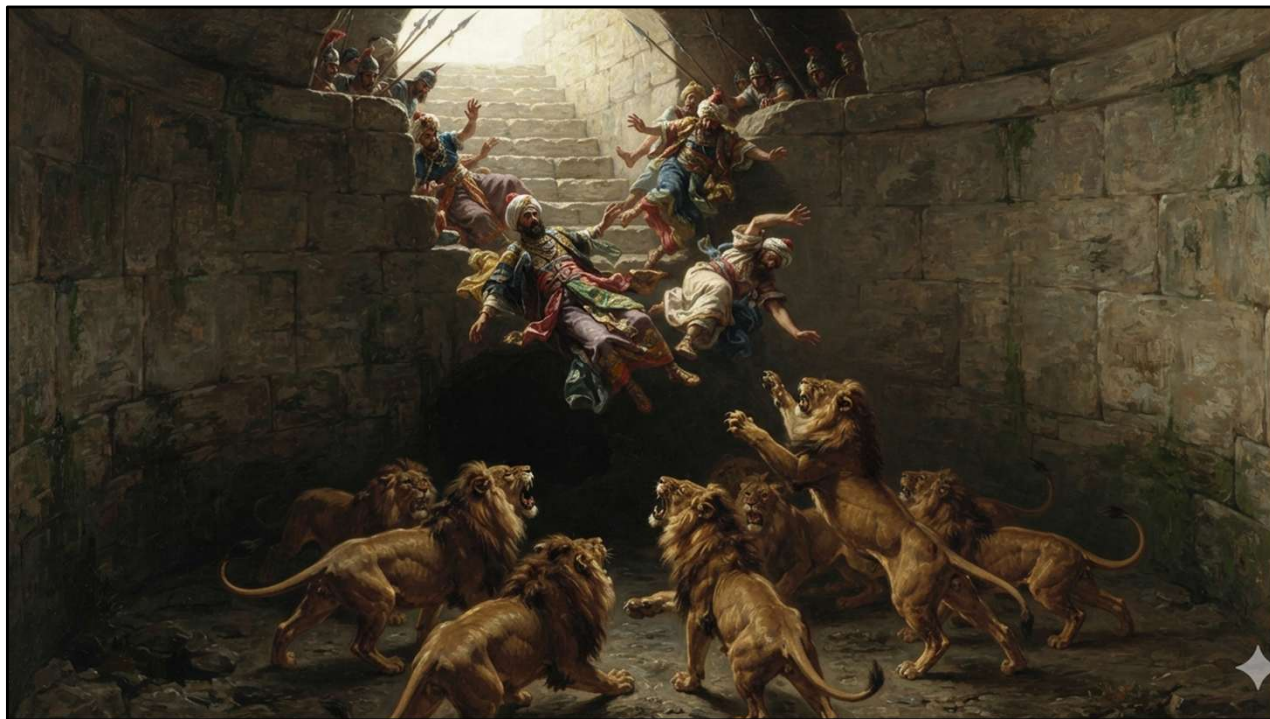
[Dan 6:24 ESV] 24 And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

[Rev 9:1-2, 11 ESV] 1 And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given **the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit**. 2 He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ... 11 They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

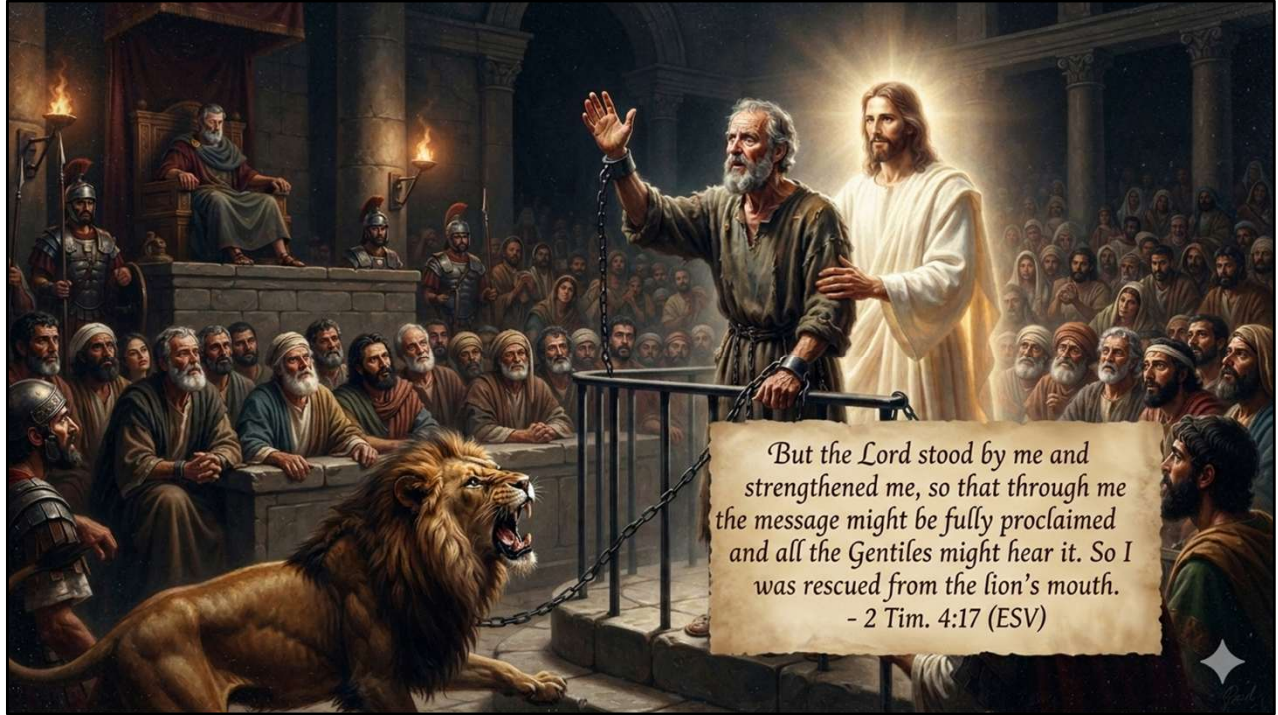
[Rev 11:7 ESV] 7 And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them,

[Rev 17:8 ESV] 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

[Rev 20:1 ESV] 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.







[2Ti 4:14, 17-18 ESV] 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ... 17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Apostle Paul seems to Apply Daniels story to Himself!!



Darius the Great employed Egyptian doctors, Greek sculptors, and Babylonian engineers in his court, making Persia history's first truly multicultural empire that actively celebrated diversity rather than forcing assimilation.



Would you have your back to the Lions?



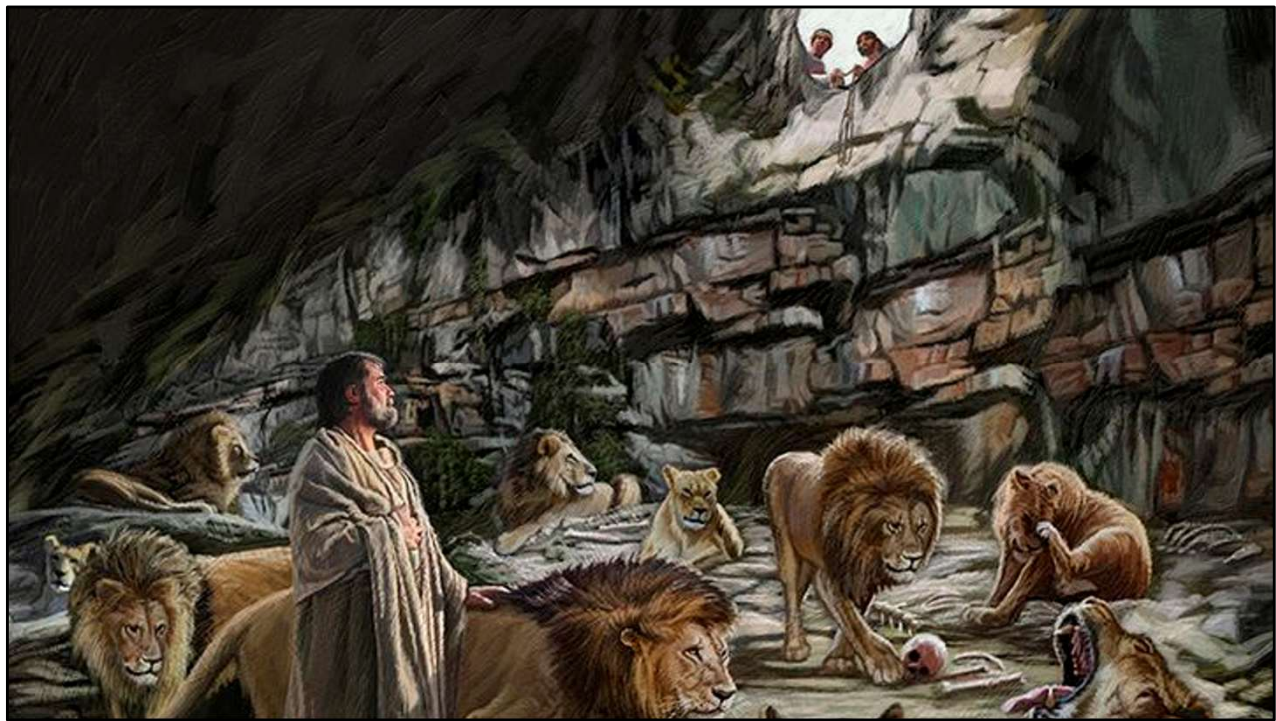












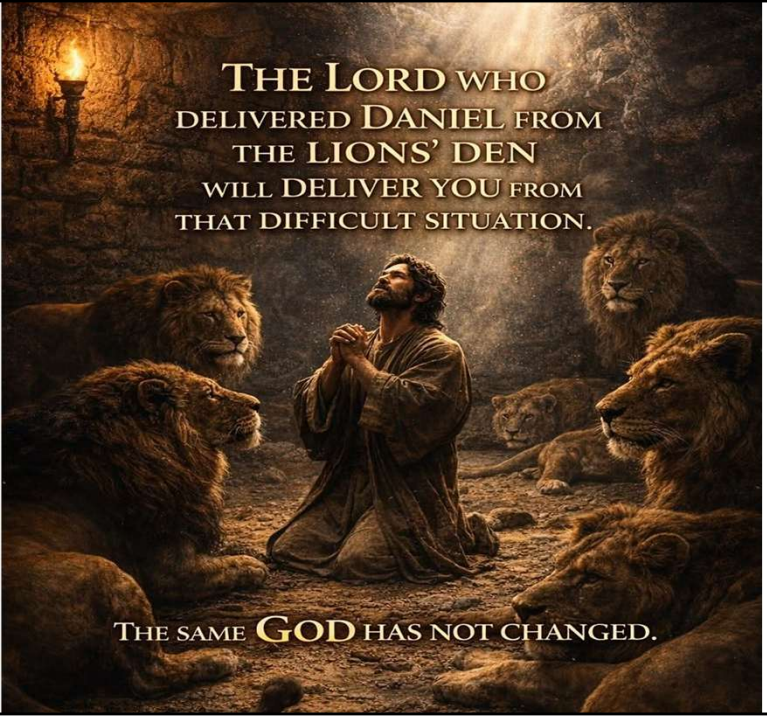




*"My own God sent his angel and
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—Daniel 6:22*

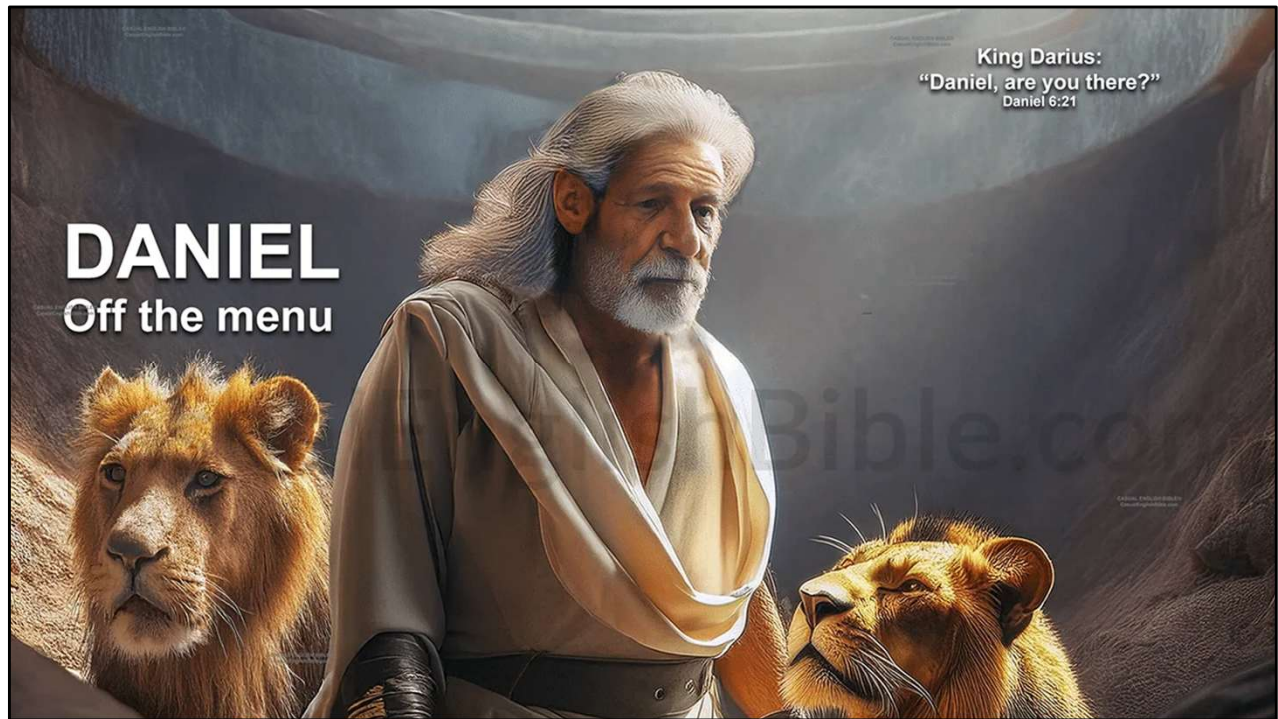






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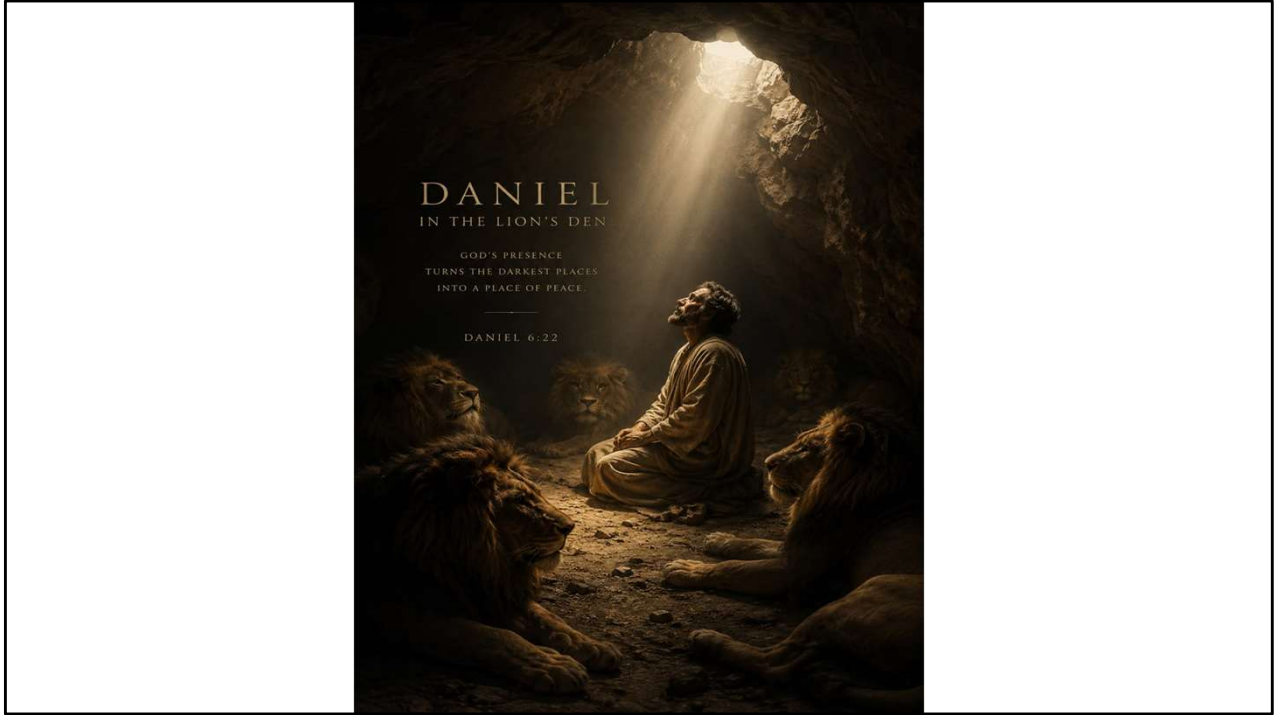


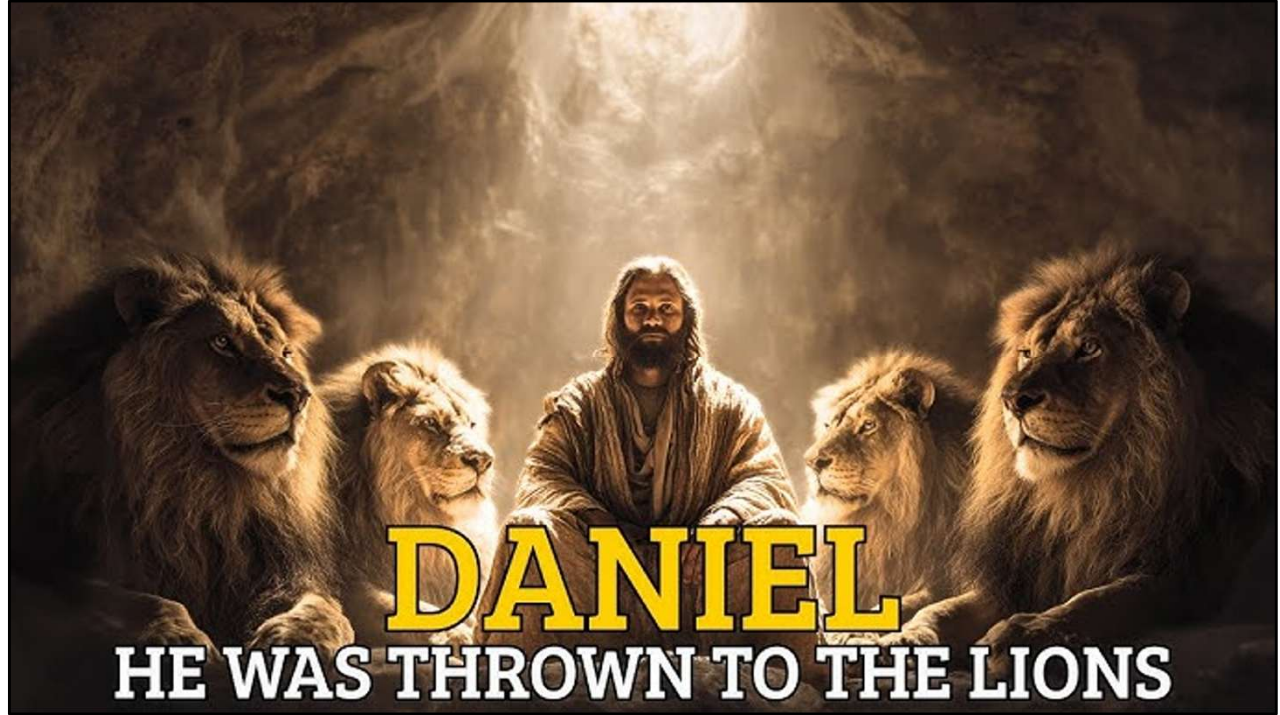




If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31







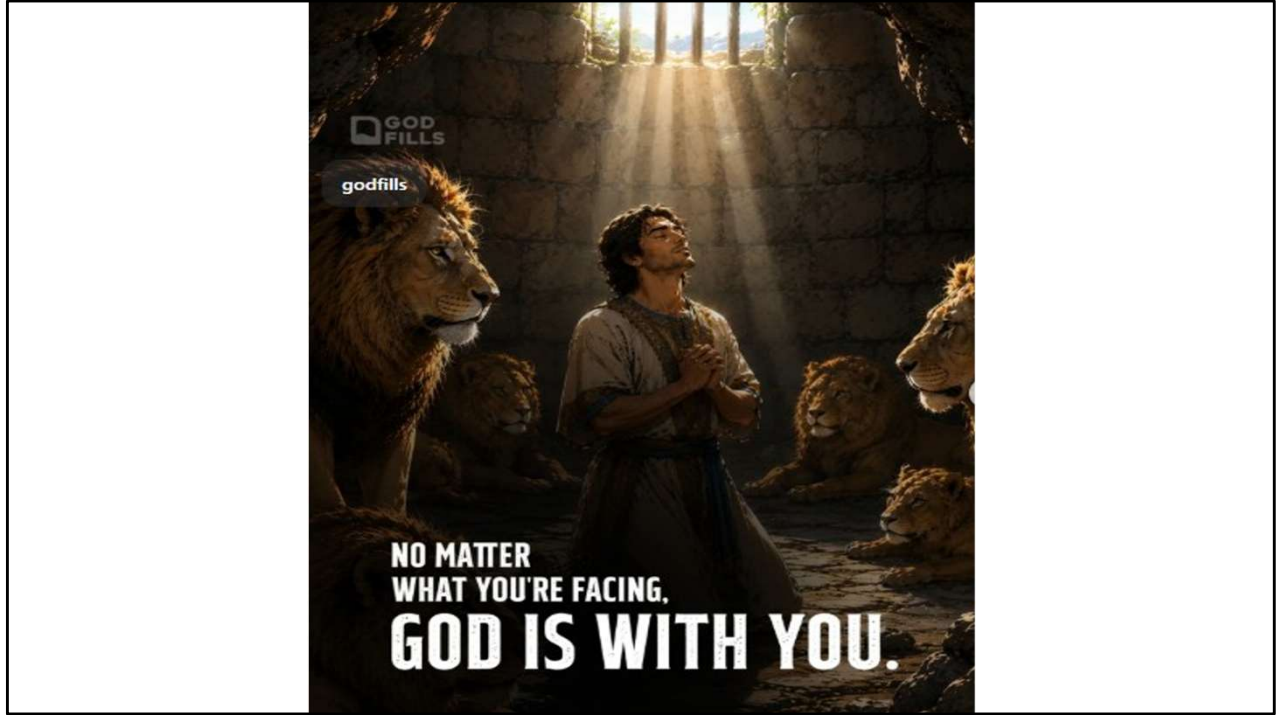
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Daniel 6:16 ESV

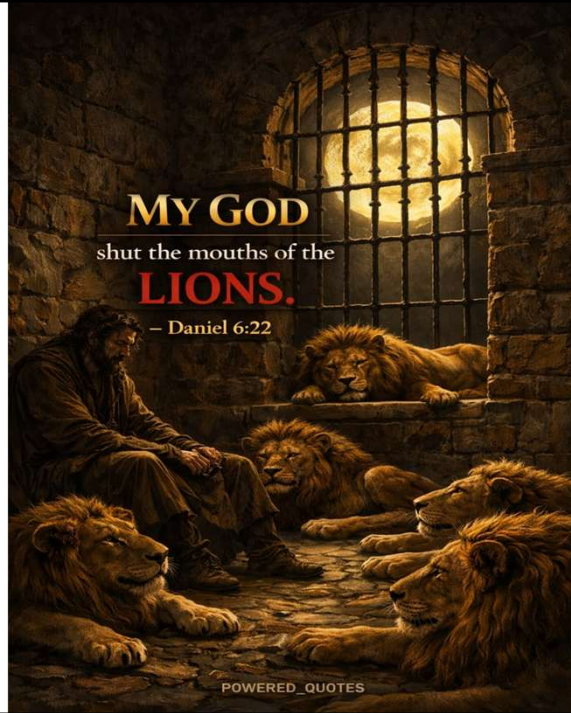


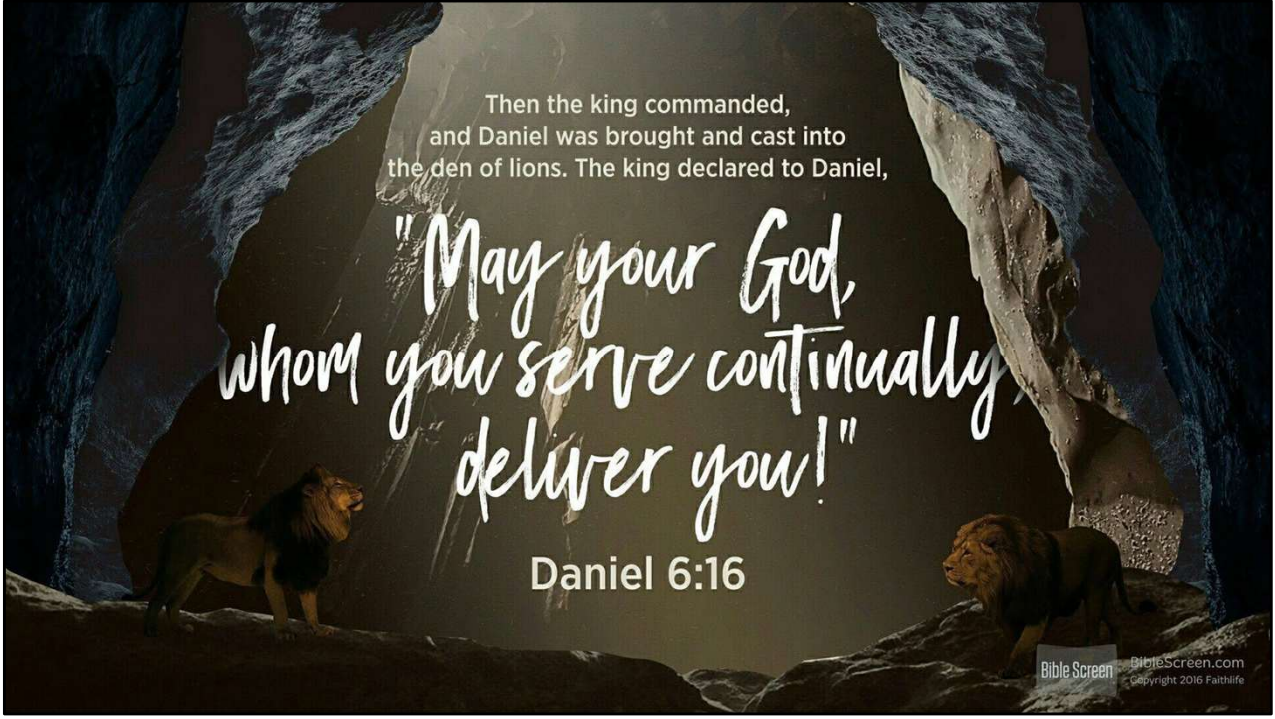
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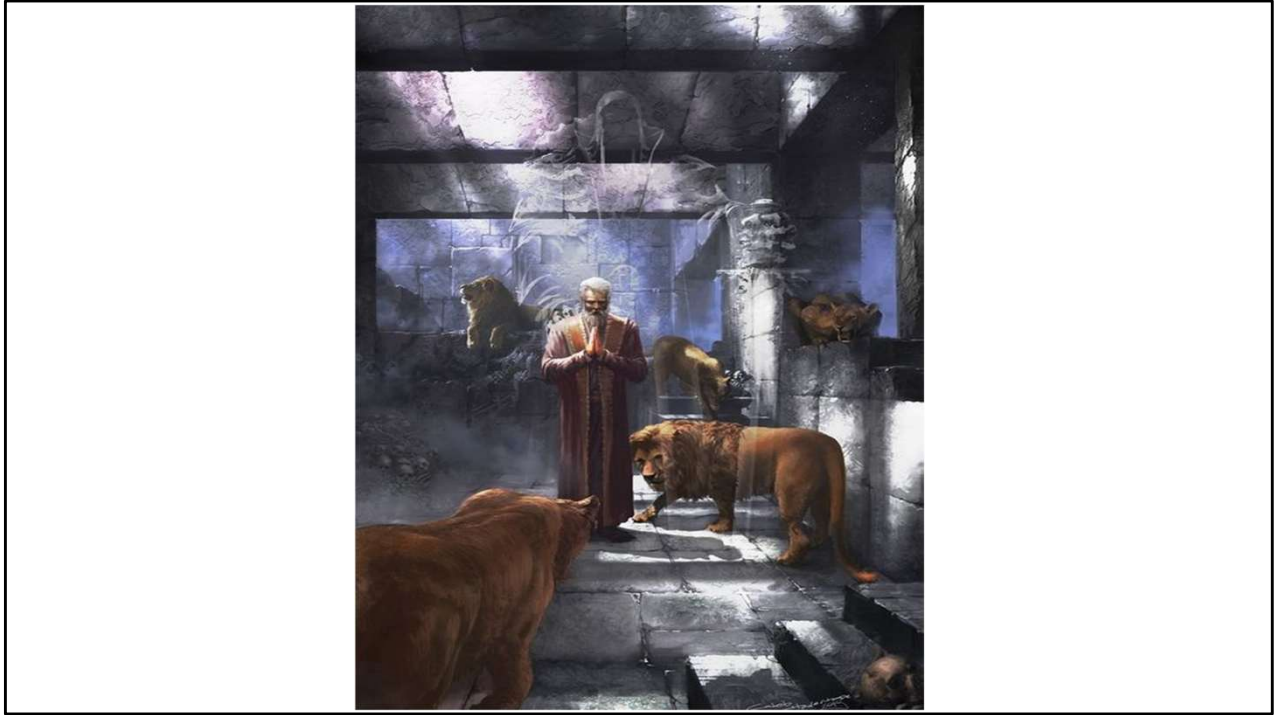












THE PLOT AGAINST HIM

- DANIEL'S INTEGRITY PROVOKES JEALOUSY**
"They could find no corruption in him," Daniel 6:10
- A DECREE FORBIDS PRAYER TO ANYONE EXCEPT THE KING**
"Whoever dares to anyone except you... will be thrown into the lions' den," Daniel 6:7
- DANIEL KEEPS PRAYING**
"Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed," Daniel 6:10
- THROWN INTO THE LIONS' DEN**
"They threw Daniel into the lions' den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring," Daniel 6:18

DANIEL 6

WHEN EMPIRES DEMAND WORSHIP, GOD DELIVERS.

A PROPHECIC PICTURE OF FAITHFULNESS IN A HOSTILE WORLD SYSTEM



THE IMITATOR
SATAN IS A GREAT IMITATOR AND DECEIVER. HE PROVOKES LIKE A ROARING LION, SEEKING TO DEVOUR.
1 PETER 5:8

THE TRUE LION
JESUS CHRIST IS THE LION OF JUDAH. HE REIGNS IN POWER, TRUTH, AND VICTORY.
REVELATION 5:5

TWO LIONS. TWO KINGDOMS. ONE OUTCOME.

GOD'S DELIVERANCE

- GOD SENDS HIS ANGEL**
"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions," Daniel 6:22
- DANIEL IS FOUND ALIVE**
"The king was startled and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den," Daniel 6:23
- THE ACCUSERS ARE PUNISHED**
"They were thrown into the lions' den... and the lions mangled them," Daniel 6:24
- A DECREE HONORING THE GOD OF DANIEL**
"From now on, in all parts of my kingdom, people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel," Daniel 6:26

THE LIONS WERE REAL, BUT THE POWER BEHIND THE SCENE WAS GREATER. THE LIONS WERE ON A LEASH HELD BY HEAVEN.

PROPHETIC PARALLELS

- STATE-ENFORCED WORSHIP
- GLOBAL DECREE
- ECONOMIC & POLITICAL PRESSURE
- PUNISHMENT FOR DISSENT
- A FAITHFUL REMNANT WILL ENDURE
REVELATION 13:15-17

LESSONS FOR TODAY

- OBEDIENCE TO GOD > SAFETY
- PRAYER IS NOT OPTIONAL
- INTEGRITY WILL BE TESTED
- GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY NEVER CHANGES
- COURAGE INSPIRES GENERATIONS

ETERNAL TRUTH

HE REMOVES KINGS AND SETS UP KINGS.
DANIEL 2:21

EMPIRES RISE. EMPIRES FALL. GOD REMAINS SOVEREIGN.

BABYLON REWARDS COMPROMISE AND PUNISHES CONVICTION.

THE QUESTION IS: WILL YOU REMAIN FAITHFUL WHEN THE DECREE IS SIGNED?

DANIEL WAS FAITHFUL IN THE DEN. BE FAITHFUL IN YOUR DAY. GOD IS STILL ABLE TO SHUT THE LIONS' MOUTHS.



DANIEL

AND THE LION'S DEN

A STORY OF FAITH, COURAGE, AND GOD'S PROTECTION

BIBLE REFERENCE
Daniel 6:1-28

"My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight."
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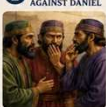
THE STORY

1 DANIEL'S FAITHFULNESS



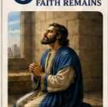
Daniel was a wise and honorable man who loved and served God. He was appointed to a high position in the kingdom of Babylon.

2 THE PLOT AGAINST DANIEL



Jealous officials couldn't find any wrongdoing in Daniel—except that he prayed to God. They convinced the king to pass a law that no one could pray to anyone but the king for 30 days.

3 DANIEL'S FAITH REMAINS



Daniel continued to pray to God as he always had—three times a day—trusting in His promises.

4 THROWN INTO THE LION'S DEN



The officials reported Daniel to the king. Daniel was heartbroken but accepted God's will. He was thrown into the lion's den.

5 GOD'S PROTECTION



God sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths. The lions did not hurt Daniel, because he trusted in God.

THE NEXT MORNING

The king rushed to the den and called out to Daniel.

"Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to save you from the lions?"

Daniel replied.

"My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths... They have not hurt me..."

Daniel 6:20-22



THE KING'S RESPONSE

The king was overjoyed and ordered Daniel to be lifted out of the den.

Those who accused Daniel were thrown into the den and the lions overpowered them.

The king made a decree honoring the God of Daniel.



WHAT WE LEARN

- Be faithful to God, even when it's hard.
- Courage comes from trusting God, not avoiding danger.
- God is powerful to protect His people.
- God is always in control.

KEY TRUTH

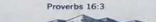
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REMEMBER

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

Proverbs 16:3



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