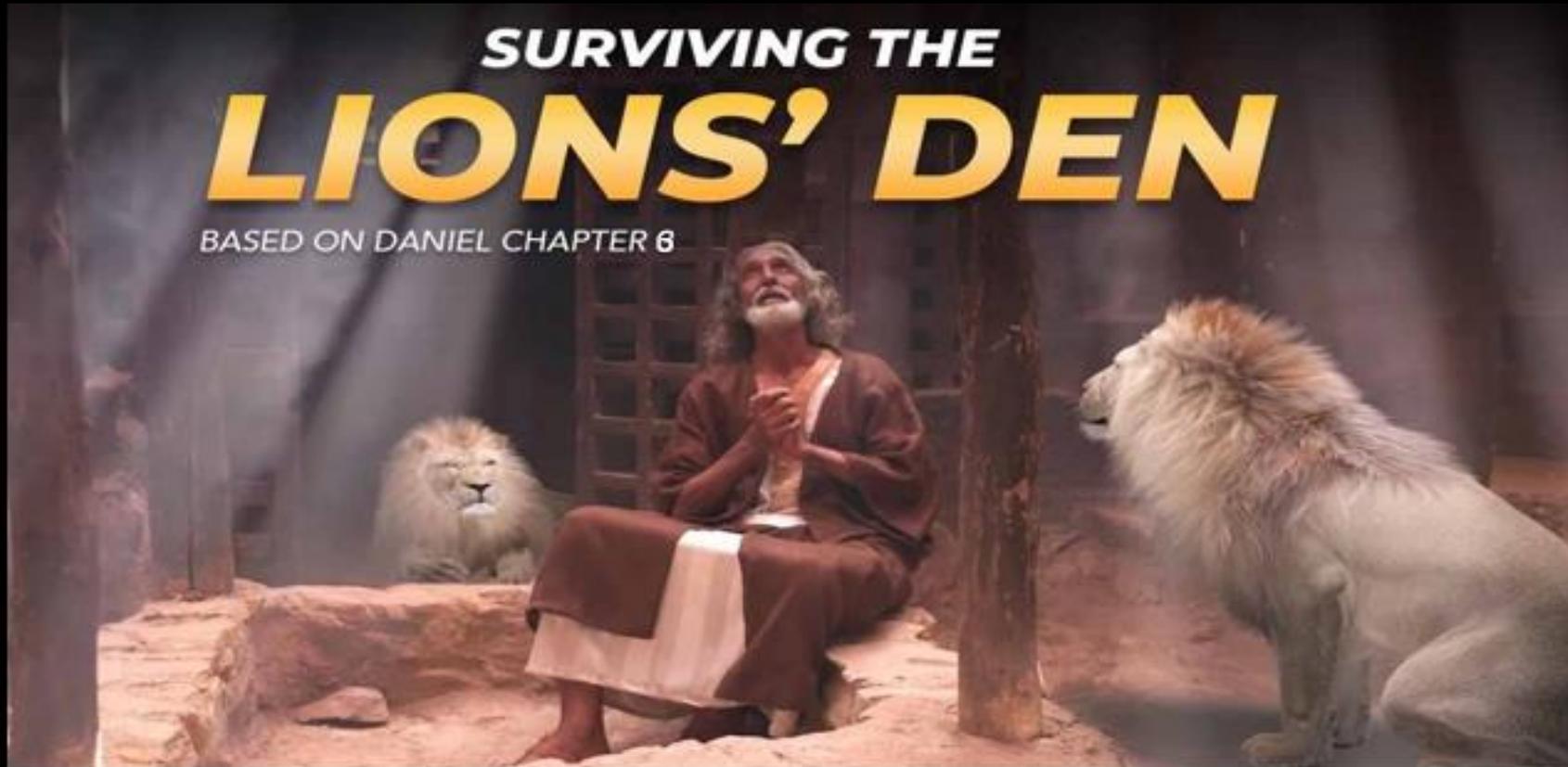


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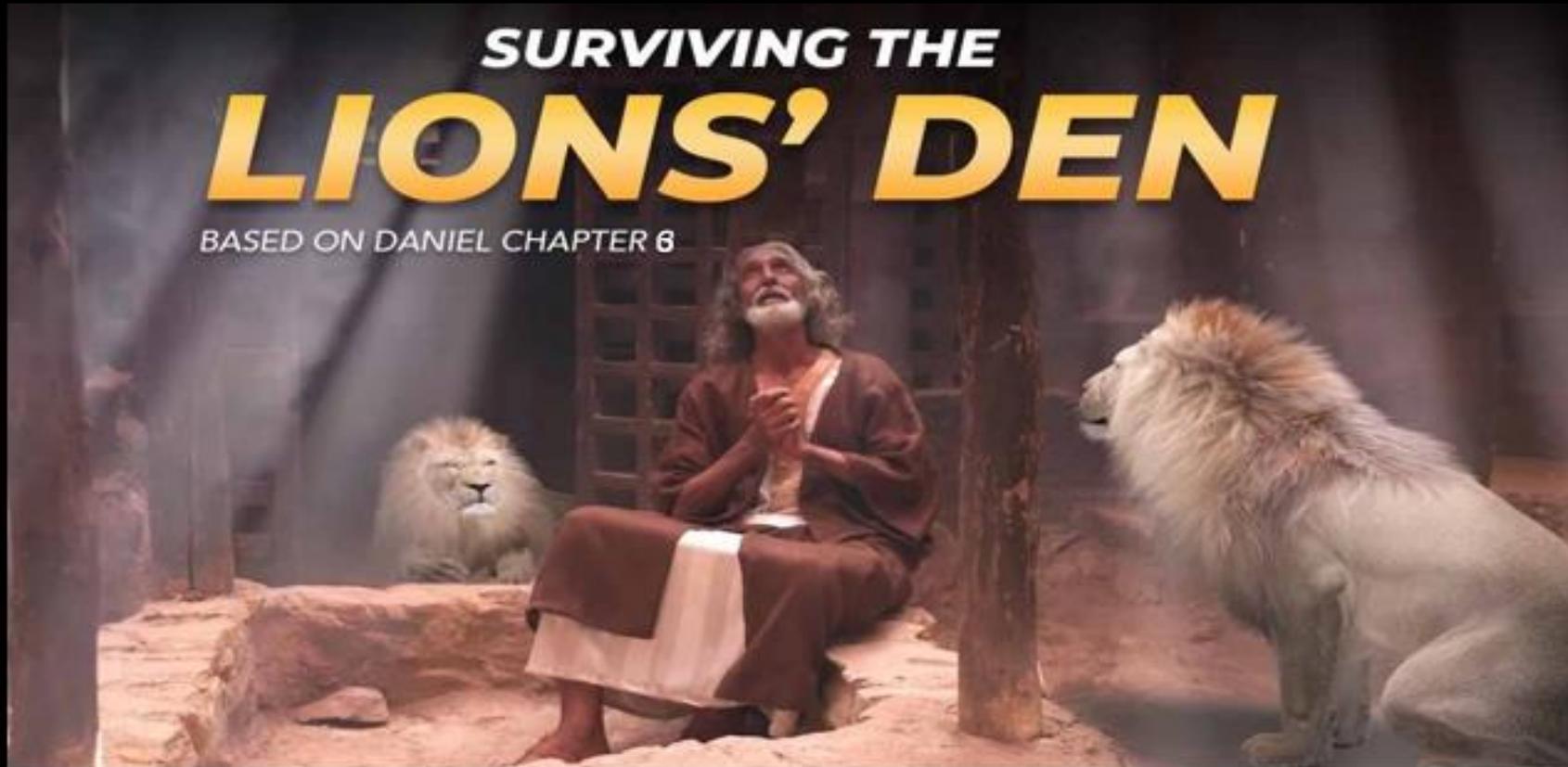
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Introduction

With manifest respect for the king, and with words which flattered him, a committee of the princes waited upon Darius. The first words they spoke afterward revealed that there was a plot on foot, for they said, “All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors,” and other officers had consulted together, when in truth they had held secret meetings, and the chief of the presidents was kept in ignorance of the matter. SDP 82.1

The heart of God was drawn toward Babylon. Heaven was bound very close to earth, notwithstanding the iniquity, for God’s chosen people were there, and the time of their deliverance drew near. While the Medes and Persians knew *about* God, they did not know *him*. An actual experience was needed, and God would manifest Margin his power through that same faithful servant who had witnessed for him sixty-eight years. SDP 82.3



Introduction (cont'd)

Daniel was true, noble, and generous. He was anxious to be at peace with all men, but would not permit any power to turn him aside from the path of duty. He was willing to obey those who had rule over him; but kings and decrees could not make him swerve from his allegiance to the King of kings. He realized that compliance with Bible requirements was a blessing to both soul and body. [SDP 83.1](#)

Daniel was aware of the purpose of his enemies to destroy his influence and his life; he knew of the decree, but it made no difference in his daily life. He did nothing unusual to provoke wrath, but in a straight-forward manner he performed his accustomed duties, and three times a day at his usual times for prayer, he went into his room, and with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he earnestly pleaded with the God of heaven to give him strength to be faithful. [SDP 83.2](#)



Introduction (cont'd)

Daniel had a special meeting-place, and an appointed hour when he met the Lord, and these appointments were kept. **There is a beauty in the thought of the soul connection between Daniel and heaven.** His spiritual life was an actual thing, a life which he lived as real and as true as the physical life. **The only life which his enemies knew or could comprehend was the physical life.** To sever the intercourse with God would be as painful to Daniel as to deprive him of natural life; and as Christ withdrew to the mountains after days of soul-harrowing labour in order to be refilled with that life which he constantly imparted to the hungry multitudes, so Daniel sought God in prayer. It was only by these frequent times of spirit filling, as it were, that he had strength to meet the nervous strain of his official duties. When the outward pressure was greatest, then he had the greatest need of being filled, that the equilibrium might be maintained. **He who balances the clouds will so balance outward pressure with inward power if we but let him, that we never need be disturbed.** If trials are great, open the soul to heaven, and equalize the pressure by being filled from above. **SDP 83.3**



Daniel 6:11-15 - Daniel spied on...

Daniel 6:11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, 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 altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

The conspirators soon spot Daniel praying — that is, doing exactly what the decree has forbidden. And as they bring the accusation before the king, they refer to Daniel in a demeaning way: **“that Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah”** (Daniel 6:13). **In their eyes, one of the chief officers of the empire, the king’s favourite, is no more than “a captive”.**



Examining the verses...

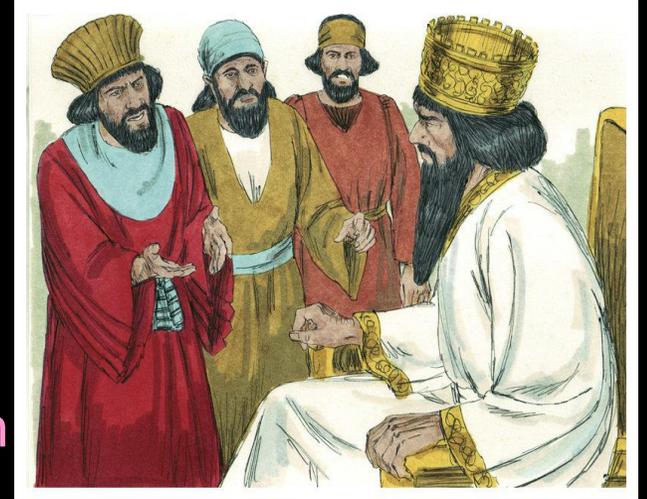
Then these men assembled - They assemble to wait and see what Daniel would do, as they knew he prayed openly three times a day, thus showing that this decree was written purposely against him.

Unsurprisingly they found him praying in his usual way.

Then they came near, and spake before the king - **The first thing they do is run to the king as they know they have trapped Daniel.**

Hast thou not signed a decree - Immediately they question the king about the decree he has signed and the punishment of certain death by the lions, reinforcing into his mind what it entailed and to leave no way of escape for him to make any excuses. **The same as the wise men did to Nebuchadnezzar in chapter three.** The king acknowledges that this is true and that it is according to the law of the Medes and Persians which altereth not, that is it cannot be change by any man.

They answered...that Daniel - **Now the whole of the matter is dropped upon the king. They say, 'that Daniel, the one of the captivity of Judah', him it is, making no mistake of who they are speaking of.** 'He doesn't regard you nor the decree that thou hast signed, but makes his petition three times a day.' **Trying to emphasis that he is in total rebellion to the authority of the king, but also showing that he is to be thrown to the lions.**

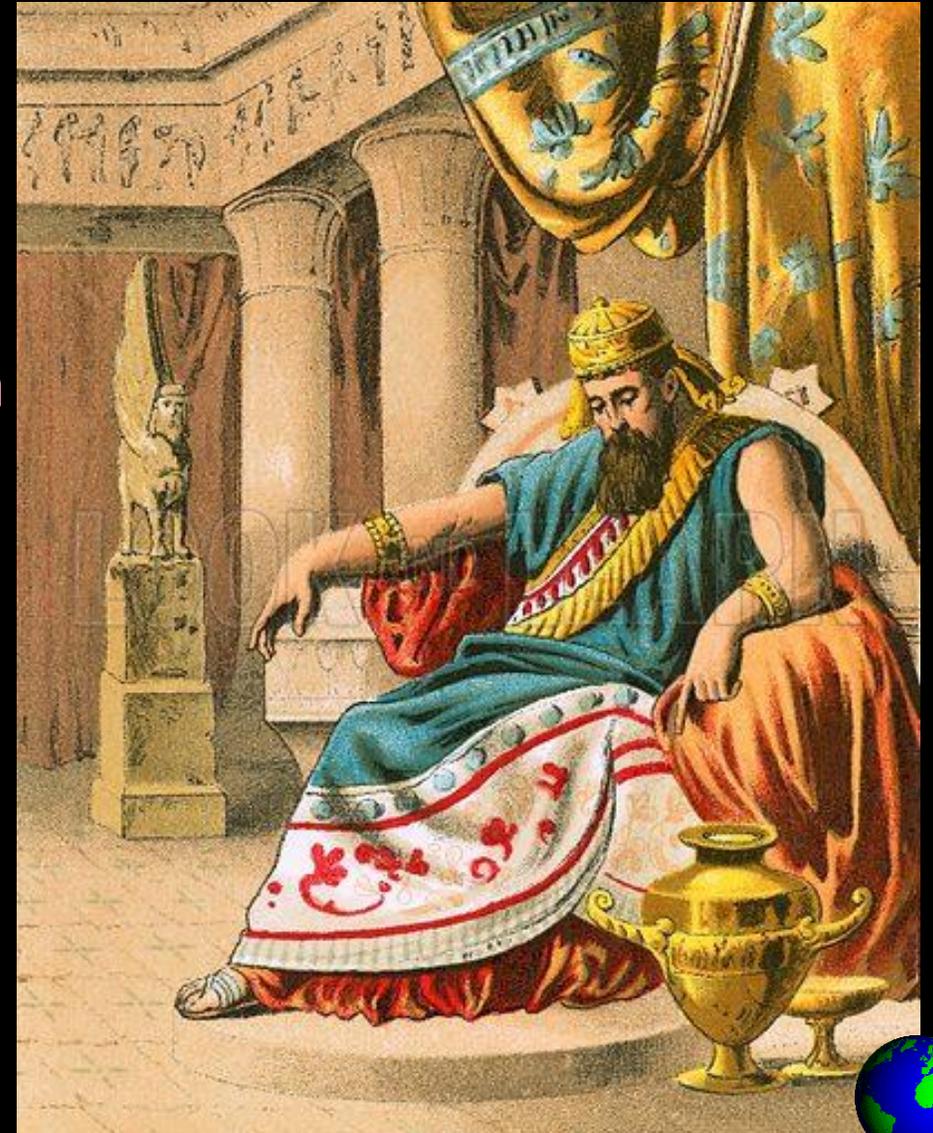


Examining the verses (cont'd)...

The king...sore displeased with himself - The king now knew that he had been done in by his own pride and was very displeased with himself for allowing this to happen.

Set his heart on Daniel to deliver him - Even though the king knew that the law could not be changed, he set his heart on delivering Daniel from a certain death. He labored until the going down of the sun. In this we see that the king would have agonized for a number of hours to try and deliver Daniel, but knowing all the time in the back of his mind that all attempts were useless. Here the king's love and respect for Daniel is shown.

These men assembled unto the king - The men came back to the king and reminded him that the law of the Medes and Persians is, that no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. This must have struck a low note in the king's heart.



The King is in desperation

The issue in Daniel 3 is image worship.

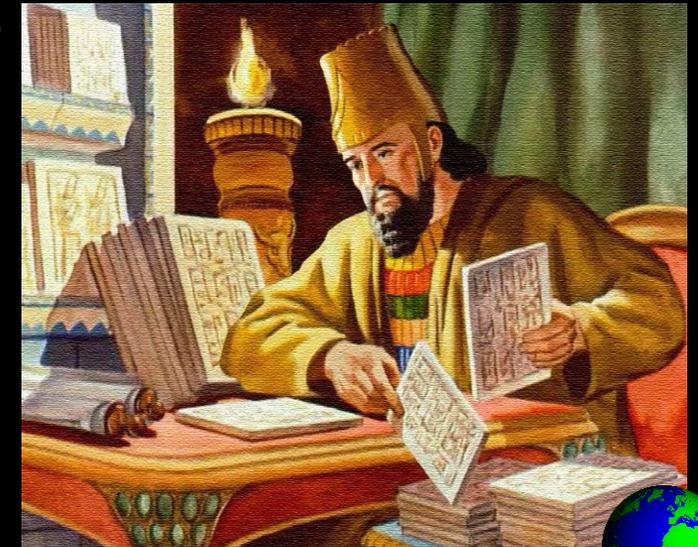
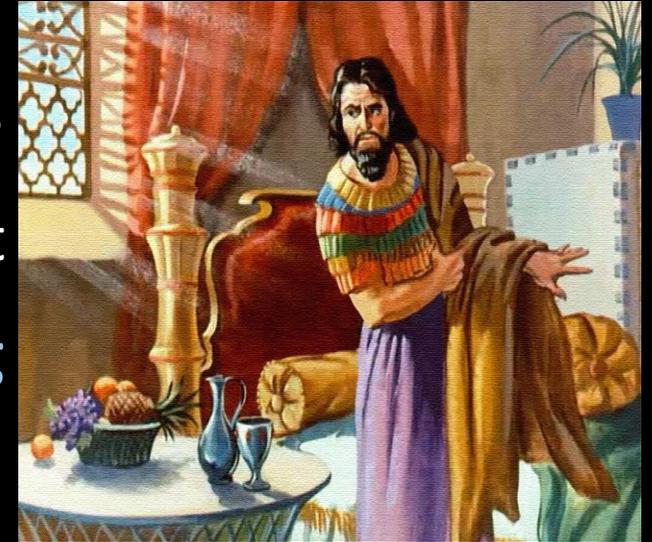
The issue in Daniel 6 is worship time and the worship of a man.

Just as his enemies knew he would, Daniel demonstrated his commitment to his God. And sure enough, they used it against him. When the charge was brought to King Darius, he was very displeased for allowing himself to be tricked into making a law that would harm Daniel. Remember Nebuchadnezzar's furious reaction, to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, for not bowing down to the golden image in Chapter 3. In contrast, Darius was angry with himself. King Darius tried to find a way to get around enforcing the law, but he couldn't.

After Daniel was spied out, he was accused. With the designation "prisoner" Daniel was degraded and made suspect as a rebel.

Finally the king was able to notice the intrigue. He tried to save Daniel.

The governors pressured the king to have Daniel executed, arguing with the indissolubility of the law.



Daniel 6:16-18 - Daniel is falsely judged

Daniel 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

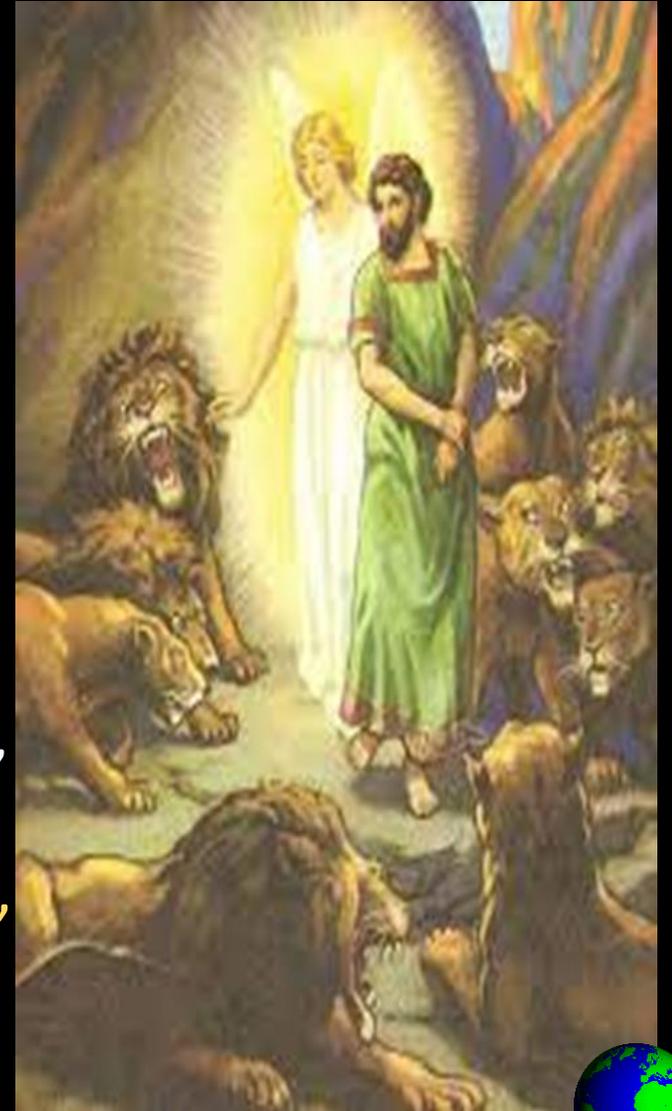
17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

King Darius apparently had some faith in Daniel's God. His words express the belief that Daniel's God would protect him: "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee."

Daniel had a sense of the continual presence of God in his life. Even though the temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed, Daniel knew that God was in the heavenly temple. He realized that the Lord was a prayer-hearing, prayer-answering God.

Notice that King Darius spent the night fasting and unable to sleep.



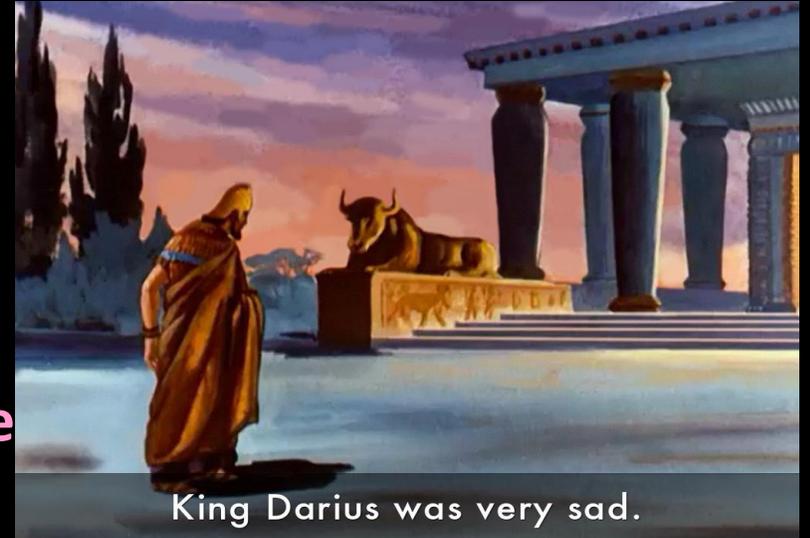
Examining the verses...

The king commanded - The king gave the command that he laboured over doing. Daniel is brought and then thrown into the lions den.

King spake and said unto Daniel - In these words of the king we find a seed of faith germinating in his heart for Daniel's God to deliver him. Darius admits that Daniel served his [Daniel's] God continually. This was shown in the way Daniel lived his life, being faithful in serving his God even in the face of death as shown in the current situation. What a witness this was to the idolatrous king. This shows that Daniel lived the truth and not just professed it.

King sealed it...that the purpose might not be changed - Darius sealed the stone that lay over the mouth of the den with his signet and with the signet of his lords. This was so the purpose could not be changed concerning Daniel, or in other words, so that he could not be killed another way nor be taken out without the king's knowledge.

King went to his palace... - Darius was not a happy man that night. He did not eat, no music was played, and he could not sleep. This shows the genuine interest the king had for Daniel.



Daniel is in the Lions Den

They pit Daniel against the king by saying that Daniel “does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed”.

Now the king realizes he has been entrapped by signing the decree.

The text says that “he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him” (Daniel 6:14). But there is nothing he can do to save the prophet from the prescribed punishment. The irrevocable law of the Medes and Persians must be applied to the letter. Thus the king, however reluctantly, issues the command to throw Daniel to the lions. But in doing so Darius expresses some glimmering hope, which sounds like a prayer: “Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you” (Daniel 6:16).

The biblical text does not say what Daniel does among the lions, but one can assume he is praying. And God honours Daniel’s faith by sending His angel to protect him. In the morning, Daniel remains unharmed and ready to resume his activities in the government.

Commenting on this episode, Ellen G. White says: “God did not prevent Daniel’s enemies from casting him into the lions’ den; He permitted evil angels and wicked men thus far to accomplish their purpose; but it was that He might make the deliverance of His servant more marked, and the defeat of the enemies of truth and righteousness more complete”. — Prophets and Kings, pages 543, 544.



Did God delay in helping Daniel?

Why did God allow Daniel, His beloved servant, to be thrown into the lion's den? Why not deliver him right before he was cast in? Notice the profound explanation given in *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 543, 544:

“God did not prevent Daniel's enemies from casting him into the lions' den; He permitted evil angels and wicked men thus far to accomplish their purpose; but it was that He might make the deliverance of His servant more marked, and the defeat of the enemies of truth and righteousness more complete. *“Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee”* (Psalm 76:10), the psalmist has testified. Through the courage of this one man who chose to follow right rather than policy, Satan was to be defeated, and the name of God was to be exalted and honoured.”

An Interesting Parallel:

“A stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den . . . sealed with signets” which brings to mind the tomb of Christ. This mention of a seal also foreshadows the Mark of the Beast.

Revelation 13:17 “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”



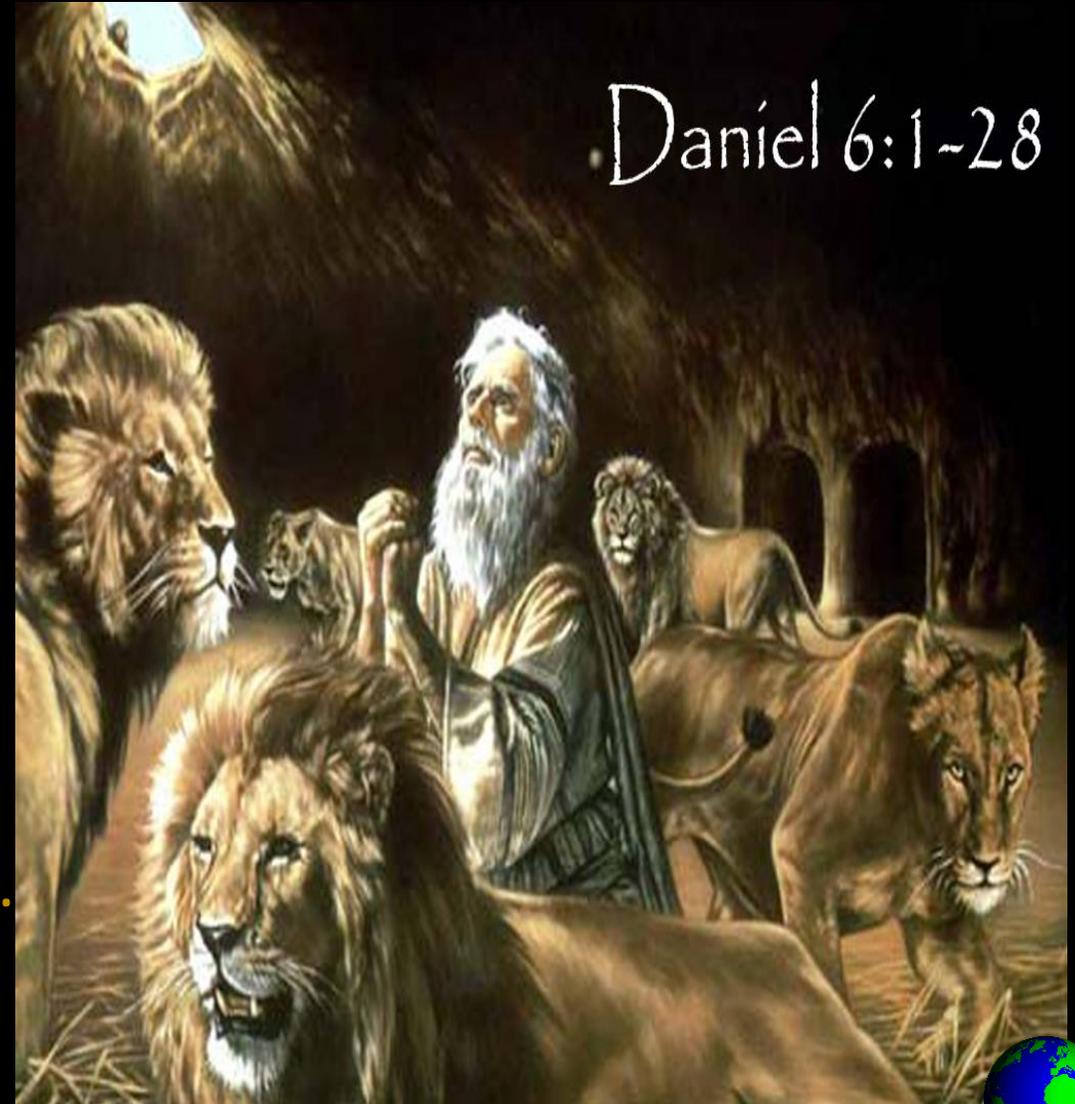
Let us understand about Daniel

What do these verses reveal about Daniel?

- Daniel was highly esteemed by the king.
- The king recognized Daniel as a servant of God and expected from this God's help and Daniel's salvation.
- The king did not feel that Daniel's faith was a crime against his kingdom. Indirectly he praised him for his religion.
- Daniel did not serve God sporadically but constantly.

The verdict was executed. Sealing had a double purpose:

1. The king wanted to prevent Daniel from being killed in a manner other than by lions.
 2. The administrators of the kingdom wanted to prevent the king from saving Daniel.
- The king was stricken with sorrow.



Daniel 6:19-23 - King is near the den

Daniel 6:19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

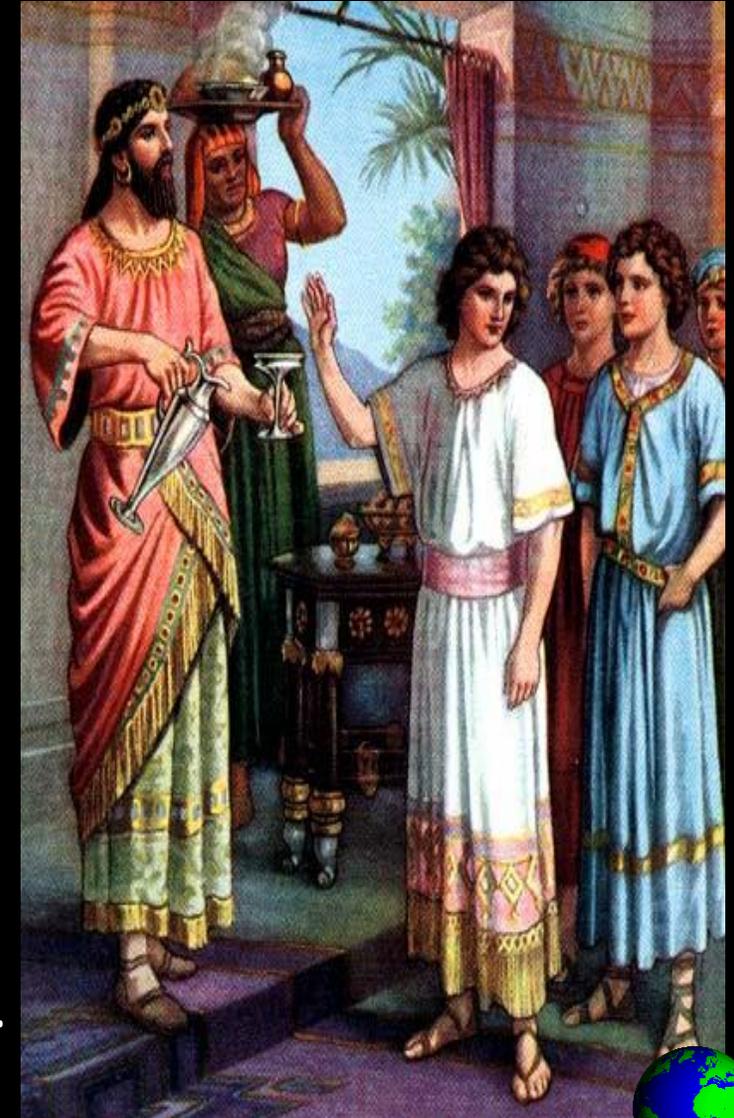
20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding 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 manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Daniel had to face a death decree because he chose to worship the true God and to violate the religious decree of the civil power. He went through a severe time of trouble and his faith was sorely tested. Yet Daniel passed the test with flying colours. From the time of his arrival in Babylon, Daniel had made up his mind that he would be faithful to God no matter what Happened.



Examining the verses...

King arose very early...went in haste - Darius was up very early in the morning for the purpose of making his way quickly to the den of lions. **The man was eager to see if all was well.**

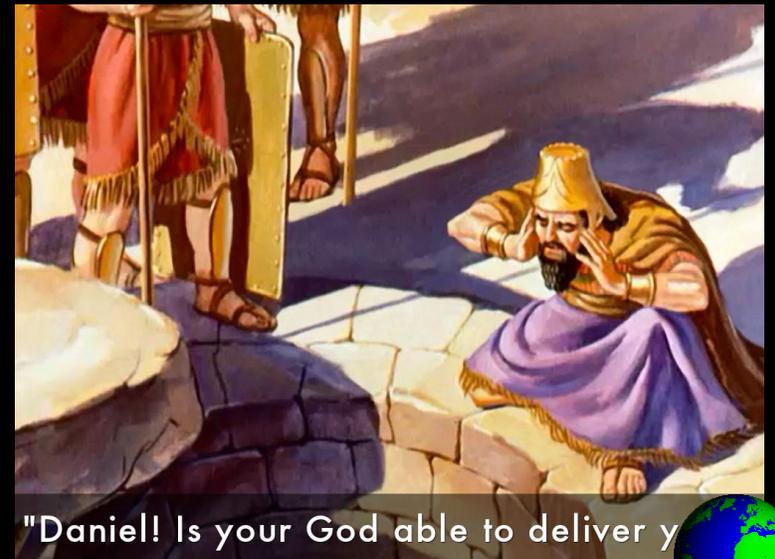
Lamentable voice - **A sorrowful voice or voice of displeasure.**

Servant of the living God...whom thou servest continually - **Darius calls to Daniel and calls him the servant of the living God and states that Daniel serves Him [God] continually.** He asks if this God is able to deliver him from the lions.

A servant is one that does whatever his master bids. This is true of Christ Himself. He came in the form of a servant (Philippians 2:5-7) and showed in His life the true sense of the word. Not only toward others was He like this, but to his Father's will He showed the true form of a servant doing and saying only those things that pleased Him. (John 8:29; 12:49-50) We are instructed to allow the mind of Christ to be in us, (Philippians 2:5) and as Christ is our example (1 Peter 2:21) we should surrender our wills over to the Father in heaven and do His biddings, by His power and strength, as Christ did whilst upon this earth. We cannot serve two masters, for to whomsoever we yield ourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey. (Matthew 6:24, Romans 6:16)



Darius ran to the lion's den.



"Daniel! Is your God able to deliver y



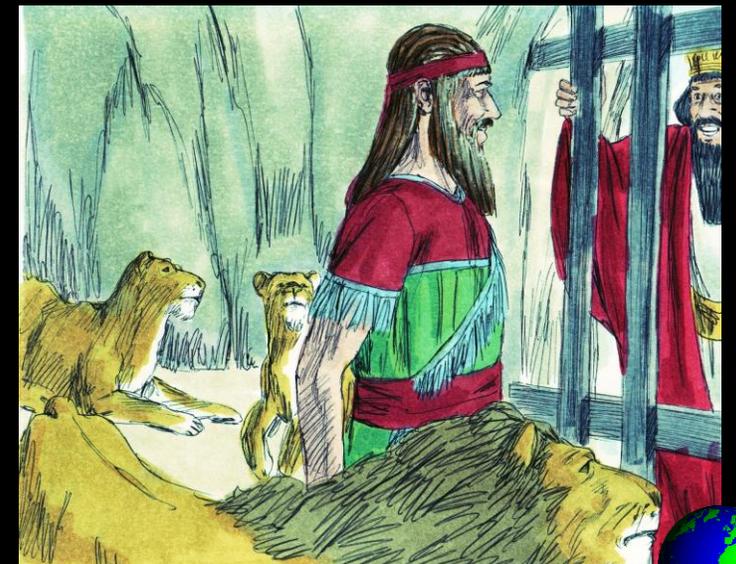
Examining the verses (cont'd)...

Daniel showed in his life that he continually served the God of heaven and it was noticed by those around him. **Can this be said about you and me?**

Then said Daniel - Daniel's reply was one of respect to the king. He informs the king that God hath sent His angel and shut the lions mouths, that they have not hurt him. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them. (Psalms 34:7) **What a promise this was that was fulfilled in Daniel's case.**

Before Him innocency was found in me... - Before God Daniel was found innocent of any crime committed. He had remained faithful to Him every step of the way. Also he pronounces his innocence in that he had done no hurt to the king.

King exceedingly glad - The king was extremely glad to hear that Daniel was still alive. He commanded them to take Daniel out of the den of lions, for the law had been obeyed, Daniel had been thrown in but nothing was written to stop him being taken out. Upon his exit, there was found no manner of hurt. God had protected him because he believed/had faith in Him, we see a reference to this in [Hebrews 11:33](#).



God's Faithfulness to all

Key Point:

Daniel glorified God and testified of his deliverance from the death decree. He declared that he was innocent before God and also had done no wrong to the king. God honoured his faithfulness by sending his angel to shut the lions mouths.

Hebrews 7:25 - "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Daniel not only lived a faithful life, but he also prayed continually for his people. This reminds us of how our High Priest Jesus Christ continually intercedes for us.

Spiritual Point: God sent His angel to shut the lion's mouths!

ANGELS versus LIONS: What a good analogy of the great conflict between Christ and Satan!

1 Peter 5:6-8 - "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in the due time; having cast all your care upon him, for he cares about you. Be vigilant, watch. Your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walks about seeking whom he may devour."



End-time application...

Key Point:

In Daniel 6:22, the Bible describes Daniel as blameless and innocent. In Revelation 14:5, 12, God's people are considered blameless and without fault.

Revelation 14:5 - "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God"

12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

At the end of time, God will have a people who, like Daniel, will be characterized by their faithfulness to Him. Through the power of the indwelling of Christ, these people will keep the commandments of God. Because they will refuse to worship the Beast power, like Daniel they will also face persecution and the threat of death.

No matter how the Beast, the image, the number of the name or the Mark of the Beast issues come upon us: the principal is clear. The end-time issue will be over loyalty. The end-time issue will involve the sacred time of worship to God and obedience to His law.

Seal of God

- True Worship
- Adoration to the Creator
- Commandment of God
- Protection signal
- Placed on the forehead



Sabbath

Revelation 12:17 & 14:12

Mark of the Beast

- False Worship
- Adoration to the Beast
- Commandment of man
- Sign of condemnation
- On the forehead & in the hand



Sunday

Revelation 13:16

When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).



Understanding what just happened

Darius hoped that God would save His servant through a miracle.
In some way, Darius recognized God.

Daniel was alive and turned to the king.

Why did Daniel claim to be innocent only after his salvation?

- If he had claimed innocence before his execution, it could have been interpreted as fear and cowardice.
 - It would not have helped anyway because he had transgressed the law.
 - Attempts to justify oneself in such a situation create more problems.
- Jesus did not justify himself either.

Daniel attributed his salvation to God.

His trust was rewarded. He was able to leave the lions' den, because the law did not demand death but the lions' den.

Why did God allow Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den and not save him right away?

Possible answers:

- It should help the king to get to know the true God.
- Maybe God wanted to let Daniel have a new experience of His power.
- It happened so that we would be encouraged (1 Corinthians 10:6).



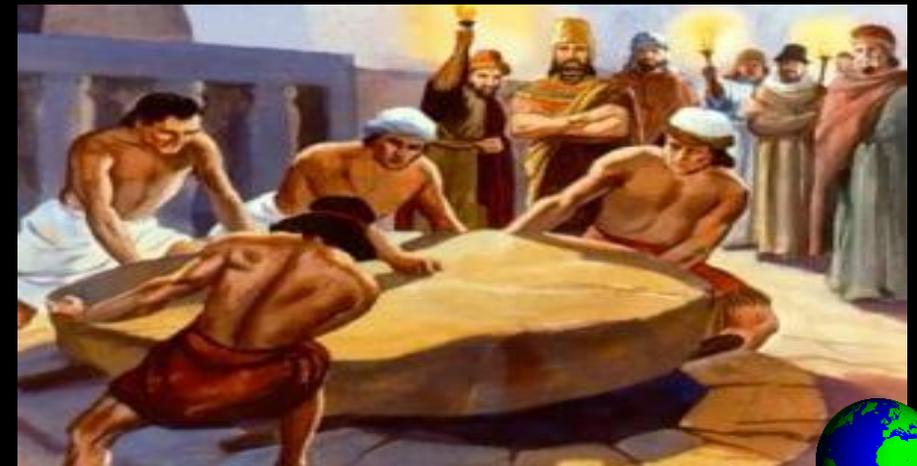
Daniel 6:24 - Accusers cast into den

Daniel 6:24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

The liberation of Daniel from the lions' den was at the same time of his enemies' doom. This topic is also found in Revelation 13-18: God's people are about to be killed (Revelation 13:15); however, symbolic Babylon is being judged (Revelation 18:6-7).

Daniel's God was made known in the Persian Empire. To some extent, Darius acknowledged this God. Daniel had a high position with the Medes and Persians.

The Lord does not leave His people alone, even at the end of time when they have to go through "lions' dens" and suffer the loss of religious liberty. They remain faithful in prayer and witnessing.

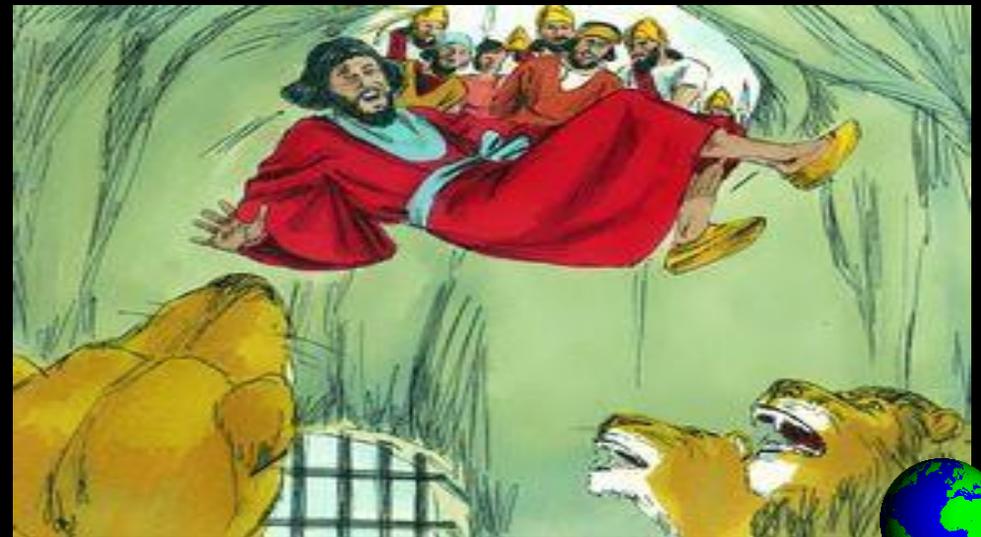


What Ye Sow, So Shall Ye Reap

The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead. (Proverbs 11:8) But [as for them] whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 11:21)

Daniel's accusers were cast into the den of lions and their bones were broken even before they hit the ground. What they tried to do to the righteous Daniel came back on their own heads, with them, their wives and children following. God vindicated His servant and reigned vengeance upon the accusers.

Yes, Daniel is miraculously saved, his faithfulness rewarded, evil punished, and God's honor and power vindicated. But what we see here is a mini-example of what will happen on a universal scale: God's people delivered, evil punished, and the Lord vindicated before the cosmos.



Wrong doing brings doom on families

There is, however, one disturbing problem, and that is the wives and the children who, as far as we know, are innocent, and yet who suffer the same fate as the guilty ones. **How can we explain what seems to be a mishandling of justice?**

First, we should note that the action is decided and implemented by the king according to Persian law, which includes the family in the punishment of the culprit. According to an ancient principle, the entire family bears responsibility for the offense of a family member. **This doesn't mean it's right; it means only that this story fits with what we know about Persian law.**

Second, we must note that the biblical narrative reports the event but does not endorse the action of the king. In fact, the Bible clearly forbids that children be put to death because of the sins of the parents ([Deuteronomy 24:16](#)).

Do Children Pay For The Sins of Their Parents?

Exodus 20:1-6



Daniel's time and End-time

Daniel's enemies suffered the very fate that they had determined for him (Daniel 6:24, 25).

When the king discovered what his advisors were up to, he was filled with wrath against them.

The civil power which was to punish Daniel now turned on the enemies of Daniel.

The word 'deliver' is at the very core of Daniel 6. It is used in Daniel 6:14, 16, 20 and 27. It is also used several times in Daniel 3. The only other place it is used is in Daniel 12:1. This indicates that these three stories are intimately related.

Daniel was delivered because he had a covenant relationship with his God (see Daniel 6:22).

He stood innocent before God.

Daniel represents the end time remnant of God which will possess the same character and mission as Daniel. But the end-time remnant will witness to spiritual Babylon.



Daniel 6:25-28 - Darius praises God

Daniel 6:25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

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

An important point of the narrative is the fact that Darius praises God and recognizes God's sovereignty. This is a culmination, even a climax, of the praises or expressions of recognition offered to God in the previous chapters (Daniel 2:20-23; Daniel 3:28-29; Daniel 4:1-3, Daniel 4:34-37).

Like Nebuchadnezzar, Darius responds to Daniel's deliverance by praising God. But he does more, too: he reverses his previous decree and commands everyone to "fear before the God of Daniel" (Daniel 6:26).

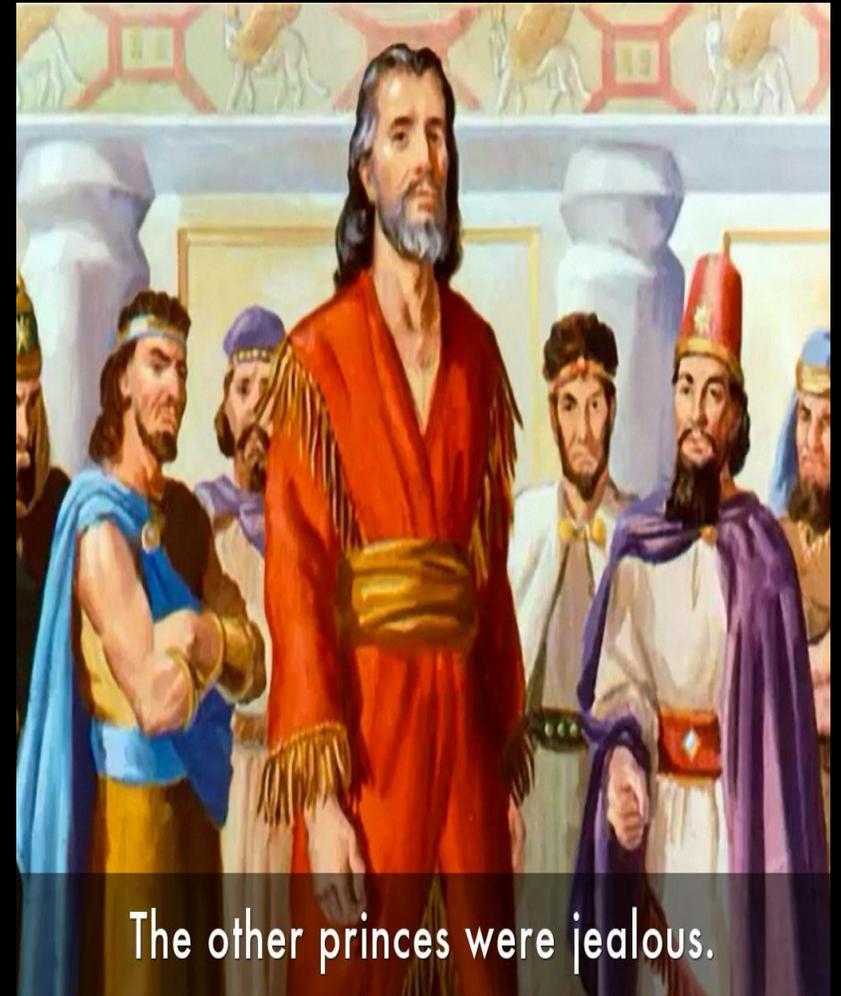


Examining the verses...

Darius here acknowledges the superiority of Daniel's God as we shall see in the following points;

- Living God - All others therefore are dead.
- Steadfast forever - All other gods must therefore be changeable.
- Kingdom not destroyed - All others must come to an end.
- His dominion shall be even unto the end - No human power can prevail against it.
- Delivers those in bondage and is able to rescue those that call upon Him.
- He is the God that worketh signs and wonders.
- He delivered Daniel before our own eyes - Manifestation of God's power right in front of their faces.

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee (Psalms 76:10) as was the case here. They tried to have Daniel put to death, but it only caused the advancement of the truth and the glorification of God. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. (2 Corinthians 13:8)



The other princes were jealous.



Daniel's God is made known

Daniel's God was made known in the Persian Empire. To some extent, Darius acknowledged this God. Daniel had a high position with the Medes and Persians.

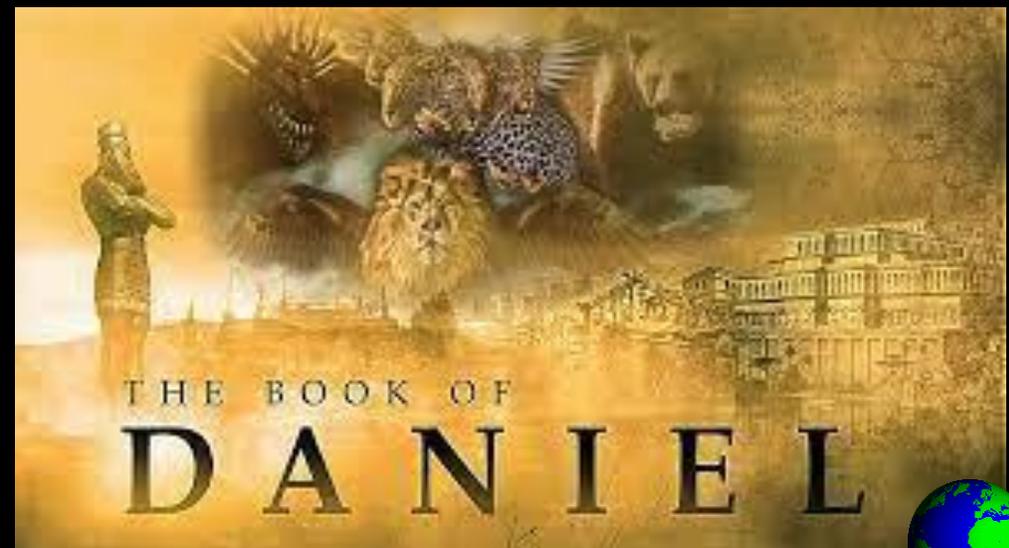
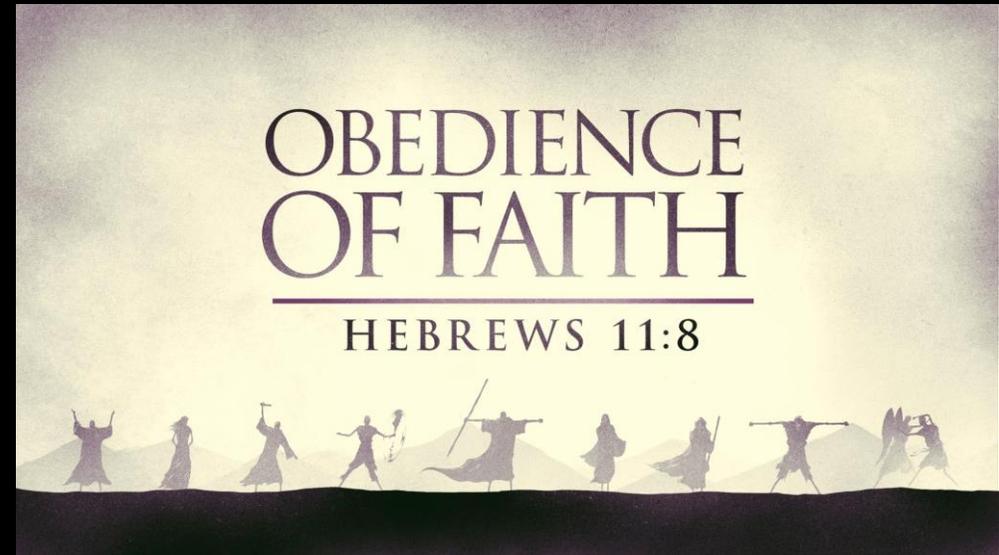
- Religious liberty is an important right. It is indirectly mentioned in the Old and New Testaments (see Acts 5:29). In many countries it is one of the basic human rights.
- However, religious liberty was and is seldom granted (as seen in human history from ancient Rome to the present). It is limited or non-existent in many countries.
- According to the book of Revelation religious liberty and personal freedom will again be threatened, and humanity will experience a situation similar to Daniel 6. This chapter provides guidelines for Christian behaviour.
- Some of us still enjoy liberty. Therefore we can freely pray (6:10), serve God and fellow humans (6:16, 20), witness about God (6:22), and study Scripture (9:2). We should take advantage of this situation.



Daniel is found in the hall of Fame

Daniel's deliverance has been recorded in [Hebrews 11](#). What can be called "The Hall of Fame of Faith" says that prophets, among other accomplishments, "stopped the mouths of lions" ([Hebrews 11:33](#)). This is wonderful, but we should keep in mind that the heroes of faith are not only those who escaped death as Daniel does, but also those who suffer and die courageously, as [Hebrews 11](#) also notes.

God calls some to witness by living and others by dying. Thus, the narrative of Daniel's deliverance does not imply that deliverance is granted to everyone, as we learn from the multitude of men and women who have been martyrs because of their faith in Jesus. However, the miraculous deliverance of Daniel does show that God rules, and He will eventually deliver all His children from the power of sin and death. This will become clear in the next chapters of Daniel.



The End-time representatives like Daniel

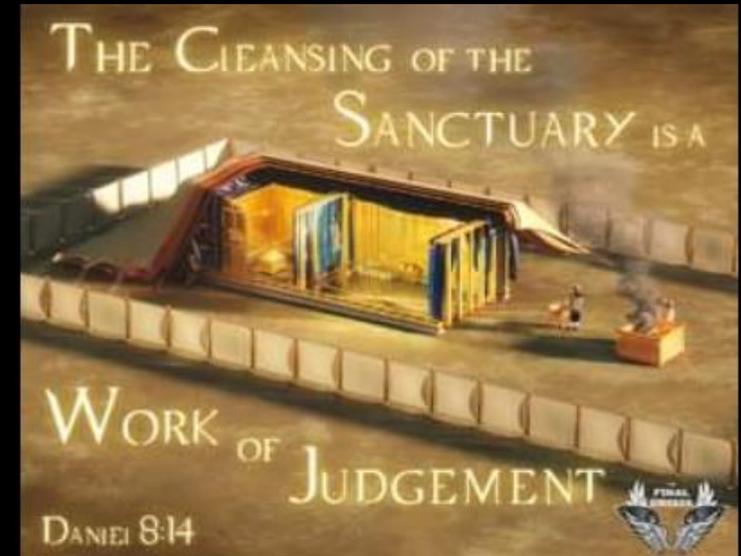
Daniel represents the end time remnant of God which will possess the same character and mission as Daniel. But the end-time remnant will witness to spiritual Babylon.

1. The final remnant will have the testimony of Jesus which is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 12:17; 19:10; 22:8, 9). It is not accidental that Ellen White's experience while in vision was very similar to Daniel's. Neither is it coincidental that both were extremely interested in understanding and proclaiming the prophecy of Daniel 8:14.

2. The final remnant will keep the commandments of God (Revelation 12:17; 14:12) and this will awaken the wrath of their enemies.

3. The final remnant will worship the true Creator (Revelation 14:7) and will refuse to worship the beast or his image (Revelation 14:9-11). Once again, the issue will be worship.

4. In the final crisis the remnant will have the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:12)

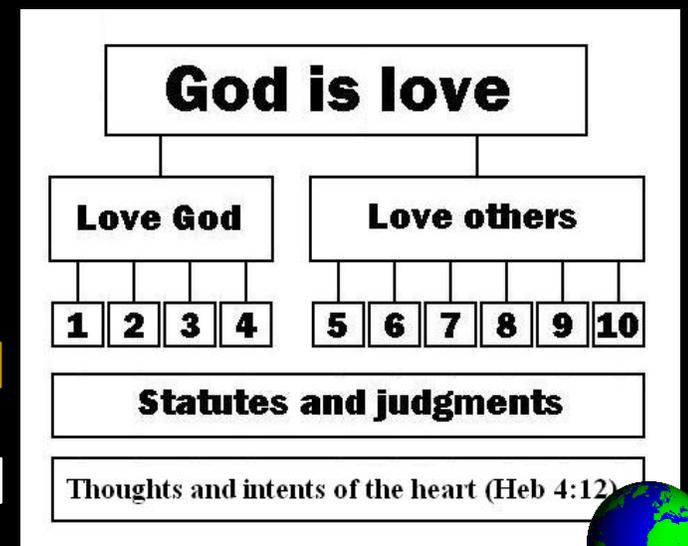


God's End-time Remnant

God's end time remnant will be filled with the Holy Spirit in the latter rain (Joel 2:28-32; Revelation 14:14-18; 18:1-5).

The end time remnant will be faithful in the daily duties of life. They will be honest and trustworthy in the small things and thus will stand firm when the big test comes (on this principle see Luke 16:10; Jeremiah 12:5). For example, if we are not faithful in our tithe now, what makes us think that we will be willing to give up everything, including life, when the final test comes? If we are not faithful in our Sabbath observance now, how will we be willing to give up our lives over this same issue later? **We cannot allow anyone to find fault with us in any of our business transactions or other duties of our daily lives.** How can we claim to be faithful to God whom we cannot see if we are unfaithful to our fellow human beings whom we can see?

Faithfulness to God's law will be the central issue in the final conflict, primarily the first table. But note: The wicked will not be able to find any fault in our observance of the second table so they will accuse us with regards to the first table.

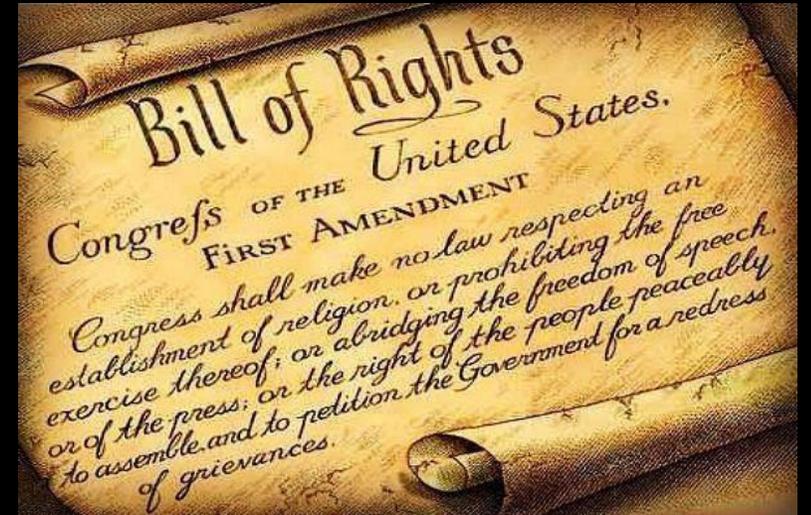


The conflict in the last days...

Another related issue in the final conflict will be **worship**. The first amendment to the Constitution states: 'Congress shall make no law neither respecting the establishment of religion nor forbidding the free exercise thereof.' At the end, the beast and his image will not only establish religion (by enforcing Sunday observance), but will also forbid the free exercise of religion (by forbidding Sabbath observance). Thus Sunday laws will eventually become anti-Sabbath laws.

God's people in this crisis will have an unshakable and unbreakable faith like the faith that Jesus had (see Revelation 14:12).

The religious leaders of the United States in particular and the world in general will deceive the political rulers into thinking that the remnant is a threat to the welfare of the state (see John 11:50 and The Great Controversy, p. 615). They will persuade the presidents and rulers to proclaim religious laws. They will legislate the first table of God's law which is totally illegitimate.



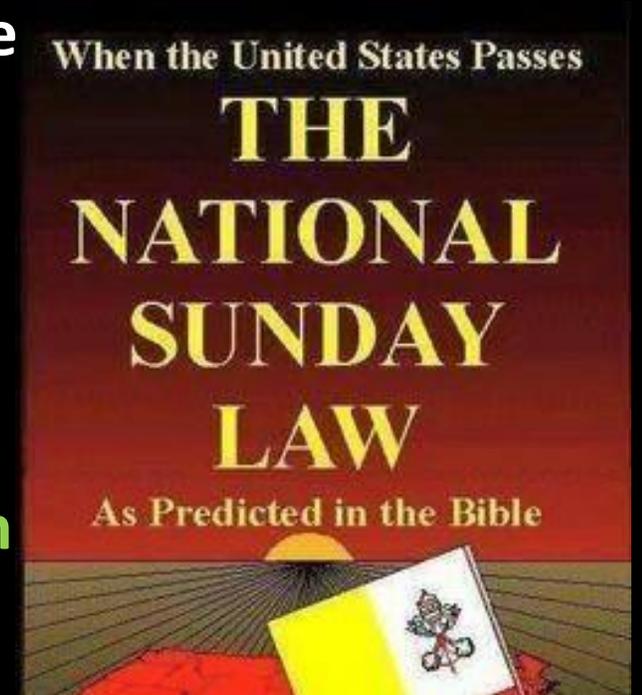
The Final Decree on planet Earth

The final worship decree will be written and 'notarized' by the political rulers of the world (see [Revelation 13:15](#); [Esther 3:8](#)).

God's people must be a people of prayer. In the time of trouble God's people will cry out day and night for their deliverance (see [The Great Controversy, p. 630](#)). Like Jacob, they will not let go until they have the absolute assurance of God's acceptance.

Why will God allow His people to through this terrible time of tribulation? Why doesn't God simply remove them from earth to heaven before the time of trial? (Like Secret Rapture - NO!)

"The wrath of man shall praise Thee," says the psalmist; "the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain." God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated. Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber." [Testimonies for the Church, V5 p 453](#)

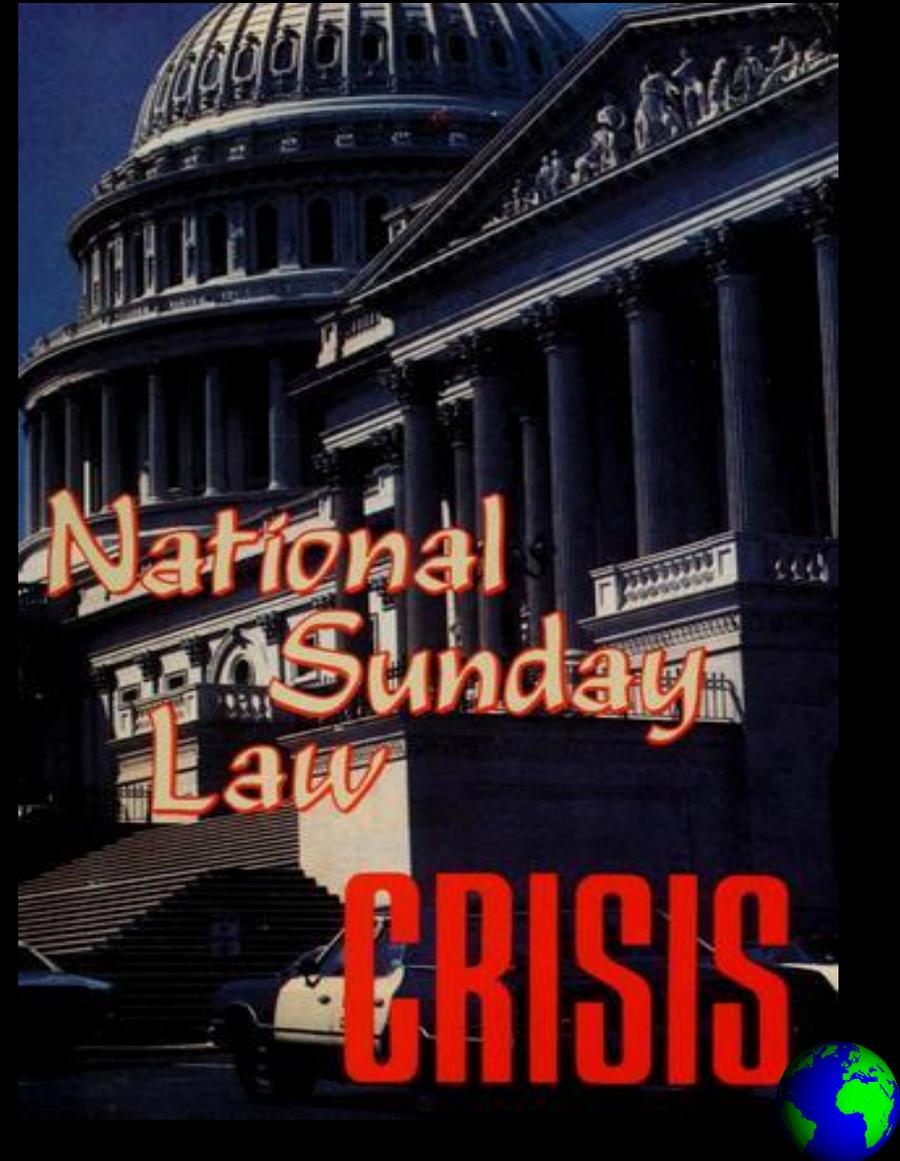


Just as in the past, so shall it be...

In [Ezekiel 38 and 39](#) when the wicked come against God's people, the Lord does not prevent them. He allows them to surround the city so that God's glorious deliverance of His people can be seen by the entire universe.

Once again it will be seen that the power of the wicked rulers of the world is limited. Their laws will appear to be irrevocable. It will appear as if God's people are at the point of being annihilated but God will intervene to deliver when men could not do so. It is no coincidence that Ellen White describes the moment of deliverance in the chapter titled: "God's People Delivered" (see [The Great Controversy](#), p. 635).

Remember: The wonderful experience of Daniel's deliverance from the lions' den is more than just a story to tell to our children. As we go deeper in our study of God's Word, we will see very significant correlations between the events in [Daniel 6](#) and what the Bible says will happen at the end of time.



The Death Decree will be issued

God's people will come face to face with a death decree ([Revelation 13:15](#)) because they insist on worshiping God as He has commanded. This will lead to a time of trouble such as has never been seen in the history of the world (see [The Great Controversy](#), pp. 613-634).

The wicked will suffer the same fate which they desired for the righteous. The kings of the earth will turn on the harlot ([Revelation 17:16, 17](#); [The Great Controversy](#), pp. 655, 656).

The Lord does not leave His people alone, even at the end of time when they have to go through "lions' dens" and suffer the loss of religious liberty. They remain faithful in prayer and witnessing.

God's people will be in a covenant relationship with their Lord and this will guarantee their protection. The final fulfilment of this experience is in [Daniel 11:44, 45](#). There, the king of the north (the same as the little horn, the beast and the man of sin) will go out to slay God's people. At that moment, Michael will stand up to DELIVER His people who are in a covenant relationship with Him.

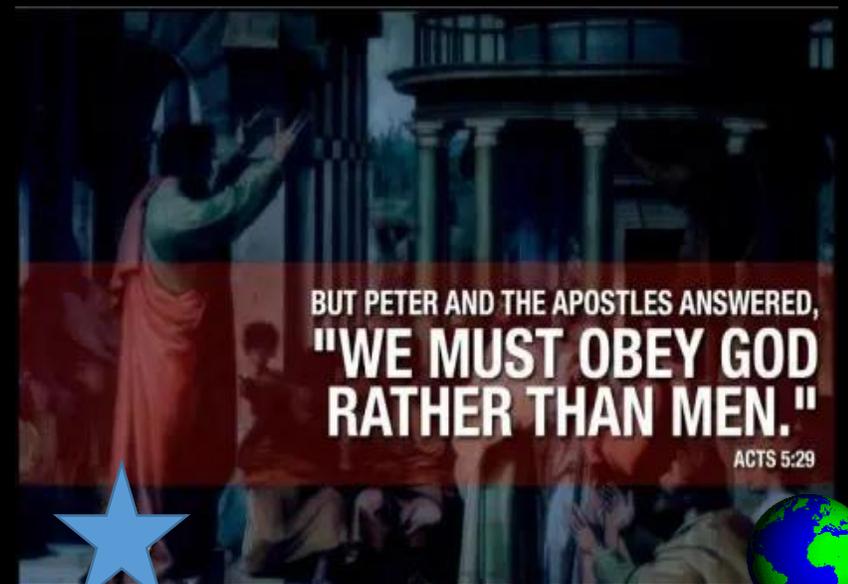


Daniel 6 and End-times

In the end, Daniel's enemies were destroyed. Likewise, at the end of time the enemies of God's people will be destroyed. As Nebuchadnezzar told his conversion story in chapter 4, his acknowledgment of God's power sounds similar to Darius' new decree, telling of the wonderful power of the Lord to deliver His people. These words of King Darius, praising the living God, the God of Daniel, imply that this heathen king had also come to believe in Daniel's God.

The events of Daniel 6 reveal the tension that will exist during the last days between the claims of God's holy law and the man-made laws of the land. The stand that Daniel took in the face of death shows the end-time issue of political correctness versus a clear conscience before God. Likewise, in the New Testament, we see the early apostles' response to this same issue:

Acts 5:29. "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."



Parallels Between Daniel 6 and the Mark of the Beast

Comparison No. 1:

Daniel was persecuted because he chose to obey God's law. - Daniel 6:5

The Remnant will be persecuted for keeping God's law as Christ did. - Revelation 12:17

Comparison No. 2:

The king of Medo-Persia made a law which commanded false worship. - Daniel 6:6-9

The Beast Power will lead the world to make a law that commands false worship. - Revelation 13:15

Comparison No. 3:

The Medo-Persian law led people to worship a man – Darius the Mede. - Daniel 6:7

The Mark of the Beast issue brings the world to worship a man with the number 666. - Rev. 13:18

SUNDAY LAWS

In Force in the Province of Ontario

PROHIBIT

1. LABOR. With certain exceptions this includes:

- (a) THE WORK OF LABORERS, MECHANICS and MANUFACTURERS.
- (b) ALL FARM WORK, such as SEEDING, HARVESTING, FENCING, DITCHING.
- (c) WORK ON RAILWAYS, such as BUILDING and CONSTRUCTION, and also REPAIR WORK, except in emergencies, and TRAFFIC, excepting the forwarding of PASSENGER AND CERTAIN FREIGHT TRAINS.
- (d) ALL BUILDING, TEAMING, DRIVING FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, THE WORK OF BAKERS AND BARBERS, Etc.
- (e) THE WORK OF MUSICIANS AND PAID PERFORMERS OF ANY KIND. Works of necessity and mercy excepted.

2. BUSINESS. It is unlawful to MAKE CONTRACTS or to BUY, SELL or DELIVER ANYTHING on Sunday, including LIQUORS, CIGARS, NEWSPAPERS, Etc. Generally speaking the only exceptions are DELIVERING PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE, MILK for domestic use, and SUPPLYING MEALS AND MEDICINES.

3. ALL GAMES, RACES OR OTHER SPORTS FOR MONEY OR PRIZES, or which are noisy, or at which a fee is charged, and the business of AMUSEMENT or ENTERTAINMENT.

4. ALL EXCURSIONS for hire and with the object of pleasure, by TRAIN, STEAMER or OTHER CONVEYANCE.

5. ADVERTISING in Canada, unlawful things to take place on Sunday, either in Canada or across the line.

6. IMPORTING, SELLING or DISTRIBUTING FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS on Sunday.

7. ALL GAMBLING, TIPPLING, USING PROFANE LANGUAGE, and all other acts which disturb the public quiet.

8. ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS, except in Churches.

9. HUNTING, SHOOTING, FISHING; also BATHING in any public place or in sight of a place of public worship, or private residence.

THE PENALTY IS FROM \$1.00 TO \$500.00

THE GAME LAW

Of the Province makes Sunday a CLOSE SEASON for all GAME and HUNTING and SHOOTING UNLAWFUL on that day.

THE PENALTY IS FROM \$5.00 TO \$25.00



Parallels Between Daniel 6 and the Mark of the Beast (cont'd)

Comparison No. 4:

The penalty in Daniel 6 involved the death decree. - Daniel 6:7

The penalty in the Mark of the Beast issue involves the death decree. - Revelation 13:15

Comparison No. 5:

Daniel was saved by the intervention of God. - Daniel 6:19-23

God's people are delivered by the coming of Christ. - Revelation 19:11

Comparison No. 6:

Daniel's persecutors were thrown to the lions. - Daniel 6:24

Those who worship the Beast and persecute God's people will receive the seven last plagues and hell fire. - Revelation 18:4; Revelation 16:6



Hell or the
Lake of Fire



Daniel 3 & 6 and End Time issues in the Book of Revelation

The events of Daniel chapter 3 (the golden image) and chapter 6 (the lion's den) relate prophetically to end-time events.

We have listed several comparisons above.

Now let's discuss a few of these in more detail.

The Decree:

In each case, false worship was enforced by a man's decree.

This false worship required disobedience to God and the breaking of one or more of His Ten Commandments. Revelation describes that God's end-time people will again be faced with required false worship and disobedience to God and breaking His commandments. All three involved the persecution of God's people and a death decree passed by a dominant world ruler.

The Issue Is Worship:

The test of faith in Daniel 3 revolved around the second commandment (Exodus 20:4-5: bowing down to graven images). In Daniel 6, the test question centered around the first commandment (Exodus 20:3: the exclusive worship of God).

The Mark of the Beast issue also involves worship and the breaking of one of God's commandments.



End-time issue for all humanity (cont'd)

Who Conspired Against God's people?

In Daniel chapter 3, we saw king Nebuchadnezzar that conspired against God's people. In chapter 6, the conspirators were the king's closest counsellors who led this powerful world leader to unite in persecuting Daniel for his obedience to God. Revelation 13 and 17 reveal that these same challenges will occur at the end of time.

The Nature of the Decree:

The golden image worship in Daniel 3 obviously broke God's law. In Chapter 6, the issue was not as obvious, but it was just as serious. The decree attempted to break the relationship between Daniel and his God by making sacred time and communication to God illegal. This was a direct attack against Daniel's personal worship and prayer life.

The Lesson for the Last Days:

In the last days, one of the Ten Commandments will again be the basic test question. Again, a dominant world leader will issue decrees to enforce false worship. To remain obedient to God, His people must endure force, intimidation, economic sanctions, and death threats, while others bow to (Spiritual) Babylon in compliance with the laws of men. Once again, the focus will be on true worship of God versus the false worship of man. Where will you stand?

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

is NOT this  is NOT this 

The mark of the Vatican beast will be **ENFORCED Sunday observance**; which is willful rejection of God's 7th day Sabbath and His Law. (God's Sabbath is from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)

CLIMATE CHANGE

will lead to **Sunday Law** enforcement

March 7, 2017: EU Bishops Commission calls for work-free Sunday.
March 7, 321 AD: First Sunday law by Constantine.

Satan will impersonate Christ and claim he changed the Sabbath to Sunday.

If you accept the Vatican's Sunday Laws, you will accept its MARK and receive God's 7 plagues and die. (Revelation 16; Psalm 119:126)
If you obey God and keep His 10 commandments, including His 7th day Sabbath commandment, you will become His saint and be with God in heaven! (Revelation 14:12; Revelation 22:14)



Summary

Daniel was true, noble, and generous. While he was anxious to be at peace with all men, he would not permit any power to turn him aside from the path of duty. He was willing to obey those who had rule over him, as far as he could do so consistently with truth and righteousness; but kings and decrees could not make him swerve from his allegiance to the King of kings. Daniel was but eighteen years old when brought into a heathen court in service to the king of Babylon, and because of his youth his noble resistance of wrong and his steadfast adherence to the right are the more admirable. His noble example should bring strength to the tried and tempted, even at the present day.—

Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, p. 570.

Daniel chapter 6 comes to a close with the following words, Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

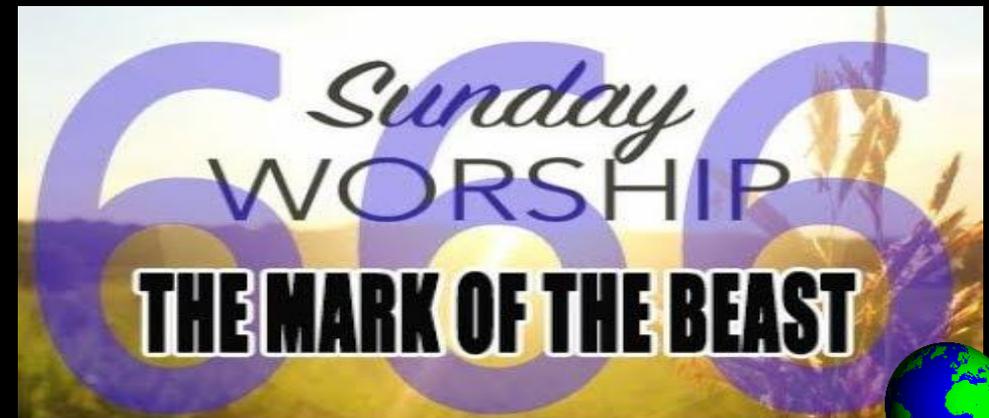
We have now come to the end of the historical part of the book of Daniel. From here to the end of the book we look at prophecy that has already been fulfilled and will be fulfilled very shortly.

SUN-day

“The Mark of the Papacy’s Authority”

Sunday is our MARK of authority....
The (**Roman**) church is above the **Bible**, and this transference of **Sabbath** observance is **proof of that fact**.

— Catholic Record, September 1, 1923 (Ontario).



Conclusion

The case of Daniel shows us, that, through religious principle, young men may triumph over the lust of the flesh and remain true to God's requirements, even though it cost them a great sacrifice. What if he had made a compromise with those heathen officers, and had yielded to the pressure of the occasion by eating and drinking as was customary with the Babylonians? **That one wrong step would probably have led to others, until, his connection with heaven being severed, he would have been borne away by temptation.** But while he clung to God with unwavering trust, the spirit of prophetic power came upon him. **While he was instructed of man in the duties of court life, he was taught of God to read the mysteries of future ages.** — [Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, p. 570.](#)

Daniel loved, feared, and obeyed God. **Yet he did not flee away from the world to avoid its corrupting influence. In the providence of God he was to be in the world yet not of the world.** With all the temptations and fascinations of court life surrounding him, he stood in the integrity of his soul, firm as a rock in his adherence to principle. He made God his strength and was not forsaken of Him in his time of greatest need. — [Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, p. 569.](#)



GOD'S SEAL
contains:

1. **NAME:** *The Lord your God*
2. **TITLE:** *Creator*
3. **TERRITORY:** *Heaven & Earth*



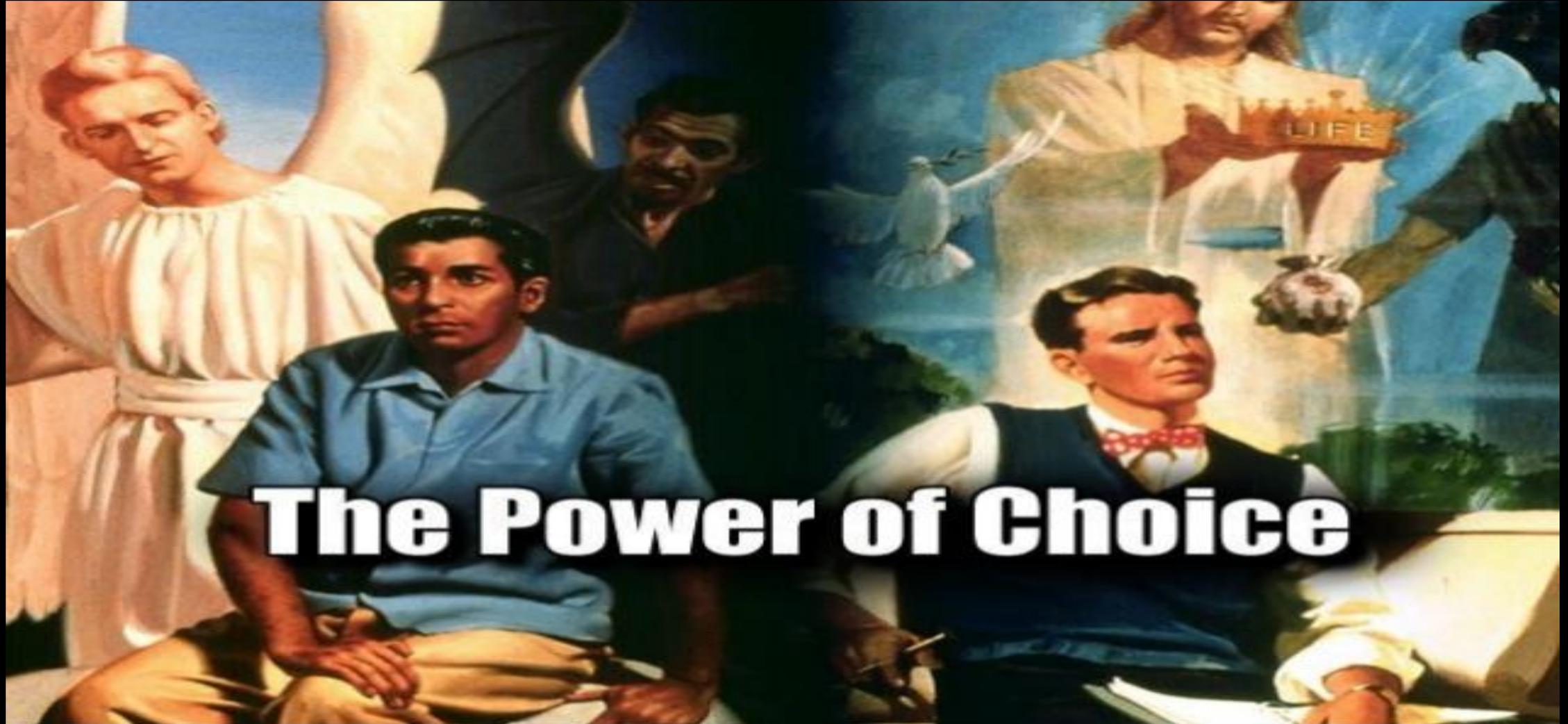
The word "Sabbath" itself means the sign or seal of the Father.

S - AB - B - ATH
In Hebrew:

AB = *Father (Strong's H1)*
B = *Dwelling Place or Of*
ATH = *Sign (Strong's H226)*

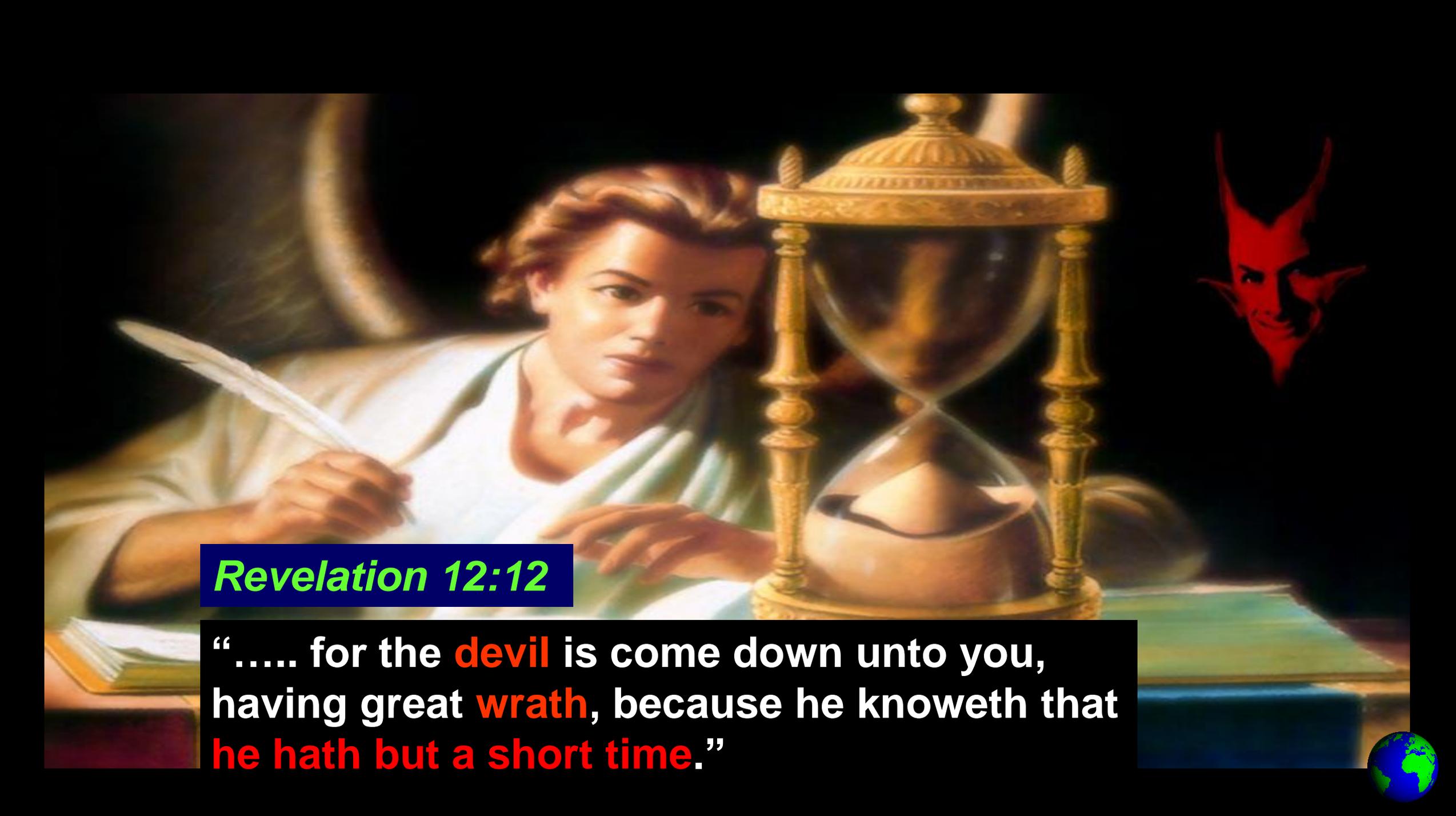


God has given all:



The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?