


# Daniel 6







# Opening Questions

- What kind of Godly reputation do you have to those around you? Are you a silent Christian?
- How should we react when faced with extreme trials and tribulation?
- Is following OT practices necessary?

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; 2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. 3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. 4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

6 So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever! 7 All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." 9 Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

**Q: Why did Daniel distinguish himself above the other rulers (v3)?**

A: An excellent Spirit was in him. God had guided his entire life. Daniel was faithful to God first, and was put in place by God for a reason, likely to encourage and lead the Jewish exiles, even in preparation for their return to Israel.

**Q: Why did the rulers desire to entrap Daniel?**

A: Jealousy

**Q: Any other similar examples of Jealousy in the Bible?**

A: Joseph and his brothers; Daniel's three friends (chap 3), King Saul for example

**Q: To what element did the leaders appeal to in the King?**

A: His "self-deity." Pagan kings considered themselves gods

**Q: What Medo-Persian law are they referring to in vs. 8?"**

A: The law of Medes and Persians was revokable by any person, including the King.



10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?"

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

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

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

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

**Q: Where did Daniel get the idea of praying 3 times a day towards Jerusalem? Should we be doing that today?**

A: 1 Kings 8:44-45 – King Solomon's Prayer toward city before battle. Psalm 55:17 – King David prayed three times per day.

Although there is nothing wrong with performing them, OT laws were abolished by Christ on the cross.

**Q: How old was Daniel at this time?**

A: Over 80. He had been doing this for at least 60 years

**Q: What was the King's reaction in verse 14?**

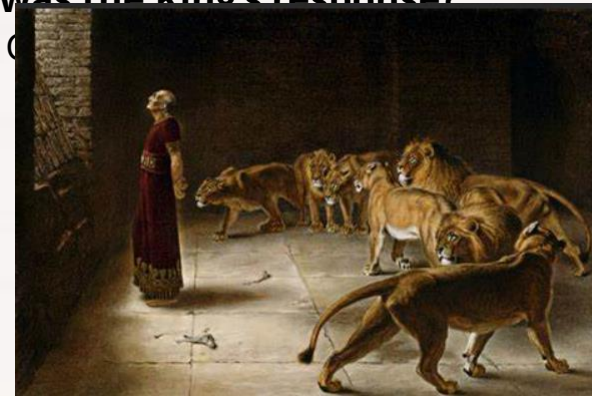
A: He realized he acted foolishly. He spent the day trying to convince Daniel to recant (or other actions).

**Q: What was the rulers response?**

A: Continued hatred

**Q: What was the King's response?**

A: "Your God"



18 Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him. 19 Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

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

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

**Q: Who was the angel Daniel saw in verse 22?**

A: Unknown but could have been the same one from the fiery furnace incident (chap 3)

**Q: Daniel says in verse 22 he had done no wrong before God AND no wrong before the King. Why?**

A: Daniel had the proper perspective his whole life. He lived for eternity serving the one and only eternal God. Just as we should do.

**Q: Did Daniel serve his "punishment?"**

A: Yes, the he spent the night in the lions den

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

25 Then King Darius wrote:

To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth:

Peace be multiplied to you.

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

For He is the living God,  
And steadfast forever;  
His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed,  
And His dominion shall endure to the end.

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

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

**Q: Why throw the wicked rulers' families into the pit along with them?**

A: Possible reason, the families were evil minded as well. Or, as a lesson from the King to other leaders and families.

**Q: Was God's saving of Daniel a useless miracle?**

A: Many people were turned towards God by the King, who was likely saved himself just as Nebuchadnezzar was.

**Q: How did Daniel prosper?**

A: Far more than material wealth, he prospered in the heavenly Kingdom for eternity

**Q: Can we apply this to our lives today?**

A: Open discussion on application at work, home, and the world



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prophecy





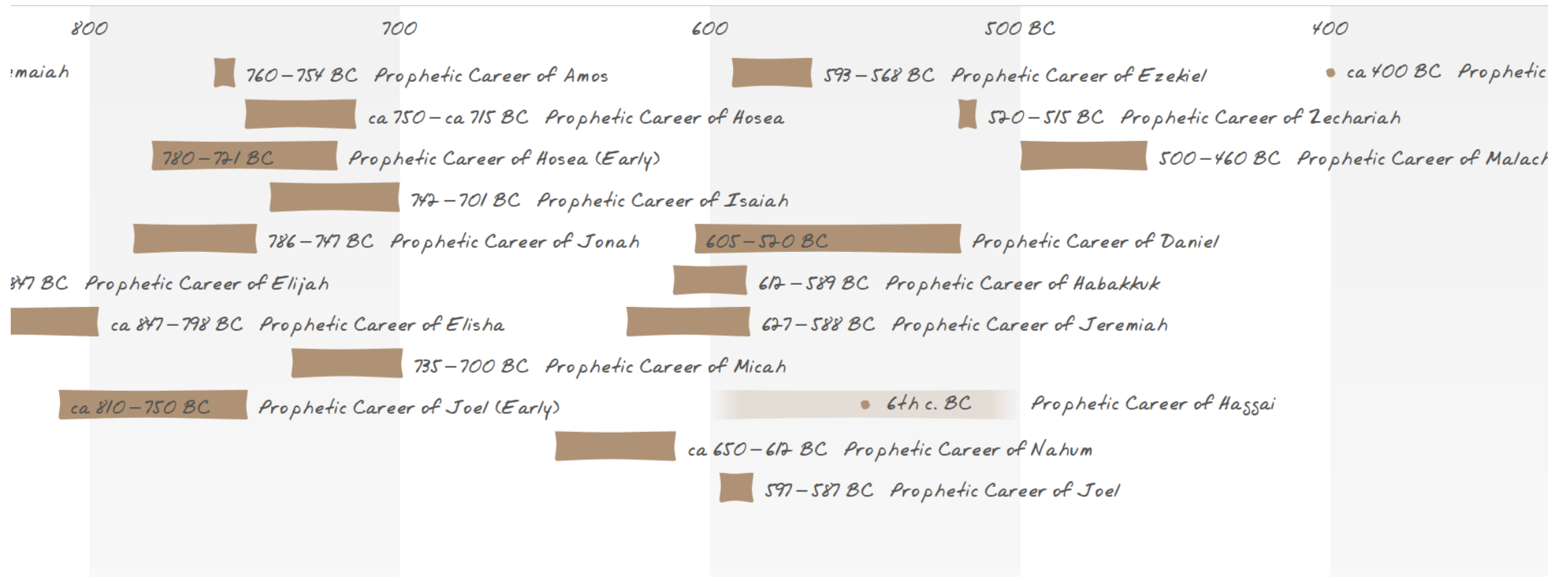
- Writer – “God is my Judge” (Daniel Himself)
- Historical Timeline
  - 605 BC – 535 BC
  - Daniel was in first set of 3 exile events
  - 605 (Daniel)
  - 597 (Ezekiel)
  - 586 BC
- When – Written between 536 and 530 BC
- Why Exile?
  - Judah’s ongoing sin
  - Israel had fallen to Assyria in 722 BC
  - **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah warnings ignored**
- Language – 2:4 – 7:28 Aramaic, international language
- Purpose(s)
  - Encouragement and prophesy
  - During Successive gentile domination until Messiah’s return
  - Display of Gods sovereignty
  - Major display of miracles



# Romans 3

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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# Deportations of the Israelites and Returns

- 605 BC
- 597 BC
- 586 BC

