

Notes used in the Message

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DANIEL 6:1-7

1 † ¶ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 † And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

3 † Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 † Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 † Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

6 † ¶ Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

7 † All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

56-0108 GOD.HATH.A.PROVIDED.WAY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-23 † **He let Daniel hear the roar of the lion, and maybe, his hot breath right against him. That lions with their mouths open, hungry down in this pit. And the lions rushed right to him, and with a great roaring blast, till they was ready to seize onto Daniel. All at once he was covered with an Angel. Amen. Light swirled around Daniel. No doubt but it was the Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel.** Animals are scared of fire. You know that; they're scared of light. You can shine a light in any animals face, and it'll run. And maybe God shined forth, 'cause God lives in brightness. God is a consuming Fire. Maybe, all of a sudden, not knowing, he said, what would happen, but they threw him into the lions' den, and then the Holy Spirit was there, and the lions backed off and laid down. How was that?

58-0315 FAITH_ HARRISONBURG.VA SATURDAY_

« E-18 † But now, this Philistine come out. He said, "Let's not have a great bloodshed. Let's not have any trouble. Let's just you choose you a man and we'll choose us a man, and let's meet and let us come out here and fight. If I whip your man, then you all serve us; if he whips me then we'll serve you." Sure. Who would tackle that great, big giant? If there was any man in the whole Israelite army that would been physically able, would've been Saul. Saul was the king. And the Bible said that he was head and shoulders above any man in his army. Not only that, but he was a well-trained man. He knew all the military maneuvers. He'd been schooled since a boy of knowing how to handle a spear or a sword. But he was afraid because the giant had him bluffed. But you know, God's always got somebody that's not scared. Way back on the backside of the desert, herding his pappy's sheep was a little, old, ruddy, stoop-shouldered boy that knowed something about God. He wasn't a trained fighter. But when he heard that giant make that expression, he said, "Do you mean to tell me that you'll stand here and let that uncircumcised Philistine defy the armies of the Living God? If you all are scared, let me go fight him," the most unequipped man there was in the group.

61-0211 ABRAHAM_ LONG.BEACH.CA SATURDAY_

« E-66 † Don't look back. "He that puts his hand on the plow, and he that turns to look back is not worthy of plowing." That's what's in this church, brother. You put your hands on the plow and called yourself Pentecostal, filled with the Holy Ghost; stop looking at the world, and act like the world, and polish yourself like the world, and all this kind of stuff, and having worldly things, and staying home watching television instead of coming to prayer meeting. While sinners come to the altar and never get a move out of anybody to come, not interest any more.

Let me give you a little warning, Ezekiel the 9th chapter, the Bible said, told the marker with the-- with the Holy Spirit, "Go through the city and set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations that's did in the city." How many ever read it? Sure. Don't mark nobody else but them. Count on your fingers and hold them up to me, how many people can anyone in this building mark that sighs and cries day and night for the abomination done in this city? I don't see a finger. "Set a seal only on those who sigh and cry for the abominations did in the city." Lot of them even scared to preach out against it. Lot of them are afraid. God give us men with backbone instead of wishbone. Yes, sir. Give us another John the Baptist. Send him forth, anoint him with the Holy Ghost, that'll not pull any punches, but stay with the Word. And if he stays with the Word, don't be afraid. God will back His Word.

I've come in all kinds of tight places, where devils and everything else raised up. I've seen them smitten blind, struck down, and everything else. Don't fear; stay right there at the Word and watch what God does. Just be sure that you're right with God. Stay with that Word and watch what happen.

130-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

"I know their blasphemy." Now it isn't the thought here that these liars are blaspheming God, though that goes without saying. But they are blaspheming the true church. It is always thus. The Jews of Jerusalem blasphemed the church at the beginning. The Gentile polytheists did likewise. If anyone is going to be evil-spoken of, it will always be the true seed. In Nero's day the Christians were blamed for every calamity--even for the burning of Rome. In communist countries the little flock is always the first to be exterminated though actually insignificant in size. **Though the Christians are fine loyal people, who do only good, they will always be persecuted to the end that they might be physically destroyed.**

« 130-3 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

The reason this is so, is because they are a rebuke to the godless. Like a sore thumb they stand out before the wicked. And though the righteous intend no harm to the wicked but want to do only good, invariably they find they are embroiled as was John the Baptist with Herod. For John did not want to harm either Herod or his wife but to save them from the wrath of God. This was not only thoroughly misunderstood and absolutely withstood, but John was put to death because of it. **And for all the good the people of God do, they are still put to public shame and to death. Surely there must be some sinister force behind a people who would be so void of conscience that they would return evil to those who did them good. Yes, there is such a force. It is Satan.** The answer lies in the next verse.

Ten Years Of Tribulation

« 130-4 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Revelation 2:10

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

« 130-5 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Every time the Lord uses those words, "Fear not," there is an engagement at hand which will involve great danger and suffering and deprivation. Now He does not say in a blunt, curt manner, "Tribulation is coming." That would frighten one. But like a mother who is about to turn out the light says gently to her child lest he be frightened, "Now don't be afraid, for the light will go out and it will be dark. But remember that I am here with you." So He says, "Don't be afraid of man or what he can do to you. I am with you, and My grace is sufficient for you. When you pass through the waters, they will not overflow you. Not even in death are you defeated. You are more than conquerors."

« 131-1 † **SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4**

The great apostle, Paul, knew from experience the reality of those words and he wrote in Romans 8:35-59, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him That loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

No, we are not to fear. His love casts out all fear.

DANIEL 6:8-28

» 8 † Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

» 9 † Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

» 10 † Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

» 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.

» 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 musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

» 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.

» 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.

» 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 stedfast 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.