

#### **Timeline**

# BABYLONIAN

- Babylon including Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. (Daniel 1)
- 603 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2)
- 587 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar's 18th year, the image of gold - Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah refuse and are thrown into the fiery furnace - (Daniel 3)
- Chapter 4 takes place after 587 BC ...

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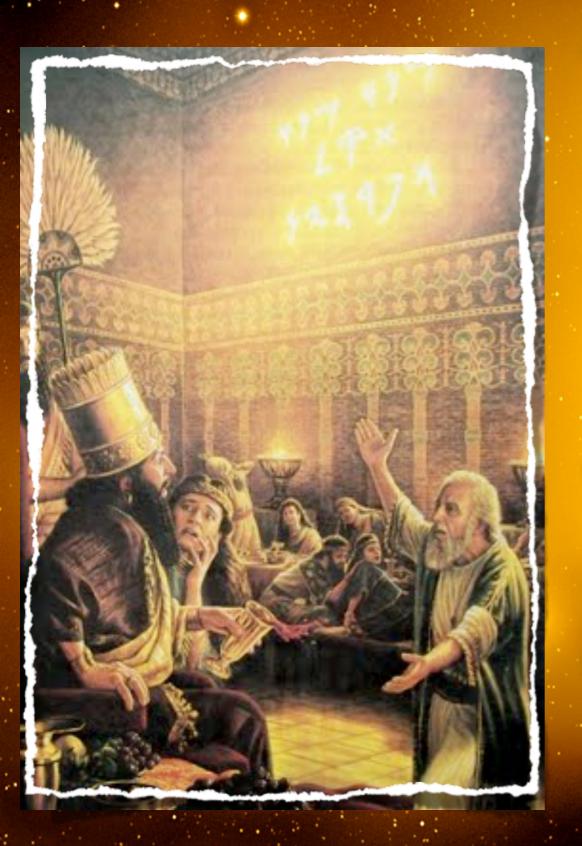
#### BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

- Nebuchadnezzar died 562 b.c. after ruling 43 years.& succeeded by his son, Evil-Merodach.... (Jer 52:31; II Kings 25:27-30)
- Evil-Merodach ruled for two years (562-560 b.c., 2 Kings 25:27-30; Jer. 52:31-34) & was murdered in August 560 by Neriglissar, his brother-in-law.
- Neriglissar ruled 4 years (560-556 b.c.). [Jer 39:3, 13]. At his death, succeeded by his young son Labashi-Marduk, who ruled two months (May and June 556)

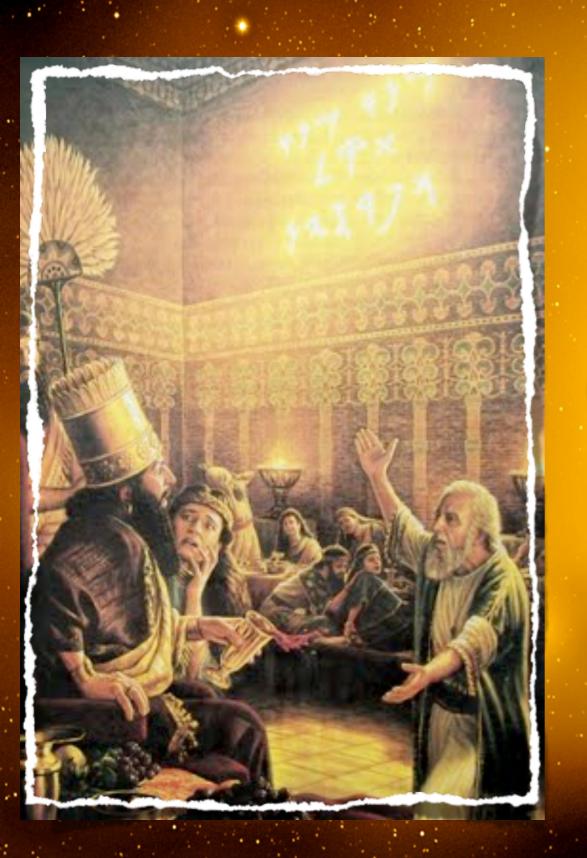
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- Labashi-Marduk, was assassinated and succeeded by Nabonidus, who reigned 17 years (556-539 b.c.).
- 553 B.C. Nabonidus went to the oasis of Tayma & devoted himself to the worship of the moon god, Sin.
- He appointed his son, Belshazzar, as ruler of Babylon in his place.



- ♦ Nabonidus returned 540 B.C. to defend against the Persians. In 539 B.C. Belshazzar was positioned in the city of Babylon to hold the capital, while Nabonidus, marched his troops north to meet Cyrus.
- ♦ October 10, 539 B.C. Nabonidus surrendered to Cyrus & exiled.
- ◆ Two days later, October 12, 539 B.C., the Persian armies overthrew the city of Babylon.



### Daniel 5:30-31

(NKJV)

30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

### DANIEL 6:1-9 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> 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.

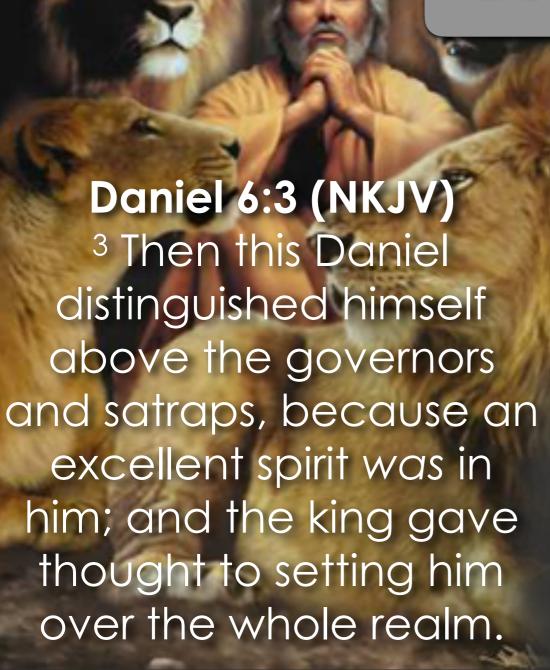
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4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said, "We shall not find 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!

### DANIEL 6:1-9 (NKJV)

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.

#### THE PLOT AGAINST DANIEL - (5:31-6:9)



- DANIEL'S RISE 5:31-6:3
  - Darius Receives The Kingdom 5:30-31
  - He is appointed one of three governors over the kingdom Dan 6:1-2
  - Daniel "distinguished"
    himself above the others
    because of his EXCELLENT
    spirit Dan 6:3

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- His enemies determine there is only one way to defeat him Dan 6:5

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#### DANIEL IS TARGETED — 6:6-9

Daniel 6:7 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> 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.

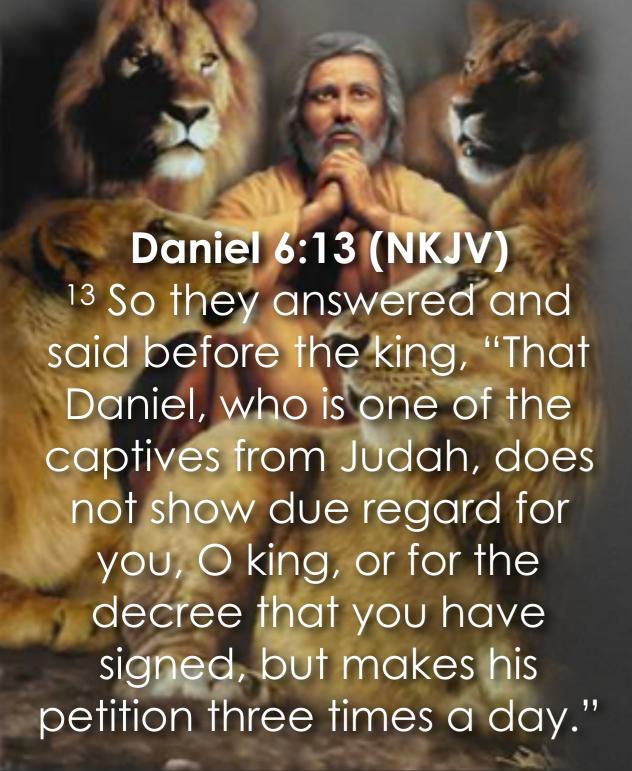
- The king is approached by Daniel's enemies Dan 6:6
- They propose a royal statute, a firm decree Dan 6:7
- The king is encouraged to establish the decree Dan 6:8-9

#### THE PLOT EXECUTED - (6:10-17)

Daniel 6:10 (NKJV) 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.

- DANIEL KEEPS PRAYING
  Knowing full well the decree
  had been signed Dan 6:10
  - 3 times a day cf. Ps 55:17
- Toward Jerusalem cf. 1Ki 8:27-30
- On his knees 1Ki 8:54
- With thankfulness to God -2:23; Php 4:6
- His own custom since "early days" Dan 6:10; Ecc. 12:1

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- DANIEL KEEPS PRAYING
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  - Daniel knew praying to God could cost him his life! 6:10; Acts 4:17-19; 5:29
  - He sought God's help

     Dan 6:11; Psa

    119:170; Eph 6:18

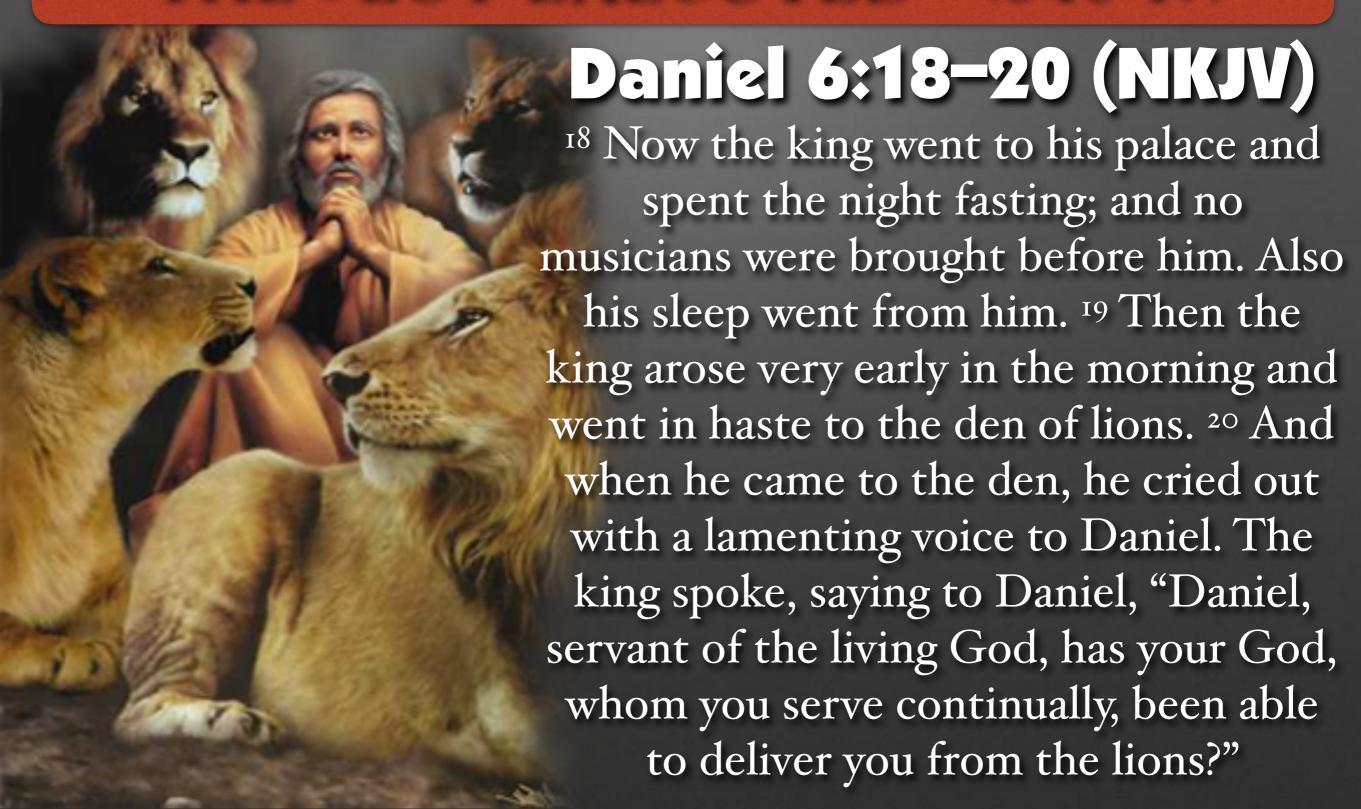
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# Daniel is caught praying to God - 6:11

- Reported to the king 6:12-13
- Darius reminded of the unalterable decree 6:14-15
- The king, upset w/ himself, tries to deliver Daniel 6:14,15
- The king fails, but expresses confidence in Daniel's God to deliver him / has him thrown into the lions den 6:16,17

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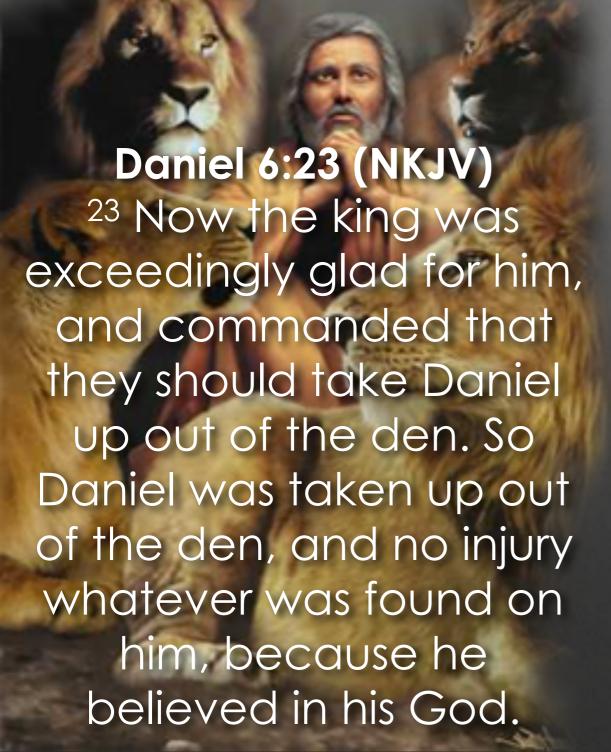
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#### Daniel 6:21-22 (NKJV) <sup>21</sup> Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

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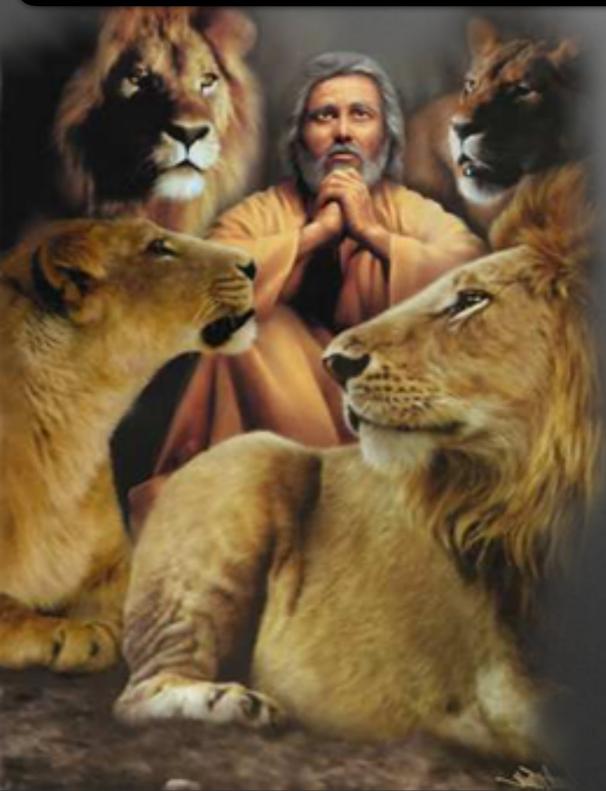
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# Darius removes Daniel from the den - Dan 6:23

- The king is exceedingly glad
- No harm (3:26)
- Daniel is delivered from the lions, because he believed in His God (by faith! 3:27)

#### THE CONSPIRATORS ARE EXECUTED



#### Daniel 6:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—them, 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.

DARIUS DECREES THE GOD OF DANIEL BE FEARED - 6:25-27

#### Daniel 6:25–28 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. <sup>26</sup> 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.

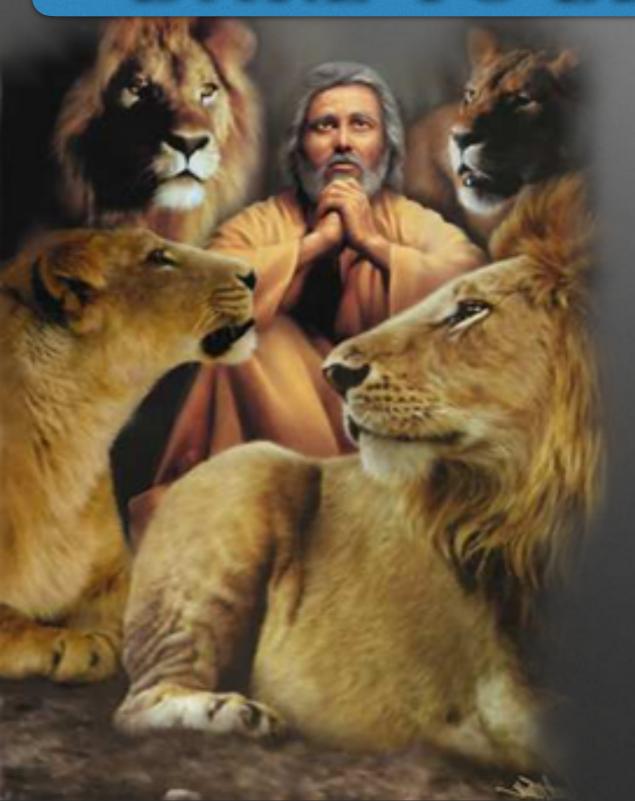
<sup>27</sup> He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. <sup>28</sup> So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

### DARE TO BE LIKE DANIEL



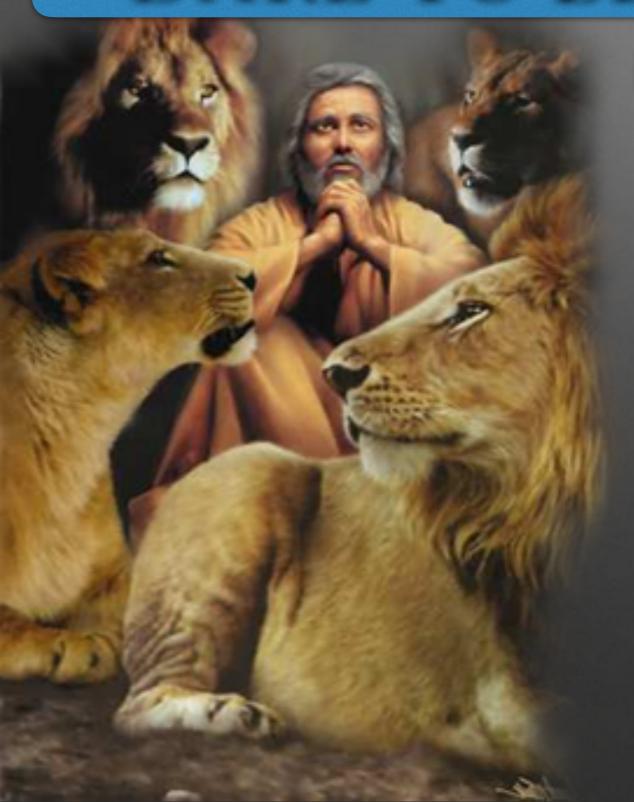
- Refused to eat the king's meat or drink his wine Dan 1:8
- Refused the gifts of Belshazzar & boldly spoke of the kings sin & his doom Dan 5:13-17
- Refused to obey the decree of Darius knowing the threats against him Dan 6:10

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- Was hated by his enemies Dan 6:3-5
- His uncompromising spirit was used against him Dan 6:5-13
- In the end Daniel's uncompromising spirit brought him respect Dan 6:14-28

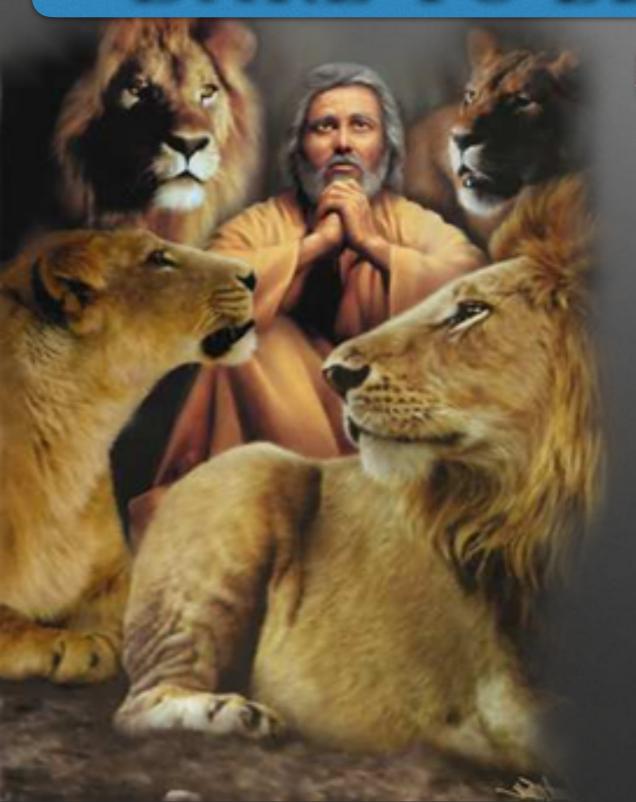
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# Refusing To Compromise Our Convictions...

- Moral purity Gen 39:9-12; 1Co 6:18; Eph. 5:1-12; etc
- Sound doctrine 1 Tim 4:16; 2 Tim 1:13; 2 Jn 1:9
- Scriptural worship Jn 4:24; Eph 5:19
- Serving the Lord Col 3:17;
  Mat 6:33; Heb 10:24,25
- Even if we suffer for it 1
  Peter 4:12-19

#### DARE TO BE LIKE DANIEL



# We Should Be A People of Prayer!

- Even when not convenient Rom 8:26;
- According to His will Mt 6:5-15; 1 John 5:14
- With humility Luke 18:13
- Regularly A custom! 1 Thes. 5:17; Rm 12:12; Col. 4:2
- With thanksgiving Phil. 4:6; Col. 3:17; 1 Thes. 5:17-18; etc
- Seeking God's help Phi 4:6; Eph 6:18

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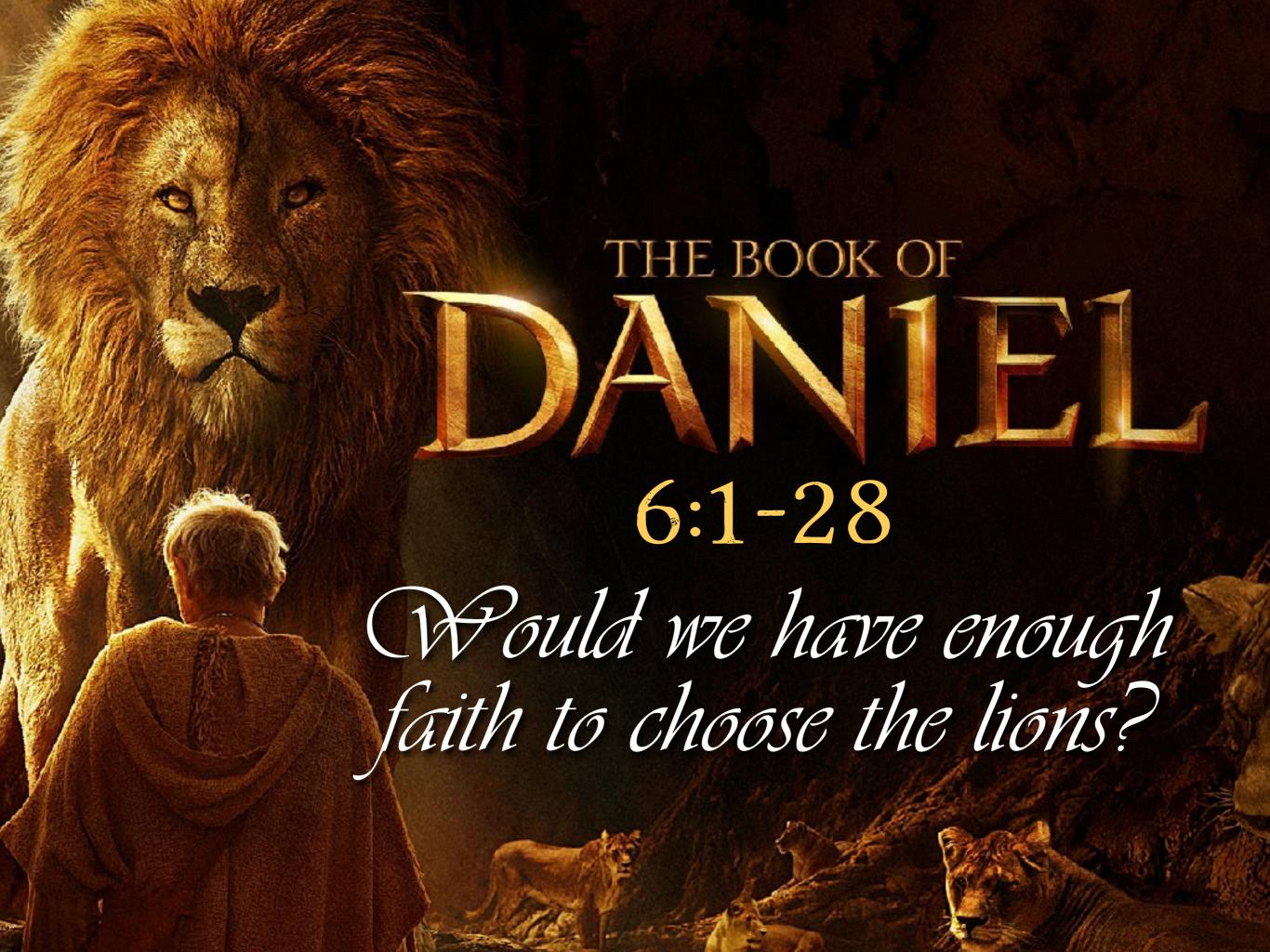


Daniel purposed not to defile himself - so can we!

Daniel - was persistent in his service to God - so can we!

Daniel - refused to compromise regardless of so can we!

Daniel had complete & continual trust consequences - in God - so can we!





# THE BOOK OF AND ELL

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### HEBREWS 11:32-40 (NKJV)

32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

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35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—

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38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 4° God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart