



# 20/20 Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Preparing Your Children and Yourself for the Next Generation

## A Study of Daniel 1-6

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## The “Secrets” to Finishing Strong Daniel Chapter 6

Message # 6

# M E S S A G E N O T E S

## SETTING

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Cyrus – King of the Persian Empire (worldwide)

Darius – Ruler over \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel: \_\_\_\_\_

The first wave of \_\_\_\_\_ return to Jerusalem

## DANIEL’S COMEBACK (vv. 1-3)

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. Daniel 6:1-3 NKJV

## THE PLAN TO FRAME DANIEL (vv. 4-9)

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." (vv. 4-9)

## DANIEL: CAUGHT BY HIS ENEMIES (vv. 10-15)

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. (vv. 10,11)

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. (v.14)

### **DANIEL: CAST TO THE LIONS (vv. 16-18)**

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." (v.16)

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. (v.18)

### **DANIEL: KEPT BY GOD (vv. 19-24)**

Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! 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."  
(v. 22)

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. (v.24)

### **GOD IS GLORIFIED (vv. 25-28)**

## Life Applications from Daniel 6

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ for God will be determined by our \_\_\_\_\_ of Him
2. We never experience the power of God's \_\_\_\_\_ until we exercise our \_\_\_\_\_
3. We never \_\_\_\_\_ from God's calling on our lives

### Some Common Myths:

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