

Crisis Agenda

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The Holy Scriptures declare in Psalm 37:1 “*fret not thyself because of evil doers for they shall soon be cut down...*” In the Book of Daniel chapter 6, evil doers were prevalent and conspired against Daniel with envy as a hidden motive. First of all, Daniel was in captivity in Babylon, and had been there for quite some time along with others from Judah (**Jeremiah the Prophet prophesied regarding the imminent captivity of Judah if they failed to repent**) throughout Daniel’s captivity, he remained faithful to the LORD God. Daniel remained faithful while a youth under Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon. His faithfulness to the LORD brought him great favor while in the midst of captivity. Nebuchadnezzar promoted him to prestigious governing positions. Whenever there was a crisis, and there were several, Daniel rested in the LORD. **He did not wait until a crisis occurred to seek the LORD, but was daily faithful with worship and prayers.** Daniel did allow captivity to stop him from worshipping and praying to the One True and Living God. In the 6th chapter of Daniel, Darius is now king and preferred Daniel (a captive from Judah) over others “because and **excellent spirit** was in him.”



Daniel (LORD God is my Judge) Highly Favored

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, cont'd

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*If any man glorieth, let him glory in this,
that he understand and knoweth Me.*

Jeremiah 9:24 KJV

Crisis of Conspiracy

...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. **Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.** 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. 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.** **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.**

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. 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. 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.



The Living God Reigns

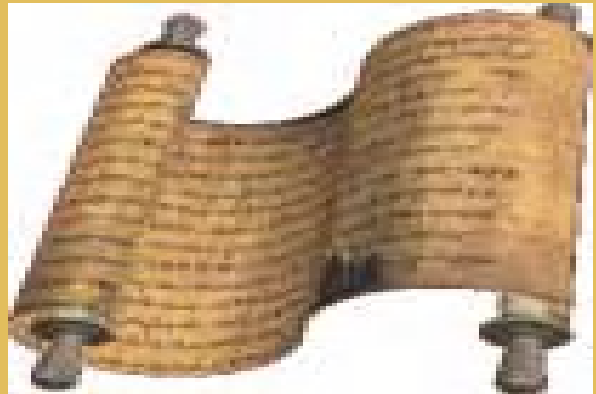
Then king Darius wrote unto all people nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for He is the Living God and steadfast for ever, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be even unto the end. 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. (Daniel 6:35-26)KJV

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. 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? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

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.

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. **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.**

- Remember: "The LORD is a *Rewarder* of them that *diligently seek Him*." (Hebrews 11:6) KJV
- Remember: "Vengeance is Mine saith the LORD; *I will repay*." (Leviticus 19:30, Deuteronomy 32:25, Proverbs 25:21-22, Romans 12:19-20) KJV
- Remember: "*Fret not* thyself because of evil doers (Psalm 37:1)" KJV
- Remember: "Keep your heart with *ALL* diligence ..." (Proverbs 4:23) KJV
- Remember: "God is our refuge and strength, a very **PRESENT HELP** in trouble" (Psalm 46:1) KJV
- Remember: "the LORD of Hosts is with us" (Psalm 46:7&11) KJV
- Remember: "The eyes of the LORD are in every place *beholding* the evil and the good." (Proverbs 15:3) KJV
- Remember: "The LORD of HOSTS will do battle for us." (II Samuel 6:2) KJV
- The LORD God said "I will **repay** them that hate me to **their face**." (Deuteronomy 7:10) KJV



Daniel did not *Deviate*

Always keep your relationship with the LORD active, by giving Him **substantial** quality time. Love the LORD with ALL of your heart, with ALL of your soul and with ALL of your might (Deuteronomy 6:5), for the LORD is good and His mercies endure forever! (Psalm 118:1) Keep your focus on the LORD God who is able to victoriously bring you out of trying situations. As for Daniel, he did not deviate from his daily prayers because of an unjust law (see Daniel 6) initiated by wicked men. This law was intended to destroy Daniel, with high hopes that his prestigious governing position would be up for grabs so-to-speak.

However, the plans of the wicked **did not** prosper. The Holy Scriptures declare that "**no weapon formed against us shall prosper!** (Isaiah 54:17)" Daniel's **daily faithfulness** coupled with love for the One True and Living God rendered his heart perfect before the LORD. Daniel was in the midst of a dangerous weapon, namely fierce lions, but no harm came to him!!! Praise to the One True and Living God for He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6) Wicked men had plotted to overthrow Daniel by means of an unjust law and to destroy him with fierce lions, but they ended up being judged and were utterly destroyed by the lions that were intended for Daniel!

✦ *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect [at peace with or loyal] toward Him. II Chronicles 16:9) KJV Thank you, Father in the Blessed Name of Yeshua ha Mashiach*