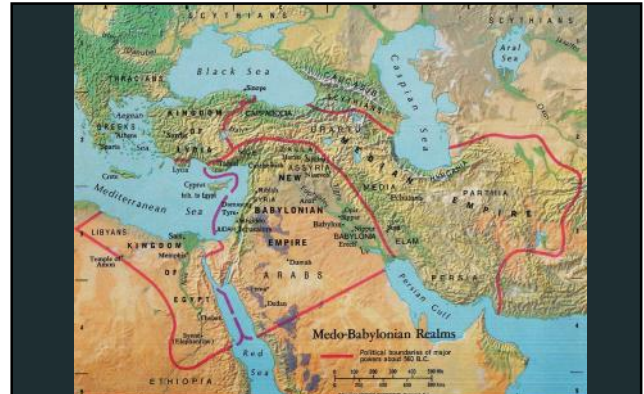


Finding Refuge in God

Daniel 6:1-28



Exilic Times

- Change of government (5:30)
- Daniel put in position of authority – 1 of 3 directors over the kingdom but Daniel ascending (6:3)
- Daniel – 70yrs old – older/wiser

The Plot Against Daniel

Daniel 6:1-9

The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

Daniel 6:5

Collusion

- Other directors conspiring against Daniel (v4-6)
- Motivated by jealousy

Entrapment

- Law of the Medes & Persians (v8,12,15)
- For 30 days only worship the king (v12)

The Accusation Against Daniel

Daniel 6:10-18



Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem,

and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.

Daniel 6:10

Daniel's Prayer Habit

- Kneels & prays 3x daily
- Prayer of adoration/praise, thanks
- Prayer of presence & petition
- Crisis or not – same habit of prayer

Daniel Accused & Condemned

- Thrown in to the lions' den
- Sporting life of kings
- But the king prays that God will deliver Daniel from the lions



The Deliverance of Daniel

Daniel 6:19-28



When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?'

Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.'

Daniel 6:20-22

The King & Daniel

- God's angel closes the mouths of the lions
- The king and Daniel talk

The King's Decree

1. God will be praised as the Living God (v26) – not an idol made by artisans

The King's Decree

2. A God who delivers/saves (v27)
 - God who delivers us
 - We find shelter under God's care

The King's Decree

3. It follows that there can never be an emperor so mighty that he is not under the control of the only God;

not only will his end come when God sees fit, but meanwhile he will serve God's purposes, and if he persists in his arrogance he will be brought up short by God's intervention.

Joyce G. Baldwin

Going Forward



Daniel: A Model of Faith

- Daniel keeps trusting God within the storms

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith

conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Hebrews 11:32-34

Daniel's Habit of Prayer

- Prayer is a discipline to be practiced each day

Daniel: a Type for Jesus

- Rises from death to life - looks forward to Jesus' resurrection from the dead
- Looks forward to our own resurrection

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:2-3