

DANIEL 6:1-28

PART I

{Sunday, September 27, 2015 A.D.}

Daniel 5:21 (NASB95)

... **the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind and that He sets over it whomever He wishes.**

Daniel 5:23 (NASB95)

... **But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and your ways, you have not glorified.**

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¹ **It seemed good to Darius** to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom, ² and over them three commissioners (**of whom Daniel was one**), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss.

³ Then this **Daniel began distinguishing himself** among the commissioners and satraps **because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.**

⁴ Then the commissioners and satraps **began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel** in regard to government affairs; but **they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.**

{ **Exodus 20:16 (NASB95)** } { **Deuteronomy 19:15-21 (NASB95)** }

Matthew 26:59-62 (NASB95)

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. ⁶⁰ They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, ⁶¹ and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.' " ⁶² The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

Acts 6:8-14 (NASB95)

⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, *including* both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰ **But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.** ¹¹ Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God." ¹² And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away and brought him before the Council. ¹³ They put forward false witnesses who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law;" ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us."

⁵ Then these men said, **"We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God."**

⁶ Then these commissioners and satraps **came by agreement** to the king and spoke to him as follows: "King Darius, live forever! ⁷ **All the commissioners of the kingdom,** the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that **anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days,** shall be cast into the lions' den. ⁸ "Now, O King, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked."

⁹ **Therefore King Darius signed the document,** that is, the injunction.

Exodus 20:16 (NASB95)

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Deuteronomy 19:15-21 (NASB95)

¹⁵ "A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed. ¹⁶ "If a malicious witness rises up against a man to accuse him of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both the men who have the dispute shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will be *in office* in those days. ¹⁸ "The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness *and* he has accused his brother falsely, ¹⁹ then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you. ²⁰ "The rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you. ²¹ "Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God. ¹² Then they approached and spoke before the king about the king's injunction, "Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?" The king replied, "The statement is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked." ¹³ Then they answered and spoke before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day."

¹⁴ Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set *his* mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

Daniel in the Lions' Den

¹⁶ Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you." ¹⁷ A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing would be changed in regard to Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then the king arose at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." ²³ Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

²⁵ Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and *men of every language* who were living in all the land: "May your peace abound! ²⁶ "I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel;

For He is the living God and enduring forever,

And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed,

And His dominion *will be* forever. ²⁷ "He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders

In heaven and on earth,

Who has *also* delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

²⁸ So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.