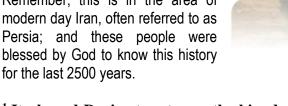
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Daniel does not give us a continued history of the reigns in which he lived, nor of the state - affairs of the kingdoms of Chaldea and Persia. though he was a great man in those affairs; but he selects such passages of story as serve for the confirming of our faith in God and our obedience to Him. – Matthew Henry.

Remember, this is in the area of for the last 2500 years.

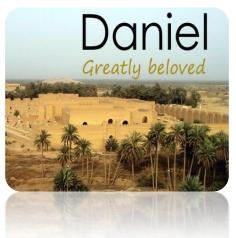


- ¹ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 princes to be over the whole kingdom; / Medo-Persian leadership including satraps, governors,
- ² And over these three officials; of whom Daniel was one to whom the princes might give account, so the king should not suffer loss / by this time, Daniel was around 81 years old.
- ³Then this **Daniel** was preferred above the officials princes because excellent spirit was in him;

/ Daniel distinguished himself by the way he worked with integrity; he could not be corrupted; Darius found he was trustworthy,

and the king planned to set him over the whole realm / think of it; over the entire kingdom, Daniel impressed Darius as Joseph did the pharaoh of Egypt; both men

could have caved to bribery, yet remained unaffected by the steady stream of nepotism, graft and corruption that swirled around them.



但以理没有给我们关于他在位的 历史,也没有给我们关于迦勒底 王国和波斯王国的国事, 虽然他 在这些事务上是一个大人物;但是 他选择了这样的故事来证实我们 对上帝的信仰和对他的服从。— 一马太亨利。

记住,这是现代伊朗地区,通常 被称为波斯;过去 2500 年里上帝都 祝福那里的人们知道这段历史。

- 1大利乌随心所愿,立一百二十个总督,治理 通国。/梅多波斯的领导,包括总督,总督,
- ²又在他们以上立总长三人(但以理在其中), 使总督在他们三人面前回覆事务, 免得王受亏 损。/那时,但以理已经81岁了。



3 因这但以理有美好的灵 性, 所以显然超乎其余的 总长和总督,

/但以理以正直的工作方 式著称;他不会堕落;大流 士觉得他是可靠的,

王又想立他治理通国。/ 想一想;但以理对大流士的 影响,正如约瑟对埃及法

老的影响一样;这两人本可以

屈服于贿赂, 却不受裙带关系、贪污和腐败的 影响。



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⁴Then the officials and princes sought to find against Daniel concerning occasion kingdom / they sought to raise a complaint against Daniel much like those scripted hirelings in the press tax deductions for their board of directors...

and no different than those Herodian and Jesuit-trained hacks in govt now days, creating all their fake news to destroy good people;

but they could find no occasion or fault in him because he was faithful.

⁵ Then these men said, We will not find any occasion for complaint against this Daniel, except we find it concerning the law of his God / and so we learn something about these deists... their biggest problem: thinking their absent god - who was either a demonic inspired entity, or the figment of their inventive imagination, and that their absent god was similar to the God of Daniel; but they will learn.

⁶ Then these officials and princes came together to the king, and said to him,

O King Darius, live forever / did Darius chuckle? Can you imagine him struggling to keep a poker face; perhaps rolling his eyes? He could see through their hypocrisy in the 8 seconds it took them to approach him; he could hear their empty palaver in their phony intonations: "O King live forever" Darius knew that's the sound of these liars - he knew they'd prefer him dead by sundown... if they could pull off the coup; criminals always misplay some card in the deck. Darius did not believe their advertisements:

I'm sure he was wary, especially not seeing Daniel in the group.

⁷ All the officials of the kingdom, the prefects, the princes, the counselors, and the captains have agreed that the king should establish a royal injunction and make it enforceable,

4那时,总长和总督寻找但以理误国的把柄,为 要参他。/他们试图对但以理提起诉讼,就像媒 体上那些照本宣读的雇工一样——董事会的税 收减免…

现在政府里那些希罗底亚和耶稣会受训的文人, 制造他们所有的假新闻来摧毁好人, 也没有什么不 同:

只是找不着他的错误过失,因他忠心办事,毫 无错误过失。

5 那些人便说,我们要找参这但以理的把柄,除 非在他神的律法中就寻不着。 / 因此我们对这 些自然神论者有了一些了解…他们最大的问题 是:认为他们缺席的神——要么是一个被恶魔所 激发的实体,要么是他们创造性想象的虚构,他们 缺席的神与但以理的神相似;但是他们会学习的。

6于是,总长和总督纷纷聚集来见王,说,

愿大利乌王<mark>万岁</mark>。/大流士笑了吗?你能想象他 拼命装出一副扑克脸吗?也许是翻白眼?他能在他 们接近他的 8 秒钟内看穿他们的虚伪;大流士知 道那是骗子们的声音——他知道他们宁愿他在 日落前死去……如果他们能发动政变的话;罪犯 总是会打错一些牌。大流士不相信他们的广告;

我敢肯定他很谨慎,尤其是在没有看到但以理 的时候。

7国中的总长,钦差,总督,谋士,和巡抚彼 此商议,要立一条坚定的禁令(或作求王下旨 要立一条云云),三十日内,

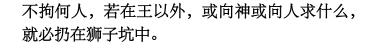
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that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, will be cast into the den of lions.

⁸ 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 cannot be altered / or revoked.

⁹ Therefore king Darius signed the document and decree / the injunction, the ban.





⁸ 王阿,现在求你立这禁令,加盖玉 玺,使禁令决不更改。照玛代和波斯 人的例是不可更改的/或撤销。

⁹ 于是大利乌王立这禁令,加盖玉玺。 /禁令,禁令。



¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document was signed, he went to his house and in his upper room with his windows opened toward Jerusalem where he kneeled three times a day, and he prayed; and gave thanks before his God as previously.

¹¹Then these men came and found Daniel praying and petitioning before his God.

¹² Then they came near and said before the king concerning the injunction; O king! Did you not sign a decree, that anyone who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, will be cast into the den of lions?

The king answered and said, The thing is true / it stands, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be altered / or revoked.

¹³ Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, one of the captivity of Judah, does not regard you, O king, nor the decree you signed, but makes his petition three times a day.

¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard these words, was much displeased with himself, and set his heart to deliver Daniel:

¹⁰ 但以理知道这禁令盖了玉玺,就到自己家里 (他楼上的窗户开向耶路撒冷),一日三次, 双膝跪在他神面前,祷告感谢,与素常一样。

¹¹ 那些人就纷纷聚集,见但以理在他神面前祈祷恳求。

¹² 他们便进到王前,提王的禁令,说,王阿,三十日内不拘何人,若在王以外,或向神或向人求什么,必被扔在狮子坑中。王不是在这禁令上盖了玉玺吗?

王回答说,实有这事,照玛代和波斯人的例, 是不可更改的。

¹³ 他们对王说,王阿,那被掳之<mark>犹大人</mark>中的但以理不理你,也不遵你盖了玉玺的禁令,他竟 一日三次祈祷。

14 王听见这话,就甚愁烦,一心要救但以理,



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and he labored till the sun went down to rescue him / which I am sure had an unexpected unsettling, and extremely negative effect on all these collaborators.

15 Then these men came to the king and said to the king, O king, know that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no decree nor statute which the king establishes can be changed / typical... though foolish, these instigators, no different than the fake news thugs now days, think they can educate Darius who was a master multitasker; I'm sure he already started to put together his list of traitors.

¹⁶Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions.

The king declared to Daniel, May your God whom you serve continually, deliver you!

¹⁷ And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords; that nothing be changed concerning Daniel.

¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting: no entertainment was brought him: and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then early in the morning, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions / you get the idea Darius dozed off for a moment, and suddenly is awake, and immediately jumps up heading for Daniel.

²⁰ As he came near to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice to Daniel / as his security detail follows you can hear the clatter through the halls... and finally Darius starts to roar:

and the king declared to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?

筹划解救他,直到日落的时候。/我确信这给 所有这些合作者带来了意想不到的不安和极其 负面的影响。

15 那些人就纷纷聚集来见王,说,王阿,当知 道玛代人和波斯人有例,凡王所立的禁令和律 例都不可更改。/典型的…虽然愚蠢,这些煽 动者,和现在的假新闻暴徒没有什么不同,认 为他们可以教育大流士,他是一个精通多任务 处理的人;我相信他已经开始整理他的叛徒名单 了。

16 王下令,人就把但以理带来,扔在狮子坑中。

王对但以理说, 你所常事奉的神, 他必救你。

¹⁷ 有人搬石头放在坑口,王用自己的玺和大臣 的印,封闭那坑,使惩办但以理的事毫无更改。

¹⁸ 王回宫,终夜禁食,无人拿乐器到他面前, 并且睡不着觉。

19 次日黎明,王就起来,急忙往狮子坑那里去。 /你会想到大流士打了一会儿盹,突然就醒了, 然后马上跳起来朝但以理奔去。

²⁰ **临近坑边,哀声呼叫但以理,**/当他的警卫尾随其后时,你可以听到大厅里的嘈杂声…最后大流士开始咆哮:

对但以理说,永生神的仆人但以理阿,你所常事奉的神能救你脱离狮子吗?

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²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever! / now, when Daniel says things like that, this warrior-king Darius pays attention, his heart is grabbed.

Daniel hears him coming and shouts back...

22 My God sent his angel and shut the mouths of the lions, and they have not harmed me: for before Him I was found blameless; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.

²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel is taken from the den. So Daniel was taken from the den, and no harm was found on him, because he trusted his God.

²⁴ And the king commanded, and those men who accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions -- they, their children, and their wives.

And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them,

and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵ Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth;

Peace be multiplied to you.

²⁶ I make a decree:

That in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

He is the living God, enduring forever, His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will be to the end.

21 但以理对王说,<mark>愿王万岁</mark>。/当但以理说这些话时,战士王大流士注意到了,他的心被抓住了。

但以理听到他走过来,大声回应…



²² 我的神差遣使者,封住狮子的口,叫狮子不伤我。因我在神面前无辜,我在王面前也没有行过亏损的事。

²³ 王就甚喜乐,吩咐人将但 以理从坑里系上来。于是但 以理从坑里被系上来,身上 毫无伤损,因为信靠他的神。

²⁴ 王下令,人就把那些控告但以理的人,连他们的妻子儿女都带来,扔在狮子坑中。

他们还没有到坑底,狮子就抓住他们(抓住原 文作胜了),

咬碎他们的骨头。

²⁵ 那时,大利乌王传旨,晓谕住在<mark>全地</mark>各方,各国,各族的人说, 愿你们大享平安。

要在但以理的神面前,战兢恐惧。

因为他是永远长存的活神,他的国永<mark>不</mark>败坏。 他的权柄永存无极。

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²⁷He delivers and rescues, He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, He who delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

²⁸ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius, and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

²⁷ 他护庇人,搭救人,在天上地下施行神迹奇事,救了但以理脱离狮子的口。

²⁸ 如此,这但以理当大利乌王在位的时候,和 波斯王古列在位的时候,大享亨通。

Check out one of the great gospel songs of the church:

If God be for us, who can be against us?

The lions were roaring so fierce and hungry,

but Daniel knew the One he served would bring him out.

The king cried, O Daniel

has your God delivered you?

He replied, My Lord has shut the lion's mouth.

Chorus:

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who can separate us from His mighty hand?

If God be for us, who can be against us?

We're gonna win this battle before God we stand.

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神若帮助我们,谁能敌挡我们呢。

狮子饥饿而凶猛地咆哮着,

但以理知道他服侍的人会带他出来。

王呼叫说, 但以理阿

你的神救了你吗?

他回答说,我主堵住了狮子的口。

合唱:

神若帮助我们, 谁能敌挡我们呢。

谁能使我们脱离他大能的手呢。

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我们要在上帝面前赢得这场战斗。

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