

## The Book of Daniel

### Part 6: In a Den of Lions

#### Recap The Book of Daniel Series

- ◇ Israel is Conquered by Babylon
- ◇ Daniel is Established as Leader in Babylon
- ◇ God Shares that Babylon will Fall to Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar
- ◇ The Kings Defy the Prophecy
- ◇ Babylon Falls to the Medes and Persians

#### Daniel is Favored

- ◇ Daniel 6:1-3
- ◇ Darius Appoints Leaders: 120 plus Three Commissioners
- ◇ Daniel is Still Resolved to be Faithful
- ◇ Daniel is Promoted with Another Promotion Coming. Vs 3

#### Daniel is Framed

- ◇ Daniel 6:4-9
- ◇ People Become Envious and Jealous
- ◇ They Could Find No Fault in Daniel. Vs. 4
  - ◇ Examined His Professional Life
  - ◇ Examined His Personal Life
  - ◇ Not Corrupt or Negligent
- ◇ Integrity: When Your Behavior Matches Your Beliefs
- ◇ *"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." Proverbs 11:3*
- ◇ Hypocrite: Greek- Play-acting
- ◇ Can't Buy Him - Can't Beat Him
- ◇ Attacked Concerning the Law of His God
- ◇ Daniel is Known as a Man of Integrity & Consistency
  - ◇ Leaders Knew He Would Not Compromise His Faith

#### Daniel is Faithful

- ◇ Daniel 6:10-15
- ◇ Daniel Knew Document Was Signed
- ◇ Three Options to Compromise (Same as Chapter 3):
  1. Fake it - Witness to Others
  2. Ask Forgiveness - No Demonstration of Real Faith
  3. Rationalize - Small Compromise (leads to something next)

- ◇ Daniel Did What He Always Done Before. Vs. 10
- ◇ Spiritual Habits- Reason Daniel Was Strong in Faith
  - ◇ Daniel Did Not Defile Himself
  - ◇ Daniel Prayed Three Times a Day
  - ◇ Daniel Presented Himself to God in Faith

### **Daniel is Fed**

- ◇ Daniel 6:16-18
- ◇ Focus on the Darius in Story
- ◇ Darius Recognizes Daniel Constantly Serves God. Vs 16
- ◇ Darius Has a Sleepless Night. What About Daniel?

### **Daniel is Freed**

- ◇ Daniel 6:19-28
- ◇ Darius Recognizes Daniel Constantly Serves God. Vs 20
- ◇ God Sent an Angel to Shut the Mouths of the Lions. Vs 21
- ◇ Christ in Fire (Ch. 3) - Angel in Lion's Den (Ch. 6)
- ◇ Accusers Destroyed - Vindication

### **Transition From Narrative to Prophecies**

- ◇ Narratives Explain the Prophecies
- ◇ People of God Are:
  - ◇ Strangers in the Land,
  - ◇ Attacked Concerning the Law of Their God with a Decree,
  - ◇ Know Prophecies Concerning the Fall of Babylon & Promiseland,
  - ◇ Remain Faithful Despite Persecution,
  - ◇ Protected by God and His Angels,