

Walk By Faith,
Keep On Trusting God
NO MATTER What Happens In Your Life.



Even non-church goers have heard of Daniel and the Lions' Den...though they probably do not believe it is true.
But how many Christians know the story behind Daniel and the Lion's den?

Chapter 6: LESSONS FROM DANIEL

- 1 The historical record of God promoting Jews in Exile; through all the nations in the Times of the Gentiles.
- 2 Anti-Semitism and hatred of Christians (John 15)
- 3 Wisdom of Civil Disobedience
- 4 God is able to deliver believers through the most adverse of circumstances
- 5 It is a prophetic message of the divine deliverance of the faithful Jews in the Tribulation being delivered from the *beast of Revelation 13*.

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The King is used to destroy Daniel

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."

In verse 12, they do not mention any names, just solidifying the decree. they have well laid out their plot against Daniel. Darius was so full of himself that he failed to see what was going on. **How he was being used in their plot.**

Wisdom: be careful in life of being *used* by others to carry out their plots and

schemes against someone else; in family, church, work, social life.

Three times in this chapter (verses 8, 12, and 15)

“we have the law of the Medes and Persians which may not be revoked”

This introduces one of Satan’s primary weapons—**the Law**. He is the biggest proponent of Law, always ready to use the law against believers, and accuse believers before God for breaking the law. Remember that when you gossip and slander about another believer who sins, you are doing Satan’s work. You should be doing the Lord’s work; which is to restore them; which is the Law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2

Galatians 6:1-2

¹ Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. ² Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

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.”

Note how they refer to Daniel, not as one of their rulers but as a Jewish exile.

Note the accusations against Daniel.

We studied the accusations against JESUS CHRIST by the Sanhedrin before Pilate;

now note these accusations against Daniel.

1st accusation against Daniel

“pays no attention to you”

nothing about how well he runs the empire, but that he prays to His God.

2nd accusation

pays no attention to the injunction you signed

and 3rd accusation

prays three times a day to his God.

Daniel was unfairly accused, but justly accused according to the Law. **Again, this is one of Satan’s favorite schemes; to entrap The believer with or by the Law in serving his God.**

Daniel knew that the success of the Medo-Persian empire was dependent upon the Lord, so by his continual worship of his God he was loyal to his nation.

The Satraps used the law against Daniel.

The Sanhedrin used the law against JESUS CHRIST.

Satan is using the Law to bring down America

THE Law will be used in the Tribulation against Jews and Christians;

The Mark of the Beast is part of the law in the land.

The Satraps used Darius to get rid of Daniel

The Sanhedrin used Pilate to get rid of JESUS CHRIST

Darius is forced to stand by law to fulfill their evil schemes.

Satan is using the laws, the judicial systems of America, to take America down.

The King learns he has been used and trapped by his own arrogance.

“the weeds of arrogance shade evil fruit”

Current reality usually reveals our own failures.

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.

Darius deeply respects this Daniel.

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.”

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| You will note that | by agreement |
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occurs three times (verses 6, 11, 15)

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Thronging

The Aramaic word conveys the idea of a turbulent meeting with the intent of conspiring.

It, of course, reminds us immediately of the meetings by the Sanhedrin to get rid of this Jesus, especially when they met —**thronged**— in the night and early morning of the day of the crucifixion.

“by agreement” is an attack on the privacy of the citizens. What is going on in the NSA and the Obama administration should outrage every freedom loving American. But it is not. The mainstream media is defending this unbelievable invasion of privacy.

Four Pillars of Political Freedom:

1. Life
2. Liberty
3. Property
4. Privacy

God has given to everyone a respect of privacy. We are set free by the privacy of Faith!
As believers we are restored from sin by the privacy of faith. Gal. 5:1
These are methodically being taken away from the American people.

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4th God is able to deliver believers through the most adverse of Circumstances

Daniel 6:  verses 16-22

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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.”

All this happened to Daniel that God might reveal His FAITHFULNESS to Faithful Believers and that Darius might be saved; the 1st king of the Persian Empire had many gods, but he was drawn to the God of Daniel. Daniel was an old man, and Darius probably learned a great deal from this old man; and Darius was so taken with Daniel's God, and will eventually believe in HIM.

Can it be said of each of us that we

constantly serve our God?

How often do we break our serving Him with a sinful thought or sinful word or act?

The Aramaic word means to cast or throw, we do not know how this was done against this old man, but we do know that it did not hurt him in any way.

Darius knew and respected Daniel and Daniel's worship of his God and Darius is well on his way to believing in the God of Daniel.

your God whom you constantly serve

intensive in the Aramaic;

in his intense service of his God, Daniel served Darius and the empire fulfilling what is written in Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 29:7

⁷ Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

Darius knows that Daniel's God is able to save Daniel from the lions. Soon Daniel's God would become the God of Darius.

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.

They used the law to entrap Daniel, they used flattery to trap the king, and now they do all they can to be sure that no help is given this Daniel, or that he should escape in some way.

JESUS CHRIST was put into a tomb with Tiberus Caesars mark to seal that tomb and the stone was super-naturally moved; not to let JESUS CHRIST out, but let them in to see that JESUS CHRIST had risen.



God breaks man's chains.



The locks of man cannot shut in the Plan of God.

No matter how secure man thinks he has locked out God, God always prevails.

Daniel did not waiver in his trust of his God, nor did he harbor resentment against Darius, nor even of the Satraps.

In this hostile world our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the invisible warfare, therefore, our battle is a battle of faith.

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

JESUS CHRIST is our example: 1Peter 2:21-23...**kept entrusting...**

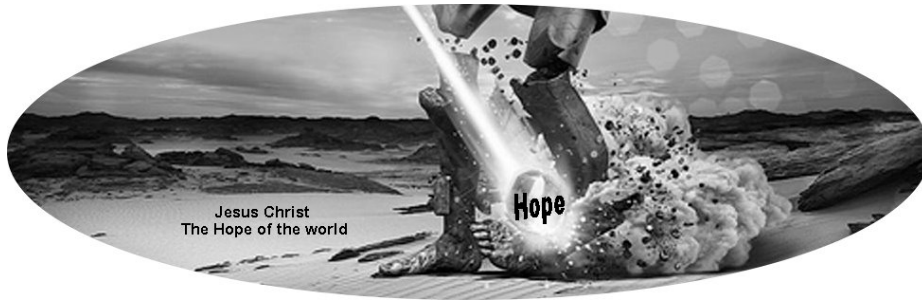
²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

²² WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

You will note that not only did the king seal the stone but had the nobles, also. This seal by the king was a protection of that which was sealed. No one could move this stone to rescue Daniel, just as no one would roll away the stone over our Lord's tomb. Also we are sealed by God with the Holy Spirit to guarantee Eternal Salvation. For someone to deny Eternal Salvation is to break the seal of God, which no one can do.

It is no accident that the first word in verse 17 is **stone**



which is the same Aramaic word used in chapter 2 of the **stone** that would crush all the empires of the Times of the Gentiles.

It seems certain that when Daniel looked up and saw that **Stone** being placed over the opening he surely thought of the **Stone of JESUS CHRIST** that would crush not him, but the empires of the world. Daniel is just as much at peace in the lions' den as in his own home or even in a meeting with the scheming Satraps.

You carry your inner peace with you,
wherever you go,
in the ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT.

While Daniel's at peace in the Lions' den, the king is miserable in his palace.

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.

Let's learn from the king.

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| 1 | Had he believed that Daniel's God would deliver Daniel he would have been at peace. <i>Darius is on his way of Salvation.</i> |
| 2 | He had everything, wealth, power, success and yet <i>he is miserable at betraying his own friend.</i> |
| 3 | After lowering Daniel into the den, he went off in misery to his beautiful pleasured designed palace but <i>he was not joyful.</i> |
| 4 | He could not eat though the night. Little does he know that the lions will not eat through this night. |
| 5 | He could not stand for entertainment. This is an interesting note, coming off Belshazzar's great wild party, and the fact that such events were celebrated with parties. The Aramaic word implies musical instrument played by concubines to arouse sexual stimulation, but Darius was in no mood for partying. While it seems certain the Satraps who laid out the scheme were enjoying themselves. |
| 6 | Darius could not sleep, while it would not surprise us to learn that the old man Daniel took a nice nap in the Lions' Den. |

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?"

Darius has had a rough night; you would think he had been thrown into the den.

First he assures Daniel that Daniel's God would deliver him, then he spent the night in worrying panic, now in the morning he is a nervous wreck.

21 Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever!

Daniel could not be killed before his time, and this is true of each of us.

It was true of JESUS CHRIST !

God has a plan for every believer and you will not die before God's plan for you is fulfilled. We should all have the same thinking as Paul...*for me to live is Christ...and die is gain.*

O king live forever

While this is a customary greeting, perhaps Daniel was beckoning Darius to believe in his God.

22 “My God (personal relationship) 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.”

The implication is that this is the Angel of Jehovah: ‘Hi a Angel” and if that is the case, then this is Jesus Christ Himself who will spend the night with Daniel, in the Lions’ Den.

And that He super-naturally closed the mouths (the hunger) of the lions.

We first live our lives for the Lord, which is seen before man.

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| L E S S O N | <p>5th It’s prophetic message of the Divine Deliverance of the Faithful Jews in the Tribulation being delivered from the beast of Revelation 13.</p> <p><i>Daniel 6:  verses 23-28</i></p> | 5 |
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DIVINE DELIVERANCE

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| 1 | <p>Never a question of God’s omnipotence, that is His ability to deliver under any and every circumstance; fiery furnace or Lions’ den is the same yesterday, today and forever.</p> |
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| 2 | It is always a question of divine sovereignty. Remember Jeremiah 29:11 God's perfect plan for the ages, for all nations and for each individual, for you. |
| 3 | Be it known that had God delivered Daniel from earth through these lions, it would have been a blessed deliverance. God chose to deliver Daniel safely from the lions just as He delivered SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABED-NEGO through the fiery furnace. But in 64 AD, God delivered Christians home in the fires of Nero. these were Christian martyrs; and in the Tribulation there will be multitude of saints martyred and yet there will be multitude of saints delivered through this horrible period of time and go into the Millennium. |
| 4 | Here God delivered Daniel by sending His angel to shut the mouths of the lions. The way this reads this is the Angel of Jehovah who is always the JESUS CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST came personally, as He often does through Scripture, and was with Daniel this night, just as He was with SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABED-NEGO in the fiery furnace. Whether or not He had fellowship with Daniel we are not told but He supernaturally closed the mouths of the lions. |
| 5 | God delivers believers through multitude of ways, including using 'guarding angels" Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 91:11 Please do not get weird about guarding angels as is the way of many. |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Hebrews 1:14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">⁴having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.</p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 91:11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">¹¹ For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.</p> |

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| 6 | Every believer in JESUS CHRIST can have the sound assurance that no matter how wonderful or how horrible the circumstances may be, he will be taken home at God's perfect timing. And therefore should live each day for Christ, knowing that death is gain, in being with JESUS CHRIST. It is unfortunate that some believers want to go home before God's perfect timing because they have not found THE PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING, while others try to hold on to this life because they have not discovered in the Word of God the joy of being face to face with JESUS CHRIST. |
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First: Innocent before God

Second: Then before man.

- 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.

all night long—continually trusted God. No injury from the fall into the den, no injury from the lions.

Third great declaration about Daniel for each of us to follow

1. He has the Holy Spirit
2. He is faithful
3. He trusted in his God

Third great declaration about Daniel for each of us to follow:

Walk by Faith

Keep on TRUSTING GOD

NO MATTER what happens in Your Life

Anti-Semitism never reaps rewards to man

“I will curse those who curse you”

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.

Maliciously accused The literal translation would be something like this: “those who had chewed the bits of Daniel.” It is made up of two Aramaic words: first means “to eat. To devour , to consume” plus the Aramaic word for pieces. Together they give a vivid picture of what was their intent—to devour or get rid of this Daniel in the cruelest of ways. Perhaps this is what Paul had in mind in Galatians 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

In the story of Esther, Haman swung on the gallows he had built for Mordecai. Here Darius executes capital punishment, but he violently executed innocent people. It was the custom in ancient history that a man's family suffered his guilt.

You will recall that Nebuchadnezzar was going to slaughter all the wise men and their families. In so doing Darius sent out a message that he was not to be maneuvered into wrongful positions, by anyone.

As Daniel foreshadows those Jews who will survive the Tribulation, so these foreshadow all the enemies of Israel in the battle of Armageddon

Verse 24 also counters some of the liberals explanation of how Daniel escaped the lions. They contend that the lions had been well fed before Daniel was thrown into the den; but this verse shows this was not the case, the lions were hungry!!

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.

Over and over throughout Daniel is it made clear of the permanency of the Kingdom of God. All the kingdoms of the Times of the Gentiles will be destroyed but the **KINGDOM OF GOD 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.”

In Daniel 3:29 the unbeliever Nebuchadnezzar made a similar proclamation about the God of Daniel. You cannot demand or decree that anyone be loyal to JESUS CHRIST. You can proclaim His greatness and His gospel as Nebuchadnezzar did in his Salvation track of Daniel 4.

Prosperity in Exile

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

1. Daniel died just before Cyrus allowed the 1st return to Judah

Isaiah 45:1 and following --- Isaiah, 250 years before it happened prophesied by name the rise of Cyrus and that Cyrus would return the people to Israel.

Again, God tells history in Bible.

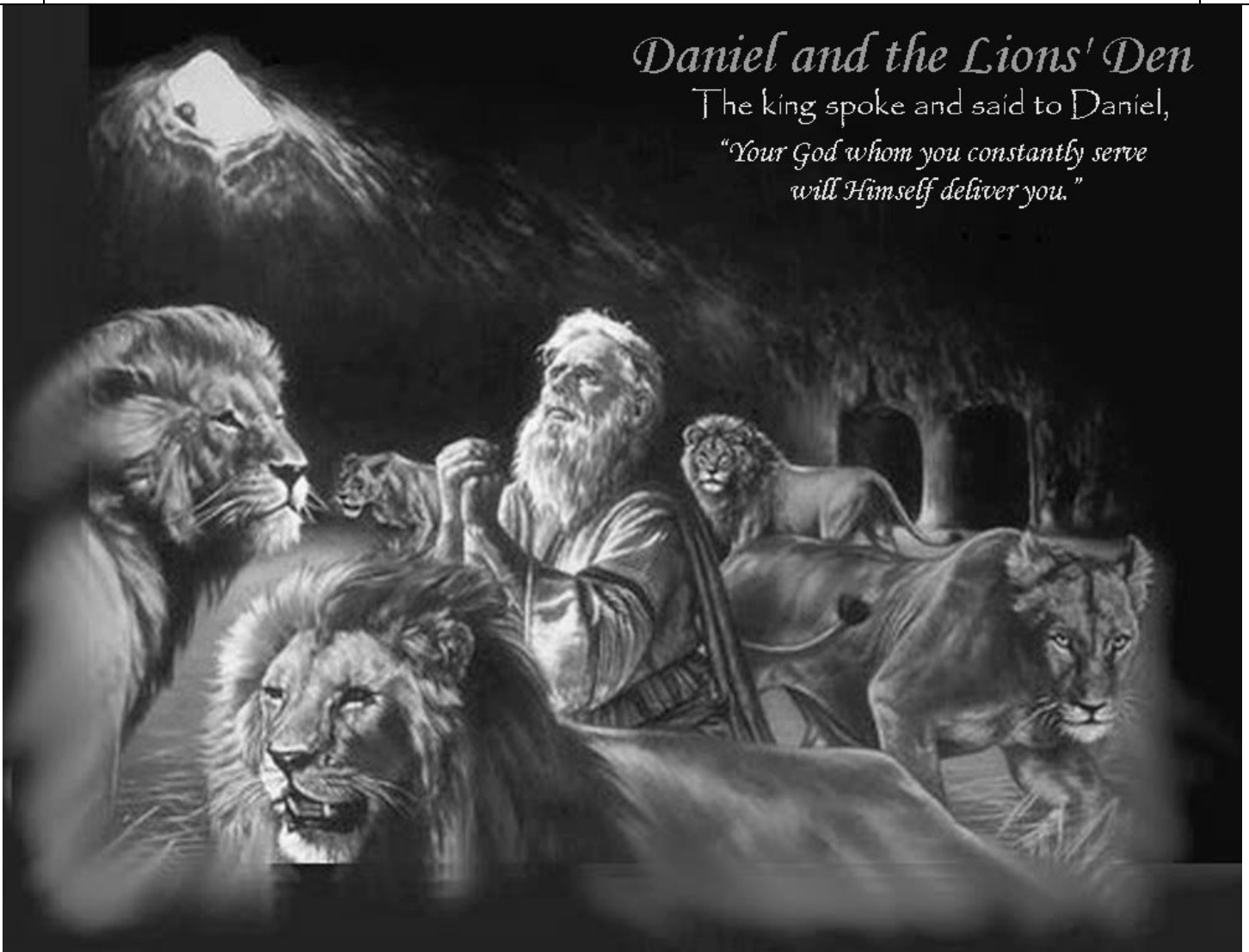
2. Daniel lived a full life trusting God, living in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT and following the Scriptures he knew in his soul.

3. Daniel is mentioned in the great chapter of heroes:

³³ who by faith conquered kingdoms,
performed *acts of righteousness*,
obtained promises,
shut the mouths of lions,

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*"Your God whom you constantly serve
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KING OF KINGS
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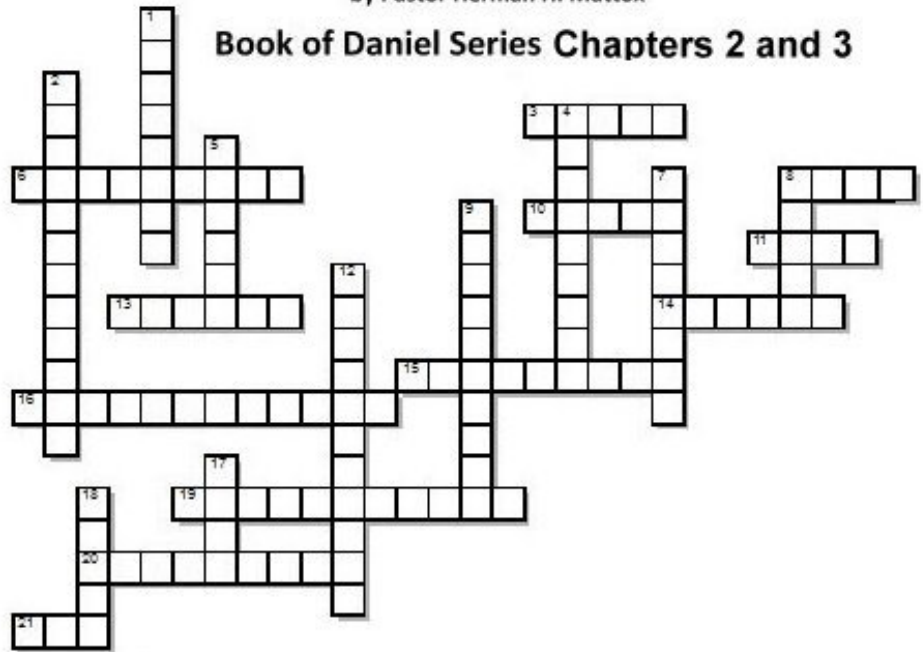
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3. The question for every person is how to be Saved Eternally, how to possess +R, and the answer is not WORKS, but _____.
6. One of the lessons of Daniel is that God promotes, even in times of _____.
8. Religion always emphasizes the external —overt— while Christianity always emphasizes what is going on in the _____.
10. The Greek in which the New Testament was penned the _____ Greek language.
11. Man insists on offering God the _____ of his hands for Salvation, for +Righteousness, for Spirituality, for Blessings.
13. For every believer "trusting God in life" is True _____, a characteristic of Daniel.
14. In the Dispensational Overview: from Creation of Adam, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and... to the exodus out of Egypt is called the Age of the _____.
15. After salvation we are instructed to be _____ with the Holy Spirit.
16. The DELIVERY of the three young Jews from or through the blazing furnace is a picture of the _____ OF GOD TO HIS OWN WORD and TO HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE.
19. Psalm 118:22 refers to JESUS CHRIST as the _____ the builders rejected.

ACROSS

20. The God Who Reveals _____ to Daniel is the same God who controls all human history and appoints kings.
21. The God who loves the world and sent His _____ to make all +R (Perfect Righteousness) is the One True God.

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1. Babylon was the formation of a One World _____ for all the people to worship.
2. The Babylonian empire fell to (____ 2 words ____) Empire in 539 bc.
4. Religion and Idolatry must always try to destroy anyone who does not agree with them and the _____ of man is the primary factor.
5. After salvation we are instructed to grow in the _____ of the Word of God.
7. In the Dispensational Overview: from Exodus out of Egypt ... to the birth of Jesus Christ is called the Age of _____.
8. Millennial Reign of JESUS CHRIST will crush the entire Statue in Daniel is Jesus Christ is called The _____.
9. In Daniel Chapter 2 the King was to rule on the _____ Empire which was the HEAD OF GOLD in the dream of the statue.
12. There is only one nation that will never fall and that is the Millennial Reign of (____ 2 words ____).
17. Daniel made requests of God for his three friends and this was Spiritual _____ in action.
18. It can be argued that the most important empire is the fourth empire, for the Bible spends more verses on the _____ Empire... the legs of Iron.

ANSWERS to **last week's** CROSSword puzzle are as follows:

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1. Assyria 2. Jesus Christ 3. Jews 4. Bible 5. Jewish 6. Faith 7. Nebuchadnezzar 8. Prepared
9. Daniel 10. Word 11. Jonah 12. God 13. Babel

ANSWERS to **this week's** CROSSword puzzle are as follows:

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1 religion 2 MedoPersian 3 Faith 4 arrogance 5 Knowledge 6 Hostility 7 Israel
8 soul 8 Stone 9 Babylonian 10 Koine 11 works 12 Jesus Christ 13 wisdom
14 Gentiles 15 Filled 16 FAITHFULNESS 17 love 18 Roman 19 cornerstone
20 Mysteries 21 Son