

Thursday Morning Group 2021: The Book of Daniel

Program:

16. Introduction and Daniel 1: Despite appearances God is in control
17. Daniel 2 & 3: The Wisdom of Faith
18. Daniel 4 & 5: God of Nations
19. Daniel 6 and Matthew's Passion Narrative: Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament
20. Daniel 7: The One like a Son of Man

Daniel 6: Daniel and the Lion's Den

Parallels with Chapter 3

6:1-2 Darius the Mede and his governance

6:3 Daniel outstanding once again

6:4-9 Envy and a plot to bring Daniel down

6:4 Faultless!

6:5 They know his weak spot (or do they?!)

6:6-9 Manipulating a king who knows wisdom when he sees it but doesn't have any

...According to the laws of the Medes and the Persians

6:10 Prayer – not a reaction, a habit

6:11 Sprung!

6:12-14 The King is trapped!

Thrown into the Den

A stone covers the entrance

Sealed by the king

6:15-16(a) ...according to the law of the Medes and the Persians

6:16(b)-6:20 Grief and Hope

6:21-23 Vindicated

6:24 Don't mess with the King!

The men, their children and their wives

Hungry Lions! (Yes it was a miracle)

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6:25-27 The decree of the King

Peace!

The fear of the Lord

Enduring forever, an eternal Kingdom

Delivers, rescues, signs and wonders

6:28 Daniel seems to endure forever!

So who is Daniel?

A member of the royal family

The epitome of Wisdom

Flawless in character

Daniel 6 in the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew		Daniel
<p>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. (Mat 2:1-4)</p> <p>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. (Mat 27:15-18)</p>	<p>Wisemen from the East?</p> <p>Envy and a threat to position and power</p>	<p>Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. (Dan 6:3-4)</p> <p>In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. (Dan 2:1-2)</p>
<p>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." (Mat 27:11)</p>	<p>Charges of insurrection</p>	<p>Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you (Dan 6:13)</p>
<p>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous</p>	<p>Innocent, Attempt to set free</p>	<p>Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him.</p>

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<p>man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” (Mat 27:19)</p> <p>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” (Mat 27:17)</p> <p>Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!” (Mat 27:22-23)</p>		<p>(Dan 6:14)</p> <p>My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” (Dan 6:22)</p>
<p>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.” (Mat 27:24)</p>	Trapped!	<p>Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.” (Dan 6:15)</p>
<p>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. (Mat 27:59-60a)</p>	Buried	<p>Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. (Dan 6:16)</p>
<p>And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. (Mat 27:60b)</p>	Stone	<p>And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, (Dan 6:17a)</p>
<p>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard. (Mat 27:66)</p>	Sealed	<p>and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. (Dan 6:17b)</p>

Why the parallel?

So that we understand the resurrection

- Vindication
- Kingdom