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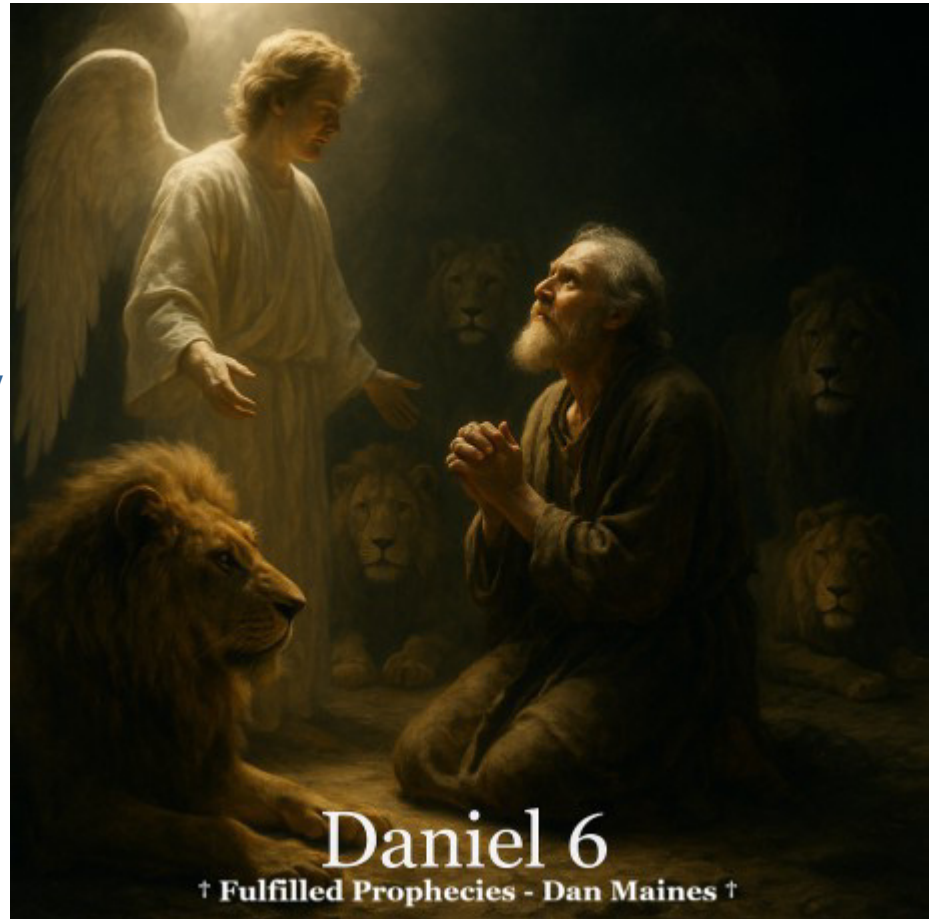
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## **Daniel 6**

### **Daniel 6:1-2**

It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom, 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.

† Daniel's promotion under Darius shows that faithfulness brings favor even in foreign dominions.

† Historically, the Medo-Persian administration divided the empire into satrapies for order and efficiency.

† Prophetically, Daniel's role as overseer reflects God's people reigning in spiritual authority in His kingdom.

† Jerome noted that Daniel's integrity caused envy among corrupt men, just as righteousness provokes the world.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, believers are entrusted with spiritual oversight under Christ, the eternal King.

### **Daniel 6:3-4**

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. 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.

† Daniel's excellence made him a target of jealousy, but his integrity exposed their sin.

† Historically, envy in royal courts often led to conspiracies and false accusations.

† Prophetically, this foreshadows Christ, against whom no fault was found, yet He was condemned unjustly.

† Clement admired Daniel's blamelessness as an example of holy service.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, believers must walk in purity and faithfulness, reflecting Christ's character.

### **Daniel 6:5-6**

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." Then these commissioners and satraps came by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: "King Darius, live forever!"

- † The enemies of truth always seek to twist devotion into guilt.
- † Historically, Persian rulers were easily swayed by flattery and political manipulation.
- † Prophetically, this mirrors how the religious elite turned the law against Christ and His followers.
- † Eusebius compared these accusers to those who sought Christ's death under false pretense.
- † In the fulfilled kingdom, faithfulness to God always exposes the schemes of the unrighteous.

### **Daniel 6:7-9**

"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. 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." Therefore King Darius signed the document, that is, the injunction.

- † The law of man was used as a snare against God's servant.
- † Historically, Persian laws were unchangeable once sealed with the king's signet.
- † Prophetically, this represents the binding traditions that Christ later freed mankind from.
- † Theodotion emphasized the contrast between the law of man and the eternal law of God.
- † In the fulfilled kingdom, no earthly decree can silence true worship or divine authority.

### **Daniel 6:10**

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.

† Daniel did not change his devotion when threatened, proving faith above fear.

† Historically, facing Jerusalem symbolized hope in God's covenant and His presence.

† Prophetically, this points to steadfast worship even under persecution.

† Jerome said Daniel's open prayer displayed holy defiance rooted in faith, not rebellion.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, prayer remains the believer's lifeline, unaffected by threats of men.

### **Daniel 6:11-13**

Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God. Then they approached and spoke before the king about the king's injunction... "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."

† The conspirators turned obedience to God into a crime.

† Historically, Daniel's accusers exploited the unchangeable law to trap the king.

† Prophetically, this reveals how legal systems can be corrupted against the righteous.

† Clement noted that Daniel's faith proved that loyalty to God outweighs loyalty to men.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, believers face similar accusations but remain justified before God.

### **Daniel 6:14-16**

Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel... 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."

† The king's compassion revealed his respect for Daniel's faith, though bound by law.

† Historically, lions' dens were royal execution pits used for spectacle and punishment.

† Prophetically, this represents persecution against the faithful by worldly systems.

† Hippolytus compared the lions' den to Christ's tomb, where deliverance triumphed over death.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, the faithful trust in divine protection no matter the danger.

### **Daniel 6:17-18**

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. 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.

† The sealed stone echoes the burial of Christ, a temporary triumph of man's authority.

† Historically, sealing ensured that the decree could not be tampered with.

† Prophetically, this foreshadows the resurrection, when divine power breaks human seals.

† Jerome saw in Darius a symbol of conscience tormented by injustice.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, even the seals of kings cannot restrain the purposes of God.

### **Daniel 6:19-22**

Then the king arose at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den. 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?" Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever! 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."

† Daniel's deliverance demonstrates divine intervention in response to unwavering faith.

† Historically, lions were starved to ensure savagery, proving the miracle genuine.

† Prophetically, the angel's presence reveals God's protection over His faithful in every age.

† Eusebius and Hippolytus both saw this as a type of Christ's victory over death.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, no weapon formed against God's people can prosper.

### **Daniel 6:23-24**

Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den... 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.

† God's justice vindicated Daniel and destroyed his enemies.

† Historically, Persian law allowed punishment of families involved in conspiracy.

† Prophetically, this event signifies the final judgment of those who oppose the righteous.

† Jerome wrote that divine justice always restores balance when human law fails.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, God's protection and judgment are both perfect and complete.

### **Daniel 6:25-27**

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! 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."

† The decree of Darius echoed Nebuchadnezzar's earlier confession, magnifying God's universal rule.

† Historically, Persian kings often issued empire-wide proclamations in written form.

† Prophetically, this announcement declares the everlasting kingdom fulfilled in Christ.

† Clement and Eusebius both identified this as symbolic of the gospel reaching all nations.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, all authority confesses the eternal reign of God through Christ.

## **Daniel 6:28**

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

† Daniel's longevity revealed the sustaining power of God's faithfulness.

† Historically, Daniel's service spanned multiple empires, demonstrating divine favor beyond nations.

† Prophetically, this symbolizes the enduring kingdom that transcends all earthly powers.

† Hippolytus said Daniel's survival through empires proves that truth outlasts tyrants.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, faithfulness endures while worldly thrones rise and fall.

## **How it applies to us today**

† Daniel 6 reminds believers that loyalty to God brings deliverance, even in persecution.

† The lions' den reveals that divine power is greater than human decree.

† The sealed stone mirrors Christ's triumph over death and the world's judgment.

† Those who trust in God stand secure, for His kingdom rules over all.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, faith remains unshakable because Christ has already overcome.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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