

A scroll with Hebrew text is unrolled against a dark wooden background. The scroll is held by wooden rollers on the left and right. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew characters. The background is dark with a warm, reddish-brown glow and scattered glowing particles.

# DEFINING MOMENTS

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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SERMON NOTES  
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**“THAT VERY NIGHT BELSHAZZAR THE CHALDEAN KING WAS  
KILLED. 31 AND DARIUS THE MEDE RECEIVED THE KINGDOM,  
BEING ABOUT SIXTY-TWO YEARS OLD. “**

**[DANIEL 5:30-31 ESV]**

**TO KNOW CHRIST IS TO KNOW VICTORY.  
NO CHRIST, NO VICTORY.**

**“IT PLEASSED DARIUS TO SET OVER THE KINGDOM 120 SATRAPS, TO BE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE KINGDOM; 2 AND OVER THEM THREE HIGH OFFICIALS, OF WHOM DANIEL WAS ONE, TO WHOM THESE SATRAPS SHOULD GIVE ACCOUNT, SO THAT THE KING MIGHT SUFFER NO LOSS. 3 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**

**[ DANIEL 6:1-9 ESV ]**

**WHOLE KINGDOM. 4 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. 5 THEN THESE MEN SAID, "WE SHALL NOT FIND ANY GROUND FOR COMPLAINT AGAINST THIS DANIEL UNLESS WE FIND IT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAW OF HIS**

**[ DANIEL 6:1-9 ESV ]**

**GOD.” 6 THEN THESE HIGH OFFICIALS AND SATRAPS CAME BY AGREEMENT TO THE KING AND SAID TO HIM, “O KING DARIUS, LIVE FOREVER! 7 ALL THE HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE KINGDOM, THE PREFECTS AND THE SATRAPS, THE COUNSELORS AND THE GOVERNORS ARE AGREED THAT THE KING SHOULD ESTABLISH AN ORDINANCE AND ENFORCE AN INJUNCTION, THAT WHOEVER MAKES PETITION TO ANY GOD OR MAN FOR THIRTY DAYS, EXCEPT TO YOU, O KING, SHALL**

**[ DANIEL 6:1-9 ESV ]**

**BE CAST INTO THE DEN OF LIONS. 8 NOW, O KING, ESTABLISH THE INJUNCTION AND SIGN THE DOCUMENT, SO THAT IT CANNOT BE CHANGED, ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE MEDES AND THE PERSIANS, WHICH CANNOT BE REVOKED.” 9 THEREFORE KING DARIUS SIGNED THE DOCUMENT AND INJUNCTION.”**

**[ DANIEL 6:1-9 ESV ]**



**IF YOU FOLLOW CHRIST,  
YOU WILL BE CHALLENGED.**

**[DANIEL 6:1-9; COLOSSIANS 3:23-24; 1 PETER 2:13-17 ESV]**

**“23 WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD  
AND NOT FOR MEN, 24 KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD YOU  
WILL RECEIVE THE INHERITANCE AS YOUR REWARD. YOU ARE  
SERVING THE LORD CHRIST.”**

**[ COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 ESV ]**

## GOD'S PEOPLE IN CULTURE ARE MEANT TO:

- **BLESS AND POLARIZE THE NATIONS.**
- **BE IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF IT.**
- **BE SALT AND LIGHT BY SPENDING DAILY TIME WITH GOD.**
- **HAVE A PERSONAL, BUT NOT PRIVATE FAITH.**
- **TRUST THAT GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE.**
- **BE DEFIANT WHEN TOLD TO DISOBEY GOD.**

**[DANIEL 1-6]**

**“13 BE SUBJECT FOR THE LORD’S SAKE TO EVERY HUMAN INSTITUTION, WHETHER IT BE TO THE EMPEROR AS SUPREME, 14 OR TO GOVERNORS AS SENT BY HIM TO PUNISH THOSE WHO DO EVIL AND TO PRAISE THOSE WHO DO GOOD. 15 FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT BY DOING GOOD YOU SHOULD PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH PEOPLE. 16 LIVE AS PEOPLE WHO ARE FREE, NOT USING YOUR FREEDOM AS A COVER-UP FOR EVIL, BUT LIVING AS SERVANTS OF GOD. 17 HONOR EVERYONE. LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD. FEAR GOD. HONOR THE EMPEROR.”**

**[1 PETER 2:13-17 ESV]**

**10 WHEN DANIEL KNEW THAT THE DOCUMENT HAD BEEN  
SIGNED, HE WENT TO HIS HOUSE WHERE HE HAD WINDOWS  
IN HIS UPPER CHAMBER OPEN TOWARD JERUSALEM. HE GOT  
DOWN ON HIS KNEES THREE TIMES A DAY AND PRAYED AND  
GAVE THANKS BEFORE HIS GOD, AS HE HAD DONE  
PREVIOUSLY. 11 THEN THESE MEN CAME BY AGREEMENT AND  
FOUND DANIEL MAKING PETITION AND PLEA BEFORE HIS  
GOD. 12 THEN THEY CAME NEAR AND SAID BEFORE THE KING,**

**[DANIEL 6:10-13 ESV]**

**CONCERNING THE INJUNCTION, “O KING! DID YOU NOT SIGN AN INJUNCTION, THAT ANYONE WHO MAKES PETITION TO ANY GOD OR MAN WITHIN THIRTY DAYS EXCEPT TO YOU, O KING, SHALL BE CAST INTO THE DEN OF LIONS?” THE KING ANSWERED AND SAID, “THE THING STANDS FAST, ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE MEDES AND PERSIANS, WHICH CANNOT BE REVOKED.” 13 THEN THEY ANSWERED AND SAID BEFORE THE KING, “DANIEL, WHO IS ONE OF THE EXILES**

**[DANIEL 6:10-13 ESV]**

**FROM JUDAH, PAYS NO ATTENTION TO YOU, O KING, OR THE  
INJUNCTION YOU HAVE SIGNED, BUT MAKES HIS PETITION  
THREE TIMES A DAY.”**

**[DANIEL 6:10-13 ESV]**

**STAYING CONSISTENTLY CONNECTED  
TO CHRIST PROVIDES  
CHARACTER, CONVICTION, AND COURAGE.**

**[DANIEL 6:10-13; ROMANS 8:26-28 ESV]**





**WHAT KEEPS US CONSISTENTLY CONNECTED  
TO CHRIST?**

**“26 LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS. FOR WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF INTERCEDES FOR US WITH GROANINGS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS. 27 AND HE WHO SEARCHES HEARTS KNOWS WHAT IS THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT, BECAUSE THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD. 28 AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.”**

**[ROMANS 8:26-28 ESV]**

**“14 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. 15 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.” 16 THEN THE KING COMMANDED, AND DANIEL WAS BROUGHT AND CAST**

**[DANIEL 6:14-28 ESV]**

**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 MIGHT BE CHANGED CONCERNING DANIEL. 18 THEN THE KING WENT TO HIS PALACE AND SPENT THE NIGHT FASTING; NO DIVERSIONS**

**[DANIEL 6:14-28 ESV]**

**WERE BROUGHT TO HIM, AND SLEEP FLED FROM HIM.  
19 THEN, AT BREAK OF DAY, THE KING AROSE AND WENT IN  
HASTE TO THE DEN OF LIONS. 20 AS HE CAME NEAR TO THE  
DEN WHERE DANIEL WAS, HE CRIED OUT IN A TONE OF  
ANGUISH. 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?” 21 THEN DANIEL SAID TO THE KING, “O KING, LIVE**

**[DANIEL 6:14-28 ESV]**

**FOREVER! 22 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." 23 THEN THE KING WAS EXCEEDINGLY GLAD, AND COMMANDED THAT DANIEL BE TAKEN UP OUT OF THE DEN. SO DANIEL WAS TAKEN UP OUT OF THE DEN, AND NO KIND OF HARM WAS FOUND ON HIM, BECAUSE HE HAD TRUSTED IN HIS GOD. 24 AND THE KING**

**[DANIEL 6:14-28 ESV]**

**COMMANDED, AND THOSE MEN WHO HAD MALICIOUSLY 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 THE PEOPLES, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES THAT DWELL IN ALL THE EARTH: “PEACE BE MULTIPLIED TO YOU. 26 I MAKE A DECREE, THAT**

**[DANIEL 6:14-28 ESV]**



**IN ALL MY ROYAL DOMINION PEOPLE ARE TO TREMBLE AND FEAR BEFORE THE GOD OF DANIEL, FOR HE IS THE LIVING GOD, ENDURING FOREVER; HIS KINGDOM SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED, AND HIS DOMINION SHALL BE TO THE END. 27 HE DELIVERS AND RESCUES; HE WORKS SIGNS AND WONDERS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, HE WHO HAS SAVED DANIEL FROM THE POWER OF THE LIONS.” 28 SO THIS DANIEL PROSPERED DURING THE REIGN OF DARIUS AND THE REIGN OF CYRUS THE PERSIAN.”**

**[DANIEL 6:14-28 ESV]**

**CHRIST DEFEATS, AND DELIVERS US, FROM  
THE “LIONS IN LIFE”.**

**[DANIEL 6:14-28; 1 PETER 5:6-11 ESV]**

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**“6 HUMBLE YOURSELVES, THEREFORE, UNDER THE MIGHTY  
HAND OF GOD SO THAT AT THE PROPER TIME HE MAY EXALT  
YOU, 7 CASTING ALL YOUR ANXIETIES ON HIM, BECAUSE HE  
CARES FOR YOU. 8 BE SOBER-MINDED; BE WATCHFUL. YOUR  
ADVERSARY THE DEVIL PROWLs AROUND LIKE A ROARING  
LION, SEEKING SOMEONE TO DEVOUR. 9 RESIST HIM, FIRM IN  
YOUR FAITH, KNOWING THAT THE SAME KINDS OF SUFFERING  
ARE BEING EXPERIENCED BY YOUR BROTHERHOOD**

**[1 PETER 5:6-11 ESV]**

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. 10 AND AFTER YOU HAVE SUFFERED  
A LITTLE WHILE, THE GOD OF ALL GRACE, WHO HAS CALLED  
YOU TO HIS ETERNAL GLORY IN CHRIST, WILL HIMSELF  
RESTORE, CONFIRM, STRENGTHEN, AND ESTABLISH YOU. 11 TO  
HIM BE THE DOMINION FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.”**

**[1 PETER 5:6-11 ESV]**

## **NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:**

**1. WILL YOU TURN OVER THE “LION IN YOUR  
LIFE” TO JESUS TODAY?**

## **NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:**

**2. WILL YOU RECEIVE ALL THAT JESUS HAS FOR  
YOU TODAY?**

A scroll with Hebrew text is unrolled against a dark red background filled with glowing orange and yellow particles. The scroll is held by wooden rollers on the left and right sides. The text on the scroll is in a golden-yellow color, matching the title.

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