



Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

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Chapter 6 outline

Introduction (1-4)

Plot against Daniel & Decree (5-9)

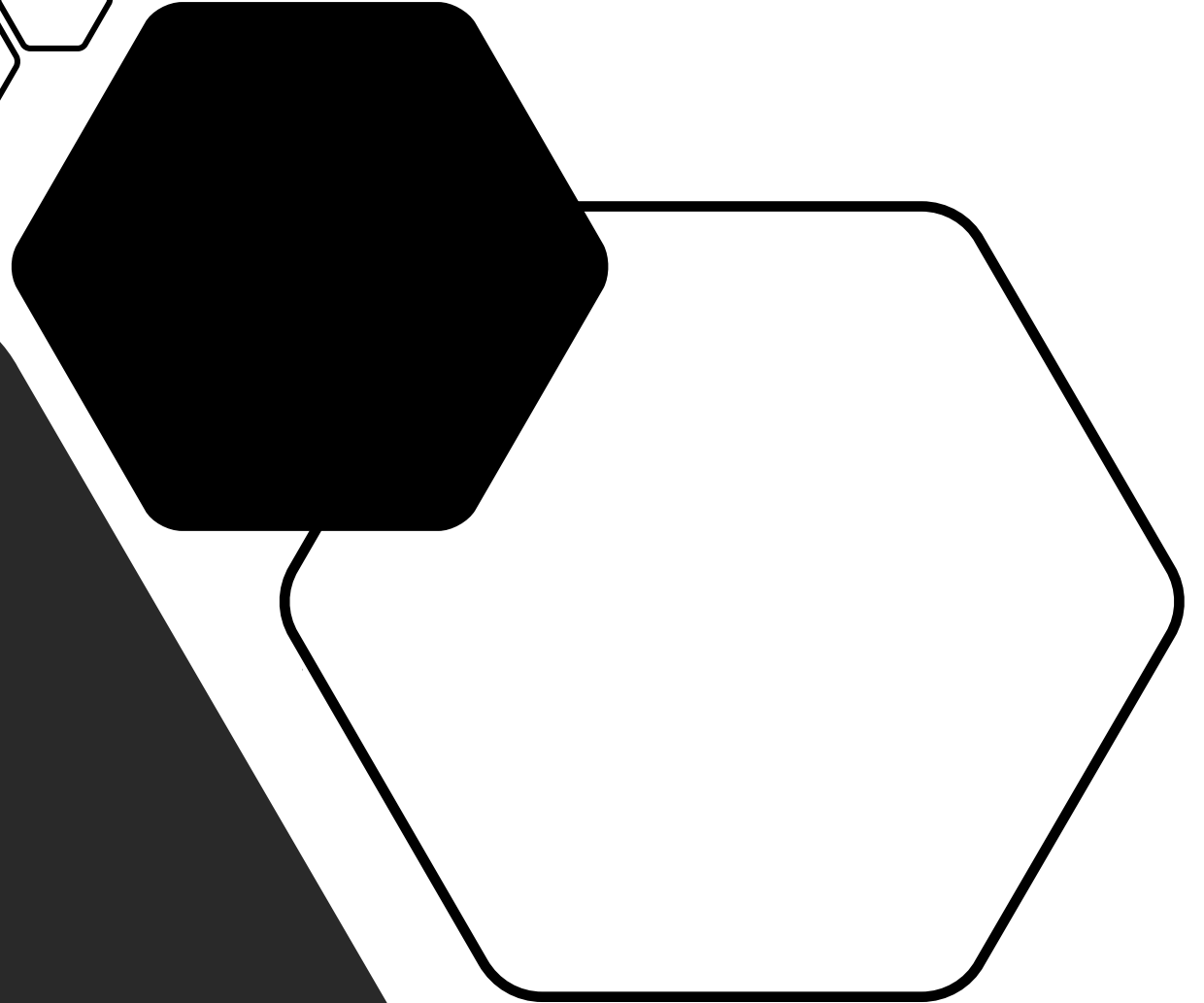
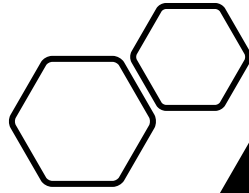
Daniel's bold response & prayer life (10)

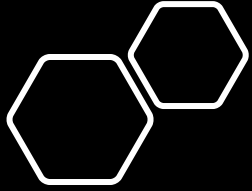
Daniel accused and convicted (11-17)

Daniel delivered (18-24)

New Decree and Daniel's continued prosperity (25-28)

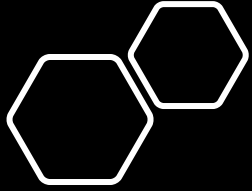
**Daniel
amazing
deliverance
(18-24):**





18-24

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2. What does the king do in the morning?
3. How and Why was Daniel preserved?
4. Was the king pleased to see Daniel alive?
5. What was the punishment for accusers, and was it too harsh?
6. If God could shut the mouth of lions, why didn't He blind the eyes of his accusers to see Daniel praying?
7. How is Daniel's experience in lions' den similar to the experience in the fire by his three friends?
8. *How does such deliverance apply to our daily life?*



1. How did the punishment of Daniel affect the king?

Fasting, mourning, sleepless (18)

2. What does the king do in the morning?

Went in haste, very early (19) anxious to know about the welfare of Daniel

How and why was Daniel preserved?

Preserved by angels sent by God (22)

Daniel preserved because: of his innocence before God and king (22) faith in God (23)

King who sent Daniel to Lions' den pleased to see Daniel alive (23)





Are you afraid of Lions in your life?

FACT: We will face lions in our life

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

Satan is like a roaring lion (I Peter 5:8)

FACT: Lions cannot harm us

We can sleep in peace, even in Lion's Den!

(Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 54:17, Psalms 3:1,5,6)

Lions of this world cannot harm us!

Battle of God Vs. Lion:

God wins all the time!



Lions in our daily life

Why does God send Lions in our life?

Does God always deliver us from the Lions' den?

Reflection

If God could shut the mouth of lions, why didn't He blind the eyes of his accusers to see Daniel praying?

How is Daniel's experience in lions' den similar to the experience in the fire by his three friends?

How does such deliverance apply to our daily life? How should we respond if God does not deliver?

Peaceful co-
existence
prophesied...

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox

Isaiah 11:6-7

Punishment for accusers

Cast into the den of lions, along with their wives and children (24)

Is this extreme punishment? What is the rationale for killing the entire family?

Same lions ... Daniel saved, but his accusers destroyed

**The new Decree &
Daniel's continued
success (25-28):**

New decree and Daniel's continued success

- What decree did Darius pass?
- Wasn't the decree supposed to be unchangeable?
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- How does Daniel fare under the Median power of Darius and Persian power of Cyrus?
- *Read about Cyrus unique role in Jewish history (Ezra 1:1-4)*

A new decree (26-27)

I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

A new decree (26-27)

Supposedly unchanging decree (8, 15) ...
now changed to honor the living God of
Daniel

Change is possible in this world ...
when God's children stand up for the truth!

“And I sought for a man among them, that
should make up the hedge, and stand in the
gap before me for the land, that I should not
destroy it: but I found none” (Ezekiel 22:30)

Daniel's continued success

- king Nebuchadnezzar honors Daniel for interpreting dream (2:48)
- king Belshazzar honors Daniel (5:29)
- Daniel prospers in the reign of Darius and Cyrus (6:28)

king Cyrus ... return of Jews from exile

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, ² Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³ Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. (Ezra 1:1-3)

What memory verse?

Chapter 1:8a

Chapter 3:17-18

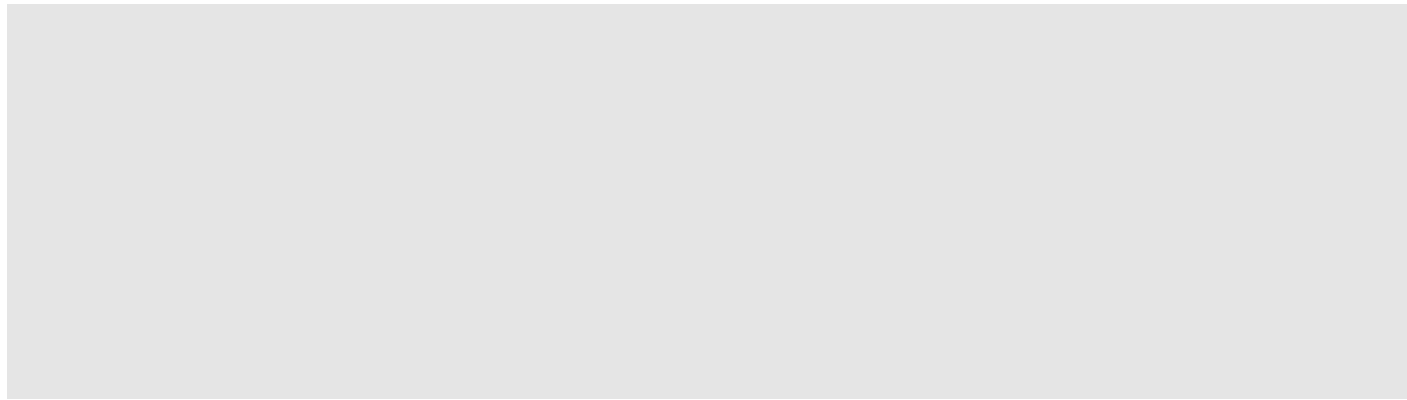
Chapter 5:25

Chapter 2:22

Chapter 4:34

Chapter 6:

What Attributes of God
are seen in this chapter?



**God's
unchanging
Attributes
(as seen in
previous
chapters)**

God knows everything

God is Just

God is merciful

God is our deliverer

God is always present (with us)

God is Sovereign (He is in absolute control)

God is Faithful (He honors those who honor Him)



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