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FALL SERIES 2026 – WEEK 6

LORD OF ALL

“...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. 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.” – Daniel 6:26-27 ESV

- **A new sheriff in town**
 - As per God’s plan...
 - ...the Babylonians have been replaced
 - ...the Medo-Persians are in control
 - ...King Darius sits on the throne
 - ...and the elderly Daniel is still around
 - God is far from done with Daniel
 - He’s pushing 80
 - He survived the fall of Jerusalem...
 - ...and the fall of Babylon
 - But his faith in Yahweh remains strong...
 - ...because of all He has done
 - He can recall the word of Nebuchadnezzar

“Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings...” – Daniel 2:47 ESV

“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego...there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.” – Daniel 3:29 ESV

*How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,*

and his dominion endures from generation to generation. – Daniel 4:3 ESV

“...his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’” – Daniel 4:34-35 ESV

- He remembers his last words to Belshazzar
“But you have not honored the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny!” – Daniel 5:23 ESV
- Daniel knew he was in God’s hands
 - God had a purpose for his life
 - And had orchestrated it from the start

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz...to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah’s royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives... Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen. – Daniel 1:3, 6 NLT

- Their selection was ordained by God

God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams. – Daniel 1:17 NLT

Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men. – Daniel 2:48 NLT

- Daniel was an instrument in God’s hand
- And he still had a part to play...
...even in the new administration

***It pleased Darius** to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; 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. **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. – Daniel 6:1-4 ESV*

- **A man of integrity**

- They couldn't dig up any dirt on Daniel
...with regard to the kingdom
 - o He had done nothing immoral
unethical
illegal
or inappropriate
 - o He was squeaky clean

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 God." – Daniel 6:5 ESV

- They made it a religious matter
 - o He had a reputation as a model civil servant
 - o But also as a faithful servant of Yahweh
 - o This would be his Achilles heel
- But his perceived weakness was a **strength**
- Remember what his 3 friends said

*"O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, **the God whom we serve is able to save us**. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. **But even if he doesn't**, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." – Daniel 2:16-18 NLT*

- **At peace with God's sovereignty**

- Daniel understood God's **goodness**
greatness
power
authority
justice
and **holiness**
- God didn't exist for Daniel's glory
- But Daniel's life would glorify God
 - o His enemies plotted against him
 - o They convinced the king to pass a law
 - o Knowing that Daniel could not obey it

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 be cast into the den of lions. 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." Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction. – Daniel 6:7-9 ESV

- This is not a lesson on **civil disobedience**
 - It is a reminder of God's **omnipotence**
sovereignty
dominion
providence
and **authority**
- Daniel got word of the plot...
...but rather than **panic**, he **prayed**
- He didn't whine about his circumstances...
...he worshiped the One who controls them
- He wasn't tempted to compromise...
...because God's will can't be jeopardized

*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.*
– Daniel 6:10 ESV

- Daniel was familiar with Solomon's prayer or dedication
...listen to the prayer that your servant offers **toward this place**. And listen to the pleas of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray **toward this place**. And listen from heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. – 2 Chronicles 6:20-21 ESV

Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. – Daniel 6:11 ESV

- **An attitude of gratitude**

- He didn't fixate on his **problem**
- He focused on **Jerusalem**
 - Not because he was homesick
 - But because of God's promise

*This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for **seventy years**. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and **I will bring you home again**."* – Jeremiah 29:10 NLT

- Daniel knew the time was getting close
- And he knew the rest of the promise

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord... "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days **when you pray**, I will listen."*
– Jeremiah 29:11-12 NLT

- But wait a minute!
 - What about Daniel?
 - He ends up in the lion's den

- Despite Darius' attempt to save him
- How is that a good plan?
- It's because it is God's plan

"Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish." – Isaiah 46:9-10 NLT

- **Divine deliverance**

Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" 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. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. 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?" Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! 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." – Daniel 6:16-22 ESV

- Don't miss the real lesson here
 - Daniel's rescue wasn't **deserved**
earned
or a **reward**
 - It was **the sovereign work of God**

*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.*** – Daniel 6:23 ESV

- Daniel trusted in God
But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. – Jeremiah 17:7 ESV

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! – Psalm 84:12 ESV

- Trust is **passive**...
 - It requires no **effort**
 - It demands no **work**
 - But it's anything but **easy**
- Trust is **responsive**...
 - It is based on **belief** ...
...in God's **sovereignty**
goodness

faithfulness
power
ultimate victory

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” – Psalm 46:10 ESV

*Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth:
“Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that 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.
He delivers and rescues;
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from the power of the lions.”*

So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian. – Daniel 6:25-28 ESV

- **Discussion Questions:**

If trust is passive, why is it so hard?

How did Daniel display his trust in God? He had no assurance he would survive his ordeal, so what was it that he was trusting?

What is a lion’s den moment you have experienced and how did you trust God in it? How did it turn out?



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FALL SERIES 2026 – WEEK 7 HOMEWORK

WEEK 7 – A VISION OF THINGS TO COME

With this chapter, the narrative takes an interesting twist, with Daniel becoming the dreamer of dreams instead of the interpreter. The events in this chapter occur in 553 BC, during the first year of the reign of King Belshazzar. Daniel is advanced in age but still serving in the king's court. This is the first of six visions that Daniel will receive from the Lord, and they are aimed at the future of God's chosen people. Interestingly, Daniel is unable to interpret his own visions but must rely upon divine help to understand what the disturbing imagery means.

- Sometime this week, read pages 81-85 of Ken's Devotional™ on the Book of Daniel.
- Read all of Chapter 7 in its entirety. Write down anything you find interesting, confusing, encouraging, or reminiscent of something you've seen before in Daniel's book.

- It is important to recall that Belshazzar was the last Babylonian king before the empire fell to the Medo-Persians. His demise is recorded at the end of Chapter 5. For the first time in Daniel's record, he is the one who has a dream. Describe what he saw in your own words.

Go back and look at the dream Nebuchadnezzar had in Daniel 2:31-35. What similarities and differences do you see?

- Beside the strange-looking beasts, what does Daniel record seeing in verses 9-10?

In Revelation 1:12-18, John records a vision he had. What similarities do you see?

- What did Daniel see in verses 13-14?

Read Revelation 4 to see a vision that John was given of heaven. What would suggest that Daniel was seeing the very same thing?

According to verse 15 of Daniel 7, what was his reaction to all that he saw?

- Read verses 19-28. What additional insight does Daniel receive regarding the four beasts?
- Why do you think God is revealing this to Daniel and not to the current king?
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