

Executive Orders

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Daniel 6

The main emphasis in the Book of Daniel is how the absolute sovereignty of God continually operates in the affairs of the nations!

King Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 2:47 “The king answered and said to Daniel, ‘Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, ...’”

- ❖ God had revealed that four kingdoms would rule the earth in the future: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome.

King Belshazzar

Daniel 5:22-30 “...but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.”

- ❖ Babylon was conquered and King Belshazzar was killed!

King Darius

Daniel 6:26 “I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel...”

Daniel 6:4

- ❖ Daniel, who was about to be put in a position of authority over all the officials of King Darius, was targeted for attack by his peers!
- ❖ Daniel was probably the only Hebrew official!

Daniel 6:5

- ❖ Daniel’s integrity and consistency in his walk with God gave his fellow officials an opportunity to trap him!

2 Timothy 3:12 “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,”

Daniel 6:9

- ❖ King Darius was manipulated by his counselors because of his pride, to sign an “Executive Order” that would seal Daniel’s fate!

Daniel 6:10

- ❖ Daniel was unwavering in his faith in God and continued to pray openly regardless of the Kings executive order!

Acts 5:29 “But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’”

Daniel 6:14

- ❖ King Darius respected Daniel and regretted his decree.

Daniel 6:16

- ❖ King Darius carried out the sentence of certain death and Daniel, without resistance, submitted to the ruling!

Daniel 3:8-30 ⇒ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Daniel 6:19-24

- ❖ God protected Daniel!

Daniel 6:25-28

- ❖ God revealed Himself to King Darius and his entire kingdom through the faithfulness of Daniel!

Psalm 37:40 “The Lord helps them and delivers them; He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.”

King Cyrus

Daniel 10:1 “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, And the word was true, ...”

- ❖ Cyrus was named by the prophet Isaiah, over 100 years before, to be the king who would send the Jews back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple!

Isaiah 44:28 “who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose’; saying of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be built,’ and of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’”

- 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

God is Sovereign over all the nations!

Acts 4:24, 29-30

“Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ... grant to Your servants to continue to speak Your Word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

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