

Messianic Prophecies: Daniel

One: DANIEL'S THANKSGIVING

Daniel 6:10

I. Who was this Daniel?

A. Jewish _____ in exile

B. Babylonian _____

Tension of loyalties

Model for us who also live in exile: Jas 1:1; I Pet 1:1-2:

Heb 11:13-16 → ch 12

C. _____

Division of his book:

I. Ch 1-6: Daniel's life, some prophecy

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II. 7-12: Daniel's prophecies

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Main theme: the Kingdom of God is much larger than Israel in Judah.
His Kingdom will be universal and eternal!

II. Why is 6:10 a heroic act?

A. Daniel's position

B. The conspiracy

C. Everyone agrees it is good to be thankful—but not to the specific God of the Bible, openly

Kingdoms in conflict: Darius
The Pilgrims
Today

III. What were the consequences?

A. Daniel thrown in a den of lions

B. Daniel delivered

v22: "his angel": Messiah? Cf. 3:25

C. Enemies devoured

Judgment plus proof that the lions were hungry!

D. Darius' Song of Praise: v26-27

Daniel's God IS the Living God Whose Kingdom is universal and everlasting. He alone deserves our thanks

E. Daniel's witness to the Magi

Dan 1-2 → 4:9; 5:11

The descendents of these magi likely the first fruits of Gentile (the nations) worship of Jesus (Matt 2:1-12),
The King of Kings Who at the end of the Day is the only Savior and King

Give thanks to Him now. In faith. Openly.

So What

1. You too are called to serve the Lord in exile.

Learn to distinguish compromise from healthy embracing the culture

2. Determine to give thanks and honor to Jesus Christ *alone*, no matter what that may cost you. No guarantees of deliverance (cf. 3:17-18)

Egs: Pilgrims; William Wilberforce;
persecuted Christians today

Always remember Christ's sacrifice for you (I Pet 2:20-21)

3. Let your view of God grow.

Choose to give thanks to Him when you are suffering

Be confident in His final victory (and yours)

We will pursue this in Daniel in the next 3 weeks