

3. THE _____ OF DANIEL

“And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, because they trust in him.” (Psalm 37:40)

A. A _____ King

“The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever he will.” (Proverbs 21:1)

HE FASTS

HE LAMENTS

HE INQUIRES

B. A _____ Prophet

“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.” (Daniel 3:17)

“The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” (Psalm 18:2)

CONCLUSION



OVERCOMERS
LIVING A LIFE OF RESILIENCY THROUGH CHRIST

Title: Overcoming Envy and Political Hardship

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“It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; 2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. 3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. 4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. 6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. 9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.” (Daniel 6:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

“Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. 18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.” (2 Kings 20:17-18)



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“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.” (Daniel 1:8)

Quote: “The men and women who have moved the world have been the men and women the world could not move.”

Quote: “Darius soon learned about Daniel and the reputation he had for honesty and wisdom... Darius planned to make him his number-one administrator over the entire kingdom.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” (Romans 12:19)

“And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.” (Daniel 7:24)

“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Revelation 13:17)

1. THE _____ AGAINST DANIEL

A. An _____ Envy

Definition: “*occasion*”—a pretext, a made-up reason

“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:” (Ephesians 6:5-7)

“But and if ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” (1 Peter 3:14-15)

B. A Faithful _____

NO FAULT WAS FOUND

Definition: “*faithful*”—trustworthy, sure

Definition: “*fault*”—corruption

“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, And loving favour rather than silver and gold.” (Proverbs 22:1)

TRUST HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore ye have

not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?” (Luke 16:10-11)

C. A Jealous _____

THE PLOT CONCEIVED OUT OF JEALOUSY

Quote: “Envy is a spirit of dissatisfaction or opposition to the prosperity or happiness of other people.”—**Jonathan Edwards**

THE PLAN PRESENTED TO THE KING

“A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.” (Proverbs 29:5)

“A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.” (Proverbs 19:9)

THE TRAP SET

2. THE _____ OF DANIEL

A. A Planned _____

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

Quote: “Prayer is the difference between the best you can do and the best God can do.”

IT WAS PUBLIC

IT WAS INTERCESSORY

“If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: 39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.” (2 Chronicles 6:38-39)

IT WAS HABITUAL

Quote: “Adversity does not build character, it reveals it.”—**James Allen**

B. A Prepared _____

THE CONSPIRATORS’ DISCOVERY

“The wicked watcheth the righteous, And seeketh to slay him.” (Psalm 37:32)

THE CONSPIRATORS’ REPORT TO THE KING