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Through  
The Book  
of Daniel

**Week 13**

## Daniel 5: 17(NASB)

*Then Daniel answered and said before the king, “Keep your gifts for yourself or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.*

# Daniel 5: 18(NASB)

*O king, the Most High God  
granted sovereignty,  
grandeur, glory and  
majesty to Nebuchadnezzar  
your father.*

# Daniel 5: 19(NASB)

*Because of the grandeur  
which He bestowed on him,  
all the peoples, nations and  
men of every language  
feared and trembled before  
him;*

# Daniel 5: 19(NASB)

*whomever he wished he killed and whomever he wished he spared alive; and whomever he wished he elevated and whomever he wished he humbled.*

## Daniel 5: 20(NASB)

*But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken away from him.*

## Daniel 5: 21(NASB)

*He was also driven away from mankind, and his heart was made like that of beasts, and his dwelling place was with the wild donkeys.*

*He was given grass to eat  
like cattle, and his body  
was drenched with the dew  
of heaven until he  
recognized that the Most  
High God is ruler over the  
realm of mankind and that  
He sets over it whomever  
He wishes.*

# Daniel 5: 22(NASB)

*Yet you, his son,  
Belshazzar, have not  
humbled your heart, even  
though you knew all this,*

## Daniel 5: 23(NASB)

*but you have exalted  
yourself against the Lord of  
heaven; and they have  
brought the vessels of His  
house before you, and you  
and your nobles, your wives  
and your concubines have  
been drinking wine from  
them.*

# Daniel 5: 23(NASB)

*and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand.*

# Daniel 5: 23(NASB)

*But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified.*

# Question

Do you think it upset Daniel when he walked in and saw the sacred objects from the Temple of God being used in a drunken, idolatrous orgy?

# Daniel 5: 24(NASB)

*Then the hand was sent  
from Him and this  
inscription was written  
out.*

# Question

Who does Daniel say  
sent the mysterious  
hand that appeared  
and wrote on the wall?

**GOD!!!**

# Question

Do you think king  
Belshazzar's face is  
getting even more pale?

# Daniel 5: 25(NASB)

*“Now this is the  
inscription that was  
written out: ‘MENĒ,  
MENĒ, TEKĒL,  
UPHARSIN.’*

# Daniel 5: 26(NASB)

*This is the interpretation  
of the message: ‘MENĒ’—  
God has numbered your  
kingdom and put an end  
to it.’”*

# Daniel 5: 27(NASB)

*‘TEKĒL’—you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.*

# Daniel 5: 28(NASB)

*‘PERĒS’—your kingdom  
has been divided and  
given over to the Medes  
and Persians.”*

History tells us that the second king Nabonidus and the Babylonian capital at Teman have already fallen captive to the Medes and the Persians. It is likely that Belshazzar knew they were headed for Babylon.

# Question

If the king knew his city was about to come under attack, why is he partying instead of preparing for this army's potential invasion of Babylon?

The city of Babylon was impenetrable. It was surrounded by a wall that was 87 feet thick and 350 feet high and the Euphrates river ran under the wall through the middle of the city.

The following is a quote  
from an employee of  
the White Star Line, at  
the launch of the  
Titanic, May 31, 1911

"Not even God himself  
could sink this ship."

This is the mindset of  
Belshazzar as he was  
partying away while his  
enemy was outside the  
walls of his city.

History tells us that  
something is  
happening outside of  
the walls of the great  
city of Babylon that  
those inside at this  
wild party were  
unaware of.

Herodotus, the historian, tells us that the Medes and the Persians were outside the city in the night in which Belshazzar had his feast. The date is recorded as the 16th day of Tishri, 539 B.C. This correlates to the 11th or 12th of October, 539 B.C.

On this date and during  
this great feast when the  
hand appeared and wrote  
on the wall the Medes and  
the Persians built a dam  
on the Euphrates river  
which flowed under the  
wall of the city.

They diverted all of that water coming into the Euphrates into a swampland. And when the water began to fall during the partying they marched underneath the wall on the riverbed, killed the guards, threw open the gates, and the whole Medo-Persian army descended on that city.

## Daniel 5: 29(NASB)

*Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the third ruler in the kingdom.*

# Question

Why do you think the  
king responded this  
way?

## Daniel 5: 30(NASB)

*That same night Belshazzar  
the Chaldean king was slain.  
So Darius the Mede received  
the kingdom at about the age  
of sixty-two.*

Note: The head of gold has fallen and Daniel sees in his old age the world ruler is now the Medes and the Persians, just as God had revealed to him in Nebuchadnezzar's dream all those years ago as a young man.



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**Chapter 6**

Daniel is no longer a young man. He is almost 90 years old and has survived the death of the Babylonian kingdom and is now living in the world controlled by the Medes and the Persians.

## Daniel 6: 1-2(NASB)

*It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom, and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one),*

## Daniel 6: 1-2(NASB)

*that these satraps might  
be accountable to them,  
and that the king might  
not suffer loss.*

Note: The word Darius is a title and not a name. This is similar to Pharaoh, or king, or Caesar.

The word Darius has been found on inscriptions in archeology for at least five different Persian rulers. They're all called "Darius."

History tells us that  
Cyrus was the king of  
the Medo-Persian  
Empire during this time  
so it is most likely that  
Darius is referring to  
King Cyrus.

# Question

What is Daniel's position in this new government?

Does anyone know what Paul Wilkinson's position is in the kingdom of Rush County Indiana?

What does this tell us about how King Cyrus feels about Daniel?

Since Daniel was the third ruler in the kingdom he just captured, why does he show favor to Daniel?

# Daniel 1: 9 (NASB)

*Now God granted Daniel  
favor and compassion in  
the sight of the  
commander of the  
officials,*

## Daniel 6: 3(NASB)

*Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.*

# Question

What does this tell us  
about Daniel,  
remember he is  
pushing 90 years old?

## Daniel 6: 4(NASB)

*Then the commissioners  
and satraps began trying  
to find a ground of  
accusation against Daniel  
in regard to government  
affairs;*

## Daniel 6: 4(NASB)

*but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.*

# Question

Does this sound  
familiar?

## Daniel 3: 12 (NASB)

*There are certain Jews  
whom you have  
appointed over the  
administration of the  
province of Babylon,  
namely Shadrach,  
Meshach and Abed-nego.*

# Question

Why is it that as a Christian people are constantly looking to point out something we have done wrong?

# Question

What can we learn  
from this?

## Titus 2: 7-8

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned,*

## Titus 2: 7-8

*so that those who  
oppose you may be  
ashamed because they  
have nothing bad to say  
about us.*

# Question

If the world cannot  
attack your integrity,  
what will they attack  
next?

Your faith!!!

## Daniel 6: 5(NASB)

*Then these men said, “We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God.”.*

# Question

Do we see this  
happening today?

At 93, I never thought we would have to debate  
the definition of marriage. The Bible is clear—God's  
definition of marriage is between a man and a woman.  
I want to urge my fellow North Carolinians to vote  
FOR the marriage amendment on Tuesday, May 8.

God bless you as you vote,



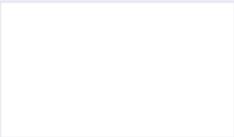
Billy Graham  
MONTREAT, N.C.



 VOTE  
**FOR**  
MARRIAGE  
ON MAY 8

# Billy Graham Urges North Carolinians To Vote for Bigotry

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Whenever there's a list of Christians who are embarrassments to the "other" Christians, you see the same names over and over: **Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Mark Driscoll, James Dobson, Ted Haggard**, etc...

**Billy Graham** is rarely on that list. Christians almost universally praise him. He sticks to the message, doesn't play politics, isn't controversial, etc.

Well, he's spending the end of his life making sure bigotry is a part of his legacy.

His ministry plans to place this ad in **14 newspapers across North Carolina** in

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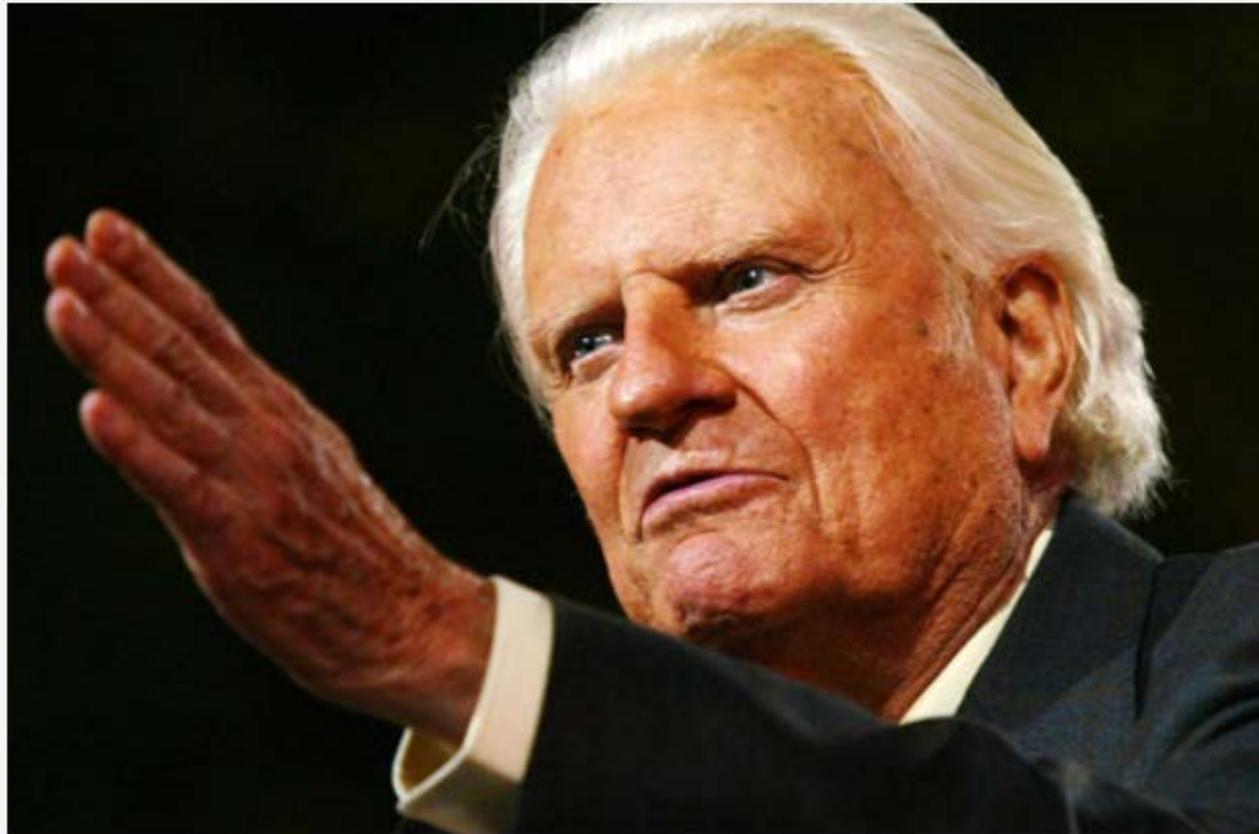
## Billy Graham: America's Favorite Bigot

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 Opinion



If you live in the United States at any time during the next 60 years, you will be a part of Bill

# Daniel 6: 6(NASB)

*Then these commissioners  
and satraps came by  
agreement to the king and  
spoke to him as follows:  
“King Darius, live forever!*

## Daniel 6: 7(NASB)

*All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction*

## Daniel 6: 7(NASB)

*that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions' den.*

# Question

What are they doing to  
the king now?

What happens when a  
king makes a law?

It was a requirement of the Medes and Persians that once a law was made, it could not be broken, even by the king. It is believed that this was done to prevent useless laws from being passed.

This is like a chess match with the king and they are getting ready to back him in the corner so that he will have no choice but to kill Daniel.

## Daniel 6: 8(NASB)

*Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.”*

Note: They had the document already written and ready to be signed.

# Daniel 6: 9(NASB)

*Therefore King Darius  
signed the document, that  
is, the injunction.*

# Question

Why did the king sign  
this document so  
quickly?

What can we learn from  
this?

# Question

What do you think those who convinced the king to sign this document thought Daniel would do?

Why did they think this?

## Daniel 6: 10(NASB)

*Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem);*

## Daniel 6: 10(NASB)

*and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.*

# Question

Did Daniel know this law had been passed?

What are some compromises that Daniel could have made?

# Question

How long was this  
law in effect?

# Daniel 6: 7(NASB)

*that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, **for thirty days**, shall be cast into the lions' den.*

# Question

Why was Daniel determined not to let this law alter the way he gave thanks and prayed to God, even for just 30 days?

# Question

Do you think Daniel's  
accusers knew that  
Daniel would not  
compromise his faith?

# Daniel 6: 11(NASB)

*Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.*

# Question

What does this tell us  
about these men?

## Daniel 6: 12(NASB)

*Then they approached and spoke before the king about the king's injunction, "Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king,*

## Daniel 6: 12(NASB)

*for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?"*

*The king replied, "The statement is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked."*

# Question

What does it tell you about how the king feels about Daniel that this statement had to be made before telling the king that it was Daniel in violation?

## Daniel 6: 13(NASB)

*Then they answered and spoke before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day.”*

Question

Checkmate!!!

How do you think the king feels now that he recognizes he has been set up?

## Daniel 6: 14(NASB)

*Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him.*

# Question

Why is the king deeply distressed over this?

What did the king do next?

# Question

Why did he try to save Daniel until sunset?

According to their custom a sentence had to be carried out before nightfall.

## Daniel 6: 15(NASB)

*Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed.”*

# Question

How do you think the king felt about this reminder?

Again, notice they came in a group.

## Daniel 6: 16(NASB)

*Then the king gave orders,  
and Daniel was brought in  
and cast into the lions' den.  
The king spoke and said to  
Daniel, "Your God whom  
you constantly serve will  
Himself deliver you."*

# Question

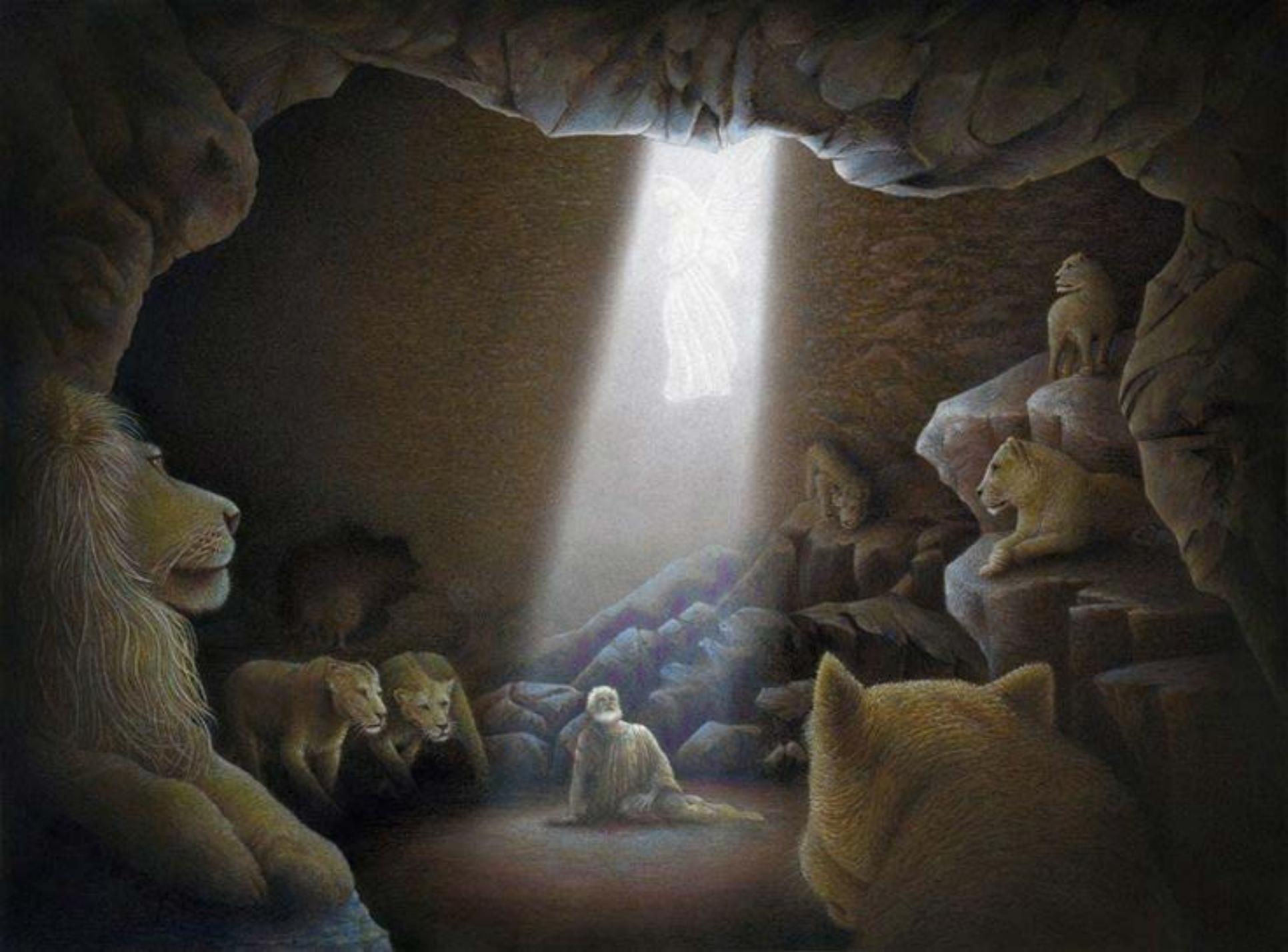
Do you think Daniel has  
spoken to the king  
about God?

## Daniel 6: 17(NASB)

*A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing would be changed in regard to Daniel.*

# Question

How do you picture the lions den in your mind?





This scene from the Zliten mosaic in Tripoli, which is thought to date from around the second century AD. shows an execution by wild animals (*damnatio ad bestias*). At the left, two condemned men have been tied to posts. One is being attacked by a large cat. The other is being wheeled out on a small cart to face attack by a leopard.

# North Korean leader fed uncle to starving dogs, report says

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FILE: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is flanked by his uncle Jang Song Thaek at a military parade to mark the birth anniversary of the North's late leader Kim Jong-il in Pyongyang. (REUTERS/Kyodo)

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