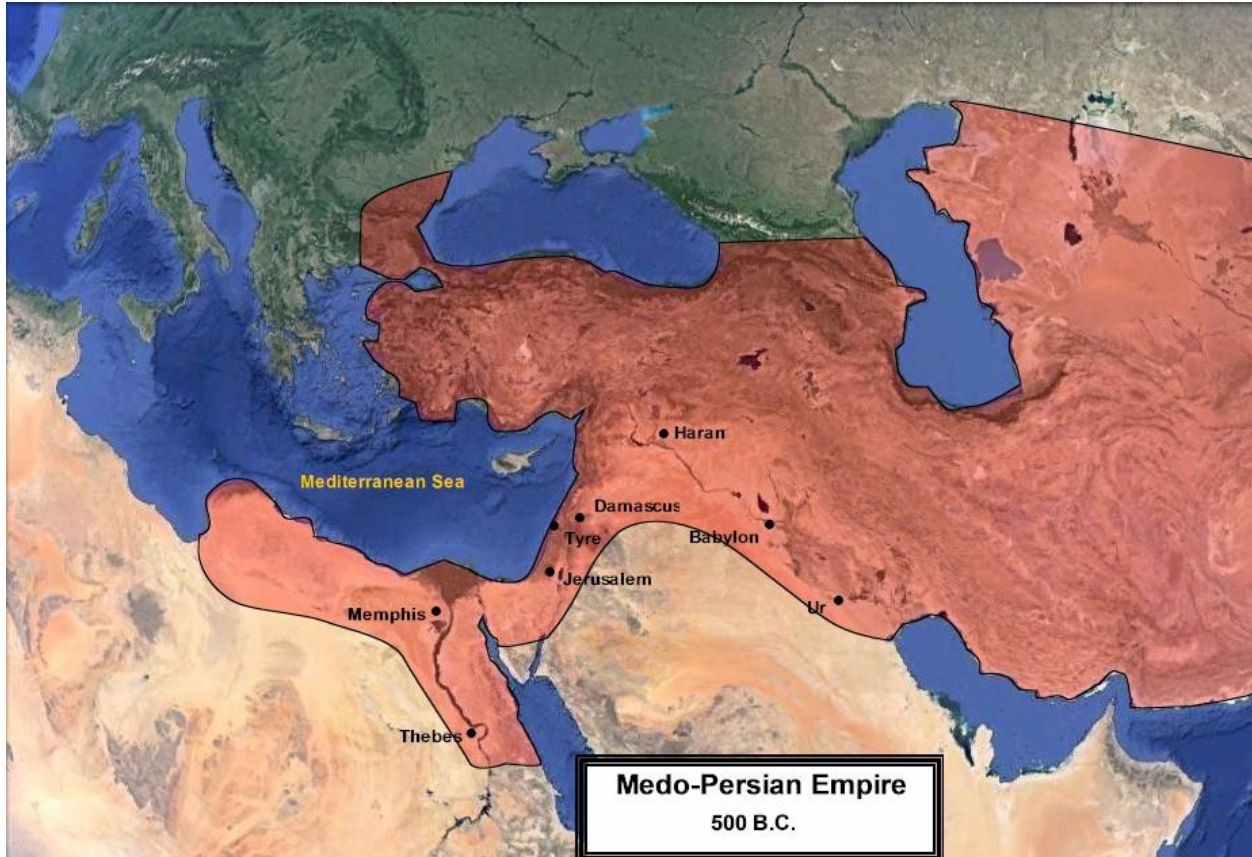


7 – DANIEL’S FAITHFULNESS (DANIEL 6:1-28)

I. Daniel's Prominence (6:1-3)



A. Darius' structure of government (6:1-2)

- Darius made a government structure with Daniel as one of three top officials.

B. Daniel's achievement (6:3)

- Daniel excelled above the other officials.
- The king thought about making Daniel the chief official in the empire.

II. The Plot against Daniel (6:4-9)

A. Seeking to discredit Daniel (6:4)

- The other officials sought to find a means to discredit Daniel.
- They were frustrated by Daniel's faithful character.

B. The conspiracy (6:5-9)

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1. The decision (6:5)

- The officials sought to discredit Daniel with his faith in his God.

2. The request for a decree (6:6-9)

- The officials sought a decree to outlaw for thirty days prayer to anyone but the king.
- The decree would be solidified in the law of the Medes and Persians.

III. Daniel's Prayer (6:10-11)

A. Daniel's commitment (6:10)

- In spite of the decree, Daniel continued his practice of prayer as usual.

B. Daniel discovered (6:11)

- The officials gathered and discovered Daniel praying.

IV. The Judgment against Daniel (6:12-18)

A. The accusation (6:12-13)

- The officials accused Daniel of violating the decree before the king.

B. The king's determination (6:14)

- The king determined to seek a means to free Daniel.

C. The plotters' insistence (6:15)

- The plotters insisted that the law be carried out against Daniel.

D. Judgment pronounced (6:16)

- The king commanded that Daniel be cast into the lions' den.
- The king expressed that he wanted Daniel's God to deliver him.

E. The lions' den (6:17)

- Daniel was thrown into the lions' den and it was sealed.

F. The king's anxious sleep (6:18)

- The king fasted and was not able to sleep because of his concern for Daniel.

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V. The Preservation of Daniel (6:19-24)

A. The king's haste (6:19-20)

- In the early morning, the king rushed to the lions' den and called out to Daniel.

B. Daniel's reply (6:21-22)

- Daniel replied the God had protected him because of his innocence.

C. Daniel's release (6:23)

- The king called for Daniel to be released.
- No injury occurred to Daniel in the lions' den.

D. The plotters execution (6:24)

- The king ordered Daniel's accusers thrown in the lions' den.

VI. The King's Pronouncement (6:25-28)

A. The recipients (6:25))

- The writer records a royal proclamation which was sent throughout his kingdom.

B. The declaration (6:26-28)

- The king declared that all should fear the God of Daniel.
- The God of Daniel is sovereign and a deliverer.