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Daniel's Providential Moment

- Daniel was targeted by the Persian “Deep State”
- Did Daniel win because he was God's anointed or through Faithfulness and Repentance

Daniel Targeted by the Persian “Deep State”

Dan 6:1–9 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; (2) and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. (3) **Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him;** and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm...

Daniel Targeted for Faithfulness

Dan 6:1–9 ... (4) So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. (5) Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God." (6) So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever!..

Daniel Targeted for Faithfulness

Dan 6:1–9 ...(7) All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. (8) Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." (9) Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

Daniel Faithful Under Fire

Dan 6:10-15 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. (11) Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God...

Daniel Faithful Under Fire

Dan 6:10-15 ...(12) And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter..."

Daniel Faithful Under Fire

Dan 6:10–15 ...(13) So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day." (14) And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him...

Daniel Faithful Under Fire

Dan 6:10–15 ...(15) Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

Daniel Faces His Providential Moment

Dan 6:16–18 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." (17) Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed...

Daniel Faces His Providential Moment

Dan 6:16–18 ...(18) Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

God Providentially Intervenes

Dan 6:20–23 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" (21) Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! (22) **My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you...**"

God Providentially Intervenes

Dan 6:20–23 ... (23) Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

The Coup de Etat (Cat Food)

Dan 6:24–28 And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den...

The Coup de Etat (The King Glorifies God)

Dan 6:24–28 ...(25) Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. (26) I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end. (27) He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions...

The Coup de Etat (The King Glorifies God)

Dan 6:24–28 ...(28) So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

George Washington's Providential Moment

- Washington survived being shot six times with out injury on the way to Ft Duquesne on July 9, 1755 – all while sick as a dog.
- Was Washington blessed because he was God's anointed or because the people walked in repentance (Second Great Awakening)

George Washington's Testimony

“Dear Jack, As I have heard since my arrival at this place, circumstantial acct. of my death and dying speech, I take this early opportunity to contradict both, and of assuring you that I now exist and appear in the land of the living by the miraculous care of Providence, that protected me beyond all human expectation; I had 4 Bullets through my Coat and two horses shot under me, and yet escaped unhurt...”

George Washington's Testimony

“...We have been most scandalously beaten by a trifling body of men; but fatigue and want of time prevents me from giving any of the details till I have the happiness of seeing you at home; which I now most ardently wish for, since we are drove in thus far. A Weak and Feeble state of Health obliges me to halt here for 2 or 3 days, to recover a little strength, that I may thereby be enabled to proceed homeward with more ease; You may expect to see me there Saturday or Sunday. . . I am Dear Jack, your most Affect, Brother.”

This Providential Moment

- On July 13, 2024, about 40 miles away from Washington's providential moment, Trump was providentially preserved during his assassination attempt
- There has been an unprecedented move towards prayer and repentance

Creating Extraordinary Providential Moments

- God allows/decrees judgments/trials
- There goes out the call towards prayer and repentance (2 Chr 7:12–14)
- God raises up deliverance, distributing the anointing and other power as **He alone** sees fit
- *He sometimes raise up extraordinary leaders*

Lack of Repentance Can Take Away “God’s Anointed”

1 Sa 12:24–25 Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. (25) But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

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