

Book of Daniel

Class for October 15, 2023

Daniel – Chapter 6

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Sep 24, 2023 – **Wade Williams to teach***
- ✓ *Oct 1, 2023. - **Wade Williams to teach***
- ✓ *Oct 8, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 5*
- ✓ *Oct 15, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 6*
- *Oct 22, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 7*
- *Oct 29, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 8*

Comments before we start...

- Today I want to address the Israel situation again before we start Chapter 6 of Daniel
- It has been a tumultuous week for Israel. *Evil is on full display*
 - 1400+ Dead so far that were killed in the initial attack (29 Americans so far)
 - Thousands wounded
 - 100+ taken captives but could go higher. Israelis and Other Countries
 - 4000 rockets were fired on Israel, some deep in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem
 - Iron Dome “missed many” the first day
- Currently, Israel is expecting war with Gaza, and possibly Lebanon, and Syria
- Rockets, snipers, and anti-tank weapons fired from Lebanon/ Syria
- Israel Air Force- relentless bombing of Hamas locations in Gaza
- Israel Air Force – select bombing of terror targets in Lebanon and Syria
- Gaza – Imminent IDF Ground force attack

Cartoon says it all...



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EVIL

HAMAS

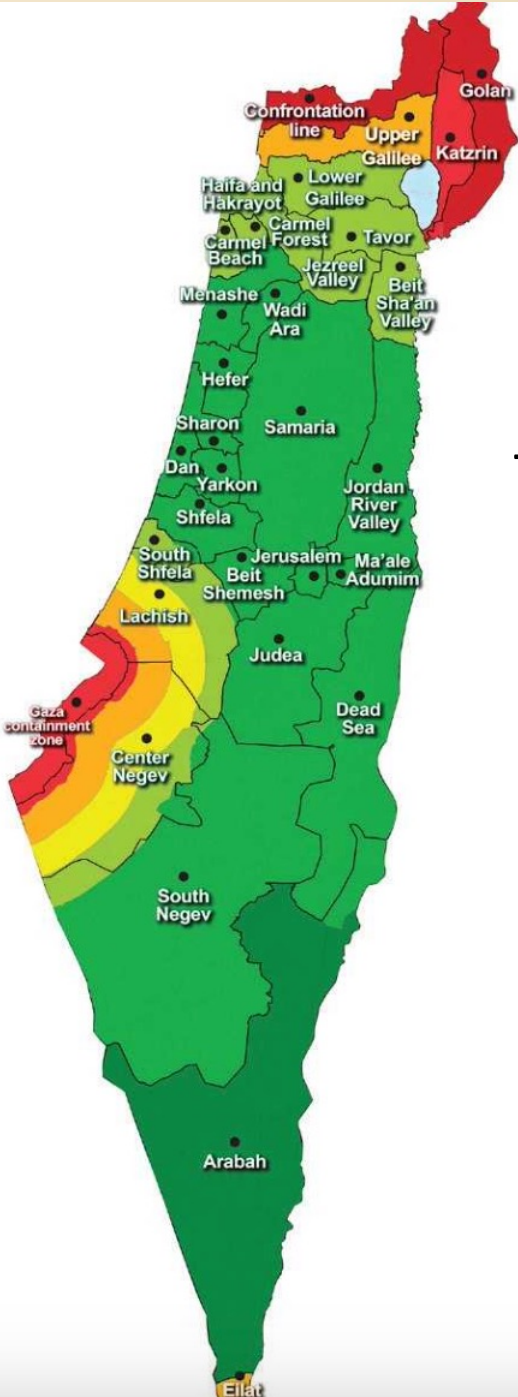
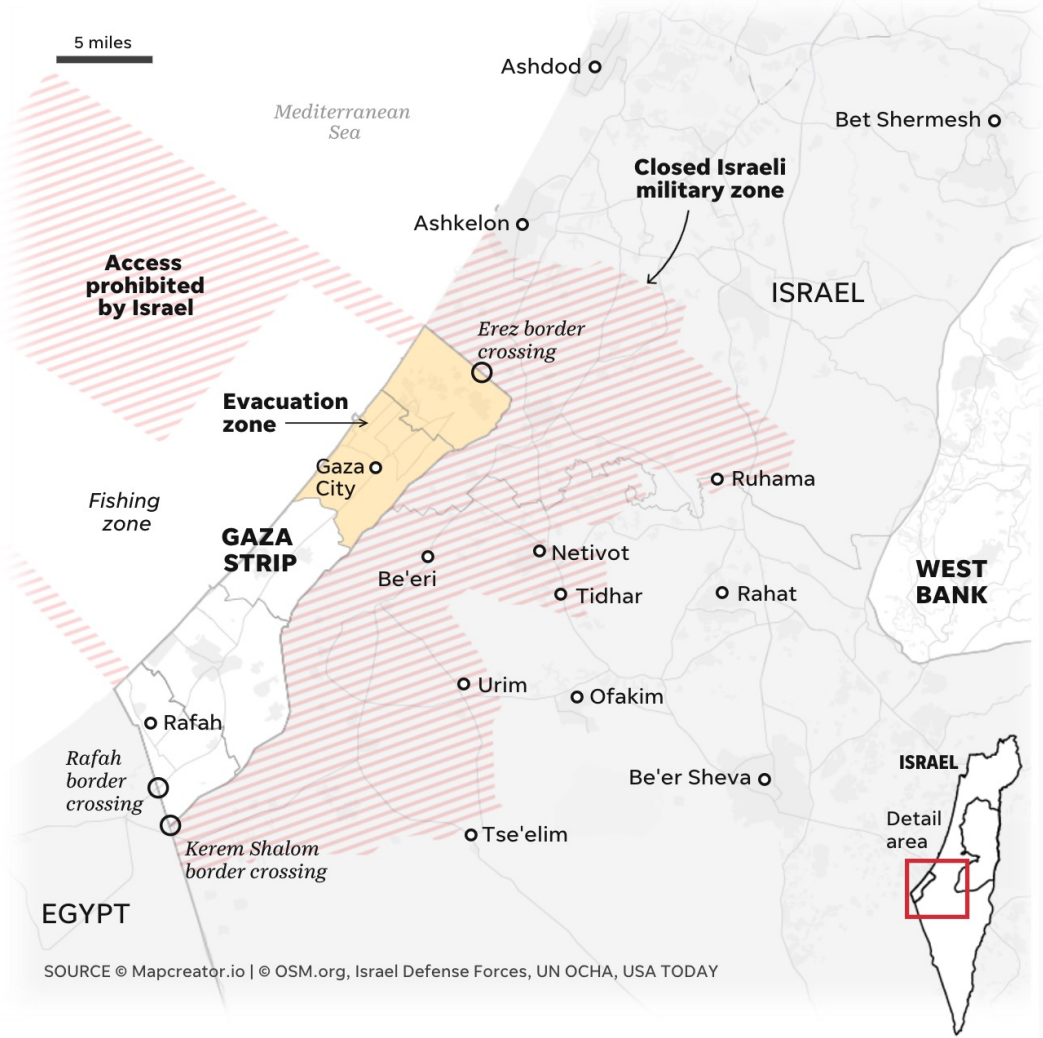
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Those WHO JUSTIFY EVIL... ARE EVIL.

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Maps to see what is happening

Oct. 13: Israeli military calls for evacuation of civilians in northern Gaza



Time to React

- Immediate
- 15 Seconds
- 30 Seconds
- 45 Seconds
- 1 Minute
- 1.5 Minute
- 3 Minutes

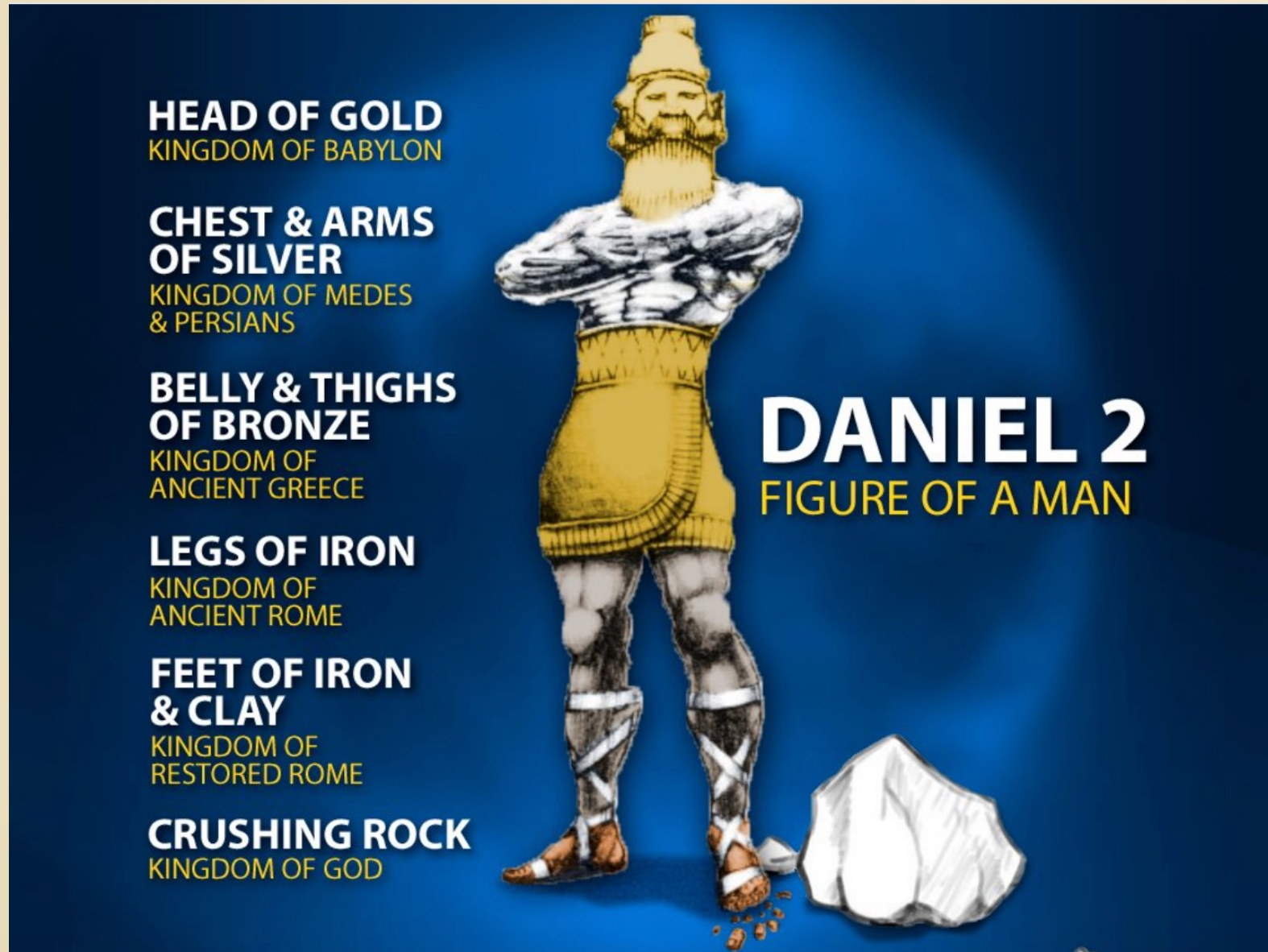
We ended Ch 5 with these comments.

- *The First Empire of the Statue was Babylon, and it fell (golden head)*
- *The Second Empire of the Statue is the Medes/Persians (silver shoulders and chest)*
- *The prophecy of God through Daniel is coming true*
- *Does Daniel survive the takeover?*
- *The first two verses of Ch 6 give us the answer:*

6 It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps(princes) to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel.

The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.

The Statue in the Dream of King Nebuchadnezzar



Daniel Ch 6:1-5 Organization for Persia

*6 It pleased **Darius** to appoint 120 satraps (princes) to rule throughout the kingdom,*

*2 with **three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel.** The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.*

3 Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

*4 **At this,** the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. **They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.***

5 Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

Daniel Ch 6:6-9 The plot is hatched against Daniel

⁶ So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever!

*⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers, and governors have **all agreed** that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that **anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den.***

⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

Daniel Ch 6:10-12 The trap is set

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published (signed), he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. **

¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

The law of unintended consequences for the King

*****See Daniel 9:2-3***

Daniel Ch 6:13-15 *The trap is sprung*

*¹³ Then they said to the king, “Daniel, **who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.”***

¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

*¹⁵ Then the men went **as a group** to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”*

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" (or He will rescue you)

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.

¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him.

And he could not sleep.

Daniel in the Lions Den



- The wording indicates a cave-like structure
- Entrance from the Top

Daniel Ch 6:19-23 *The Most-High God Delivers*

19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den.

20 When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

21 Daniel answered, "May the king live forever!

*22 My God sent his angel, and he **shut the mouths** of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."*

*23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, **because he had trusted in his God.***

Daniel Ch 6:24-25 The King takes Action

²⁴ At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote **to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:**

Daniel Ch 6:26-27 The Letter from the King

“May you prosper greatly!

*²⁶ “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom, people **must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.***

*“For he is the **living God**
and he **endures forever;**
his kingdom will not be destroyed,
his **dominion will never end.***

*²⁷ He **rescues and he saves;**
he **performs signs and wonders**
in the **heavens and on the earth.**
He has rescued Daniel
from the **power of the lions.”***

Daniel Ch 6:28 The final Word...

28 So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

I just want to make a couple of points about this time in Babylon. The Prophet Jeremiah was a contemporary to Daniel but a little ahead of him.

Jer 29:1-11

Letter to the Exiles

29 This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² (This was after King Jehoiachin and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the skilled workers and the artisans had gone into exile from Jerusalem.) ³ He entrusted the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan and to Gemariah son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. It said:

⁴ This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ **“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”** ⁸ Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord.

¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: **“When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,”** declares the Lord, **“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

Next Week

- *Read Daniel **Chapter 7** , the first of the Apocalyptic chapters in Daniel*
- *Pray for our country and its leaders*
- *Pray for our state, counties, and leaders*
- *Pray for our church, the Pastors and leaders, and the congregation that we will be faithful to the mission of the church*
- *Continue to pray for each other and the weekly prayer requests that Martha faithfully sends out.*