

Be Strong, Yea Be Strong
Daniel 10:19

Studies From The Book Of Daniel

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Theme

Be Strong, Yea, Be Strong

And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, **be strong, yea, be strong**. And when he had spoken unto me, I was **strengthened**, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast **strengthened** me

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Captivity Vs Freedom

By now, the Babylonian empire ended!
Medo-Persian empire began.

Daniel, with an excellent spirit, was promoted to a high position (Daniel 6: 1-3)

**Return of the Jews to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel
Daniel's 70-week prophecy (Daniel 9)**

Captivity or Freedom?

Babylon tested Daniel to the ground (for any corruption or fault)
(Daniel 6: 4-5)

Test for 30-days!
No one should ask petition of God or man
(Daniel 6:6-8)

The decree Passed:
Anyone disobeys will be thrown into Lion's den!

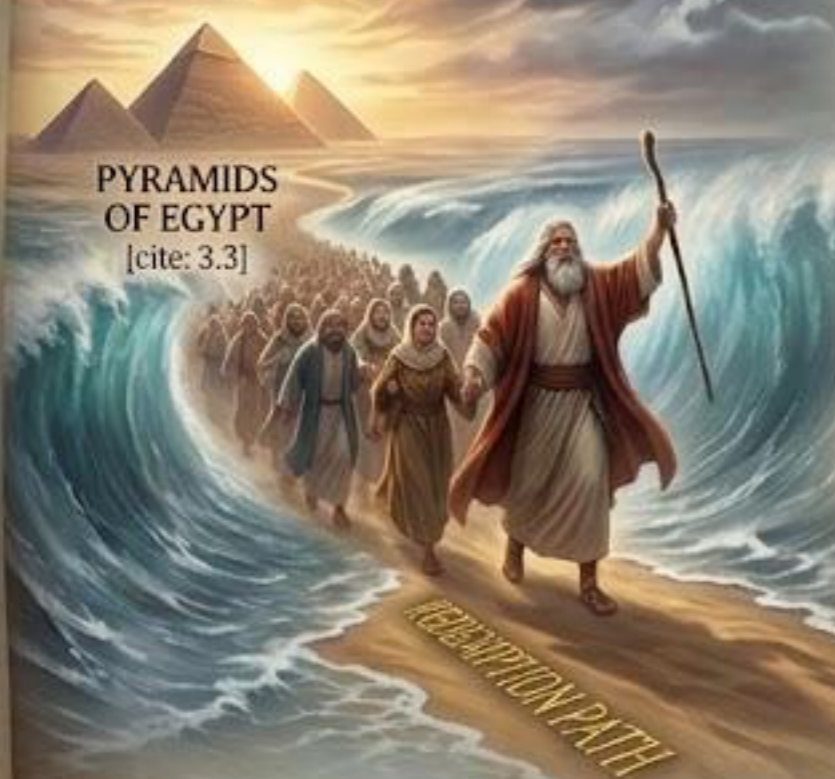
Daniel choose freedom!
Continued to pray and give thanks
(Daniel 6:9-10)

The exodus and The return of captivity

THE EXODUS (REDEMPTION):
"OUT OF BONDAGE" (MOSES)

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PYRAMIDS
OF EGYPT
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REDEMPTION
VS.
RESTORATION

THE RETURN (RESTORATION):
"HOME FROM CAPTIVITY"
(NEHEMIAH/EZRA)

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REBUILDING
INTEGRITY



THE FINAL COUNSEL:
"A PATH HOME"

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Daniel's prayer of confession

(Daniel 9: 4-19)

The bigger picture of Daniel's prayer 70 years completed!

Daniel understood the prophesy of 70-year captivity of Jews in Babylon
(Daniel 9:2; Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10-11)

...That **after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you**, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you **to return to this place**. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Book of Daniel - Chronological Oder:

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The prayer (Daniel 9: 17-19)

Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, ***and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name:*** for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

The Background Picture

Spiritual warfare (Daniel 10: 11-14)

CONFLICT OF PRINCE OF PERSIA, GABRIEL AND MICHAEL [cite: 1.1]

GABRIEL'S BATTLE:
"BUT THE PRINCE OF THE
KINGDOM OF PERSIA
WITHSTOOD ME..."
(DANIEL 10:13)

CONFLICT OF
PRINCE OF PERSIA,
GABRIEL AND MICHAEL

MICHAEL:
"...MICHAEL, ONE OF
THE CHIEF PRINCES,
CAME TO HELP ME..."
(DANIEL 10:13)

CONFLICT OF PRINCE OF PERSIA, GABRIEL AND MICHAEL

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The Lion's Den (Daniel 6: 15-18)

Then the king commanded, and **they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions.** Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

And **a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den;** and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

Deliverance of Daniel from Lions by the angel (Daniel 6: 19-23)

The New Decree (Daniel 6:24-28)

I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom
men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:
for **he is the living God, and stedfast for ever,**
and **his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed,**
and **his dominion shall be even unto the end.**

He delivereth and rescueth,
and he **worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth,**
who hath **delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.**

God was glorified | Daniel prospered | Accusers perished.

Four young boys turned Babylon upside down

1. Daniel 2:47
2. Daniel 3; 28-29
3. Daniel 4:34
4. Daniel 6: 26-27

Daniel 11:32-33

...but the people that do **know their God shall be strong**, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many...

The Message

True strength comes from the God of deliverance (Be
strong)

Strength of God is shown in daring for Him (Yea, Be
strong)

The Lesson

The kingdoms - Babylon, Medes, Persia ...
represents the world, operated by Satan

The urgent need

A bigger picture and the understanding of background warfare.
God's people face intense sufferings (represented by beasts/lions).
But true deliverance (freedom) comes from God when they stand.

Every suffering you successfully face:

God is glorified and You will be honoured
(Daniel became "greatly beloved" - Daniel 9:23; 10:11; 10:19)

The Lesson

The prince of the world, Satan,
tests you to the core if you stand for God.

You need a bigger picture to understand the challenges, hardship.
You (as a child of God)are in the warfare (Ephesians 6:12)

Be strong! God will be with you in every trial and fights for you!
The final victory is yours!
You will prosper when God is glorified!

Do not be anxious (1 Peter 1:7-8)
Use the weapons of warfare (2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6)

My Decision

Strength of God is available to me from my God of deliverance.
I will be strong and show that strength
in standing on the side of my God.

I am in Babylon, but I do not belong to Babylon,
I will not be scared by the beasts or lions.
I receive the strength from my deliverer
and be strong in daring to standing on His side
I will be strong, yea, I will be strong.

1. Read Daniel 9:10-12.

- **What was the reason for the Babylonian captivity of the people of Judah?**

2. The deliverance (or the exodus) of Israelites from Egypt is a symbol of our salvation and the return of the captivity of Babylon to Jerusalem is a symbol of restoration (from backsliding) and Daniel's life is a symbol of overcoming life (in the spiritual warfare).

- Reflect on this. Are you in need of salvation or restoration?

- If you want an overcoming life what help you have from the Lord and what is to be done by you (answer or discuss based on Daniel's life)?

3. You need a bigger picture to understand the challenges, hardship. You, as a child of God, are in the warfare (Ephesians 6:12).

- What are Daniel's weapons? What weapons you need to use in this spiritual warfare?

- People of God face intense sufferings (like lions). But the deliverance (freedom) comes from God when they stand. What bigger picture you need to have?

4. Daniel confessed in his prayer (he prayed three times in a day) and thanked the Lord (Daniel 6) How prayer and giving thanks to God (worship) can be weapons?

- How prayer (of confession) and praising God can be weapons?

- What confessions you need to make today to have a restoration (freedom from captivity)?