



# The Book of Daniel

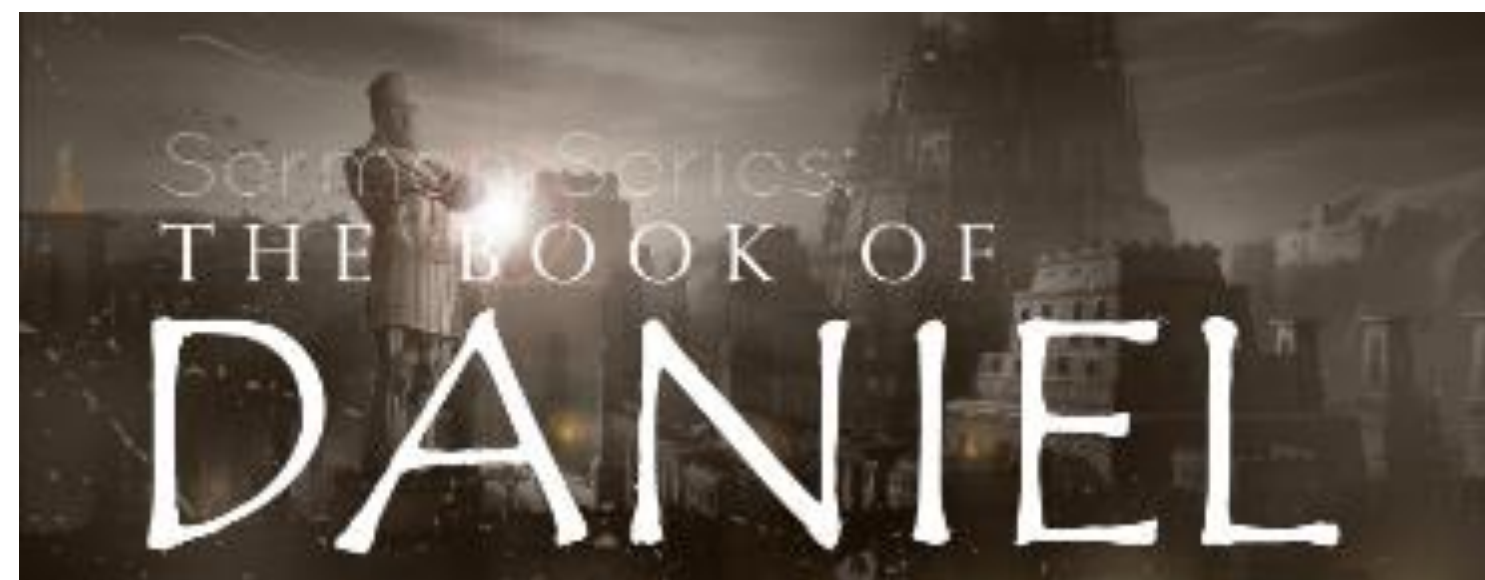
## Chapter 6: Daniel in the Lion's Den



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## Outline

- Personal History of Daniel (Chapter 1). Written in Hebrew
- Prophetic History of the Gentiles during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 2-7). Written in Aramaic
- Prophetic History of Israel during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 8-12). Written in Hebrew
- *and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the ***times of the Gentiles*** be fulfilled. Luke 21:24 NASB*



## Daniel 2



# Language and Literary Style

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**Babylonian Empire**

**606BC**

**Medo-Persian Empire**

**539BC**

**Greek Empire**

**331BC**

**Roman Empire**

**27BC**

**END TIMES**

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# Succession of Gentile Rulers

- 1-4: Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- 5: Belshazzar of Babylon
- **6: Darius of Media-Persia**
- 7-8: Belshazzar of Babylon
- 9: Darius of Media-Persia
- 10-12: Cyrus of Media-Persia



# Basic Chronology: “Well Known Leaders” of The Book of Daniel

- Babylon (605-539)
  - Nebuchadnezzar
  - Belshazzar
- Medo-Persian Empire (539-331)
  - Darius the Mede
  - Cyrus the Persian



CHAPTER	EVENTS	AGE
1	Taken to Babylonian captivity	15
2	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 1 <sup>st</sup> dream (huge image)	17
3	Daniel's 3 friends cast into the fiery furnace	19 or 20
4	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd dream (huge tree)	45-50
5	Interpreting handwriting of the wall at Belshazzar's feast	Early 80's
<u>6</u>	<u>Delivered from the den of lions</u>	<u>83</u>
7-8	Daniel's visions and dreams	Mid-60's
9	Daniel's seventy "sevens" prophecy	Early-80's
10-12	Final dreams and visions	Mid-80's

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# 1. The Position of Daniel (v.1)

- Darius reorganizes conquered Babylon
- 120 Satraps

Satrap(NASB), Princes(KJV), *achashdarpan*, Chaldee; officials who governed large provinces or specific regions

Commissioners(NASB), Presidents(KJV), *sarak*, Chaldee; head or chief, title given to a high ranking government official. Daniel was appointed over them!



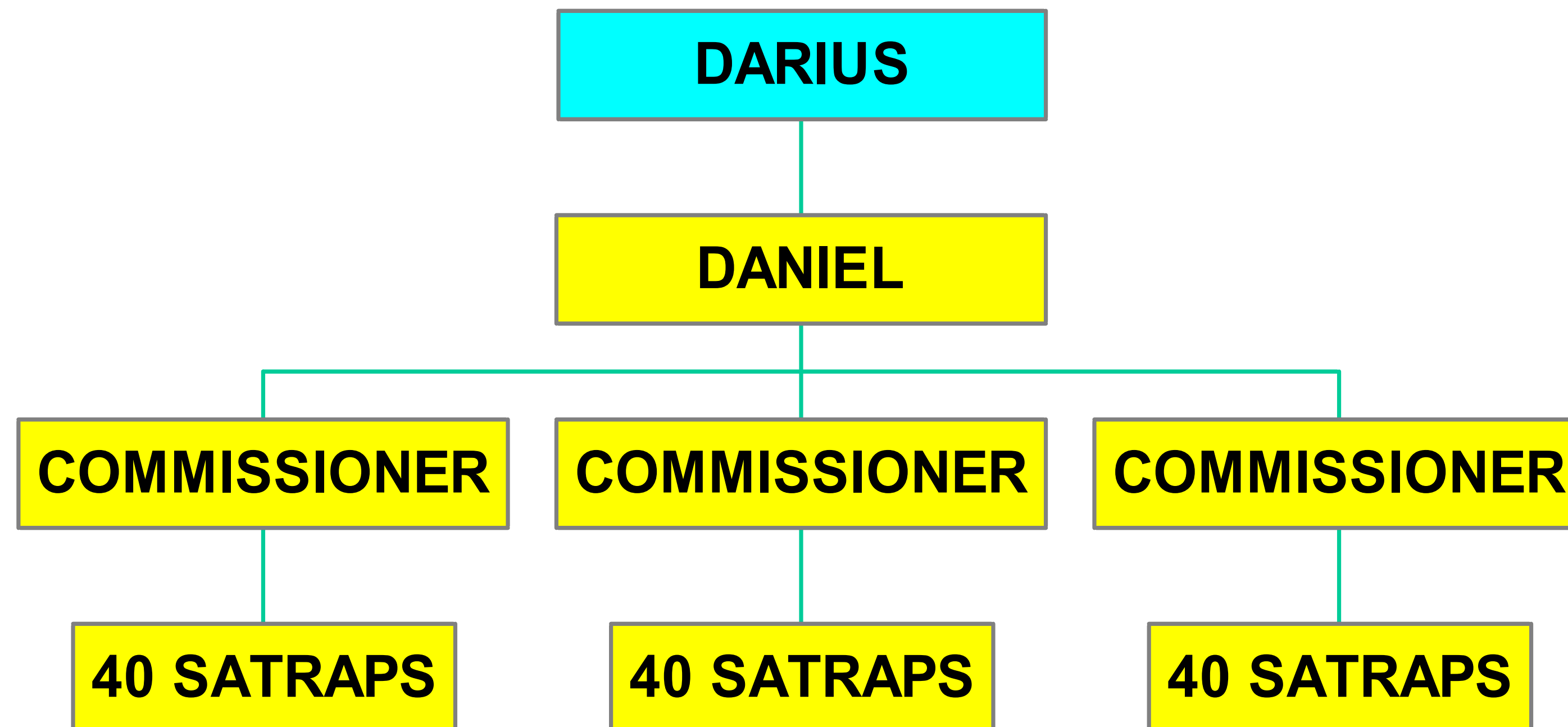
# 1. The Position of Daniel (v.2)

- Three commissioners
- 1 commissioner per 40 satraps
- Daniel becomes one of the commissioners



# THE POSITION OF DANIEL (v.3)

- **Daniel distinguishes himself**
  - **1 John 4:4**
  - **Genesis 39:2-4**



# 1. The Position of Daniel (v.2)

- How do you think the other commissioners(presidents) and satraps(princes) felt about having this Jew appointed over them?



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## 2. The Plot Against Daniel (vs.4-9)

- The Problem (v.4)
  - Commissioners and satraps devise a plot
  - The motivation is jealousy, anti-semitism
  - Seeking to find a “skeleton in the closet”
  - No corruption or negligence



## 2. The Plot Against Daniel (vs.4-9)

- What a compliment! (v.5)
- The request (vs.6-9)
  - A set-up
  - Esther 1:19; 8:8: A royal edict issued and signed by a king and written into law could not be repealed according to Medo-Persian law



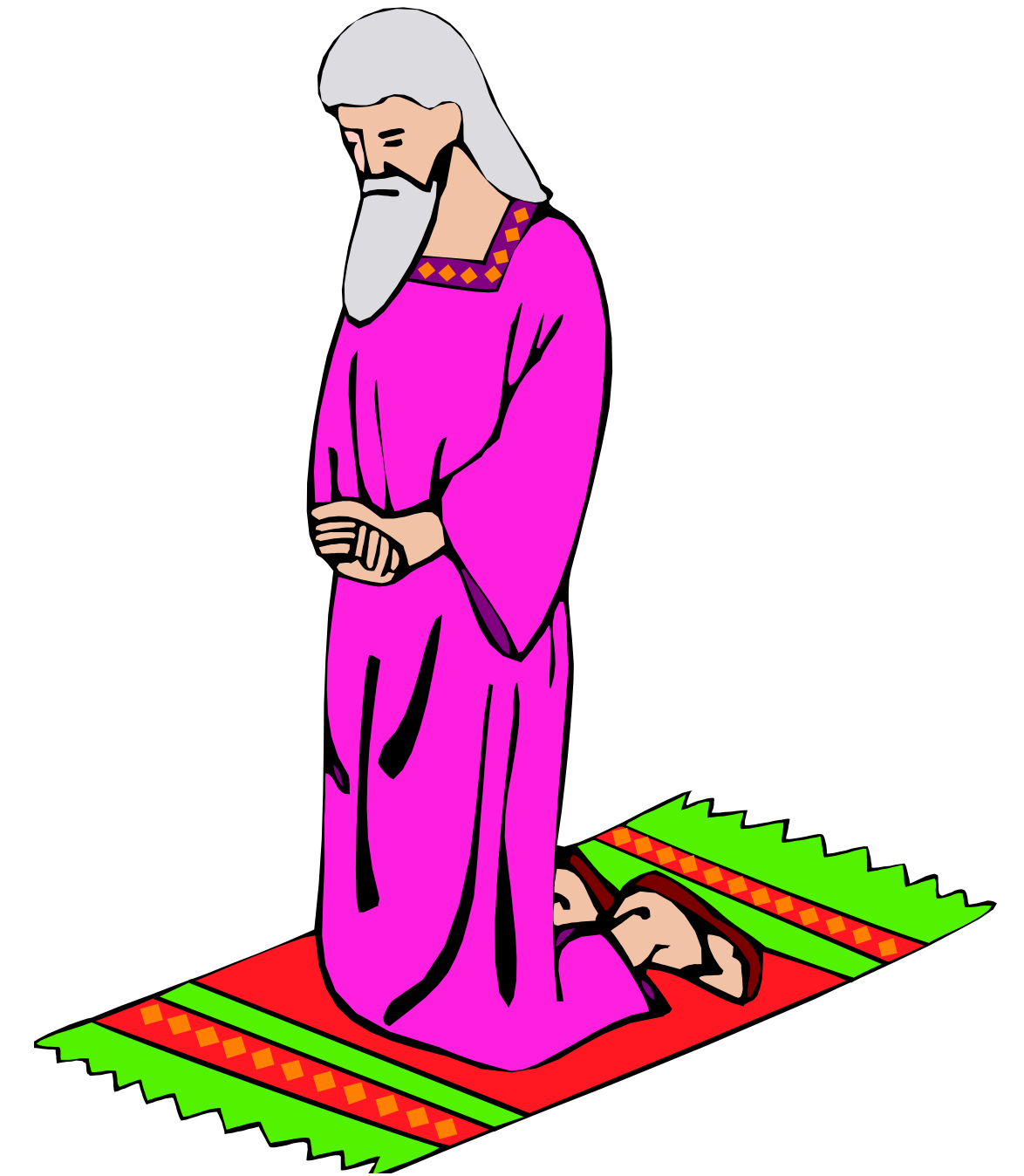
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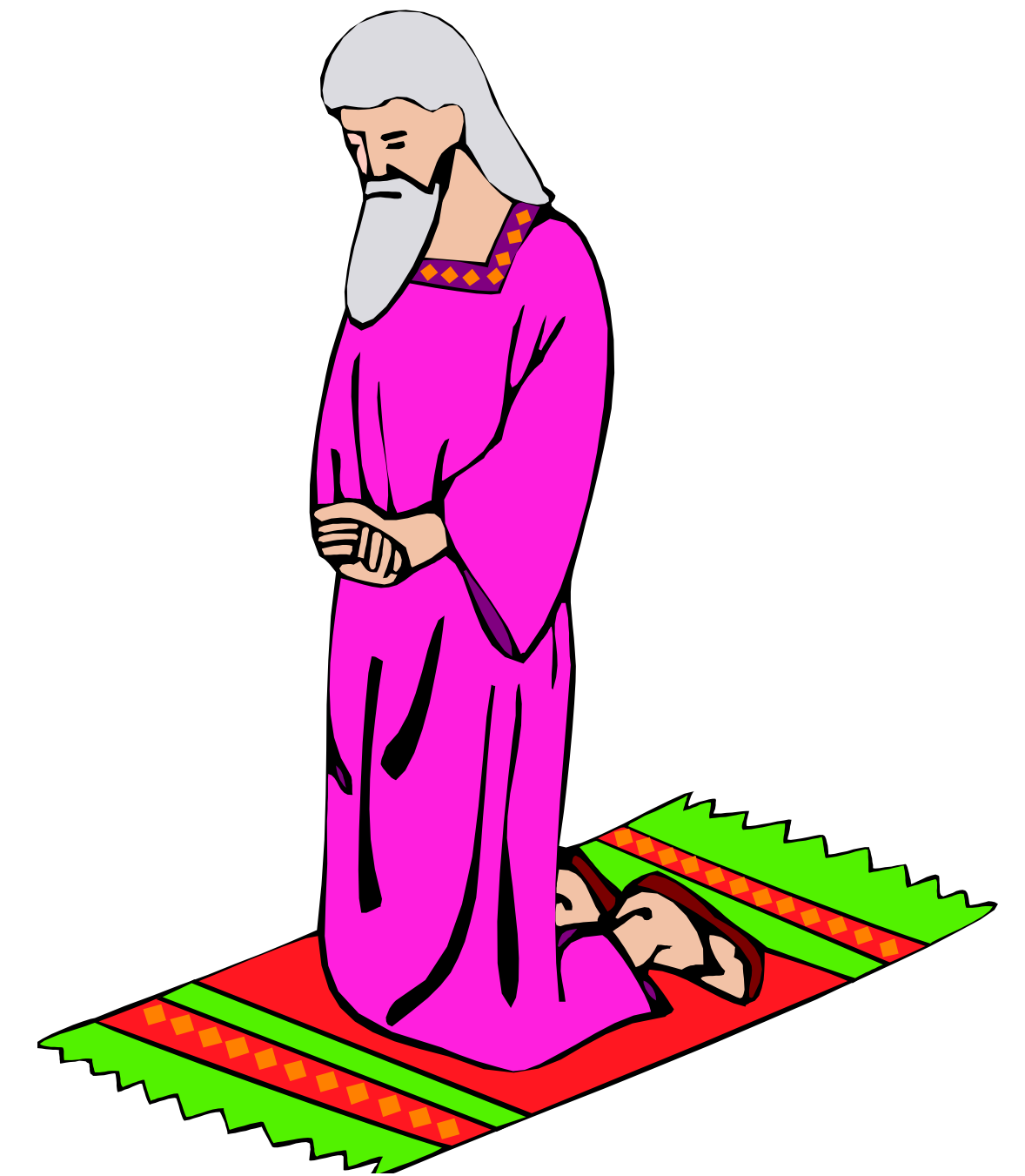
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- Civil Disobedience
  - Genesis 6:11; 9:6
  - Rom.13:1-7; 1Tim. 2:1-4; 1Peter 2:13-15
  - Acts 5:29; Daniel 3:4-6



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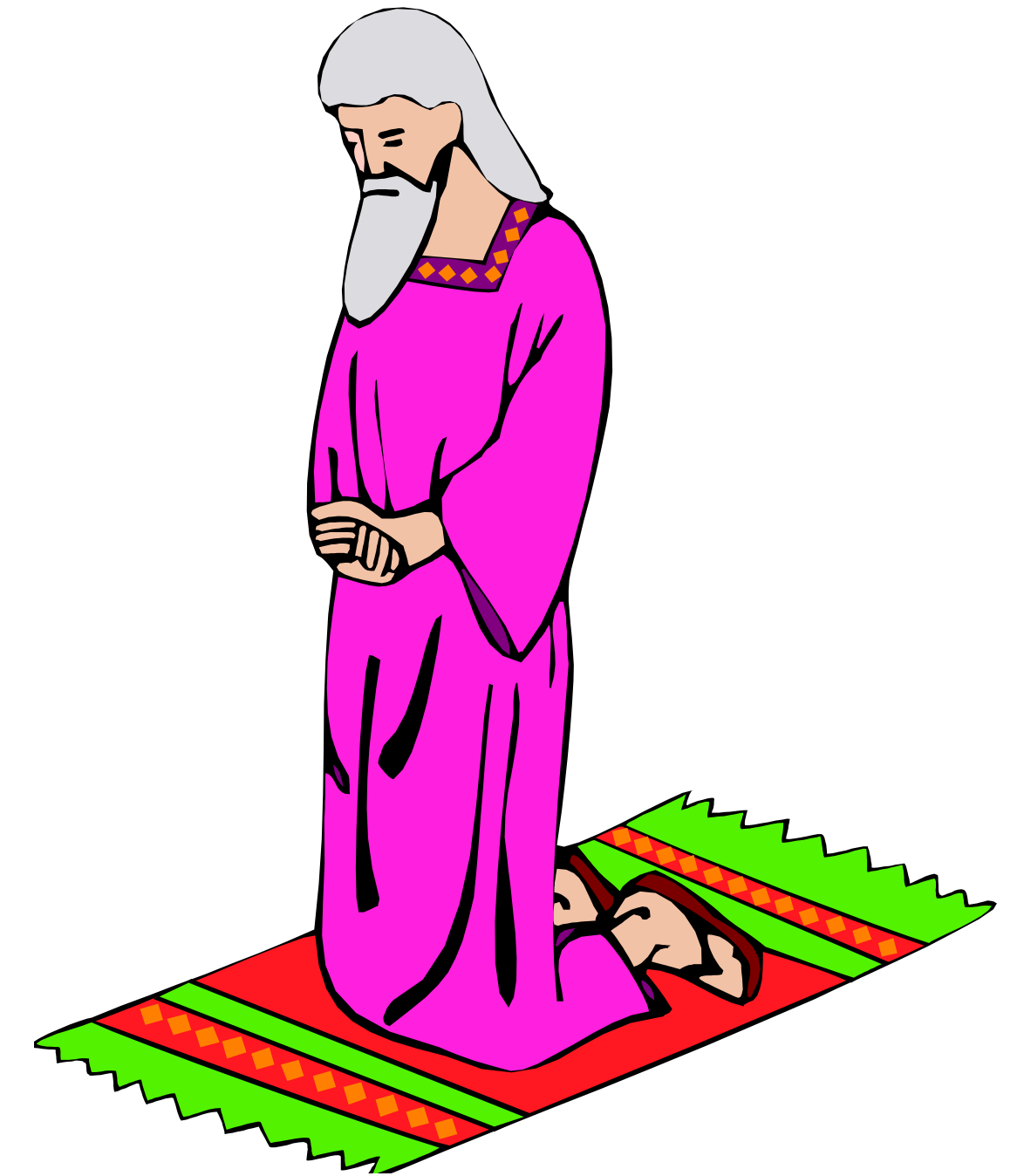
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**Adoration**

**Confession**

**Thanksgiving**

**Supplication**



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Daniel's prayer, see Daniel 9:1-19

In Isaiah 6:1-7 we see a focus on the **Holiness** of God!



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# 4. The Prosecution of Daniel (vs.12-15)

- The enemies' question (v.12a)
- The king's affirmation (v.12b)
- The enemies' Anti-Semitic complaint (v.13) See Dan.3:12.
- Darius' distress (v.14)
- The enemies' technicality (v.15) See Esther 8:8



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# 5. The Presentation of Daniel into the Lion's Den (v.16-17)

- Judgment of Daniel (v.16-17)
  - The king's order (v.16a)
  - The king's judgment (v.16b)
  - The king's authorization (v.17)
- Similarity of our Lord Jesus Christ's tomb in Matthew 27:66



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# 6. The Protection of Daniel (vs.18-23)

- The king's agony (v.18)
- The king's inquiry (vs.19-20)



# 6. The Protection of Daniel (v.18-23)

- Daniel's response (vs.21-22)
- The king's command (v.23)
  - See Daniel 3:27-28



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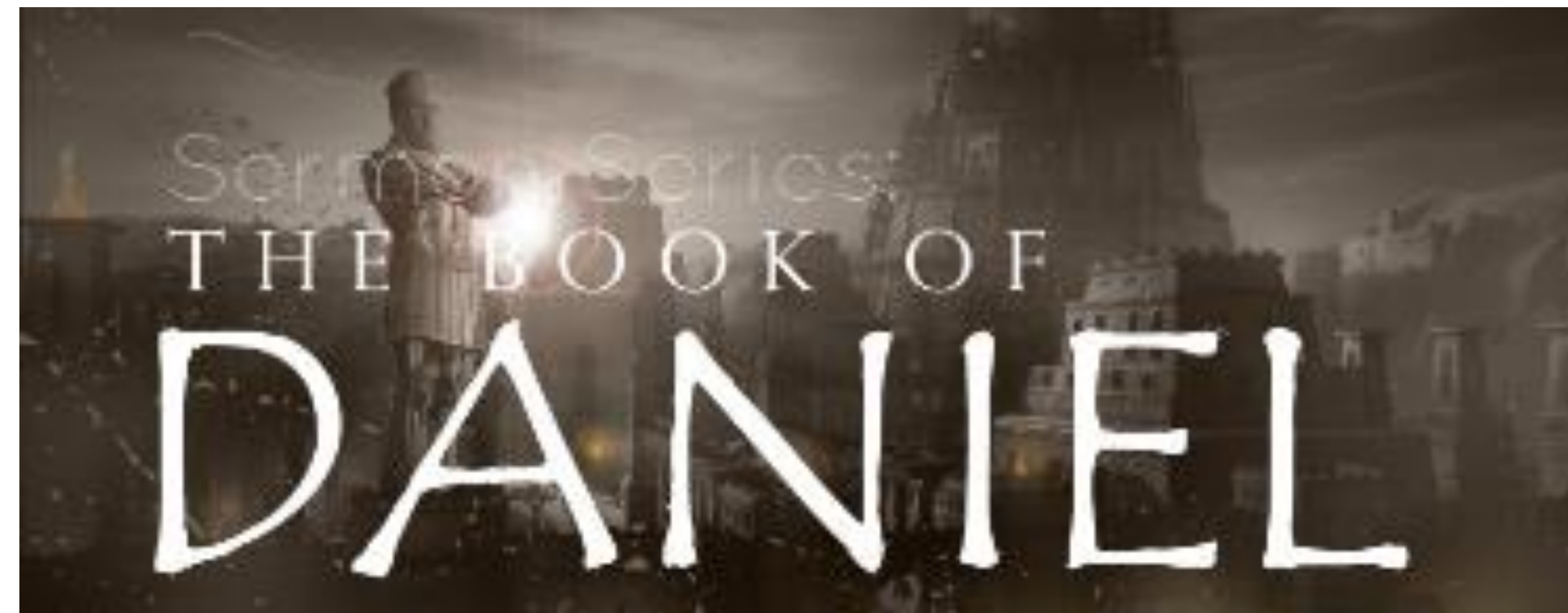
- Judgment of Daniel's enemies (v.24)
  - Rom. 12:19; Esther 7:9-10
- Glorification of Daniel's God (vs.25-27)
  - Darius describes God's attributes (v.26)
  - God's revelation to Darius (v.27)
  - Daniel 3:28
- The success of Daniel's leadership (v.28)
  - Daniel 1:21
  - Isaiah 44:21-28; 45:1-7: God's purpose of Cyrus



# The Length of Daniel's Service

- Nebuchadnezzar's initial seige (605 BC)
- Decree of Cyrus (536 BC)
  - Ezra 1:1-4
- Daniel served for 69 years
- Daniel served through 2 gentile empires and 4 successive gentile administrations





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**Chapter 6: Daniel in the Lion's Den**  
**Conclusion**

