



# Background on Darius the Mede

DARIUS דַּרְיוֹשׁ = "he holds the scepter"

The 5 rulers after him ALL used "Darius" as their title as they were subsequently then "the one who holds the scepter"

Option-1 Cyrus is the one who holds the scepter [but his death documented 522 BC]

Option-2 Darius is Cyrus' son Cambyses [ruled 530-522 until father Cyrus died 522]

Option-3 Darius name for Gubaru appointed by Cyrus to rule [Nabonidus Chronicle Ugbaru of Gutium went under gates the night of Belshazzar's feast, then opened the gates for Cyrus to enter - who appointed him governor 'Darius' over Babylon]

Option-4 co-Regency of Darius under Cyrus and then succeeds Cyrus at his death 522 BC Darius reigns 35 years 521-486 BC then Xerxes to 465 then Artaxerxes 465-424

Daniel 9:1 "first year of Darius the Mede son of Ahasuerus ruled over Chaldeas" [he is a separate person from Cyrus]

Daniel 6:28 this Daniel enjoyed success during the reign of Darius the Mede and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian [separate from Cyrus]

## Daniel 6:1-5

# Daniel and Darius

It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom - and over them 3 commissioners - of whom Daniel was one - that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss - then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the 3 commissioners and 120 satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit - and king Darius planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom Daniel 2:48 "Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel ruler of the entire Province of Babylon and Chief Prefect over the Counselors"

Daniel born 617 BC now at least 539 so long career - at least 78 years of age

Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs - but they found no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption for he was faithful and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him - then these men said,

"We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel [nothing politically] unless we find it against him regarding the law of his God" [religious approach]

Daniel's Resolve  
8 But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself

# Schemes of Bureaucracy

**Daniel 6:6-9** Then these [2 other] commissioners [Daniel is the one of 3] and [120] satraps came by agreement to king Darius and spoke to him as follows

“King Darius, live forever! ALL the 1] commissioners of the kingdom, 2] prefects 3] satraps, 4] high officials and 5] governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute [make it Medo-Persian legal] and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you

Men declaring themselves to be “god” Babylon Persia Greece

Seleucid, Rome [Augustus Caesar first title of ‘god’]

Antichrist will do the same midway into the 70<sup>th</sup> shabua

O king, for the next 30 days shall be cast into the lions’ den/lair

So now, O king: A- establish the injunction and B- sign the document so it may not be changed according to the law of the Medes and Persians which may not be revoked - King Darius signed the document - this injunction.

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 6 "And beside the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, Reuben, one portion.  
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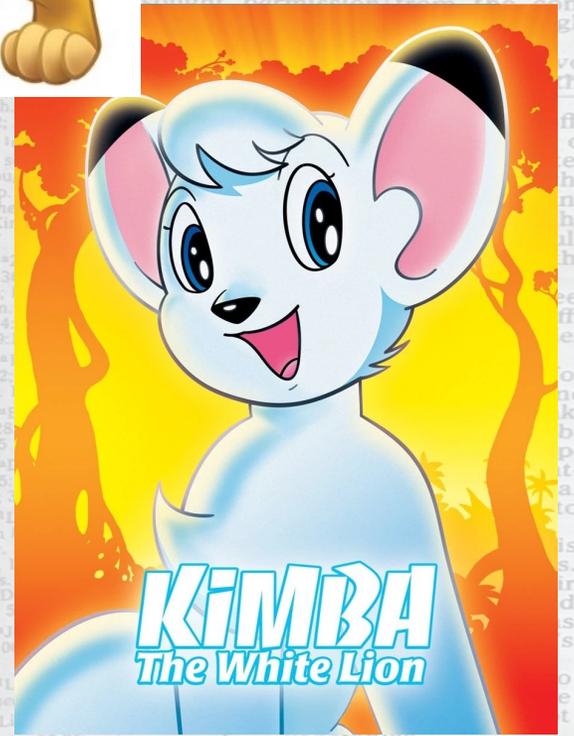
5 \*Josh. 6:5-9; 17:8-10, 14-18  
 6 \*Josh. 13:15-21  
 7 \*Josh. 15:1-63; 19:9  
 8 1Or.

shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000 toward the west, and it shall be alongside the holy allotment. And its produce shall be food for the workers of the house of the LORD. And the LORD shall have it.  
 20 "The whole allotment shall be for you and on the east side, and on the west side, and on the north side, and on the south side; in front of the holy allotment and westward toward the prince. And the sanctuary shall be in the middle of the allotment.

# Lions Lair



Daniel 1  
 gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.  
 34 "On the west side, 4,500 cubits, shall be three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.  
 35 "The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The LORD is there.'



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18 "And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment

30 \*Ezek. 48:32, 33, 34

30 And these are the exits of the city: on the north side, 4,500 cubits

that he would not defile himself

Zech 50:2; 3:1 and 3 through chap. of the \*2 Ki 39:7 4 \* 5:15; \*Dan 3:8; 4:30; 9:5 16:22; Dan. 6 \* 20: 28; 24:15 7 \* 4:8; 5:2-49; 8 18 upon \*Lev. 4:13, 4 \*Ps. 115 \*Dan. 9 \* 9 \* Ps. 10 16:7 10 11 my he 13 11 15 \*Ex. 23:25; Prov. 10:22 16 \*Lit., take away 17 \*Or, writing \*1 Kin. 3:12, 28; Job 32:8; Dan. 1:20, 2:21, 23 \*Dan. 2:19; 7:1; 8:1

giving them vegetables.  
 17 And as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.  
 18 Then at the end of the days

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 7 "And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, Judah, one portion.  
 8 "And beside the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the holy allotment; you shall set apart, 25,000 cubits in width, and in length like one of the portions, from the east side to the west side; and the sanctuary shall be in the middle of it.  
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 7 \*Josh. 15:1-63; 19:9  
 8 <sup>1</sup>Or, contribution, and so throughout the chap.  
 \*Is. 12:6; 33:20-22; Ezek. 45:3, 4  
 10 \*Ezek. 44:28;

shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000 toward the west; and it shall be alongside the holy allotment. And its produce, as food for the members of the tribe of Levi, shall be for all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.  
 20 "The whole allotment shall be 25,000 by 25,000 cubits; you shall set apart the holy allotment for the city.  
 Portion for the Prince  
 21 "And the remainder shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy allotment.

# Lions in Babylon

Lions EVERYWHERE in ancient Babylonian ruins



THE Lion of Babylon ridden by Ishtar

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 31 shall be the gates of the city, named for the tribes of Israel, three toward the north: the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.  
 32 "And on the east side, 4,500 cubits, shall be three gates: the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.  
 33 "And on the south side, 4,500 cubits, shall be three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.  
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 \*Rev. 21:12, 13  
 \*Lit., and  
 \*Heb., YHWH-shammah  
 \*Jer. 23:6; 33:16  
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 THINK OF DANIEL'S AS HE WAS TAKEN AWAY IN A PIECE OF WOOD WE GO THROUGH COURT



Found 1876 – 2,600 years old

10 "And the length of the city shall be 18,000 cubits, and the width 10,000.  
 11 "Moreover, they shall not sell any of it, or buy any of it, for the holy allotment; for the city shall be for dwellings and for open spaces; and the city shall be in its midst.  
 12 "And these shall be its measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side 4,500 cubits, the east side 4,500 cubits, and the west side 4,500 cubits.  
 13 "And the city shall have open spaces: on the north 250 cubits, on the south 250 cubits, on the east 250 cubits, and on the west 250 cubits.  
 14 "And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000 toward the west; and it shall be alongside the holy allotment. And its produce, as food for the members of the tribe of Levi, shall be for all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.  
 23 \*Josh. 18:21-28  
 \*Josh. 19:17-23  
 \*Josh. 19:10-16  
 \*Josh. 13:24-28  
 \*Gen. 14:7; 2 Chr. 20:2; Ezek. 47:19 \*Ezek. 47:10, 15, 19, 20  
 \*YHWH, usually rendered LORD  
 \*Ezek. 47:13-20  
 \*Ezek. 48:32, 33, 34

side, Issachar, one portion.  
 26 "And beside the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion.  
 28 "And beside the border of Gad, at the south side toward the south, the border shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the Great Sea.  
 29 "This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, and these are their several portions," declares the Lord GOD.  
 The City Gates  
 30 "And these are the exits of the city: on the north side, 4,500 cubits

When the commander officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach, and to Azariah Abed-nego.  
 Daniel's Resolve  
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wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.  
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# Darius Entrapment

## Daniel 6:10-15

When Daniel knew the document was signed he entered his house. Upstairs in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem where he continued on his knees 3 times a day praying and giving thanks before his God as he had done previously then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God so they approached and spoke before the king about the king's injunction [contrived-deliberate "set-up"]

"Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for 30 days, is to be cast into the **gob** of lions?" The king replied, "This is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked." They answered the king, "Daniel, who is **one of the exiles from Judah** pays no attention to you, O king or to the injunction you signed - but continues his petition 3 times a day."

As soon as the king heard this he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel - even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him - but these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed" [Darius tried every legal means...]

Daniel's Resolve

# Long Night of Darius

Arioach stated the derisive **man among exiles from Judah** Daniel 2:25

Belshazzar same derision **hey aren't you an exile from Judah that my**

**grandfather captured from Judah?** Daniel 5:13

Darius knew Daniel for at least one year already [**king knows he's been 'had'**]

## Daniel 6:16-18

**The king gave orders - Daniel was brought in and cast into the gob of lions. Darius said**

**to Daniel, "Your God whom you constantly serve WILL Himself deliver you"**

**A stone was laid over the entry of the lair and the king sealed it with his own signet ring**

**and with the signet rings of his nobles, so nothing would be changed in regard to Daniel**

**[Reminder of Jesus' tomb sealed by Romans so no one could intervene**

**Matt. 27:62-66 made grave secure with stone over entry - set seal on the stone**

**Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting - and no entertainment**

**was brought before him - and he was unable to fall asleep all night long**

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19\*And the portion of all the tribe of Israel, shall you divide it.

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32\*And on the east side, 4,500 cubits.

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# Long Night of Daniel [angel sent]

**Males with large manes**

**Females are primary hunters in pride/pack**

**PERHAPS DANIEL SAW THEM ALL NIGHT**



8\*And the border of the west side, shall be the allotment which you shall set apart, 25,000 cubits in width, toward the west 10,000 cubits, and toward the east 10,000 cubits, and toward the south 25,000 cubits.  
9\*The allotment that you shall set apart to the LORD shall be 25,000 cubits in length, and 10,000 in width.  
10\*And the holy allotment shall be for these, namely for the priests and the Levites, 25,000 cubits in length, toward the west 10,000 cubits, and toward the east 10,000 cubits, and toward the south 25,000 cubits.  
11\*It shall be for the priests and the Levites, the sons of Levi, who went astray, as the Levites went astray.  
12\*And it shall be an allotment from the allotment of the priests, toward the west side, toward the border of the Levites shall have 25,000 cubits in length, and 10,000 in width. The allotment shall be 25,000 cubits in length, and 10,000 in width.  
13\*Moreover, they shall not have any dwelling; for they shall be a dwelling for the city, for dwellings and for spaces; and the city shall be in the midst.  
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16\*And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment

\*Ezek. 47:13-20  
30 \*Ezek. 48:32, 33, 34

30\*And these are the exits of the city: on the north side, 4,500 cubits by measurement.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Declaration of Darius

Daniel 6:24-28

Right then Darius gave orders - they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel - and cast them with their children and wives into the same **gob** - and they had not even reached bottom before the lions overpowered them - crushed all their bones [Esther 7:9-10 Haman executed by same means he maliciously connived]

Then King Darius wrote to all peoples, nations, men of every language living in all the lands:

"May your peace abound! I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear, tremble before the God of Daniel for He is the living God - enduring forever - His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will be forever, He delivers rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on Earth **delivered Daniel from the POWER of the lions**"

[So much for Darius being a **demi-god** He now declares WHO truly is the one God]

So this Daniel enjoyed success during the reign of Darius the Mede [just as he had during] the reign of Cyrus the Persian

