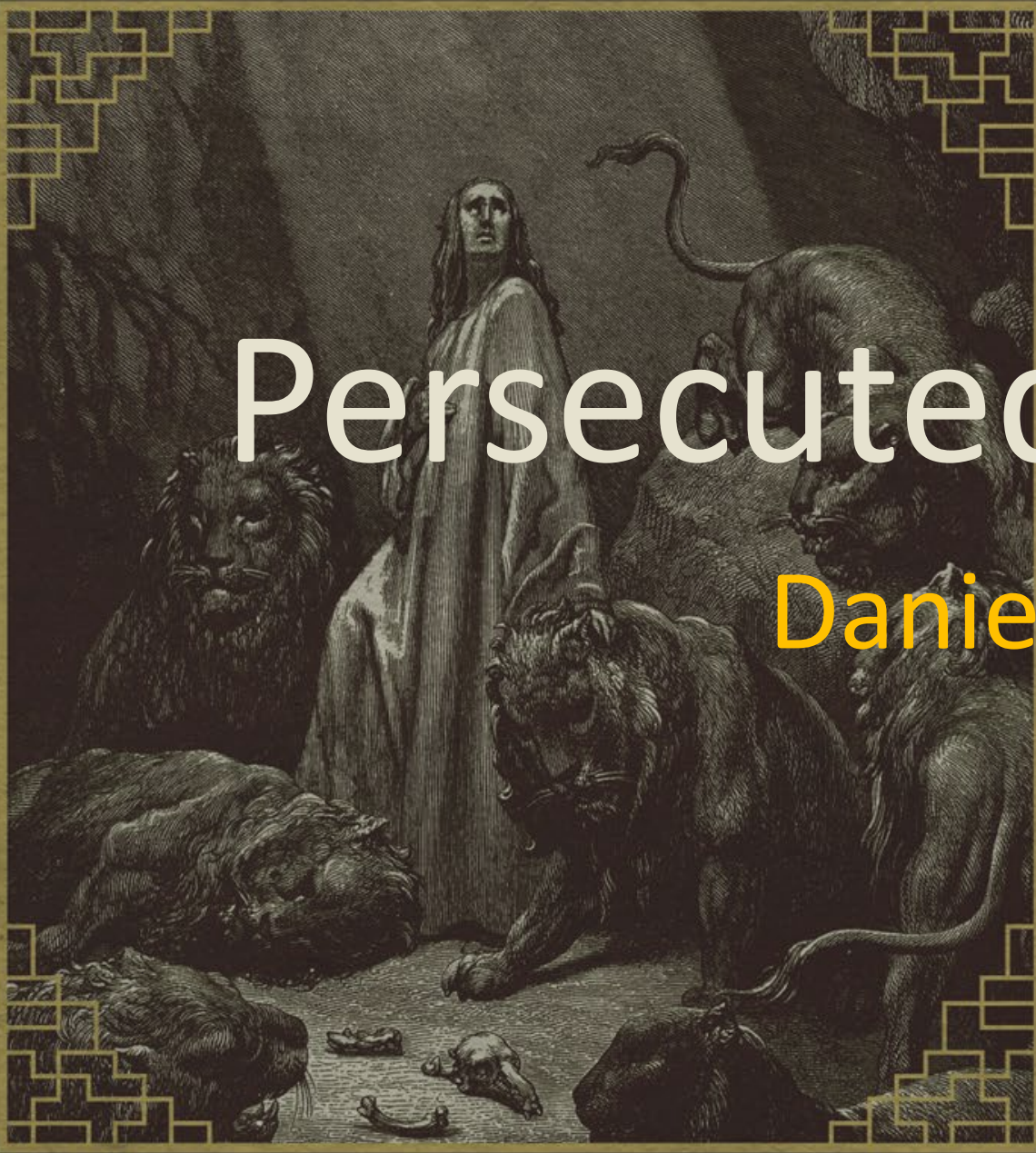


An illustration of Daniel standing in the lions' den, surrounded by several lions. The scene is dark and dramatic, with a light source from above illuminating Daniel. The illustration is framed by a decorative border.

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Daniel 6:1-10



Dates in Daniel:

Scripture	Date
1:1, "Third year of Jehoiakim"	605 B.C.
2:1, "Second year of Nebuchadnezzar"	603 B.C.
5:31, "Darius the Mede received the kingdom"	Oct. 12, 539 B.C.
7:1, "First year of Belshazzar"	553 B.C.
8:1, "Third year of Belshazzar"	551 B.C.
9:1, "First year of Darius"	538 B.C.
10:1, "Third year of Cyrus"	536 B.C.

Age of Daniel:

Chapter	Event	Age
1	Taken to Babylon	15
2	Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream (statue)	17
3	Fiery furnace	20
4	Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream (tree)	45-50
5	Interprets handwriting on the wall	Early 80s
6	Den of lions	83
7—8	Personal visions and dreams	60s
9	Seventy weeks prophecy	early 80s

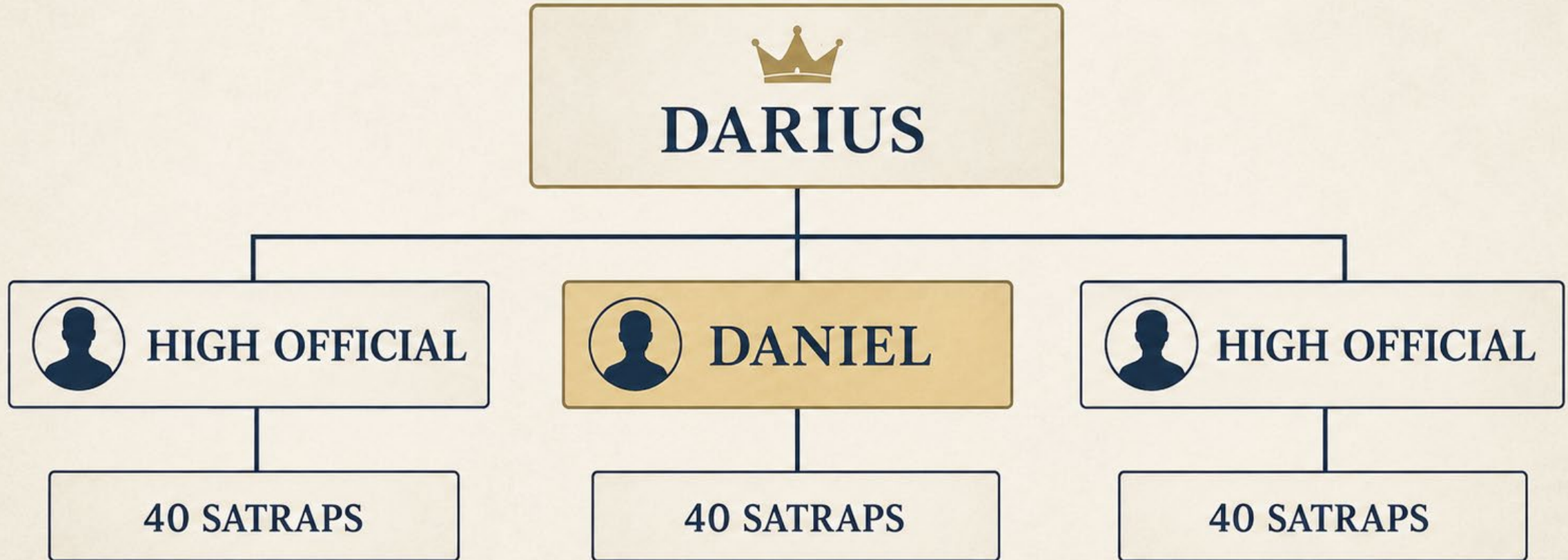






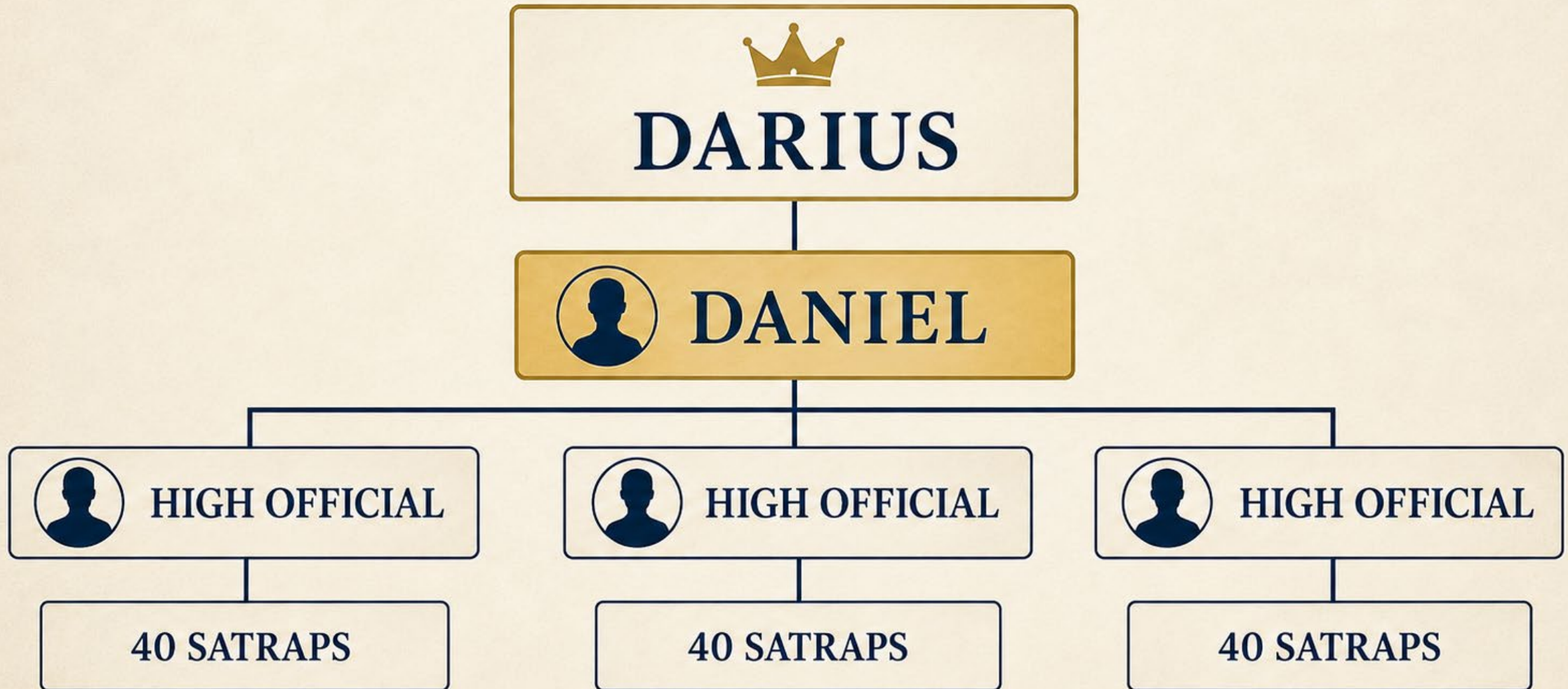
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DANIEL 6:1-2



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DANIEL 6:3



Daniel's Vision of 6 Empires/Kingdoms

Empire/Kingdom	Date	Verse
Babylon	605 B.C.—539 B.C	Dan. 2:37-38
Medo-Persian	539 B.C—331 B.C.	Dan. 2:39
Greece	331 B.C—63 B.C.	Dan. 2:39
Rome (1)	63 B.C.—476 A.D.	Dan. 2:40
Rome (2)	(future)	Dan. 2:41-43
Millennium	(future)	Dan. 2:44-45

Conditions for Christian Civil Disobedience:

- Clear conflict between requirements of government and the requirements of God
- All 'legal remedies' have been pursued
- Be willing to experience the consequences
- Maintaining godliness and respect toward those in authority

“The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. (3)His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. (4)So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.”

Genesis 39:2–4 (ESV)

“I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.”

Psalm 37:25 (ESV)

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“and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

“Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? (14) But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, (15) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, (16) having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. (17) For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.”

1 Peter 3:13–17 (ESV)

“If it please the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be repealed, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus...”

Esther 1:19 (ESV)

“But you may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king’s ring, for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king’s ring cannot be revoked.””

Esther 8:8 (ESV)

“When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.”

Daniel 6:10 (ESV)

“If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to the Lord toward the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name”

1 Kings 8:44 (ESV)

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“if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name”

1 Kings 8:48 (ESV)

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“And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.”

1 John 5:14 (ESV)

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“f any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (6)But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. (7)For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; (8)he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”

James 1:5–8 (ESV)

“pray without ceasing”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV)

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“And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone”

Matthew 14:23 (ESV)

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6 (ESV)

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