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Prayer Letter

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Living a Daniel Life

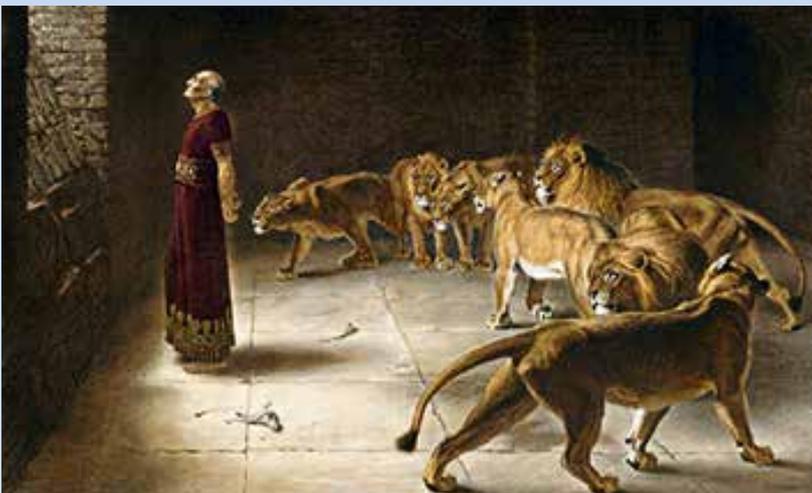
While the book of Daniel reveals many prophetic matters, it is the life of Daniel that most stands out to me, and the focus of this prayer letter. Many consider the biggest connection to Daniel being his amazing faith in reference to the lion's den. While this miraculous event is truly amazing, it is his call to intercession, and constant faith in the God of Israel that are the hallmarks of Daniel's life. Taken into Babylonian captivity, he remains true to his calling and consistently uses the gifting that the Lord of Hosts has placed upon him. Gifted with interpretation, the Lord elevates Daniel to high places of authority under the four earthly kings he served. Although greatly gifted spiritually, he never wavered in completing his earthly obligations. As a result, He was determined to live a separated life and not to compromise in the slightest degree on the things he knew as true and from God.

Many scholars believe he was taken as a teen to Babylonian captivity under Nebuchadnezzar, and for more than 70 years Daniel stayed faithful to his Lord, and the same God who enabled him to *continue* through this long period of time *is able to keep us as well*. It wasn't until the fourth generation of rulers that the true blessing for Israel came about. It was finally Cyrus of Persia, the 4th earthly king Daniel served, that decreed that the captive Israelites could go back and rebuild the city of Jerusalem. Daniel had been steadfast. Daniel had not given up on the God of Israel, the Creator of the universe – the one that had given His word to Abraham – and the temple began to be rebuilt. It would be wonderful if our testimony would show the steadfastness of seven decades or more, standing in the gap interceding for the kingdom of God, the nation of Israel, and the peace of Jerusalem.



Stained glass depiction of Daniel interceding with Arioch, commander of the king's guard, who was ordered to execute the Babylonian wise men after they were unable to interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

The Sainte-Chapelle in Paris (CC BY-SA 2.0, Wikipedia)



Daniel's Answer to the King (by Briton Rivière)

Many of you reading this have been intercessors for Israel for decades. Most of you have been right here with us at CFI, standing strong in faith, and clinging to the promises of God in all things – knowing in your hearts He is our ever present and only hope for the future. As this page of a new chapter in Israel's history is unfolding in her 70th year of a reborn nation, the time is upon us to press in all the more. As things move forward to the coming of Messiah, the battle will become greater, not less. It will not be until the God of Israel announces the triumphant entrance of the King that our intercession will have been made complete.

Let's Enter His Courts In Prayer

Let's Join together in Unity as global intercessors to bring the needs in Israel to the throne of the Lord:

- **Pray earnestly for the borders of Israel** and her enemies – Hamas at Gaza, ISIS in the Sinai, Hezbollah in Lebanon, Iran in Syria, as well as all along the Mediterranean sea coast.
- **Pray for the leadership of Israel**, as they navigate the politics of the nations including its many Ambassadors, in a world continuing to attempt to blame Israel as the problem in so many scenarios.
- **Please pray against** the increasing rise of anti-Semitic leaders coming to power that are leading nations to align against Israel on the world stage, and placing the people of their nations on the wrong side of the word of God.
- **Ask God to help the remnant** in Christianity that looks to the one true God of Israel to remain steadfast in their calling to serve the Lord of Hosts and lift his true promises to heavens.
- **Pray for the strength to remain** for those living on the Gaza border as arson fires continue to be lit and missiles continue to be sent into Israel.
- **Pray also for the IDF soldiers**, who serve on the frontline in Gaza, bravely defending their nation, with so much biased media against them.

At CFI in Jerusalem:

- **Pray the will of the Lord**, for CFI to be able to extend its outreach to assist more Israelis than ever before in this New Year, and that the hearts of those in the nations would be touched to reach out to meet their needs as never before.
- **Seek God's face** on behalf of those pressing in for the ministry of CFI in Jerusalem, as well as in the nations. Pray that they will be under the divine protection and safety of the God of Israel as so many are battling the onslaught of the enemy.
- **Pray fervently that** those lifting up Jerusalem in intercession around the world will be filled with renewed strength, and that the Holy Spirit will lay the burden to pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem on more Christian hearts across the globe.

In Service to our Lord,
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