

Daniel 6:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Divine vindication is complete: 'Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.' The king's joy ('exceeding glad') shows genuine affection. The detail 'no manner of hurt' emphasizes total protection—not injured, not bitten, completely unharmed. The causal clause 'because he believed in his God' identifies faith as the critical factor. Deliverance came not from Daniel's merit but from his faith in God's power and faithfulness.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern executions were designed to demonstrate royal power through spectacular death. Daniel's survival with zero injuries represented stunning reversal—the execution method became platform for demonstrating God's superior power. The phrase 'no manner of hurt' parallels the three friends emerging from the furnace without even smell of smoke (3:27). Both miracles demonstrate God's comprehensive protection of faithful servants. Archaeological evidence of lion's power makes the miracle's magnitude clear—lions were fearsome predators.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Daniel's complete protection (no hurt at all) demonstrate God's comprehensive care for those who trust Him?
2. What does the explicit connection to faith ('because he believed') teach about trust as the instrument through which we receive divine protection?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	דָּנִיָּאֵל	עַל	וְהִ	בָּאָ	שָׁגֵן	מֶלֶךְ	אָ	בְּאֵד	אָ!
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H116	H4430	H7690	H2868	H5922	H1841				H560
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that they should take	out of	the den	that they should take	Daniel	out of				
H5267	H4481	H1358	H5267	H1841	H4481				
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the den	manner	of hurt	and no	was found	H0	H1768			
H1358	H3606	H2257	H3809	H7912					
הַיּוֹם	בְּאַלְפָהָה								
upon him because he believed	in his God								
H540	H426								

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 5:20 (Faith): And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

Daniel 3:25 (Kingdom): He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Isaiah 26:3 (Faith): Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Psalms 37:40 (Faith): And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Proverbs 18:10 (Parallel theme): The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Mark 9:23 (Faith): Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Daniel 6:18 (Kingdom): Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

2 Chronicles 20:20 (Faith): And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.