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(14:1) And king Astyages was gathered to his fathers, and Cyrus of Persia

(14:2) And Daniel conversed with the king, and was honoured above all his

(14:3) Now the Babylons had an idol, called Bel, and there were spent up
great measures of fine flour, and forty sheep, and six vessels of wine.

(14:4) And the king worshipped it and went daily to adore it: but Daniel
the king said unto him, Why dost not thou worship Bel?

(14:5) Who answered and said, Because I may not worship idols made with
God, who hath created the heaven and the earth, and hath sovereignty over

(14:6) Then said the king unto him, Thinkest thou not that Bel is a living
much he eateth and drinketh every day?

(14:7) Then Daniel smiled, and said, O king, be not deceived: for this is
without, and did never eat or drink any thing.

(14:8) So the king was wroth, and called for his priests, and said unto them
is that devoureth these expences, ye shall die.

(14:9) But if ye can certify me that Bel devoureth them, then Daniel shall
blasphemy against Bel. And Daniel said unto the king, Let it be according

(14:10) Now the priests of Bel were threescore and ten, beside their wives
went with Daniel into the temple of Bel.

(14:11) So Bel's priests said, Lo, we go out: but thou, O king, set on the
wine, and shut the door fast and seal it with thine own signet;

(14:12) And to morrow when thou comest in, if thou findest not that Bel hath
suffer death: or else Daniel, that speaketh falsely against us.

(14:13) And they little regarded it: for under the table they had made a passage
entered in continually, and consumed those things.

(14:14) So when they were gone forth, the king set meats before Bel. No
his servants to bring ashes, and those they strewed throughout all the temple
king alone: then went they out, and shut the door, and sealed it with the
departed.

(14:15) Now in the night came the priests with their wives and children,
did eat and drinck up all.

(14:16) In the morning betime the king arose, and Daniel with him.

(14:17) And the king said, Daniel, are the seals whole? And he said, Yea

(14:18) And as soon as he had opened the door, the king looked upon the
loud voice, Great art thou, O Bel, and with thee is no deceit at all.

(14:19) Then laughed Daniel, and held the king that he should not go in,
pavement, and mark well whose footsteps are these.

(14:20) And the king said, I see the footsteps of men, women, and children
angry,

(14:21) And took the priests with their wives and children, who shewed him
they came in, and consumed such things as were upon the table.

(14:22) Therefore the king slew them, and delivered Bel into Daniel's power, and he cast him into his temple.

(14:23) And in that same place there was a great dragon, which they of Babylon worshipped.

(14:24) And the king said unto Daniel, Wilt thou also say that this is of Babylon's gods, and drinketh; thou canst not say that he is no living god: therefore worship him.

(14:25) Then said Daniel unto the king, I will worship the Lord my God: for he is able to give life, and to destroy death: and he hath delivered me from the power of the king's decree.

(14:26) But give me leave, O king, and I shall slay this dragon without sword: and thou shalt give thee leave.

(14:27) Then Daniel took pitch, and fat, and hair, and did seethe them together with water thereof: this he put in the dragon's mouth, and so the dragon burst in sunder, and he was consumed: and these are the gods ye worship.

(14:28) When they of Babylon heard that, they took great indignation, and murmured against the king, saying, The king is become a Jew, and he hath destroyed Bel, he hath slain the priests to death.

(14:29) So they came to the king, and said, Deliver us Daniel, or else we will be thy enemies in thy house.

(14:30) Now when the king saw that they pressed him sore, being constrained by the law, he came unto them:

(14:31) Who cast him into the lions' den: where he was six days.

(14:32) And in the den there were seven lions, and they had given them eat of the king's table, and two sheep: which then were not given to them, to the intent they might devour him.

(14:33) Now there was in Jewry a prophet, called Habbauc, who had made a cake of bread in a bowl, and was going into the field, for to bring it to the reaper.

(14:34) But the angel of the Lord said unto Habbauc, Go, carry the dinner which is in the bowl of Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lions' den.

(14:35) And Habbauc said, Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know the way thither.

(14:36) Then the angel of the Lord took him by the crown, and bare him by the beard, and through the vehemency of his spirit set him in Babylon over the den.

(14:37) And Habbauc cried, saying, O Daniel, Daniel, take the dinner which I have brought thee.

(14:38) And Daniel said, Thou hast remembered me, O God: neither hast thou forgotten me to seek thee and love thee.

(14:39) So Daniel arose, and did eat: and the angel of the Lord set Habbauc in the land of his home immediately.

(14:40) Upon the seventh day the king went to bewail Daniel: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and behold, Daniel was sitting.

(14:41) Then cried the king with a loud voice, saying, Great art Lord God: there is no other beside thee.

(14:42) And he drew him out, and cast those that were the cause of his death into the den: and they were devoured in a moment before his face.