



BEL AND THE DRAGON

Additions to Daniy'el

Daniy'el and the Priests of Ba'al

¹ And king Astyages was gathered to his fathers, and Cyrus of Persia received his kingdom. ² And Daniy'el conversed with the king, and was honored above all his friends.

³ Now the Babylonians had an idol, called Ba'al, and there were spent upon him every day twelve great measures of fine flour, and forty sheep, and six vessels of wine. ⁴ And the king worshiped it and went daily to adore it: but Daniy'el worshiped his own ALAHAYAM.

And the king said unto him, Why dost not thou worship Ba'al? ⁵ Who answered and said, Because I may not worship idols made with hands, but the living ALAHAYAM, who hath created the heaven and the earth, and hath sovereignty over all flesh.

⁶ Then said the king unto him, Think thou not that Ba'al is a living ALAHAYAM? see thou not how much he eats and drinks every

day? ⁷ Then Daniy'el smiled, and said, O king, be not deceived: for this is but clay within, and brass without, and did never eat or drink anything.

⁸ So the king was wroth, and called for his priests, and said unto them, If ye tell me not who this is that devours these expenses, ye shall die. ⁹ But if ye can certify me that Ba'al devours them, then Daniy'el shall die: for he hath spoken blasphemy against Ba'al. And Daniy'el said unto the king, Let it be according to thy word.

¹⁰ Now the priests of Ba'al were threescore and ten, beside their wives and children. And the king went with Daniy'el into the temple of Ba'al. ¹¹ So Ba'al's priests said, Lo, we go out: but thou, O king, set on the meat, and make ready the wine, and shut the door fast and seal it with thine own signet; ¹² And tomorrow when thou comes in, if thou find not that hath eaten up all, we will suffer death, or else Daniy'el, that speak falsely against us. ¹³ And they little regarded it: for under the table they had made a privy entrance, whereby they entered in continually, and consumed those things. ¹⁴ So when they were gone forth, the king set meats before Ba'al. Now Daniy'el had commanded his servants to bring ashes, and those they strewed throughout all the temple in the presence of the king alone: then went they out, and shut the door, and sealed it with the king's signet, and so departed. ¹⁵ Now in the night came the priests with their wives and children, as they were wont to do, and did eat and drink up all.

¹⁶ In the morning the king arose, and Daniy'el with him. ¹⁷ And the king said, Daniy'el, are the seals whole? And he said, Yea, O king, they be whole. ¹⁸ And as soon as he had opened the door, the king looked upon the table, and cried with a loud voice, Great art thou, O Ba'al, and with thee is no deceit at all.

¹⁹ Then laughed Daniy'el and held the king that he should not go in, and said, Behold now the pavement, and mark well whose footsteps are these. ²⁰ And the king said, I see the footsteps of men, women, and children. And then the king was angry,

²¹ And took the priests with their wives and children, who shewed him the privy doors, where they came in, and consumed such things as were upon the table. ²² Therefore the king slew them, and delivered Ba'al into Daniy'el's power, who destroyed him and his temple.

Daniy'el *Kills* the Dragon

²³ And in that same place there was a great dragon, which they of Babylon worshiped. ²⁴ And the king said unto Daniy'el, Wilt thou also say that this is of brass? lo, he lives, he eats and drinks; thou canst not say that he is no living god: therefore, worship him. ²⁵ Then said Daniy'el unto the king, I will worship the Adonai my ALAHAYAM: for he is the living ALAHAYAM. ²⁶ But give me leave, O king, and I shall slay this dragon without sword or staff. The king said, I give thee leave.

²⁷ Then Daniy'el took pitch, and fat, and hair, and did seethe them together, and made lumps thereof: this he put in the dragon's mouth, and so the dragon burst in sunder: and Daniy'el said, Lo, these are the gods ye worship.

²⁸ When they of Babylon heard that, they took great indignation, and conspired against the king, saying, The king is become a Jew, and he hath destroyed Ba'al, he hath slain the dragon, and put the priests to death. ²⁹ So they came to the king, and said, Deliver us Daniy'el, or else we will destroy thee and thine house. ³⁰ Now when the king saw that they pressed him sore, being constrained, he delivered Daniy'el unto them:

Daniy'el *in* the Lions' Den

³¹ Who cast him into the lions' den: where he was six days. ³² And in the den, there were seven lions, and they had given them every day two carcasses, and two sheep: which then were not given to them, to the intent they might devour Daniy'el.

³³ Now there was in Jewry a prophet, called Chabaqquq, who had made pottage, and had broken bread in a bowl, and was going into the field, for to bring it to the reapers. ³⁴ But the angel of the Adonai said unto Chabaqquq, Go, carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniy'el, who is in the lions' den. ³⁵ And Chabaqquq said, Adonai, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is. ³⁶ Then the angel of the Adonai took him by the crown, and bare him by the hair of his head, and through the vehemency of his spirit set him in Babylon over the den.

³⁷ And Chabaqquq cried, saying, O Daniy'el, Daniy'el, take the dinner which ALAHAYAM hath sent thee. ³⁸ And Daniy'el said, Thou hast remembered me, O ALAHAYAM: neither hast thou forsaken them that

seek thee and love thee. ³⁹ So Daniy'el arose and did eat: and the angel of the Adonai set Chabaqquq in his own place again immediately.

⁴⁰ Upon the seventh day the king went to bewail Daniy'el: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and behold, Daniy'el was sitting. ⁴¹ Then cried the king with a loud voice, saying, Great is YAHUAHA Alahayam of Daniy'el, and there is none other beside thee. ⁴² And he drew him out and cast those that were the cause of his destruction into the den: and they were devoured in a moment before his face.

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