

## **~PRETEXT (75)**

**[English, alledged reason, excuse, cause, plot, ruse, red herring]**

- These high officials were all seeped in the way of the past. They brought the Governing Body expression to life, and they think, that this is Yehowah's way. They are not ready to break free of the chains of Babylon, for they are looking for ways to preserve their own existence.

- They have a nice existence there at their Bethel homes, and they don't want anyone to rock the boat. Like Jonah the prophet, they are running away from their responsibilities, and they are about to be thrown overboard! They will stop at nothing to affect their way. However, they will not succeed!

- They have looked closely at Daniel, and really, within him there is no cause for them to reject him at all. What they find objectionable about Daniel is that he wants to affect changes that will bring an end to their very way of life. He wants to stop the Governing Body, Branch Servants, President and Vice president and take the Society in a different direction.

- This direction is necessary to fulfill the Bible and get God's people safely through the Great Tribulation. For this reason, they look to find a **pretext** in Daniel's relationship to God. What would they find?

- At that time the high officials and the satraps themselves were constantly seeking to find some **pretext** against Daniel respecting the kingdom, but there was no pretext or corrupt thing at all that they were able to find, forasmuch as he was trustworthy and no negligence or corrupt thing at all was found in him. (**Daniel 6:4**)

- Consequently these able-bodied men were saying; We shall find in this Daniel no **pretext** at all, except we have to find it against him in the Law of his God. (**Daniel 6:5**)

- These same men were devouring the house of widows, and for a **pretext** they made very long prayers to impress others. Such men, would receive a heavier judgment from God, for they knew what was righteous but they were only seeking personal glory.

- They are the ones devouring the houses of the widows and for a **pretext** making long prayers, these will receive a heavier

judgment. (Mark 12:40)

- Also Jesus warned them to beware of them, for they devoured the house of the widows, and for a **pretext** they made very long prayers. Jesus then showed, that for doing these things, that they would receive a heavier judgment from God.
- And who devour the houses of the widows and for a **pretext** make long prayers. These will receive a heavier judgment. (Luke 20:47)
- Paul wanted to cut off the **pretext**, that some men there in Corinth were presenting to others, that they themselves were of equal stature with Paul, and therefore people there, should listen to them, and what they taught, just like they do to Paul.
- Now what I am doing I will still do, that I may cut off the **pretext** from those who are wanting a pretext for being found equal to us in the office of which they boast. (2 Corinthians 11:12)