

17. Daniel Survived the Lion's Den

Daniel 6:1-26 KJV

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes ... And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first ... because an excellent spirit was in him ... the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel ... but they could find none occasion nor fault ... said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it ... concerning the law of his God.

Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, ... All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains ... together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions ... king Darius signed the writing ...

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree ... Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him ... no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ... that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. 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.

... king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions ... he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel ... O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me ... innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Then was the king exceedingly glad ... And the king commanded ... those men which had accused Daniel ... cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces ... Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages ... I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

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