

**The Book of Daniel
Syllabus**

Chapter 6

In the Lion's Den

***Dan. 5:31** And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.*

***Dan. 6:1** ¶ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom;*

***Dan. 6:2** and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account unto them, and that the king should have no damage.*

***Dan. 6:3** Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. (ASV)*

Prophecy fulfilled.

The two-armed silver empire of the Medes and the Persians replaces the golden head of Babylon.

Cyrus, the Persian, led the invasion.

Deferred to older relative, Darius the Mede.

The Hebrew sages say that Darius' rule lasted only one year.

Then the rule passed to the Persians.

Daniel is about 90 years old.

Persia was not an absolute monarchy like Babylon.

The council of three presidents had a vote in the government.

Daniel's gift has again brought him into favor.

He is promoted to one of the three top positions.

And then, another satanically inspired plan against this man of God and the plan of God for Israel, the revelation of which was in this Prophet.

Dan. 6:4 ¶ *Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.*

Dan. 6:5 *Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.*

Dan. 6:6 *Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.*

Dan. 6:7 *All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, 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.*

Dan. 6:8 *Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.*

Dan. 6:9 *Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the interdict.*
(ASV)

Verse 7: They lied. "All the presidents..." Daniel was not consulted.

Verse 8: A Persian law that once the king signed an edict, it could not be changed, even by the king himself.

Dan. 6:10 ¶ *And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem); and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.*

Dan. 6:11 *Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.*

Dan. 6:12 *Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's interdict: Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall make petition unto any god or man within thirty days, save unto thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.*

Dan. 6:13 *Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.*

Dan. 6:14 *Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to rescue him.*

Dan. 6:15 *Then these men assembled together unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.*

Out of the Mouths of Lions
Because he trusted God.

Dan. 6:16 ¶ *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.*

Dan. 6:17 *And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.*

Dan. 6:18 *Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him.*

Dan. 6:19 ¶ *Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.*

Dan. 6:20 *And when he came near unto the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice; the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?*

Dan. 6:21 *Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.*

Dan. 6:22 *My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.*

Dan. 6:23 *Then was the king exceeding glad, 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 had trusted in his God.***

By Faith

In the Hall of Fame of Faith those are honored “who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions” (Hebrews 11:33).

Daniel was delivered through his faith.

Daniel obtained his faith the same way we obtain ours:

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

Daniel had the Word of God.

The Torah (the five books of Moses).

The Prophets
The Psalms

Psa. 27:0 ¶ *A Psalm of David.*

Psa. 27:1 ¶ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psa. 27:2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Paul said that he was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

2Tim. 4:16 ¶ At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge.

2Tim. 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

2Tim. 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sometimes people feel as if they are “in the mouth of the lion.”

Christians in many countries, especially where radical Islamists either are in charge, or where rogue jihadists operate, are threatened by the lion’s mouth.

I know personally the pastor of one Christian congregation in the Middle East, which faces this daily.

But the pastor’s confession to me is, “We are in victory!”

They refuse to deny their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in Israel’s right to the Land of Promise.

If Daniel’s faith in God delivered him, and it did, then our faith will deliver us.

Stay on the Watch
Constant watchfulness assures constant victory!!!!

1Pet. 5:8 ¶ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Pet. 5:9 **Whom resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**