

DANIEL

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Dan 6:7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

Dan 6:16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!"

Dan 6:23 23 Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

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What does Darius, the new king, do administratively? **6:1-2** And for Daniel? **6:3**

Because of *jealousy/envy*, what do the leaders try to do to Daniel? **6:4** Result? **6:5**

What *application* do we have here? **IPet.5:8-9; IThess.5:23**

What is their next strategy? **6:6-8** And the result? **6:9**

What future event does this foreshadow? **Rev.13:14-15**

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What is noteworthy about the *kings response* to the charges against Daniel? **6:10-15**

Finally the king must act. **6:16-17** What do we see about him again? **6:18-20**

Finding Daniel *unharm*ed, what's the *kings reaction*? **6:21-23**

What *retribution* is next for 'those men' who accused Daniel? **6:24; Est.7:9-10; Rom.12:19**

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He sets up 120 satraps (governors) with 3 presidents. He plans to set Daniel over all.

Because of *jealousy/envy*, what do the leaders try to do to Daniel? **6:4** Result? **6:5**

They set about to find some way to discredit Daniel. They fail 'because he was faithful'!

What *application* do we have here? **IPet.5:8-9; IThess.5:23**

The devil is seeking to devour believers but Jesus Christ, who calls you, will keep you!

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They trick the king into a requirement they knew Daniel would fail. And the king signs.

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The antichrist, the last king of Babylon, will make an idol/demand that it be worshipped.

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Obviously he has great respect for Daniel. Knows of his faith in God. But, he's trapped!

Finally the king must act. **6:16-17** What do we see about him again? **6:18-20**

Genuine concern for Daniel. He hopes Daniel is spared but... calls in tone of anguish.

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Immediately lifts Daniel out of the den. Note that he was exceedingly glad (vs.20).

What *retribution* is next for 'those men' who accused Daniel? **6:24; Est.7:9-10; Rom.12:19**

They receive the penalty they intended for Daniel. Vengeance is mine says the Lord!

Finally, what does Darius do? **6:25-27, 4:1-3** And what's Daniel's result? **6:28**

Sends a world wide message exalting Daniel's God! (saved?). Daniel prospers again!