

ARE YOU READY FOR THE LION'S DEN?

DANIEL 6:1-6, 22-28, 30-31
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The focus to chapter six of Daniel is not that God delivered Daniel from the lion's den but why was he thrown in there in the first place?

REVIEW:

Correction from last week I told you that King Neb died in 539 BC that was the end of the Babylonian Kingdom. Neb died in 562 BC. Last week we saw that in 2 verses God said that's it and the Kingdom of Babylon ended in 2 verses with the announcement written by the finger of God on the wall.

What gets us thrown into the lions den?

I. THE RAGE OF JEALOUSY VS. THE CHARACTER OF DANIEL Dan. 6:1-5

120 satraps and three administrators. The satraps reported to the three administrators and evidently there was stealing going on because the king was suffering loss. Vs. 2 So in Vs. 3 he announces that everyone is going to report to Daniel. It is so interesting from a work ethic that Daniel so distinguished himself in how he worked in a pagan country that he was noticed so quickly by the new king. Joseph and Johnathan are the only other people in OT that nothing bad is ever said of them.

Daniel made enemies at work by doing a good and honest job.

Vs. 4 are the congressional hearings of Daniel these 122 Med Persian leaders tried to find any dirt on Daniel they could and they could not find any so they decided to attack his faithfulness to his religion by setting a trap for Daniel and the King.

QUESTIONS:

1. **What** do you think is the meaning behind vs. 2? Suffer loss from what?
2. Why did they want to find something against Daniel?
3. Why did they want to do away with Daniel? Jealousy, envy

II. FALSEHOOD AND FLATTERY Dan. 6:6-9

Evidently according to the law of the Medes and Persians once the king wrote something down as law it could not be retracted.

QUESTIONS:

1. **How** did they lie? How did they Flatter the King?

2. What was King Darius's problem? Just like King Neb PRIDE.

III. CONSISTENCY IN YOUR LIFE

Dan. 6: 10-16

The first thing Daniel did in Chap 2 after Daniel told the king he could interpret the dream was what? Go home and have a prayer meeting with his friends 2:17. Daniel is seen praying as a young man in chapter 2 and he is still praying as an 80 year old man in chapter 6. He made no attempt to hide his daily prayer life. Three times a day as the head administrator of a new kingdom Daniel found time to pray. He faced Jerusalem as is told in **2 Chron. 6:38-39. 1 Kings 8:46-52** pray toward Jerusalem

QUESTIONS:

1. **What** was Daniel consistent in? consistent attitude, performance, purity (they could not find any fault in him) faithfulness and prayer life.
2. Vs. 16 Even unbelievers were touched by Daniel. What would unbelieving coworkers say about your life?

IV. DELIVERANCE FROM THE LION'S DEN

Dan. 6: 17-21

Sounds like Mary and Mary Magdalene hurrying to Christ's grave in John 20:1-2

V. ANOTHER KINGDOM IMPACTED

Dan 6: 22-28

New regime at the beginning of the chapter new religion at the end.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Daniel not hurt? Because he believed in his God. **See Heb. 11:4,7,8,22,32-33**. By faith which is because He believed in God and what he said.
2. Will God keep us from the Lion's den? The Bible does not say that God will deliver us from the Lion's den but it does say He will deliver us through it. It may mean victory like Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego and Daniel or it may mean glory like Stephen, Polycarp and millions of others.
3. How is the "star" of chapter 6? God Vs. 22,23,26 & 27.

