

The events surrounding Daniel and the lions' den is one of the most familiar in all of Scripture. Daniel is reaching his latter years. He has seen kings come and go, but God remains. Daniel has served in high places of administration under several kings, and he was renown for his extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems (5:13).

DAY ONE Daniel 6:1—5 As Chapter 6 begins the Medes are ruling over Babylon. Darius sets up his bureaucracy which would consist of Daniel and two other _____ who would be in charge of _____ satraps.

What was Daniel's primary responsibility? _____

He did his job so well that the king planned to _____.

Seems that there was some jealousy! Who began to plot against Daniel?

_____ and _____

Their initial efforts resulted in _____

What qualities was Daniel found to have? _____

Daniel was working for a corrupt and idolatrous king. What does the Bible tell us about how Christians are to do their work? See

Eph. 6:5—7 _____

Gal. 1:10 _____

1 Tim. 6:1—2 _____

Titus 2:9—10 _____

2 Tim. 2:24 _____

So, Daniel did have a vulnerability, according to his adversaries. What was it?

DAY TWO Daniel 6:6—15 The conspiracy against Daniel is put into action.

Daniel's adversaries were many. List the titles of officials who were plotting against him:

They needed the king to make a proclamation throughout the land, a statute to be enforced, which would require: _____

You'd think they might leave a good man alone with his prayer life!

What was the time limit on this decree? _____

From verse 8 we know that decrees signed by the king cannot be changed or revoked.

This is the same challenge that Esther faced when Haman tried to have all the Jews killed.

See Esther 8:8. This edict was avoided by a different strategy. What did Esther accomplish as reported in Esther 8:11? _____

For a delightful recounting of events you may want to put this book on your reading list.

All Daniel has to do to be safe from the king's wrath is not pray for 30 days.

What was Daniel's prayer routine? v. 10 _____

Where was he when he prayed? _____

And there were witnesses! It seems the plot is working for they reported Daniel to the king.

What was the king's reaction to this news? _____

How long did the king try to protect Daniel? _____

Yet, the king was bound by his own decree.

DAY THREE Daniel 6:16—24

On the king's orders the sentence was carried out. How was Daniel's imprisonment in the lions' den made secure? _____

What word of encouragement did the king give Daniel? _____

What evidence was there that the king was distressed by these events? _____

The expectation was that the lions would make quick work of Daniel. By the next morning, who was most interested to find out what had happened to him? _____

What did the king want to know? _____

This was Daniel's opportunity to witness to the king. Although Daniel had been found guilty before the king, who was Daniel's true judge? _____

What was the verdict of the true judge? _____

Why was this the verdict? v. 23 _____

Now the tables are turned! Since Daniel's character has been proven, who must be guilty?

What will be their fate? _____

Who else suffered because of their plot against Daniel? _____

While Daniel was safe, what happened to his adversaries? _____

DAY FOUR Daniel 6:25—28

This turned out to be a major incident in the history of this king's reign. There is evidence from these Scriptures that the king had some understanding of Daniel's God, but now there would be an official decree.

Daniel's adversaries had plotted against him because he had worshipped God and ignored the king's edict. Now the king would require that all the people of his kingdom would

Note the qualities the king attributed to Daniel's God?

He is the _____ God, _____ forever	Eternal
His kingdom is one which will not be _____.	Sovereign
His _____ will be _____	
He _____ and _____	Active in affairs of men
and performs _____ and _____	Omnipotent
In _____ and on _____	Omnipresent
Who has also delivered Daniel from the _____	
(and also the _____)	Acts on behalf of His people

It seems Daniel's future service to earthly kings would be secure. What two rulers are mentioned here? _____ and _____

DAY FIVE Application questions

List at least three things which helped Daniel to be faithful to pray. Support your observations from the text of the book of Daniel.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What things in your life help you be faithful in adverse circumstances? List three.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If God is glorified by miraculous rescues, why doesn't He always rescue His people?
Can you support your position with Scripture?

What purposes are served by adversity in your life?