

Background – Ch. 4, 5, & 6

Ch. 4 – Dream interpreted by Daniel

Ch. 5 – Handwriting on the Wall

Ch. 6 – Occurs during the beginning of Darius' reign. Daniel is now an old man.

5:31 Age 62

Daniel and the Lions' Den

- 6:1 Darius set up 120 princes to oversee the kingdom
- 2 Daniel one of the 3 set above the princes
- 3 Daniel to be set over all the kingdom – basically just below Darius
- 4 Problem: Daniel – a Jew – is in too much power for the liking of the natives in control
 Second problem: (really for Daniel's opponents) they couldn't find anywhere that Daniel had made mistakes
- 5 Try to find something against Daniel in serving God
- 6 Assembling to trap Daniel
- 7 Not all came up with the plan but all were there to present it!
 30 days – examine for 1 month
- 8 Law of Medes & Persians – a way to make sure something signed into a law would be powerful and remain in effect.
- 9 Darius signed the decree. He will later regret this shortly. The enemies are happy.
- 10 Note the character of Daniel – he knew this had been written
 “As he did aforetime” – just like Daniel always had done, he prayed
 He did not let this new rule change his worship to God!
 Window open – just like he always did. He wasn't home but he was facing home.
 3x: thought to be (1) time of the morning before the burnt offering, (2) the ninth hour [3PM], (3) at sunset. Psalm 55:17
- 11 Men assembled and found Daniel doing what they knew him to be doing.
- 12 Run to the king to make sure the new law is in effect – he assures them it is!
- 13 They reveal Daniel was in violation of the new law
- 14 Darius realizes what has happened and becomes determined to set Daniel free

- He worked on it from sunrise to sunset
- 15 These men assembled before Darius and reminded him the law cannot be changed
- 16 Law has to be carried out
- Note what Darius says to Daniel
- 17 A stone was laid to cover up the Lions' Den
- It was sealed and not to be tampered with
- 18 Nothing could cheer up Darius
- Not music, food, dancing girls, concubines – nothing!
- He lost another night's sleep over this
- 19 Darius woke early the next morning to check on Daniel
- 20 Imagine the tone of his voice as he cried for Daniel in the den
- 21 Imagine the reaction of the king when he heard Daniel speak from the den
- 22 Angel shut the lions' mouths
- Innocence – Daniel had done nothing wrong in the sight of God
- 23 Daniel not hurt
- 24 Enemies and families cast in the den, probably the other 2 presidents. Regardless, his enemies receive what they lined up for Daniel
- Critics say the lions weren't hungry when Daniel was in the den and they didn't want to eat him. This is gone out the window when we see what the lions did to the enemies.
- 25 Darius set up a decree similar to Nebuchadnezzar's
- 26 Darius – scholars argue – did not become monotheistic, but he regarded God as supreme with others below Him.
- 28 God allowed Daniel to prosper

Ch. 7 through the end of the book focus on dreams Daniel had.

Theme: L.I.O.N. the Lord Is Our Navigator

Session 2: How did He navigate Daniel?

Today: How is He our navigator? Through the Word!

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