

Daniel 6: 21-28

Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius!

Daniel, while in Babylonian Captivity from Jerusalem, was best known for his miraculous delivery by the Lord from a night in a den of hungry lions. This is the response of Daniel the next morning.

“Daniel answered, ‘May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.’ ”

The king was Darius the Mede, king of Babylonia, who really liked Daniel.

“The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

‘May you prosper greatly! I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.’ ”

[Pretty good for a heathen king!!]

“ ‘For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.’ ”

[Again, not bad for a heathen king!!]

So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.”

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