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Daniel 6— The Lion's Den



Daniel's blameless conduct excited still further the jealousy of his enemies. . . . Thereupon the presidents and princes, counseling together, devised a scheme whereby they hoped to accomplish the prophet's destruction. They determined to ask the king to sign a decree which they should prepare, forbidding any person in the realm to ask anything of God or man, except of Darius the king, for the space of thirty days. A violation of this decree should be punished by casting the offender into a den of lions. {PK 540.1}

As in review, we recall that Daniel was the object of jealousy and envy under Darius Administration, by the other presidents and princes. Per the statement above, a plan was formulated that brought a “death decree” to Daniel. But as we know and we learn again, how God delivered Daniel from the den of lions.

1. Below is a list of the major characters and unique concepts in the chapter. Attempt to place a contemporary counterpart to your characters for the last days:

- King Darius \_\_\_\_\_
- Three Presidents \_\_\_\_\_
- Princes \_\_\_\_\_
- Daniel \_\_\_\_\_
- Law of M. & P. \_\_\_\_\_
- Decree (death) \_\_\_\_\_
- Lion's Den \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 Days \_\_\_\_\_
- Three times a day \_\_\_\_\_
- Seal/Signet \_\_\_\_\_

The next few questions we will look at pertains to Daniel's experience of being confronted with a death decree. What can be determined from Daniel's experience that can be applied to our day (last day events) and similar experiences awaiting the people of God.

2. Daniel's quick rise to power during the Medes and Persians was favored by Darius. What are some reason for this? \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Daniel kept the laws of the government and the commandments of God? True or False.  
Give texts from Dan.6 to support your answer. vs. \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Describe the decree that was put into law? \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_.

The next few questions will help us apply Daniel 6 to the last days contemporary scene, what the people of God may expect, so they can better understand how to deal with future confrontations.

5. How many days was the decree to be in effect which was signed by Darius? \_\_\_\_\_

A) The book of Esther symbolically is a prophecy of the death decree for the last days.

THOUGHT QUESTION: What are some of the similarities between Daniel's death decree and the one Esther was confronted with?

6. What was Daniel's position while praying? \_\_\_\_\_ Dan. 6: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your mind was given that you might understand how to work. Your eyes were given that you might be keen to discern your God-given opportunities. Your ears are to listen for the commands of God. Your knees are to bow three times a day in heartfelt prayer. Your feet are to run in the way of God's commandments. Thought, effort, talent, should be put into exercise, that you may be prepared to graduate into the school above and hear from the lips of One who has overcome all temptations in our behalf the words: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by." Revelation 3:21; Zechariah 3:7. If you do not co-operate with the Lord by giving yourself to Him and doing His service you will be judged unfit to be a subject of His pure, heavenly kingdom. {6T 297.3}*

**We need to always keep in mind that God has given us much light, if we would be faithful we must act upon it in all things.**

7. Darius failed to deliver Daniel from the decree and being cast into the Lions den. What did Darius say just prior to Daniel going into the lion's den which indicated that Daniel had been a faithful witness to Darius? \_\_\_\_\_

A) THOUGHT QUESTION: Does the reference to day and night in the story have a spiritual application for the last days and God's people? If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

B) Where in the Bible can you find a text which states that Christ is a lion and one stating that Satan is a lion? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the difference spiritually? \_\_\_\_\_

Last Question: The final verses in Daniel 6, (vs. 25-27) also represents something in the future that will happen to who, what is said, and when? In other words, both Darius and Daniel represent future characters and what was said is also significant of \_\_\_\_\_