

Enemies report Daniel to the King.**Daniel 6:12-16**

- Charged with dishonoring the king.
- Decree cannot be changed.

Penalty to be imposed. Daniel 6:16-17

- King is hopeful that the God of Daniel will deliver him.
- King knows the faithfulness of Daniel. cf. 4, 10, 16, 20
 - Daniel's service not sporadic.
- King sealed the mouth of the lions' den that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. cf. Matthew 27:62-66

Daniel is delivered. Daniel 6:19-23

- *"O king, live forever."* Daniel 6:21
 - King is not Daniel's enemy.
- Presidents & Satraps not the king's friend. cf. Daniel 6:6
- Saved by an angel. Daniel 6:22-23
 - By *"the living God."* (20, 26)
- Daniel's innocence & trust in God proclaimed. cf. verse 5

Enemies thrown into the lions' den. Daniel 6:24

NOTE: The lions were hungry.

- Sometimes we pronounce our own judgment. Deuteronomy 19:18-19
 - Haman. Esther 7:10
 - David. 2 Samuel 12; cf. Psalms 7:14-16; Proverbs 1:10-19
- Sometimes judgment extends beyond ourselves. Joshua 6-7

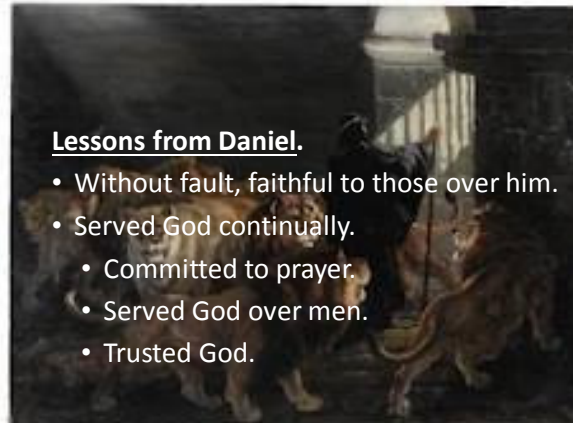
God is exalted. Daniel 6:25-27

- Nebuchadnezzar's decree. Daniel 3:4-7
- Nebuchadnezzar's lesson. Daniel 3:28-30; 4:34-35

Daniel prospers. Daniel 6:28

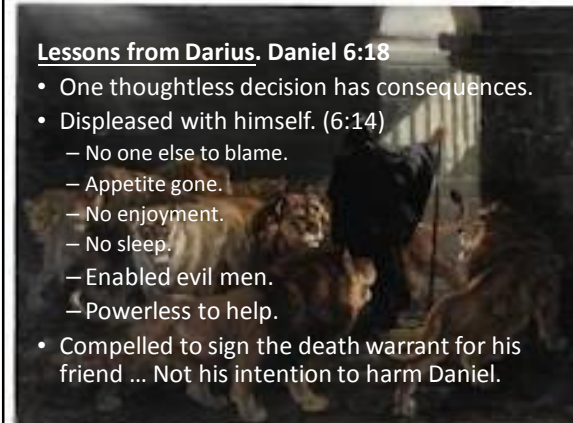
- In the reign of Darius.
- In the reign of Cyrus of Persia. cf. Daniel 1:21

[So this Daniel prospered] He had served five kings: Nebuchadnezzar, Evil-merodach, Belshazzar, Darius, and Cyrus. Few courtiers have had so long a reign, served so many masters without flattering any, been more successful in their management of public affairs, been so useful to the states where they were in office, or have been more owned of God, or have left such an example to posterity. (Adam Clarke)



Lessons from Daniel.

- Without fault, faithful to those over him.
- Served God continually.
 - Committed to prayer.
 - Served God over men.
 - Trusted God.



Lessons from Darius. Daniel 6:18

- One thoughtless decision has consequences.
- Displeased with himself. (6:14)
 - No one else to blame.
 - Appetite gone.
 - No enjoyment.
 - No sleep.
 - Enabled evil men.
 - Powerless to help.
- Compelled to sign the death warrant for his friend ... Not his intention to harm Daniel.