

“Daniel’s Deliverance in the Lion’s Den”
DANIEL 6

DEVIOUS PLOT AGAINST DANIEL (6:1-18)

- ❖ Darius = Cyrus? 6:28 = *Darius “and” or “even” in the reign of Cyrus.*
Gubaru? (Cyrus made him gov. of Babylon), 9:1, 10:1, 11:1
- ❖ Why target Daniel? “that the King might not suffer loss” Recall 3:4ff.
- ❖ Why is Darius duped so easily?
- ❖ Darius is in more turmoil than Daniel--racking his brain to rescue him and surprisingly expressing real confidence Daniel’s God will help.

DELIVERANCE OF DANIEL (6:19-24)

- ❖ Compare this rescue to fiery furnace rescue: (1) Both times they are ratted on (*eat to pieces*); (2) Both times an angel rescues them; (3) Both times it’s emphasized they aren’t even slightly hurt; (4) Both episodes end w/a royal decree exalting the Lord and noting the future success of rescued Jews (and thus a benefit to the nation).

DECREE OF DARIUS (6:25-28)

- ❖ Darius’ decree to fear Israel’s God may be connected with Cyrus’ decree supporting the Jew’s return (II Chron. 36:22,23, Ezra 1:1-4).
- ❖ Decree expresses eternal dominion theme of book (2:44, 7:14, 27).

What about believers fed to the lions later?
What about lion’s dens today for us?

