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Dani'el Saved in the Lion's Den 6: 1-28



One of the most familiar stories in the Bible is found in the chapter: **Dani'el** in **the lions'** den. This event took place in the days of **Darius the Mede**. This in itself is intended to be an indication of the message of the chapter, and indeed, of the entire book. Another **king** comes along with another kingdom; kingdoms will rise and fall but **Dani'el**, the symbol of **the Kingdom of God**, remains. **He** has seen **Nebuchadnezzar** and **Belshazzar** come and go. Now **Cyrus** and **Darius** had arrived (**to see link click Ag – Cyrus and Darius**), and **Dani'el** was still serving **the King** of kings. The way **the lions' mouths** were shut stirs from **Darius** the final confession of the book: **Dani'el's God** is **the living God whose Kingdom will never be destroyed** (see **Dp – Darius' Wise Decree**). Only by faith in such a **God** could anyone have **stopped the mouths of the lions (Hebrews 11:33).**[324]

This **chapter**, **verses 1** through **28** can be broken down in chiastic fashion, resulting in a mirror effect as the ideas are "reflected" back in the passage: **A** to **A**, **B** to **B**, with **C being the climax of the chiasm**.

A. Dani'el is Promoted – 6:1-3 (Dl)

B. The Conspiracy of the Royal Administrators – 6:4-9 (Dm)

C. The Prayer of Dani'el – 6:10-15 (Dn)

B. Dani'el in the Lion's Den – 6:16-24 (Do)

A. Darius' Wise Decree – 6:25-28 (Dp)