

Daniel and the Lion's Den is a powerful allegory about the end of the world Daniel 6

Unlike the first test from the King that was a test of false worship (fiery furnace) this is a test about true worship and is brought on by the majority of the people tricking the king. The Fiery Furnace and Daniel in the Lion's Den is part of an end time sequence. Here's how it works, When Rome's standards are seen they withdraw then the second time they come you know there is no turning back. Back in 1888 – 92 America was going to institute a Sunday Law (The Abomination of Desolation) this was pushed entirely by one man who was a congressman or a type of the ruler Nebuchadnezzar. We are told that when the Sunday law comes again it will be pushed by the majority of the people demanding from their leaders that they institute a Sunday law. This is spurred on by some disaster, judgment from God or unlooked for calamity.

*It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest **voice proclaimed at midnight**, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. Both parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, **a sudden and unlooked-for calamity**, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. **The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied.** {COL 412.1}*

¹It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

Here is the three and one marker

²And over these **three presidents; of whom Daniel was first**: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

No guile was found in Daniel

³Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an **excellent spirit was in him**; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

⁴Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but **they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.**

⁵Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning **the law of his God.**

The three fold union comes together

⁶Then these **presidents** and **princes** assembled together to the **king**, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

Here we see a death decree based on true worship forced by all the people coming together and complaining to the king. This death decree is never carried out though because God intervenes just as during the death decree at the end of the world.

⁷All the **presidents** of the kingdom, the **governors**, and the **princes**, the **counsellors**, and the **captains**, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

⁸Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

⁹Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

Daniel goes through a three fold test

¹⁰Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees **three times a day**, and **prayed, and gave thanks before his God**, as he did aforetime.

¹¹Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

¹²Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, **which altereth not**.

¹³Then answered they and said before the king, **That Daniel**, which is of **the children of the captivity of Judah (where is the majority?)**, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

The king was tricked just like in the the three Elijahs study. The people remind the king that the law can't be changed. At the end of time the persecutors of Gods people find themselves trapped in a net they can't get out of. This world wide net will turn on them and punish them double for all their sins.

¹⁴Then the king, when he heard these words, was **sore displeased with himself**, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and **he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him**.

¹⁵Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, **That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed**.

¹⁶Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

The sealing

¹⁷And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and **the king sealed it with his own signet (Rev 3:7-13, 12)**, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

The king passes the night fasting the long dark night settles after Daniel is sealed. The Night is a symbol of the close of probation

¹⁸Then the king went to his palace, and **passed the night fasting**: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

¹⁹Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

²⁰And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, **O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?**

²¹Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

²²My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as **before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.**

²³Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

The wicked will fall into the net that they have prepared for Gods people. The world will realize that they have been duped, received the plagues and they will turn on their false teachers ([Revelation 17:16-17](#)).

²⁴And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

After the long dark night is over everyone is sealed for life or for death God is glorified on a worldwide basis. This teaches that after the world comes together to persecute Gods people, God will be glorified on a worldwide basis.

²⁵*Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.*

²⁶*I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.*

²⁷*He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.*

Excellent majesty was added to Daniel

²⁸So this **Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of [Cyrus the Persian](#).**