

## DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

(Daniel 6)

### III. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF THE GREAT TREE (chap 4)

### IV. BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST AND THE FALL OF BABYLON (chap 5)

### V. THE LION'S DEN

#### A. The POSITION of Daniel (6:1-3)

1. God saw to it that His prophet was \_\_\_\_\_; Daniel was appointed as the \_\_\_\_\_ ruler in the former territories of Neo-Babylon under Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Great. (vv. 1-2)
2. Daniel was set apart as being exemplary in carrying out his duties, and his personal \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ was outstanding. (v. 3)

#### B. The PLOT against Daniel (6:4-9)

1. Due to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and possibly anti-Semitism there was a plot to get rid of Daniel; but the government officials came up empty handed in finding fault with the man. (v. 4)
2. The governors and satraps knew that if they were going to bring a false charge against this Judean, it would have to be "*concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_.*" (v. 5)
3. It seems apparent that the officials had already \_\_\_\_\_ the document that would bring about the decree that Darius should be \_\_\_\_\_ to as the only deity for one month. (vv. 6-9)

#### C. The PRAYER of Daniel (6:10-11)

1. After knowing that the decree had been signed into law, Daniel was faced with a serious decision as to whether he would exercise \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10)

2. For approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years Daniel had faithfully knelt down and prayed \_\_\_\_\_ a day while facing Jerusalem. (Dan. 6:10; 2 Chron. 6:36-39)
  
3. The officials relied on Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_; and what glee they must have had when they caught him in their \_\_\_\_\_, praying to Jehovah. (v. 11)

**D. The PROSECUTION of Daniel (6:12-17)**

1. Wasting no time the officials brought the \_\_\_\_\_ before King Darius, knowing that the decree could \_\_\_\_\_ be altered. (vv. 12-13)
  
2. When the king heard these accusations against Daniel he “*was greatly \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_*,” and he did everything he could to deliver him. (vv. 14-15)
  
3. Darius was obligated by law to execute Daniel within a 24 hour period; but he offered a word of encouragement, “*Your God, whom you serve \_\_\_\_\_, He will \_\_\_\_\_ you.*” (vv. 16-17)

**E. The PROTECTION of Daniel (6:18-24)**

1. Darius was greatly distressed, so much so that he couldn't \_\_\_\_\_, he refused \_\_\_\_\_, and he could not \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 18-19)
  
2. When asked if his God whom he \_\_\_\_\_ served had delivered him, Daniel's reply was, “*My God has sent His \_\_\_\_\_ and shut the lion's mouths.*” (vv. 20-22)

\* According to v. 23 why was there “*no injury*” found on Daniel?

\* What can you personally apply from this chapter?