

Daniel – Pt. 4
IN THE LIONS' DEN
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1. THE PROMOTION v.1-3

Daniel 6:1-3 (NIV)

^[1] It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ^[2] with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.

^[3] Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

2. THE PLOT v.4-9 Envious, jealousy & bitterness

Daniel 6:4-9 (NIV)

^[4] At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

^[5] Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

^[6] So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: "O King Darius, live forever!

^[7] The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den.

^[8] Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered--in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

^[9] So King Darius put the decree in writing.