

Victory of faith



Do you think Darius really believed his farewell words (chapter 6:17)? Daniel, at least, trusts in God to save him. That night Darius can't sleep; whilst Daniel's enemies are most likely to be already celebrating their victory. But everything's different the next day: Daniel, condemned to death, is alive and rehabilitated; a previously sad king is happy; the enemies, who thought to have achieved their goal, are dead.

What can we learn from this? Human plans don't always work out – that's what we learn from Daniel's personal enemies. Ill-considered measures are soon regretted – that's what we learn from Darius. And what do we learn from Daniel? He is like a rock in the waves. Maybe he is the only participant who slept well during that night, just like Peter in prison.



27. What can you learn from Daniel's added comment in verse 23?
28. The letter to the Hebrews tells us that people stopped the mouths of lions by faith. Do you know where it says this?



The book of Daniel can be divided into two parts. Chapters 1-6 portray world empires from a human perspective, as is clear from Nebuchadnezzar's dream (chapter 2). Chapters 3-6 tell us four events, which show individual characteristics of human rule, ie idolatry (chapter 3), over-estimation of oneself (chapter 4), blasphemy (chapter 5) and idolising of a human (chapter 6). In the second part, from chapter 7 onwards, the world empires are portrayed from a divine perspective.



It helps to pray.



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27. A suggestion: Daniel first of all emphasises that God has protected him because he is innocent. This is the first and most important thought. He also adds that he has not done anything wrong towards the king either. Daniel is always first concerned to be clear before God, and then if possible also before his bosses (chapter 1:1-13 and 2:14-16). Christians should also consider "honourable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." (2 Corinthians 8:21). 28. Hebrews 11:33. Read the next verse as well, and you will "recognise" Daniel's friends.