

## Looking at Daniel Chapter 6 Through the Window (takes 4 minutes to read.)

If we could take a peek through a window into **Daniel, chapter 6**, we would see: *(Hold a rectangular frame up or hoop in front of each character(s), like a window, one at a time as in bold print.)*

**King Darius** on the throne after he conquered Babylon.  
He was setting up his kingdom with new leaders. He made

**Daniel** one of three presidents. Daniel became distinguished above all the other leaders because an excellent spirit was in him. So,

**King Darius** planned to set him over the whole kingdom. Meanwhile,

**The other presidents and leaders** worked hard at finding something against Daniel. They could find no fault in him, no error or complaint. He was faithful. They concluded that the only complaint that they could arrange to be found would have to be connected to Daniel's obedience to his God.

**So, they brought a document to the king:**

"Oh, King Darius, live forever! We have all agreed that you should establish a law that whoever makes any prayer to any god or man for 30 days except to you, O King, shall be cast into the den of lions. Sign the document now. It cannot be changed." Without stopping to think,

**King Darius** signed the document.

**Daniel** knew the document had been signed. He went to his house in the upper room where his windows were open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before His God as he had always done.

**The other leaders** spied on Daniel seen in his window. They went straight to the king to remind him of his law and told on Daniel.

**King Darius** was so distressed and worked hard until the **sun went down** trying to think of a way to save Daniel. **The other leaders** reminded him that the law could not be changed. So,

**King Darius** ordered that Daniel be cast into the lion's den. He called to Daniel: "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" A stone was placed over the opening with the king's seal. That night, the king could not sleep and he refused anything to eat or drink.

**At sunrise**, the king went quickly to the lion's den and called down to Daniel with a loud voice of anguish, "Oh Daniel servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

**Daniel** answered: "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me. Because I was found blameless before him; and also, before you, O king, I have done no harm."

**King Darius** was extremely glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. No harm had been done to him because he had trusted in his God. The other wicked leaders were thrown into the lions' den but they did not believe in the living God to save them.

Then the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and languages: read Daniel 6: 25-28.