

# **A Study of the Prophets**

## **O.T. Survey Lesson 191--Daniel 6:1-28**

**Introduction:** Just as the miraculous deliverance of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego assured the safe preservation of the Hebrews during the period of Babylonian rule, so the similar deliverance of Daniel from the lion's den assured the same in the days of the Persian empire. Daniel's great trust in God caused him to become a legend in his own time.

**Lesson aim:** To emphasize God's care over and protection of His people

### **Daniel's life is threatened--Daniel 6:1-18**

1. What provisions did Darius make for the efficient governance of his kingdom? (v. 1) What role did Daniel occupy?
2. Describe Daniel's success as a ruler in the Persian empire (v. 2). How did his fellow-rulers feel about this?
3. Could Daniel be found guilty of any moral corruption as a governmental official? (v. 4) In what area, did Daniel's enemies believe they could put him in conflict with the king? (v. 5)
4. What request did Daniel's enemies make of the king? (v. 6-9) What were they hoping to accomplish by this?
5. When Daniel heard of the king's decree, how did he respond? (v. 10) How did Daniel's accusers approach the king on this matter? (v. 11-15) How did the king feel about the prospect of putting Daniel to death?
6. What faith did the king demonstrate toward the God of Daniel? (v. 16) Describe the conduct of the king while Daniel was in the lion's den (v. 17-18).

**God delivers Daniel and punishes his enemies--Daniel 6:19-28**

1. What did the king do the next morning? (v. 19-20) How did he describe Daniel?
2. To whom did Daniel attribute his deliverance? (v. 21-22) What had enabled Daniel to be delivered? (v. 23)
3. What was done to the men who had sought Daniel's life? (v. 24)
4. What did king Darius' decree? (v. 26) What faith did he express about God? (v. 26-27)
5. In whose reigns did Daniel enjoy success? (v. 28)