

## Daniel and the Lion's Den Puppet Show

Narrator: King Darius was the ruler of Persia around 530BC. He was 62 years old. King Darius appointed 120 governors to help rule his Kingdom. The governors reported to 3 prime ministers. One of the prime ministers was Daniel the Jew. Daniel outshined the other prime ministers and governors because of his trustworthy spirit. All the governmental leaders were jealous and wanted to find fault with Daniel.



Official 1: Daniel drives me mad we need to find something he does wrong so we can get rid of him!

Official 2: But he never does anything wrong... Every night I go to sleep with the sound of his prayers, and wake up to prayers!

Official 1: That's it! Keep praying Daniel... let's make a law requiring all to worship the king! Daniel will break the law because he wants to remain faithful to his God \*

Narrator: They went to king Darius and put their plan into action.

Official 2: King Darius, live forever!

Official 1: Your highness, we have a new law for you that will show everyone your power.

King Darius: Do tell...

Official 1: You are an amazing king. You should make a rule requiring everyone to only worship you if anyone doesn't you should throw them into the lion's den as a punishment \*

Official 2: Now O king, establish the law and sign this document

King Darius: Let it be done!

Narrator: then the king signed the document and made the law \* oh no, but what of Daniel? Well Daniel heard the law and he still continued to worship and pray to his God 3 times a day in the room with all the windows open. The officials caught Daniel praying and reported the incident to the king!

Official 2: king Darius, we caught someone breaking your law!

King Darius: you know what to do!

Official 1: But he would like to see you, Oh King Darius.

King Darius: I'm surprised he wants to see me.

Narrator: Daniel is brought before the king.

Official 2: Daniel *still* remains faithful to his God and breaks the law 3 times a day by praying therefore you must throw him into the lion's den!

King Darius: What do you mean-- I can't pass a law to save him?

Official 1: O king, that is the law of the Meds and Persians that every Royal decree that the king established cannot be a changed. Daniel must be thrown into the Lion's den because of your rule\*

Narrator: When the king heard these words, he was very troubled and set his mind to deliver Daniel. He labored until sun went down to try to figure a way to rescue him. Sundown came but unfortunately the king had to order Daniel to be cast into the lion's den.

King Darius: Daniel, your God that you serve so constantly, must save you now! For now you must be thrown into the Lion's den!

Narrator: The rock to the pen was sealed and the king returned to the palace. He couldn't sleep or eat he kept worrying and hoping Daniel would be alive the next day.

King Darius: I sure hope he's okay \*

Narrator: When Daniel was thrown into the pit of the lions, the hungry lions growl got louder and louder. Daniel immediately went on his knees and prayed. The lions hurried for a bite but lo and behold an angel was sent to shut the mouth of the lions and tame them. (ANGEL appears) The Angel kept Daniel company in the dark cave all night. As soon as the morning came the rat of the king rushed to The den,

King Darius: Daniel, has your God delivered you?

Daniel: O King, live forever, because I was found blameless before God and also before you, O King, I have done no harm. The Angel of the Lord God has kept me safe all night.

Narrator: The king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken out of the den. Daniel went up to the king. He examined him and no harm was found on him: No scratch, no blood, no fur, no torn clothes... all because he trusted his God.\*

King Darius: Now, find those who advised me to make that awful law and throw them into the pit

Narrator: The officials that maliciously accused Daniel were cast into the den of lions and before they reach the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke their bones into pieces

King Darius: Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree that in all my Royal dominion, people are to tremble and fear before the living God of Daniel!

Narrator: From then on, Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of the Cyrus the Persian