



Introduction

King Darius the Mede, who took over Babylon, is tested by Daniel's enemies.



Questions

1. What do the presidents and local governors say when they seek to find occasion against Daniel?
2. What does Daniel do when he knows the writing is signed?
3. What does the king say to Daniel as he is about to be cast into the den of lions?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** Darius the Mede is impressed by Daniel and plans to make him chief president of the kingdom
- **v 4 to 9** The presidents and governors conspire to trick the king into making a decree forbidding people to request anything from anyone other than the king himself
- **v 10 to 17** Daniel prays to God as usual, and the conspirators report him to the king. Darius is very displeased but is unable to retract the decree. He tells Daniel that God will deliver him (see theme)
- **v 18 to 23** In the morning Darius is relieved to find that Daniel is still alive and unharmed by the lions
- **v 24 to 28** Those who conspired against Daniel are thrown into the lions' den and are killed. The king decrees that Daniel's God is to be respected because he is a living God who can deliver and rescue

Timeline 570 BC (see below)



Theme

God is with his people

A selection of verses showing that God promises always to be with his people.

God promises to be with Abraham's son [Isaac] and his grandson [Jacob]:

Genesis 26 verse 3, 28 verse 15

God says he will be with Joshua as he was with Moses:

Joshua 1 verse 5

God says he was with David wherever he went. He has destroyed his enemies and made him great:

2 Samuel 7 verses 8 and 9

David asks that God will be with his son Solomon in building the temple:

1 Chronicles 22 verse 11

Jesus Christ promises that he and God will be with those who love him:

John 14 verse 23

Paul ends his letter to the Romans by asking that God may be with the early believers:

Romans 15 verse 33



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4 and 5, Q 2: v 10, Q 3: v 16

Bible timeline

