



Deliverance of Daniel from the lions

(Daniel 6:16–23)



This story took place after Daniel had visibly prayed despite King Darius' law that stated that no one could ask God for anything for thirty days.

King Darius was forced by his law to cast Daniel into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "Your God whom you continually serve, He will deliver you."

A stone was laid over the opening of the den, and the king sealed it with his ring. Then the king went to his palace, where he passed the night fasting and was unable to sleep.

The king arose very early in the morning and went quickly to the den of lions. When he came to the den, he called out anxiously, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?"

Then said Daniel to the king, "O king, live forever. My God has sent His angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, so they have not hurt me: because God knew I was innocent and I have not done anything wrong to hurt you, your Majesty."

The king was overjoyed and commanded them to take Daniel out of the den. So Daniel was taken out of the den, and the king saw that he was not hurt, because he trusted God.