

DELIVERANCE



**“It is I, who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd!
And he will perform all My desire.’...” Isa. 44:28**

**“Thus says the Lord to Cyrus His anointed,
whom I have taken by the right hand, to subdue
nations before him...to open doors...I will give
you the treasures of darkness...In order that you
may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel,
who calls you by name.” Isa. 45:1-3**

DARIUS:

1. BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE. Vs. 12-13

“Then they approached and spoke before the king about the king’s injunction, ‘Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions’ den?’ The king answered and said, ‘The statement is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.’” vs. 12

**“Then they answered and spoke before the king,
‘Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no
attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which
you signed, but keeps making his petition three
times a day.’” vs. 13**

2. DEEPLY DISTURBED. Vs. 14-20

“Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him.” vs. 14

“Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, ‘Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and the Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed.’” vs. 15

“Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions’ den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, ‘Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you.’” vs. 16

“And a stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing might be changed in regard to Daniel.” vs. 17

“Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.” vs. 18

“Then the king arose with the dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions’ den. And when he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, ‘Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?’” vs. 19-20

3. HEARS A VICTORIOUS VOICE. Vs. 21-22

“Then Daniel spoke to the king, ‘O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.’”

4. EXAMINES THE MIRACULOUS. Vs. 23-24

“Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.” vs. 23

“Then the king gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children, and their wives into the lions’ den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.”

vs. 24

5. MAKES A PROFOUND PROCLAMATION. Vs. 25-27

“Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language who were living in all the land; ‘May your peace abound! I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and His dominion will be forever. He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.’” vs. 25-27

“There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth, and some people actually worship many gods and many lords. But for us, there is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.” 1 Cor. 8:5-6 (NLT)

POINTS TO PONDER AND APPLY:

“So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.” vs. 28

A. The Lord often works secretly.

B. The lost may be curiously watching.

C. Those who seek to destroy the church will bring destruction on their own heads.

D. Our God is rich in mercy and full of compassion.

- A. Your service is not done.**
- B. Your ministry may include suffering.**
- C. When lions threaten, trust in the Deliverer.**
- D. We have the message of life.**

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