



## Introduction:

The “head of gold” of God’s plan revealed in a dream to the king of Babylon almost seventy years ago has given way to the “arms and shoulders of silver,” just as God prophesied. The next kingdom of this drama of empires, Medo-Persia, under the leadership of King Darius, conquers Babylon in 539 BCE and is now center stage. Daniel providentially becomes a prominent figure in the leadership and governmental affairs of the new regime. However, his God-given favor with the new king is not received well by the court of officials and sets the stage for a conflict that ends with God once again demonstrating to humanity who is indeed the one true God who sets kings in their places, orders the succession of rulers, and clearly controls the affairs of man according to His divine design. Let’s give careful study to the message of Daniel 6 in this week’s lesson when God protects His servant Daniel revealing Himself to be the “Real Lion King!”

~ Lesson 6 ~

“The Real Lion King”

WEDNESDAY CONNECT STUDY

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**Focus Text ~**

Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

**Daniel 6:23 (NKJV)**

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**Transition**

How did king Darius organize his new world empire? What was Daniel's position and why?

*Daniel 6:1-3*

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**Conspiracy**

What plan did the other kingdom leaders devise, and how successful was it? Why did they need a second plan?

*Daniel 6:4-5*

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## **The Immutable Decree**

Discuss the details of Darius' decree and what made it binding upon the king and the people of the empire.

*Daniel 6:6-9*

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## **Daniel's Response!**

How does Daniel respond to this decree, and what did the other leaders do?

*Daniel 6:10-11*

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## **The Lion King Revealed!**

Discuss the events of the following passage and highlight any parallels in your personal experiences.

*Daniel 6:12-24*

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What new decree does Darius make in response to God's deliverance of Daniel? How is his faithfulness to God rewarded?

*Daniel 6:25-28*

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**Conclusion:**

What are some takeaways for you and how do they apply to the Christian journey from your study of Daniel 6?

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