

UNCERTAIN TIMES

THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST ME

DANIEL 6:2-4 NLT The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. ⁽³⁾ Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. ⁽⁴⁾ Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy.

DANIEL 6:7 NLT We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions.

THOSE WHO ARE FOR ME

DANIEL 6:16-17 NLT So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you." ⁽¹⁷⁾ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel.

PSALMS 57:1-4 NLT For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time he fled from Saul and went into the cave. To be sung to the tune "Do Not Destroy!" Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by. ⁽²⁾ I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me. ⁽³⁾ He will send help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. Interlude My God will send forth his unending love and faithfulness. ⁽⁴⁾ I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey—whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords.

2 PETER 2:9 NLT So you see, the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials, even while keeping the wicked under punishment until the day of final judgment.

THOSE WHO ARE IMPACTED

DANIEL 6:23-24 NLT The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God. ⁽²⁴⁾ Then the king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel. He had them thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. The lions leaped on them and tore them apart before they even hit the floor of the den.

DANIEL 6:26-27 NLT "I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. ⁽²⁷⁾ He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

DANIEL 6:28 NLT So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

THINK & DISCUSS:

1. How do you react when wicked people move against you?
2. How can you trust God to sustain you through trials?
3. What kind of impact is your life having on others today?

MAKE A STAND: HAVE FAITH DURING THESE TRIALS!