

When Lions Roar

Church
Requel

The Story of Daniel

6 Lessons Learned From Daniel

#1: Earthly kings COME AND GO so focus on the true King of kings.

"In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it." "King Belshazzar gave a great banquet." "That very night Belshazzar was slain and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom." "In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia..."
Daniel 1:1, 5:1,30, NIV10:1 NIV

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."
Ephesians 6:12 ESV

#2: When objecting to laws or rules demonstrate REASON & RESPECT.

"But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way." Daniel 1:8 NIV

"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people."
Titus 3:1-2 ESV

"When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact." Daniel 2:14 NIV

#3: When fighting wrong laws or rules TURN TO GOD.

"Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends... He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven ... so that he and his friends might not be executed." Daniel 2:17-18 NIV

#4: Godly administration and leadership is EXCEPTIONAL.

"Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." Daniel 6:3 NIV

#5: Exceptional and godly leadership in this world will be CHALLENGED.

"[They] tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him... and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den." Daniel 6:4,16 NIV

#6: Depend upon God for PROTECTION & JUSTICE.

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me... At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den."
Daniel 6:22,24 NIV (See also Psalm 37:27-29 and Romans 12:19)