

DANIEL and the LIONS

Puppets:

Daniel – 1 part

King Darius – 4 parts

President – 3 parts

Satrap – 4 parts

Narrator – 9 parts

Child Narrator #1 – 8 very small parts

Child Narrator #2 – 7 very small parts

Narrator (1 of 9):

Shalom!! Shalom! We have an amazing story of courage and faithfulness to share with you! This can be found in the book of Daniel chapter 6. So let's begin!....

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps.

(PAUSE *****)

Child Narrator #1 (1 of 8):

Excuse me, can you tell us what a satrap is?

Narrator (2 of 9):

Oh yes, of course! A satrap was a governor elected to protect and rule a land in ancient Persia.

Child Narrator #2 (1 of 7):

Oh, okay, thank you!

Narrator (3 of 9):

You're welcome. Would you both like to help me tell the story of Daniel?

Child Narrator #1 (2 of *):

Oh yes!

Child Narrator #2 (2 of 7):

We would love to!

Narrator (4 of 9):

Great! So let's continue with the story...

Three presidents were set over the satraps and Daniel was one of them.

Daniel was preferred above the presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. The king was planning to set him over all the kingdom.

The presidents and satraps tried to find something against Daniel concerning the kingdom. But they could not find fault with him because he was trustworthy.

President (1 of 3):

We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the Torah of his Eloheh.

Child Narrator #1 (3 of 8):

Then these presidents and satraps gathered together to the king and said to him...

Satrap (1 of 4):

King Darius, live forever!!!

President (2 of 3):

All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the officials and the governors, took council together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any Elah or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be thrown into the den of lions.

Satrap (2 of 4):

Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the document, so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away.

Narrator (5 of 9):

All on account of this, king Darius signed the document and the decree. When Daniel learned that the document was signed, he went to his house.

His windows were open in his roof chamber toward Jerusalem. He knelt on his knees three times in the day, and prayed and praised before his Eloheh, as he did before.

Then these men met together and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his Eloheh.

Child Narrator #2 (3 of 7):

So, they came before the king saying...

Satrap (3 of 4):

Have you not signed a decree that every man who shall ask of any Eloha or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, that he shall be thrown into the lions' den?

King Darius (1 of 4):

The thing is certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away.

President (3 of 3):

Daniel, who is of the sons of the exile of Judah, has not set attention on you, O king, or the decree that you have signed, but he makes his prayer three times in the day.

Narrator 1 (6 of 9):

Then the king, when he heard the word, was very displeased with himself, and he set his heart on Daniel, to deliver him. And until the going of the sun he was striving to deliver him.

Child Narrator #1 (4 of 8):

Then the accusers of Daniel met before the king and said to him...

Satrap (4 of 4):

O king, know that the law of the Medes and Persians is that every decree or law which the king enacts may not be changed.

Child Narrator #2 (4 of 7):

After hearing this, the king commanded.

Child Narrator #1 (5 of 8):

They brought Daniel and threw him in the lions' den!

King Darius (2 of 4):

Daniel, Your Eloheh whom you constantly serve will deliver you.

Child Narrator #2 (5 of 7):

A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den.

Narrator (7 of 9):

Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting. Nothing was brought before him and his sleep fled from him. Then rising up in the dawn the king hurried to the lions' den.

Child Narrator #1 (6 of 8):

When he came to the den, he cried to Daniel...

King Darius (3 of 4):

Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living Eloha, your Eloha whom you always serve, is He able to deliver you from the lions?

Daniel (1 of 1):

O king, live forever.

My Eloha has sent His Messenger, and He has shut the mouths of the lions. They have not harmed me, because in His sight innocence was found in me.

And also before you, O king, I have done no harm.

Child Narrator #2 (6 of 7):

The king was so happy to hear Daniel. He commanded him to be brought out of the lion's den. No harm was found on Daniel, because he trusted in Yahweh.

Narrator (8 of 9):

Then the king commanded those who accused and slandered Daniel were to be brought before the king.

They threw them into the lions' den, along with their sons and their wives. The lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones before they reached the bottom of the pit.

Child Narrator #1 (7 of 8):

Then king Darius wrote to all the people :

King Darius (4 of 4):

Peace be multiplied to you.

A decree was given from before me that in all the domain of my kingdom there shall be trembling and fear before the Eloheh of Daniel. For He is the living Eloha and endures forever, and His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed. His dominion shall be to the end.

He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in the heavens and in the earth, He who has delivered Daniel from the hand of the lions.

Narrator (9 of 9):

Daniel was made to prosper in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

You see,..... Daniel NEVER compromised his faith in Almighty Yahweh, even when he could have been killed by the hungry lions! He had courage and remained faithful to His Elohim and Yahweh saved him.

BOTH Child Narrators #1 and #2 (Last Part):

Until the next time.....Shalom my friends!!