

~LION'S PIT (90)

- The place of execution into which the prophet Daniel was thrown but from which he was later removed unharmed, having enjoyed angelic protection.
- All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high royal officers and the governor's, have taken counsel together to establish a royal statute and to enforce an interdict, that whoever makes a petition to any god or man for thirty days except to you, O king, should be thrown to the **lions** pit. (Daniel 6:7)
- Then it was that they approached and were saying before the king concerning the interdict of the king. Is there not an interdict that you have signed that any man that asks a petition from any god or man for thirty days except from you, O king, he should be thrown to the **lion's** pit? The king was answering and saying; The matter is well established according to the Law of the Medes and the Persians, which is not annulled. (Daniel 6:12)
- Immediately they answered, and they were saying before the king; Daniel, who is of the exiles of Judah, has paid no regard to you, O king, nor to the interdict that you signed, but three times in a day he is making his petition. (Daniel 6:13)
- Accordingly the king himself commanded, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the pit of the **lions**. The king was answering and saying to Daniel; Your God whom you are serving with constancy, he himself will rescue you. (Daniel 6:16)
- And a stone was brought and placed on the mouth of the pit, and the king sealed it with his signet ring and with the signet ring of his grandees, in order, that nothing should be changed in the case of Daniel. (Daniel 6:17)
- At that time the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no musical instruments were brought in before him, and his very sleep fled from him. (Daniel 6:18)
- Finally the king himself, at dawn, proceeded to get up in the daylight, and in a hurry he went right to the **lions** pit. (Daniel

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- **And as he got near to the pit, he cried out with a sad voice even to Daniel. The king was speaking up and saying to Daniel; O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you are serving with constancy been able to rescue you from the lions? (Daniel 6:20)**
- **Immediately Daniel himself spoke even with the king; O king, live on even to times indefinite. (Daniel 6:21)**
- **My own God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions, and they have not brought me to ruin, forasmuch as before him innocence itself was found in me, and also before you, O king, no hurtful act have I done. (Daniel 6:22)**
- **Then it was that the king himself became very glad, and Daniel himself he commanded to be lifted up out of the pit. And Daniel was lifted up out of the pit, and there was no hurt at all found on him, because he had trusted in his God. (Daniel 6:23)**
- **And the king commanded, and they brought these able-bodied men who had accused Daniel, and into the lions pit they threw them, their sons and their wives, and they had not reached the bottom of the pit before the lions had got the mastery over them, and all their bones they crushed. (Daniel 6:24)**
- **This pit had an opening that could be covered with a stone.**
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- **It was evidently a sunken or underground place, for Daniel was lifted up out of the pit.**
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