Daniel the Prophet ranked high with King Darius for his integrity. His associates hated him because he prevented graft. They knew of no way to get hold of Daniel except on account of his religion. They urged upon King Darius the influence that would accrue from announcing himself the only one to be worshipped. They urged that this would impress the people, make them more loyal to his government. They got a decree issued that anybody worshipping any other God than Darius should be thrown into a den of lions. Then they spied upon Daniel and convicted him. — Daniel was cast into the den of lions, but in the morning was brought forth safe. Then those who had entrapped him, by the King’s command were cast into the den of lions, the same as Daniel, and devoured. (Daniel 6:14-24.) — The prophet Daniel is to day in the den of the “Higher Critics” who are endeavouring to destroy him (the book), for they have no appreciation for the prophecy concerning the four universal Empires, the times of the Gentiles and the Kingdom of Christ to follow. (Daniel 2:44, 42:1.) Bible students, on the contrary, perceive that the book of Daniel contains valuable information concerning our time.

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