

A watercolor-style illustration of three lions. The lion on the right is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The other two lions are looking towards the right. The background is a mix of yellow, orange, and red watercolor washes on a grey, textured surface.

THE BOOK OF
Daniel

When Life Seems Out of Control

Daniel 2:1-49

Life Is Out Of Control



- Daniel was not the cause of the king's troubled mental state, sleeplessness, or his disturbing dreams.
- Daniel's life was in danger because of the failures of others.
- When life seems out of control, a wise person understands that he can control how he responds to it.
- Get the facts straight and figure out the cause of the problem.
- Make space for a solution, by asking for time, looking for flexibility, and reducing the anxiety level.

How Do You Get Control Of Your Response

- Daniel prayed a prayer of faith.
- Daniel praised God BEFORE he knew how everything would turn out.
- The most important answer to his prayer was not that God solved his problem, but he could believe God was in control.
- When life is out of our control, it is enough to know that God is in control.

The Dream



- The historical interpretation of the statue is open for discussion.
- The details of the statue are not important.
- Its the rock that comes into the vision that is important.
- The rock represents the kingdom of God that fills the earth and endures forever, and Jesus is the King.
- In our dreams and visions in the night, or the darkness of the day, the dazzling statue sometimes looms large.
- The eyes of faith see something else: a rock that will crush the powers before it, filling the whole earth.

Conclusion



- When our lives seem out of our control, and the kingdoms and powers of this world loom large, we have an even greater vision than Daniel, we have a vision of Jesus.
- Jesus will arise from the dead, overcome every power and authority, and establish a kingdom that will fill all things and endure forever.
- John 16:33, *“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*