

(OLD TESTAMENT)

DANIEL: NOT OF THIS WORLD

No greater tragedy could befall God's people than the loss of their own land
Repeatedly warned, still turning to idols, ignored their God's command
To Jerusalem Babylon came, besieging the city, displaying little restraint
Destroying the temple, taking captives home, leaving all but nothing to remain.

Among those taken was a youth named Daniel, possessing great resolve
In this new culture, facing temptations, he, they could not involve
Under great pressure from chief officials to live his life their way
Stayed loyal to God, steadfast and strong, growing wiser every day.

Excelling at work Daniel attracted attention, from the powerful pagan king
When jealous officials could find no fault; against him false charges would bring
Death for refusing to bow to the king, a warning he did not heed
Daniel strongly believed, his God alone, provided all he would ever need.

In the den of lions, Daniel was thrown, by order of the king
Still alive at dawn, safe and sound, a dramatic and glorious thing
Let us live like Daniel, not of this world, placing trust in God alone
For only our Savior, possessed such love, He died for our sin to atone.



(“Daniel in the Lion’s Den” painted by Doris Cox)

Daniel 6: 22

My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me because I was found innocent in his sight.