

“Prohibiting Prayer: The Daniel Decree” Sample Page #4

Scene six: At the palace again.

Actions during the next paragraphs: *They have all walked over to the throne room area, and the king takes a medallion and places it around Daniel's neck. He then commands the Scribe to write a new decree, which he happily takes down as the king dictates. The king turns to the scribe, telling him of his new duties, which makes them all happy. With a satisfied expression, the king takes his throne, the guard standing at attention beside him, and Daniel leaves with the scribe and his son. Once down in front of the stage area, they stop to converse together. Daniel motions for them to come to his house and join him in prayer, which they do, walking over to the side of the stage where Daniel's house is located, then going back up on the stage to go in. When in the house, they all kneel down, bowing to the Lord, and worship Him as the music plays and the lyrics come up for a moment.*

Main Narrator: A short while later, as we had gathered in the throne room, the king placed a special medal around Daniel's neck, that signified him as being his chief counselor, the highest honor in the kingdom. He then had me write down a new decree, that everyone in his kingdom should worship the God of Daniel, for, as he said, "he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions." He then commanded me to have copies made of the new law, and have it sent to all corners of the every country under his dominion. As I wrote down his commands, I was inwardly rejoicing, knowing that now I, my son and all my family would be safe; and further, we would be free to worship the one true God of the universe, without fear. We had seen for ourselves the mighty hand of God in the situation, and from the proud smile on my son's face, I knew that he would grow up to be a man of faith.

I had barely finished taking down the decree when the King turned to me and said that he had another decision; one concerning me, if I would be pleased with it. My position as Chief Scribe would not be affected, but I was to be assigned to Daniel, to take down all his words and deeds, so that his honorable life would be known to all, and his testimony would live forever. I accepted the job with a grateful smile, one that was mirrored by Daniel and my son. Knowing Daniel's God, from what I had seen and heard, I had no doubt but that Daniel's testimony would live forever in God's own eternal book of remembrances, to encourage all people to be faithful, throughout all time. As for me, I learned that Daniel's inner strength and peace came because he trusted his God, and I was beginning to experience the same peace as I placed my trust in Him. Daniel invited my son and I to come to his house and join him in a prayer of thanksgiving, and with gladness in our hearts, we went to do just that.

(Under the end scene, we hear the music to the song "He Has Made Us Glad" then it leads into the vocals to take it out. The instrumental comes back for about a minute and is useful for having your cast come back out all together and take a bow while you introduce them.)

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