

Animals in the Bible



The symbolic meaning of lions, as one might imagine, primarily deals with strength AND courage. The fact that it is a nocturnal creature means that the lion is a symbol of authority and command over subconscious thought.

In **Egypt**, the lion represented the ferocious heat of the sun and was seen in the likeness of Sekhmet who is the Egyptian goddess known as the Eye of Ra. She is the power that protects the good and annihilates the wicked.

In ancient **Greece**, lions were identified with Dionysus, Phoebus, Cybele, and Artemis because myth indicates lions drew the chariots for these gods and goddesses. Here, the symbolic meaning of lions revolved around protections and they were viewed as **guardians** of the dead as well as guardians of palaces, doorways, shrines and thrones. They were also ultimate protectors of hearth and home. In **Hinduism**, the lion is an avatar (embodiment or personification) of Vishnu. In **Buddhism** the Buddha sits upon the lion as a throne of consistency, strength and wisdom.

Key Questions....

How can you share the qualities of a lion? E.g. courage

At what time would it be appropriate to use these qualities?



Dear God,

give me courage,
for perhaps I lack it more than
anything else.
I need courage to fight against
terrors and troubles, temptations,
I need Your help, dear God.
AMEN

Prayer



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Bible

Whoever broke the new law would be punished by being thrown into a lion's den. This was a cave in the ground where lions were trapped. Maybe it was a normal type punishment for people who broke really important laws there. Certainly anyone put into a cave full of lions would not live very long...

Though King Darius never intended for Daniel to stop worshiping his God, the king was bound to obey the law he signed. Daniel was thrown into the den of lions while the king worried for his well-being. The Bible says that the king hardly slept that night. He was troubled with what would happen to Daniel.

The Bible tells us that Daniel was not harmed by the lions at all. Their mouths were shut and they did not scratch or tear Daniel.

When the king came to see Daniel the next morning he was relieved to know that Daniel was still alive. He helped Daniel climb out of the pit.

Summary from Daniel 6:16

Biblical

Where is the animal mentioned in the Bible?



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Lord, we place these people and situations before you and ask you to help. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



*"A lion paces in every human heart.
What quickens yours?
What makes your lion roar?"*

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