Grace Gospel Bible Church
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FOUND WANTING

PROLOGUE | Hebrew Introduction – Placing Daniel in Babylon (1:1-2:4)
PART 1 | Aramaic Main Body – **Announcements to the Nations (2:5-7:28)**
- **A.** Vision of kingdoms (ch 2 – image with four valuable metals, ultimately crushed)
  - **B.** Civil Disobedience (ch 3 – God delivers from the fiery furnace)
    - **C.** A Gentile king responds to the God of Heaven (ch 4 – Nebuchadnezzar)
    - **C'.** A Gentile king rejects the God of Heaven (ch 5 – Belshazzar)

A. What was happening in the fall of 539 B.C.? (5:1-12)

1. **From other historical sources, we know the _____ Empire was threatening to overtake the Babylonian Empire.**
   - **Nabonidus,** a son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar, was the king of the Babylonian Empire, who had appointed his oldest son, **Belshazzar**, as a co-regent king in Babylon.
   - Under the leadership of **Cyrus the Great**, the Persian Empire (*aka* the Achaemenid Empire) had grown to dominate most of the Middle East.
   - At the battle of Opis in September 539, the alliance of Median and Persian forces delivered the final decisive blow to the Babylonian army, which was led by King Nabonidus.
   - A few days later, Nabonidus fled, while Belshazzar was still inside the heavily-fortified city of Babylon. The armies of Cyrus the Great marched on Babylon in mid-October 539.

2. **Belshazzar hosted his last _____. (v1-4)**

3. **An uninvited guest _____ the party. (v5-9)**

4. **The queen suggests that _____ might be able to help. (v10-12)**

**What earlier events in Daniel's life paved the way for this opportunity?*

- God allowed certain _____
- God granted certain _____ and abilities
- God introduced certain _____ into his life
- God placed him in certain _____ at certain times

B. Would God hold King Belshazzar accountable? (5:13-29)

1. **Daniel was not swayed by the _____ of Babylon.** (v13-17)

2. **Daniel's lecture gives the _____ for the writing on the wall.** (v18-23)

   a. People are accountable for the _____ they are exposed to. (v18-22)

   b. People are accountable to the God who _____ them and sustains their life. (v23)

3. **God's message to Belshazzar was _____ news.** (v24-29)

   a. The message was to Belshazzar from the God to whom he was _____. (v24)

   b. The message indicated that the _____ of Babylonian rule had arrived. (v25-28)

      - *MENE MENE = numbered, numbered*
        →God has numbered your days, and today is the last one
      - *TEKEL = weighed*
        → your worth has been weighed, and you've been found wanting
      - *UPHARSIN = and divided*
        → your kingdom has been divided and is now being given to the Medes and Persians

   c. Daniel was honored with useless gifts in a _____ kingdom. (v29)

C. How was prophecy being fulfilled? (5:30-31)

1. **_____ fell, just as God predicted.** (v30)

2. **The _____ and _____ took over, just as God predicted.** (v31)
   - *What predictions was Daniel still waiting for?*

   - *What predictions are we still waiting for?*