Grace Gospel Bible Church
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LION'S DEN? NO PROBLEM.

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)
  - **B'.** Civil disobedience (ch 6 – God delivers from the lion's den)

A. Why was Daniel on the wrong side of the law? (6:1-9)

1. **Daniel was appointed as one of _____ governors over the realm of King Darius.** (v1-2)

2. **King Darius was impressed with the _____ of Daniel.** (v3)

3. **Those jealous of Daniel looked for flaws in him but found none. They realized their only opportunity to bring him down was to exploit his loyalty to his _____.** (v4-5)

   * *Why were people noticing Daniel?*

4. **King Darius was fooled and fell into a _____ scheme against Daniel.** (v6-9)

   * *Why did Daniel have enemies?*

B. How did Daniel respond to the new law? (6:10-15)

1. **Daniel changed _____ about his life, even though prayer was now illegal.** (v10)

[10] Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home.
And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem,
he knelt down on his knees three times that day,
and prayed and gave thanks before his God,
as was his custom since early days.

— Four promises from God to shape the people of God —

1. *the Most High rules in the kingdom of men* (Dan. 4:17, 25)
2. *You will keep him in perfect peace,*
   Whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.
   Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength. (Isa. 26:3-4)
3. *For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say:*
   "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Heb. 13:5-6)
4. *all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution* (2 Tim. 3:12)

2. Daniel is seen praying and _____ accused of breaking an evil law. (v11-15)

C. How did King Darius learn of God's authority? (6:16-28)

1. **Darius reluctantly orders the punishment and states his _____:**
   "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." (v16-17)

2. **Darius _____ all night about God's ability to deliver. (v18-20)**

3. **Darius _____ when he learned Daniel was alive and the hypothesis was proven true. (v21-23)**

4. **Darius _____ the God of heaven and those who serve Him. (v24-28)**

   * *What did Darius learn about Daniel's God?*

   a) He is the _____ God.
   b) He is _____.
   c) His _____ is never-ending.
   d) He _____ and rescues.
   e) He works _____.

   * *What should I do with this God?*