

# APPLICATION

## 5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon

1

\_\_\_\_\_ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

**Live by God's timeless \_\_\_\_\_ ... not the current \_\_\_\_\_!**

Daniel 6:10 - "as he did aforesaid"

2

Deep Ties to \_\_\_\_\_

We need each other's fellowship and encouragement!

**A chance to be an ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' for someone in their own *Lion's Den***

Daniel 6:22 - 'Angel' = *mal'āḳ* = messenger, ambassador

**DANIEL CHALLENGE #1** – Heartfelt Community \_\_\_\_\_

Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (*Who will you invite? When?*)

3

**Courageous Testimony:** \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

**Live so that you're only 'Guilty' of \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus**

Acts 5:29 – "We ought to obey God rather than men."

4

**Reliance on \_\_\_\_\_: Daily and Urgent**

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

The \_\_\_\_\_ of not just \_\_\_\_\_ on yourself

Daniel 6:10 - "his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem... and gave thanks before his God"

**DANIEL CHALLENGE #2** – Heartfelt Community \_\_\_\_\_

Make a commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.

→ *When will your prayer time be?*

5

**Gardening with an Eye on the \_\_\_\_\_**

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom

**Strive to earn a \_\_\_\_\_ for excellence**

Daniel 6:3 – "because an excellent spirit was in him"



# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

**Part 11: "Surrounded by Lions"**

## TODAY'S TEXT: Daniel 6:1-31

**6:1 – A New \_\_\_\_\_**

- 'Darius the Mede' is also known to \_\_\_\_\_ as 'Gubaru'  
"King" = *meleḳ* = king, a royal, ruler  
Same term used for Belshazzar under Nabonidus! (Daniel 5:29)  
"Kingdom" = *malkû* = realm, reign (same word in Daniel 6:3)
- Gubaru is frequently mentioned in ancient cuneiform documents as "Governor of Babylon and the Region Beyond the River" (*i.e.*, *Babylonia, Syria, Phoenicia, Israel, etc.*)
- Daniel alludes to Darius the Mede being \_\_\_\_\_ to Cyrus the Great two times...
  - **Daniel 5:31** – "Darius the Median took (*q<sup>o</sup>ḅal* = received) the kingdom"
  - **Daniel 9:1** – "Darius... was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans (*Mesopotamia*)" (see also: **Daniel 1:21**)
- Further \_\_\_\_\_ of the accuracy and inspiration of Daniel!

**6:3-4 – \_\_\_\_\_ Empire. \_\_\_\_\_ King. Same \_\_\_\_\_**

- ★ Excellent in \_\_\_\_\_  
**Matthew 5:16** - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
- ★ Excellent in \_\_\_\_\_  
"Fault" = *š<sup>o</sup>ḥat* = corruption  
"Error" = *šālû* = neglect, carelessness, laziness
- ★ Excellent in \_\_\_\_\_  
**Proverbs 20:6** - "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?"

## 6:5 – Daniel’s Incredible \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 4:14-19** – “But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf... Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.”

## 6:6-8 – A Conspiracy of \_\_\_\_\_ and Unjust Men

**Proverbs 14:30** – “A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.”

**Proverbs 27:4** – “Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?”

## 6:9 – A \_\_\_\_\_ King

**Proverbs 19:12** – “The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.”

## 6:10 – Daniel’s Incredible \_\_\_\_\_

**Joshua 1:9** – “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

## 6:11-13 – Surrounded by the ‘Lions’ of wicked \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 22:12-13** – “Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.”

## 6:14-15 – Surrounded by the ‘Lions’ of hard \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9** – “We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed”

## 6:16-18 – Surrounded by actual \_\_\_\_\_!

**Job 4:14** – “Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.”

**2 Corinthians 7:5** – “For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.”

➤ Many of our fears are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ and rational

## 6:19-22 – Is your God able to save? \_\_\_\_\_!

**Psalms 27:1-5** – “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.”

## 6:23 – Daniel’s Incredible \_\_\_\_\_

“Beleived” = *āman* = confirmed, trust, trustworthy, faithful, sure

**Daniel 3:17-18** – “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”

*“Faith for my deliverance is not faith in God. Faith means, whether I am visibly delivered or not, I will stick to my belief that God is love. There are some things only learned in a fiery furnace.”* — Oswald Chambers

## 6:24 – The Wicked are caught in their own \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 7:14-16** – “Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.”

## 6:25-28 – A Powerful \_\_\_\_\_ and a Public \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 27:6** – “And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.”

**Psalms 145:10-13** – “All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down... The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.”