



CATS

J.T.C.

Commander, the river has been  
dammed and diverted. The  
riverbed is only ankle deep.



Excellent, Captain. Move our  
forces to attack as quickly as  
possible. No lights; no talking.

In the dead of night, the attack  
forces moved towards the most  
heavily fortified city in the world...



**...mighty Babylon!**

But inside the great city it was party time. Belshazzar, the arrogant son of mighty King Nebuchadnezzar, was entertaining a thousand of his lords with drink and fabulous foods.



This time let's drink to Ishtar...  
*(hic)* my favorite golden goddess!

That night, the lazy guards didn't even notice the dropping water level in the riverbed under the mighty city walls.

The king was drinking from the golden cups that his father had stolen from the temple of God in Jerusalem.



His toasts to the false gods caused God Almighty to send him a message.

Suddenly, fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the wall. The onlookers were terrified.



See Daniel 5.

The king yelled for his magicians and astrologers.

None of the wise men could interpret the writing.



The king was a miserable wreck.  
He couldn't stop shaking. The queen suggested he call Daniel.

The king feared Daniel. He knew that God was with him. So the king tried flattery.



But Daniel wasn't impressed.

Daniel was promised gifts and that he could be the third ruler if he would interpret the writing.



But Daniel knew that by this time tomorrow there would be no kingdom.

Daniel reminded the king of how everybody had feared his father, King Nebuchadnezzar.



But when Nebuchadnezzar grew proud, God let him go mad for 7 years until he repented. (Daniel 4:30-33.)



And you, his son, O Belshazzar  
**knew** all this!

But you  
have lifted  
up yourself against the  
Lord of heaven by praising  
the gods of gold and silver,  
which neither see nor hear.



The God in whose hands your  
breath is... and who watches all  
your ways...  
**you have not**  
**honored.**

This is the meaning of  
the writing on the wall.

What the king was about to hear  
would put him in shock.

God says your kingdom is finished!  
In God's eyes you are a zero!

Mene Mene Tekel  
Upharsin



Your kingdom is  
divided between  
the Medes and  
Persians.

See Daniel 5:25-29

The dazed king proclaimed  
Daniel third ruler, anyway.



But as he spoke, two armies were  
sneaking under the city wall.

Mighty Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians, fulfilling God's prophecy in Jeremiah 50.



Belshazzar's drunken captains didn't stand a chance.

That same night, Belshazzar was killed.



The army began slaughtering those in positions of power. What would happen to Daniel?

The troops were told not to hurt Daniel because he was a man of God.



Everyone, including King Darius, trusted Daniel. He was a true and honest servant of God.

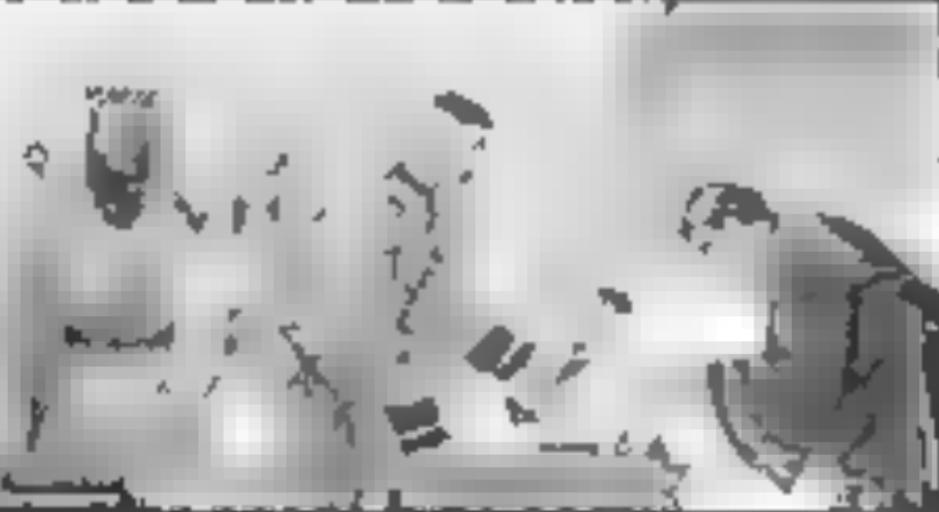
King Darius set up 120 princes over the kingdom, and over these men, three presidents...



See Daniel 6.

... of whom Daniel was first.

Daniel was a blessing to everybody. The Spirit of God prospered everything he did



Nobody had wisdom and understanding like Daniel. King Darius put him over everyone in the kingdom

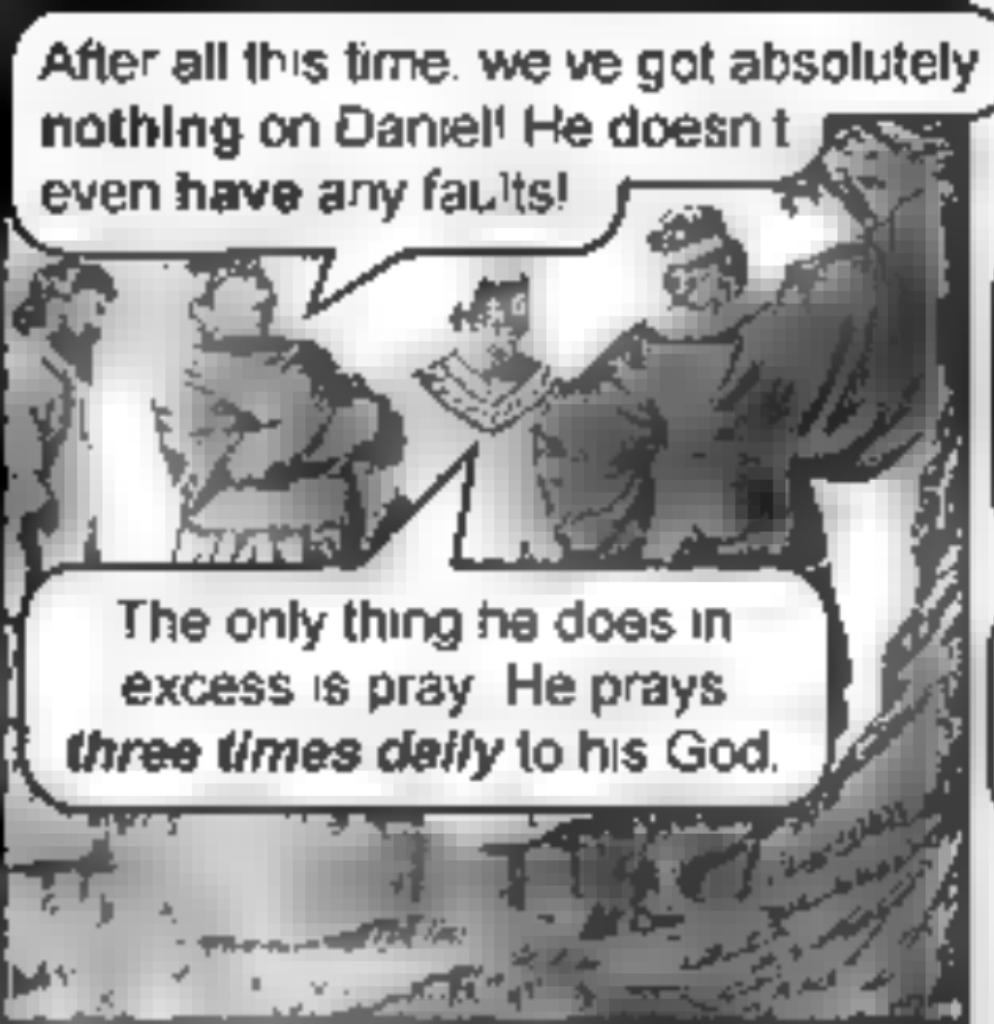
The jealous princes turned green with envy. Daniel wasn't of royal blood.



He was only a Jewish slave who long ago rose to power under King Nebuchadnezzar. And they wanted him **DEAD, DEAD, DEAD!**

The grizzled launched an investigation of Daniel.





After all this time, we've got absolutely nothing on Daniel! He doesn't even have any faults!

The only thing he does in excess is pray. He prays *three times daily* to his God.

That's it! **THAT'S IT!** We can use it against him!

We must create a new law that will flatter the king

If we're clever enough and he signs it into law



It will destroy Daniel!

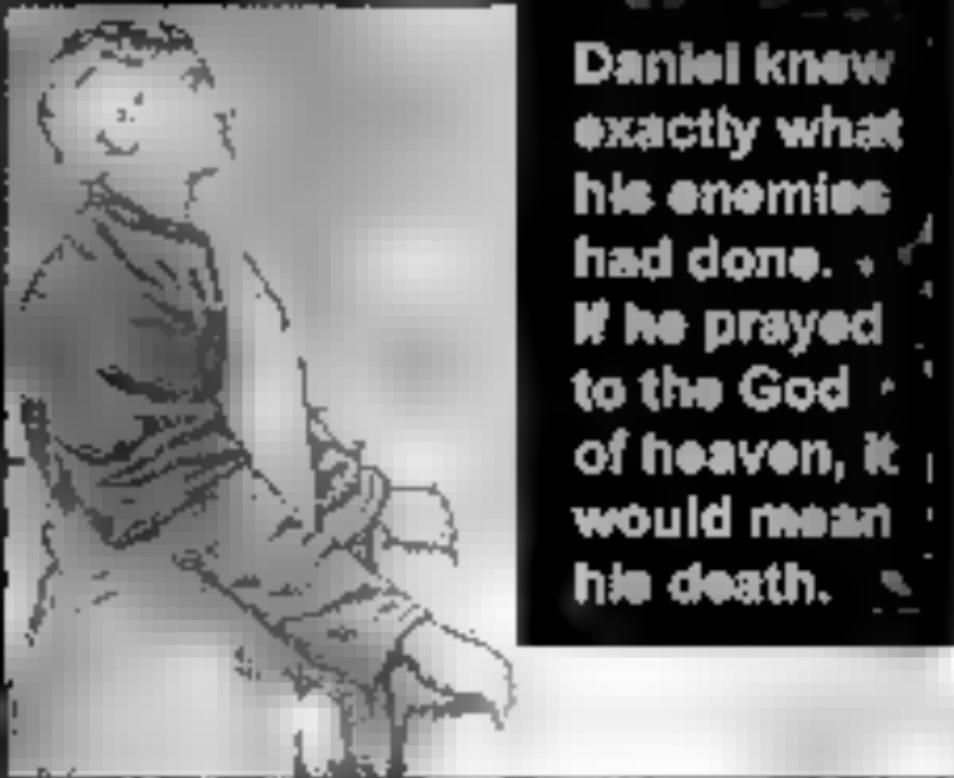
Your Highness, we have **all** approved this document which says

No one can pray to anyone but **you** for the next 30 days.

If anyone does, he will be cast into the **den of lions**.



Once signed it became law, and it was **death** to anyone who disobeyed



Daniel knew exactly what his enemies had done. If he prayed to the God of heaven, it would mean his death.

But Daniel feared and loved God more than his life so he made his decision. He prayed anyway



His enemies were watching  
They went straight to the king

O King someone has already ignored your new law

Who was it?

Daniel, O King! He is still praying to his God so he must face the lions

The king was furious. He had been tricked into destroying Daniel, his best friend.

All day long, the king tried to change the law

We must change it

Impossible, Your Highness! It is now the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be altered

Daniel was put into the lions den



The lions were starving.  
He faced instant death.

King Darius called



But down deep inside the king  
was filled with doubts.

The king was worried sick, and spent a sleepless night. Before sunrise, he went to the den.



Oh Daniel! Did your God deliver you?



O King live for ever. God's angel shut the lions' mouths, so they could not hurt me.

King Darius was thanked. Daniel was spared because he trusted God.



Daniel's enemies became very nervous. They had messed with the Lord's anointed. (See Ps. 105:14-15)

King Darius had honored His servant.



He ordered Daniel's wicked accusers and their families into the lions' den.

Daniel's accusers were torn apart before they hit the bottom.

Daddy, why did  
you do this to us?

Mama, I don't want to die!

NO!

ROARRRR...

I'm scared, Mama!

There is also a pit waiting for those who reject Jesus Christ.  
See Rev. 20:11-15.

God doesn't want sinners to end up in hell. That's why Jesus Christ, the Creator of the universe, went to the cross.



See John 3:16.

He shed His precious blood to wash away your sins, so you can be saved from hell. See 1 Peter 1:18-19

In the future, the Lord Jesus Christ will judge all those who died in their sins.

Depart from me,  
ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.



This will be *their* pit... a terrible place for the ungodly and wicked for all eternity. See Matt. 25:14-46.

The only way to miss this terrible pit  
is to receive Jesus Christ as your  
Saviour and Lord. Pray this prayer:



Lord Jesus, I'm a sinner, and I  
believe you died for my sins. I'm  
sorry for sinning against you.  
Please forgive me and save me.

Then, when you face the Lord Jesus  
after death, He will say this to you:

Well done,  
thou good  
and faithful  
servant...  
enter thou  
into the joy  
of thy Lord!



# THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

## NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

## WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at [www.chick.com](http://www.chick.com).

