13. After Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, the king could not sleep and fasted all night. Which god did the king hope would save Daniel? (Dan. 6:16-20)
    a. Zoroaster and Astarte
    b. Himself as a divine monarch
    c. The God that Daniel worshipped
14. How did Daniel survive in the lions? (Dan. 6:21-24, Ps. 91:9-13, Heb. 11:33)
    a. The lions had just eaten and were not the least bit hungry.
    b. Daniel managed to hide in a crevice where the lions could not reach him.
    c. Daniel believed God's promises and God sent an angel to close the lions' mouths.
15. To whom did Darius write a command to respect Daniel's God? (Dan. 6:25-28)
    a. To everyone in all his kingdom
    b. To all princes and satraps
    c. To all the Jews in the kingdom
16. How should a Christian act when faced with threats and ridicule for his or her faith? (Rev. 2:10, 12:11, Matt. 10:28-33)
    a. Continue to serve God just as before.
    b. Worship God in secret so no one sees.
    c. Adapt their faith to people's expectations.
17. Like Daniel, we probably all desire the protection of God's angels. The question is whether we are willing to trust God's promises even when circumstances are dark and foreboding. Do you want to do that?
    a. Yes
    b. No
    c. Not yet

The Book of Daniel

06 *Daniel in the Lion's Den*

Please circle the correct answers based on Bible texts in brackets.

1. Babylon has just fallen and the Medo-Persian kings from the east have taken over the throne of Babylon. What is the name of the king who succeeds Belshazzar? (Dan. 5:30-31, 6:1)
    a. Darius
    b. Cyrus
    c. Nebuchadnezzar
2. Many have wondered who this king was as no extra-biblical sources (apart from Josephus) mention him. Some suggest that Cyrus and Darius are the same person. But this is highly unlikely as Cyrus is also mentioned in the book of Daniel as a Persian and not a Mede. Josephus says that Darius was Astyages' son and relative of Cyrus and that the Greeks had another name for him (*Antiquities of the Jews* 10:11:4). The Mede Astyages was succeeded by his son Cyaxares, the uncle of Cyrus. According to the Greek historian Xenophon, Cyaxares handed over the Median Empire to Cyrus shortly after the fall of Babylon, and in return he received a palace and headquarters in Babylon (*Cyropaedia* 1:5:2, 8:5:17-20). The biblical description of Darius fits well with the last Median king, Cyaxares II (cf. Dan. 9:1).
3. How many satraps did the king set over the kingdom? (Dan. 6:1, cf. Est. 1:1)
    a. 120
    b. 150
    c. 100

4. Why did Darius wish to set Daniel over the whole realm? (Dan. 6:2-3)
    a. Because he was a Jew.
    b. Because he had served in the Babylonian court.
    c. Because he was more skillful and moral than the other satraps and princes.
5. This caused jealousy among the other leaders who wanted to eliminate Daniel and they sought to find something to accuse Daniel of. What immoral acts did they find in Daniel that they could accuse him of? (Dan. 6:4, Ezek. 14:14, 20)
    a. He had taken bribes and higher wages than appropriate.
    b. He was disloyal to the king and spread dissension.
    c. Nothing, neither negligence nor any dishonesty.
6. Is it possible for a Christian today to live as blamelessly as Daniel did then? (1 Pet. 1:14-16, 2:11-15, 3:15-17, Tit. 2:8, Rom. 12:9-21, Eph. 5:1-6, Phil. 4:13, Rev. 14:5)
    a. No, we cannot help our sins.
    b. We can try but it is not entirely possible; Daniel was a supernatural exception.
    c. Yes, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.
7. What was the only thing the princes could get Daniel on? (Dan. 6:5-8)
    a. His greed
    b. His drunkenness
    c. His religion
8. The king was flattered by the law and probably saw it as a great opportunity to strengthen his position in the newly conquered kingdom. He signed the law. Since the Bible tells us to submit to the ruling authorities (Rom. 13:1-2, 1 Pet. 2:13-15), would it be right for Daniel to obey the king's command in this case? (Dan. 6:10, Acts 5:29, Mark 7:7-9).
    a. Yes, he could still have worshipped God in secret.
    b. No, you must obey God rather than men.
    c. Yes, human laws are above God's law.
9. How many times a day did Daniel pray? (Dan. 6:10, 13, cf. Ps. 55:16-17)
    a. Three
    b. Five
    c. One
10. What direction did Daniel usually face when he prayed? (Dan. 6:10, cf. 2 Chron. 6:38)
    a. Mecca
    b. Jerusalem
    c. Heaven
11. Why don't we do that today as Christians? (John 4:20-24, Heb. 4:14-16, 8:1-2, 10:19-21)
    a. Because the Old Testament does not apply to Christians.
    b. Because the temple is currently destroyed, but if it is rebuilt, we should continue to do so.
    c. Because Jesus serves in the heavenly temple after His death and resurrection and type has met antitype.
12. How did the king feel when he heard that Daniel had disobeyed his command? (Dan. 6:11-15)
    a. He was greatly distressed and made every effort to save Daniel, without success.
    b. He was furious and commanded that Daniel be thrown into the lions' den at once.
    c. He was indifferent to the message.