

un·prec·e·dent·ed

1. (Adj.) **never done or known before.**

Unparalleled, Unequaled, Unmatched, Unrivalled



LIIONS

WE WALK AS



DANIEL



BOOK OF DANIEL

“ PRUDENCE AMID PANIC ”



CHAPTER TWO

**¹“In the second year of the reign of
Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar
had dreams; his spirit was
troubled, and his sleep left him.**

TROUBLED...

²Then the king commanded
that the magicians, the
enchanters, the sorcerers, and the
Chaldeans be summoned to tell
the king his dreams. So they came
in and stood before the king.”

TROUBLED...

³ And the king said to them, “I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.” ⁴ Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.”

TELL US YOUR DREAM?

⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. ⁶ But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation.”

THIS WORD IS FIRM!

⁷ They answered a second time and said, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation.” ⁸ The king answered and said, “I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm—

STALL TACTICS!

9 if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation.”

YOU TELL ME MY DREAM!



IRRATIONAL

REACTIONS

HASTY

DECREES

CRIPPLING

RAMIFICATIONS

PANIC CAN LEAD TO...

A hand is shown from the back, holding a glowing, spherical orb. The scene is framed by a jagged, torn hole in a white wall. The background behind the hand is dark, making the glowing orb stand out.

THE KINGS COUNSELORS

ANXIETY AMID PANIC



¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who can meet the king’s demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. ¹¹ The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

UNPRECEDENTED!

¹² Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ¹³ So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

KILL THEM ALL!

PANIC ASSAULT

How do you respond
when others make
decisions that you're
frightened will have a
negative impact on you?





DANIEL

7 WISE RESPONSES IN ANXIOUS TIMES



**¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with
prudence and discretion
to Arioch, the captain of the
king's guard, who had gone out
to kill the wise men of Babylon.**





DANIEL IN ANXIOUS TIMES

- 1. REPLIED WITH PRUDENCE AND DISCRETION**
- 2.**
- 3.**
- 4.**
- 5.**
- 6.**
- 7.**

¹⁵ He declared to Arioch,
the king's captain,
“Why is the decree of
the king so urgent?”



DANIEL IN ANXIOUS TIMES

- 1. REPLIED WITH PRUDENCE AND DISCRETION**
- 2. DISCOVERED AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**
- 3.**
- 4.**
- 5.**
- 6.**
- 7.**

Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel. ¹⁶ And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.



DANIEL IN ANXIOUS TIMES

- 1. REPLIED WITH PRUDENCE AND DISCRETION**
- 2. DISCOVERED AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**
- 3. APPOINTED A TIME TO SPEAK INTO THE FEAR**
- 4.**
- 5.**
- 6.**
- 7.**

¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,



DANIEL IN ANXIOUS TIMES

- 1. REPLIED WITH PRUDENCE AND DISCRETION**
- 2. DISCOVERED AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**
- 3. APPOINTED A TIME TO SPEAK INTO THE FEAR**
- 4. CONSULTED HIS CIRCLE OF WISE COMPANIONS**
- 5.**
- 6.**
- 7.**

¹⁸ and told them to seek mercy
from the God of heaven
concerning this mystery, so that
Daniel and his companions
might not be destroyed with the
rest of the wise men of Babylon.



DANIEL IN ANXIOUS TIMES

- 1. REPLIED WITH PRUDENCE AND DISCRETION**
- 2. DISCOVERED AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**
- 3. APPOINTED A TIME TO SPEAK INTO THE FEAR**
- 4. CONSULTED HIS CIRCLE OF WISE COMPANIONS**
- 5. PRAYED FOR MERCY AND PROTECTION**
- 6.**
- 7.**



¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.





PRAYER OF DANIEL

PRAYER OF DEPENDANCE

²⁰ Daniel answered and said:
“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.”



PRAYER OF DANIEL

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

²¹ He changes times and seasons;
He removes kings and sets up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge
to those who have understanding;
²² He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him.



PRAYER OF DANIEL

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

²³ To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”

DANIEL IN ANXIOUS TIMES

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- 2. DISCOVERED AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE**
- 3. APPOINTED A TIME TO SPEAK INTO THE FEAR**
- 4. CONSULTED HIS CIRCLE OF WISE COMPANIONS**
- 5. PRAYED FOR MERCY AND PROTECTION**
- 6. STEPPED FORWARD WITH CLEAR DIRECTION**
- 7.**

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went into Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation.”



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- 4. CONSULTED HIS CIRCLE OF WISE COMPANIONS**
- 5. PRAYED FOR MERCY AND PROTECTION**
- 6. STEPPED FORWARD WITH CLEAR DIRECTION**
- 7. PROVIDED A GOD HONORING SOLUTION**

²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: “I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation.” ²⁶ The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?”

BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR

²⁷ Daniel answered the king and said,
“No wise men, enchanters, magicians,
or astrologers can show to the king the
mystery that the king has
asked, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven
who reveals mysteries, and he has made
known to King Nebuchadnezzar what
will be in the latter days.

BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: ²⁹ To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and He who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.

BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR

³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR



THE DREAM

A GREAT IMAGE



⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.”

BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR

4⁸ Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. 4⁹ Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR

PRUDENCE AMID PANIC

WHAT YOU MEANT FOR EVIL,
GOD TURNED FOR MY GOOD



LIONS

PRUDENCE AMID PANIC

1. DWELL IN THE WORD
2. SPEAK FAITH AND PEACE
3. CHOOSE ACTIVITY SELFLESSLY
4. LIVE IN GRATITUDE
5. SUBMIT TO WISDOM
6. SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY
7. PRAY FOR SOLUTIONS

