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**PERSIAN
KINGS**

**MEDIAN
KINGS**

CYRUS I

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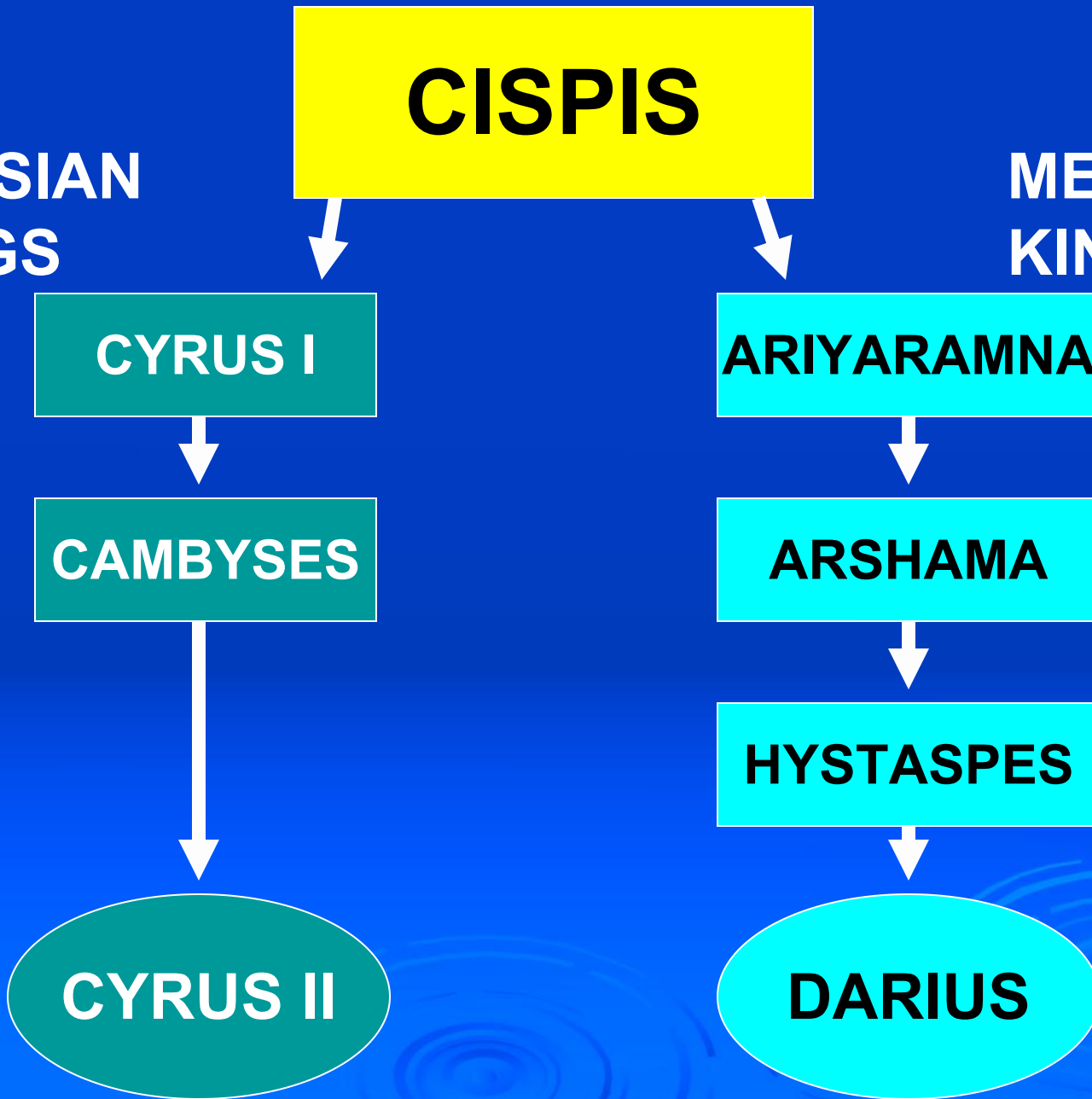
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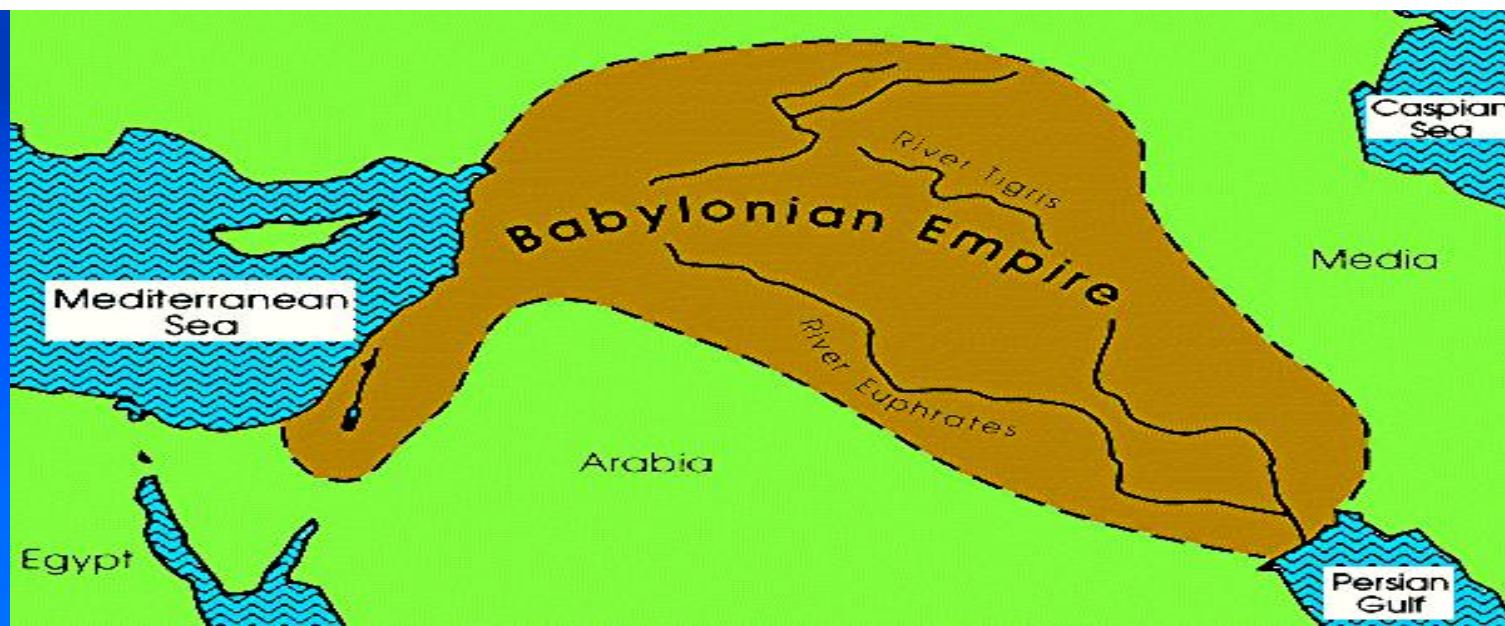
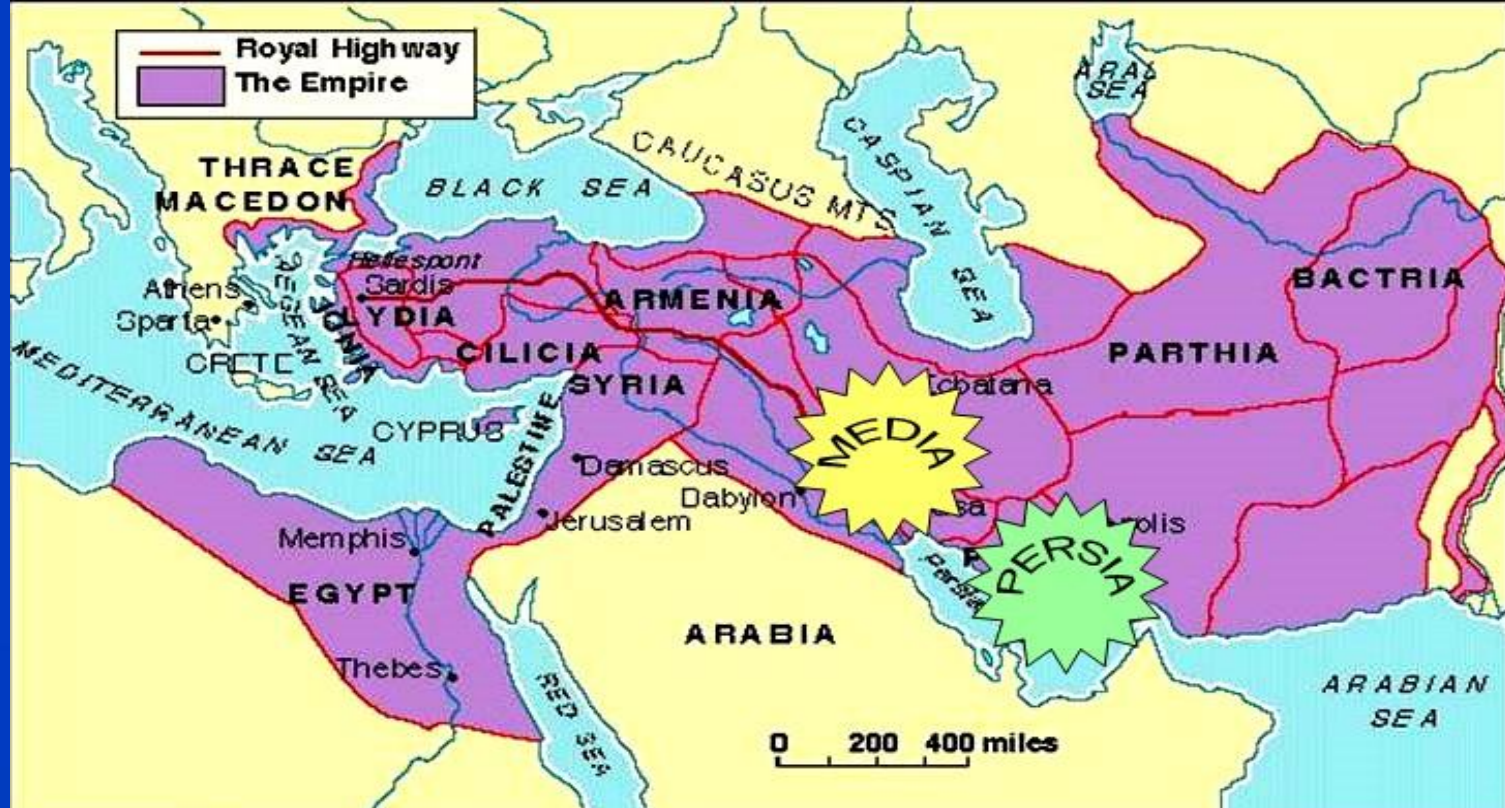
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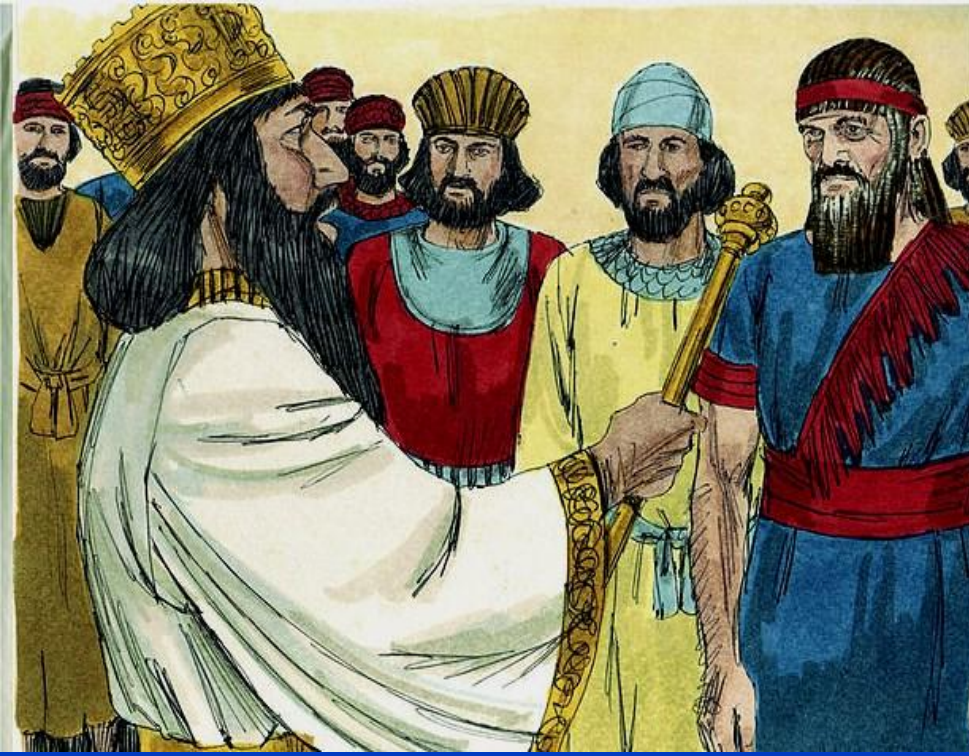
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CYRUS II

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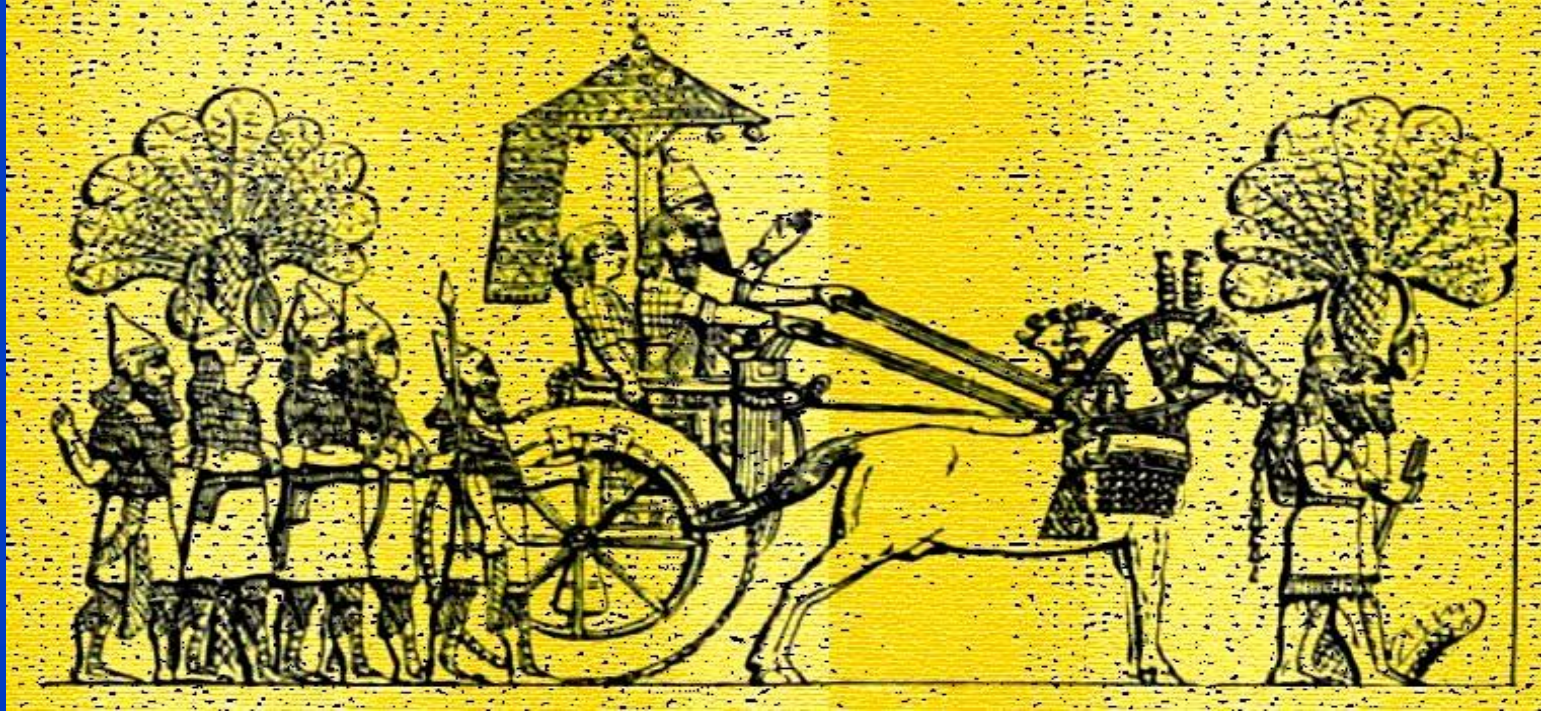




THE “LAW” MEANS THE TORAH LAW

- Darius considering making Daniel the Chief of Chiefs
- Chiefs needed to discredit Daniel, so they devised a way to force him to choose following his God’s “law” or the king’s law
- Same situation with *Shadrakh, Meshakh, and Aved-N’go*





- No prayer to anyone but Darius for 30 days (1 month)
- Darius seen as the embodiment of the gods
- The law was not strictly against Jews, but it did affect them the most since they could only acknowledge one God
- Under Media-Persian law, a law signed by the king was irrevocable
- Esther 1:19

DANIEL IGNORED THE LAW

- Daniel not trying to draw attention or be a martyr
- Synagogue tradition to face towards Jerusalem came from this passage
- Co-conspirators waited for Daniel to pray and brought him to the king
- Darius confirmed the law



CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE



IS STILL DISOBEDIENCE

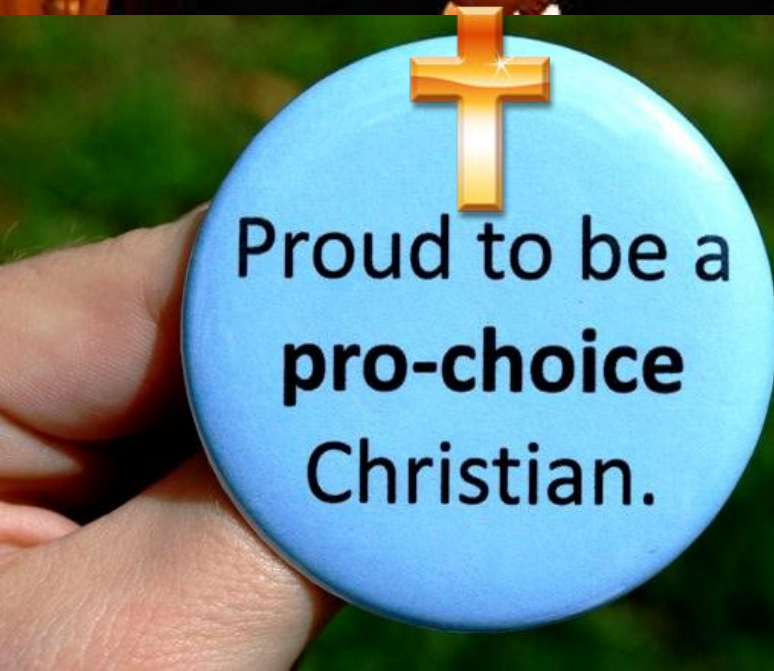
- Daniel could NOT obey God's law and the government law at the same time
- Romans 13:1 – 7 *“Everyone is to obey the governing authorities.....”*
- Mark 12:12 – 17 *“Give the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor. Give to God what belongs to God”*
- Some denominations say civil laws override God's laws so no disobedience to our government can be tolerated
- Christians in Nazi Germany turned in Jews in order to keep this Christian doctrine





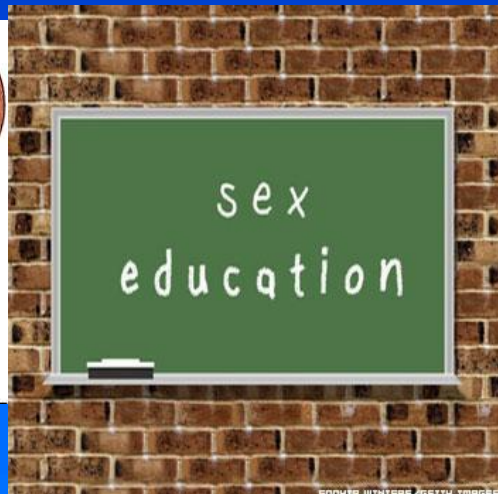
THE LAW OF THE LAND

- Canadian Pastors cannot teach against homosexuality
- In America, escalating attacks against the Church and the family
- How do we respond?
- Was Daniel wrong, legalistic and self-righteous?
- Is Daniel's response irrelevant to Christians?



HOW DO BELIEVERS DECIDE?

MORAL ISSUES



PREFERENCE, FAIRNESS & FINANCES

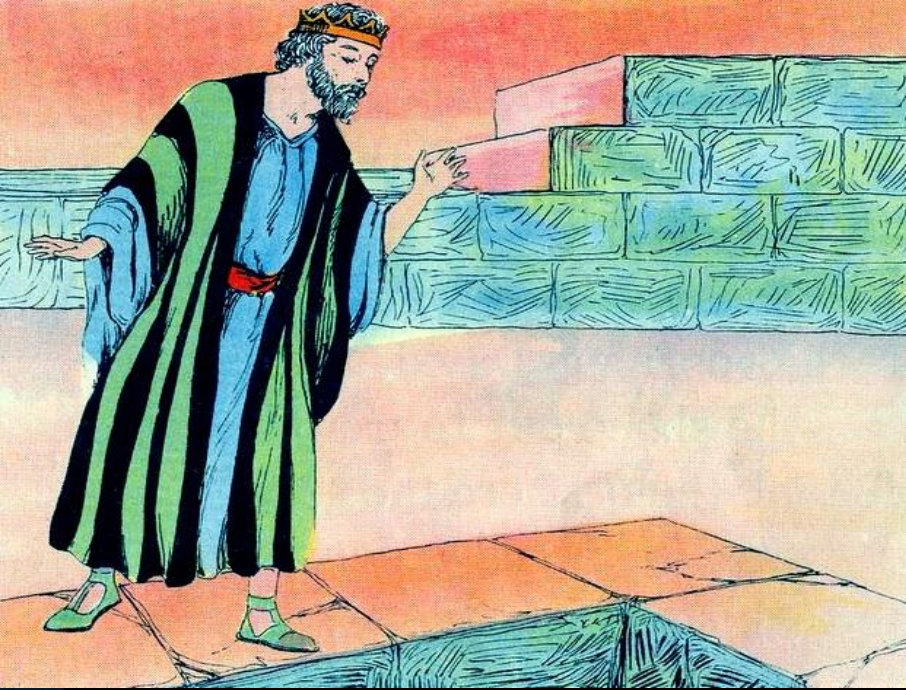




WWJD

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- Daniel and Yeshua would DISOBEY an immoral government law, and obey God instead !!
- But they would also OBEY an unjust, unfair law of the government if it was NOT immoral
- Taking up our cross means obeying God and accepting whatever the consequences
- We should NOT go looking for trouble, and should be at peace with our community as much as is possible



DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

- Darius couldn't resist the political pressure and carried out the sentence
- The King couldn't sleep or eat, so hurried out in the morning to see if Daniel had survived
- God had sent an Angel to shut up the lion's mouths and keep Daniel safe



JUSTICE IS DONE

- Daniel is innocent
- For a worshipper of God, an immoral law is no law at all
- The Lord used this situation to His Own Glory
- The accusers and all their families thrown to the lions
- This ended the accusers' blood lines

