

## Kings Darius and Cyrus

“Praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.” Daniel 4:37

**Arrange the following sentences in order by numbering them from 1 to 20**

1	Nebuchadnezzar took the Israelites to Babylon as prisoners.
	During these 70 years, <b>four kings</b> came to learn about the God of Israel.
	Because he was a proud and stubborn king, he was made to become insane and live like an animal.
	He asked Daniel, who was now his servant, to explain the meaning of a dream he had.
	The <b>first</b> king to learn about the God of Israel was Nebuchadnezzar who defeated Zedekiah, the last of the Israelite kings.
	The Israelites were held captive in Babylon for 70 years.
7	Belshazzar was the <b>next</b> king to learn about God when he came to reign after Nebuchadnezzar.
	It warned Belshazzar that he was about to lose his kingdom.
	While this king was feasting and drinking, Daniel explained some writing that appeared on the wall.
	Although they could not find any fault with Daniel, they plotted against him.
	Darius the Mede defeated Belshazzar and captured the city of Babylon. He became the <b>third</b> king to learn about God.
	King Darius liked Daniel, but other princes and nobles were jealous of him.
	This ended the Babylonian kingdom.
14	They informed King Darius that Daniel prayed to his own God and would not bow down and worship him.
	The <b>fourth</b> king to learn about God was King Cyrus of Persia.
	If anyone refused to worship Darius, they were thrown into the den of lions.
	About 50 000 Israelites returned to Palestine. They wanted to live in the land God promised to them.
	This king's heart was warmed towards the Israelites and he allowed them to return to their home in Palestine after 70 years in captivity.
	It was ordered that Daniel be thrown into the lions' den, but God protected him. So Darius learned about the power of Daniel's God.
20	They rebuilt the city and also the wonderful temple that Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed when he conquered their city.

**Review lesson 49.**

**In Nebuchadnezzar's dream:**

Who was the “head of gold”? .....

What kingdom did this head represent? .....

What kingdom was to reign next? .....

Who were the first two kings of that next kingdom? .....  
and .....