

“God’s Dream For The Ages”
Daniel 2: 1-30

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Verse 1 - 3

God gets the king's attention

Why a scary dream?

*To wake the king up to who
really rules*

God gave Nebuchadnezzar the dream, not a midnight burrito!

**God's dreams have a purpose -
*HIS PURPOSE!***

CAUTION:

With the dream or vision-a-day club - they were infrequent then and more infrequent now

God speaks through His Word!!

Nebuchadnezzar's dream was for a prophetic purpose -

The coming generations would know God's plan for planet earth -

God wants His people to know and be ready for what is coming!!

Fear not, people, everything is progressing on schedule as God desires!

“Our God is in the heavens and He does what He pleases” Psalm 115: 3

Verse 4 - 13

**The king's demonic counselors
are stymied**

A MUST KNOW:

The demonic realm cannot read your mind, they are not all knowing

Only the TRUE GOD is omniscient, all knowing!!

The demonic alibis fly (verse 10-11):

- 1) No man can do this
- 2) No king has ever asked this of the wise men before
- 3) Only the gods can answer this question

IMPORTANT: This heightens the significance of Daniel's interpretation

Enter our hero - **DANIEL** - galloping to the rescue!

Verse 14 - 19

Trouble comes to Daniel's house

Daniel's response to trouble was with counsel (*tact*) and wisdom (*command*); he was in control of his emotions!!

Daniel, *with Holy Spirit courage*, approaches the king - Proverbs 21:1

Daniel did not say this is impossible; he did not stall, he approached with confidence

Daniel is being used by God to introduce the king to the True God

Lessons:

In an impossible situation:

- 1) Be a Daniel; don't panic, trust God!!**
- 2) Get all the facts and then take action**
- 3) Involve other fervent believers and pray**
- 4) When God steps in, worship the God of heaven**

“Mature worship seeks God's face, not His hand!!” (Tony Garland)

Verse 20 - 23

Daniel bursts into praise!

*Praise God from whom all
blessings flow!!*

Daniel's worship is God-centered -
“Blessed be the Name of God”

*“The chief end of man is to glorify
God and enjoy Him forever.”*

(Westminster catechism)

“For wisdom and might are His”

wisdom = ***“hokmah”*** = knowledge
and capacity for proper
decision making

Believers have access to God’s
wisdom - **Proverbs 2: 6**

How does Godly wisdom look?

*Very different than worldly
wisdom* - **James 3: 13-17**

Verse 24 - 30

**Daniel points Nebuchadnezzar
to God**

Our main job, as an ambassador of Christ, is to point people to Jesus

Know this king, your wise men cannot help you -

Verse 28 - *“But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets”*

Nebuchadnezzar, meet the true God, *the real power behind your successes!*

Humans, so quickly, think more highly of themselves than they ought -

1 Corinthians 4: 7

The dream of the ages is this:

“ He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.”

In the end, the ***KING OF KINGS*** will crush the kingdoms of this world

Stay tuned, more next week!

CONCLUSION: *God's Dream For The Ages*

If we really knew **how great God is**, and how insignificant we really are, in comparison, we would be astounded; Nebuchadnezzar will soon learn this!

Nebuchadnezzar is learning who truly rules and we must learn who truly rules!

NEXT WEEK:
GOD'S DREAM FOR
THE AGES
CONTINUES