

3 – NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S FIRST DREAM (DANIEL 2:1-49)

I. The King's Nightmares (Daniel 2:1-16)

A. The King Dreams (Daniel 2:1)

1. The Timing of the Dreams (Daniel 2:1a)

- The dreams occurred in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

2. The Nightmares (Daniel 2:1b)

- The king had a reoccurring dream that caused him not to sleep.

B. The Meaning of the Dream Sought (Daniel 2:2-11)

1. The Wise Men are Summoned (Daniel 2:2)

- The king summoned his wise men into his presence to interpret his dream.

2. The King's Request (Daniel 2:3)

- The king stated that he was anxious to know the meaning of the dream.

3. The Wise Men's Request (Daniel 2:4)

- The wise men requested that the king tell them what he had dreamed.

4. The King's Demand (Daniel 2:5-6)

- The king demanded that they tell him what he dreamed and its interpretation.
- The king stated that they would be executed if they could not.
- The king stated that there was a great reward for the one who could tell him.

5. The Wise Men's Second Request (Daniel 2:7)

- The wise men requested again that the king tell them the dream.

6. The King's Demand Restated (Daniel 2:8-9)

- The king stated that they were stalling for time.
- The king accused them of lying to him.
- If they could tell him the dream, he will know that they have the interpretation.

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7. The Wise Men's Response (Daniel 2:10-11)

- The wise men stated that no man could do as the king requested.
- They stated that only the gods could fulfill the king's request.

C. The King's Anger (Daniel 2:12-16)

1. The Order to Destroy the Wise Men (Daniel 2:12)

- The king was filled with anger and ordered the wise men killed.

2. The Executions (Daniel 2:13a)

- The king's decree went out and they started to kill the wise men.

3. Daniel and His Friends are Sought (Daniel 2:13b)

- Because of the decree, they sought to kill Daniel and his friends.

4. Daniel's Question (Daniel 2:14-15)

- Daniel asked the captain of the guard why the decree went out.

5. Daniel's Request for Time (Daniel 2:16)

- Daniel asked the king for time so that he could tell the interpretation.

II. The Dream Revealed (Daniel 2:17-23)

A. Daniel Reports to His Friends (Daniel 2:17-18)

- Daniel called his friends to pray for God's mercy for them.

B. The Dream Revealed (Daniel 2:19a)

- The secret of the dream was revealed to Daniel in a night vision.

C. Daniel's Praise (Daniel 2:19b-23)

- Daniel praised God for revealing the dream and its interpretation.

III. Daniel Appears Before the King (Daniel 2:24-30)

A. The Request to See the King (Daniel 2:24)

- Daniel went to the captain of the guard and requested to see the king.

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B. The Captain's Report (Daniel 2:25)

- The captain brought Daniel before the king.
- He announced Daniel's intention to reveal the dream.

C. The King's Question (Daniel 2:26)

- The king asked Daniel if he is able to reveal the dream and its interpretation.

D. Daniel's Response (Daniel 2:27-30)

1. The Wise Men's Inability (Daniel 2:27)

- Daniel proclaims that the wise men could not reveal the secret of the dream.

2. God and His Purpose (Daniel 2:28-29)

- Daniel proclaims that there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets.
- This God has made known to the king what will take place in the future.

3. The Purpose for the Interpretation (Daniel 2:30)

- Daniel stated that the secret was not revealed to him because of his wisdom.
- The secret was revealed for Daniel's sake and the king's understanding.

IV. The Dream (Daniel 2:31-35)

A. The Awesome Image (Daniel 2:31)

- Daniel tells the king that he saw a great image that was splendid and awesome.

B. The Makeup of the Image (Daniel 2:32-33)

- The image had a head of gold, chest of silver and thighs of bronze.
- The image had legs of iron and feet made of an iron and clay mixture.

C. The Destruction of the Image (Daniel 2:34-35)

1. The Stone (Daniel 2:34a)

- There was a stone cut out without hands.

2. The Image Destroyed (Daniel 2:34b-35a)

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- The stone struck the feet of the image and broke them into pieces.
- The image was crushed together and blown away as chaff.

3. The Rock Becomes a Mountain (Daniel 2:35b)

- The stone became a mountain that filled the whole earth.

V. The Interpretation (Daniel 2:36-45)

A. The Interpretation Announced (Daniel 2:36)

- Daniel proclaims that he will tell the interpretation before the king.

B. The Head of Gold (Daniel 2:37-38)

- Daniel proclaims that Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom are the head of gold.

C. The Second and Third Kingdom (Daniel 2:39)

- After this another inferior kingdom will arise and another after it to rule the world.

D. The Fourth Kingdom (Daniel 2:40)

- A fourth kingdom will arise that is as strong as iron and crush all others.

E. The Feet of Clay and Iron (Daniel 2:41-43)

- The fourth kingdom will be divided.
- It will be both strong and fragile.
- Different peoples will mix together in this kingdom but they will not be united.

F. God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44)

- During the time of the divided kingdom, God will set up a kingdom.
- This kingdom will never be destroyed and is not left to other people.
- It will destroy other kingdoms and stand forever.

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G. The Certainty of the Dream (Daniel 2:45)

- Daniel tells the king that God has made known to him what will happen in the future.
- Daniel states that the dream and its interpretation are a fact.

VI. Daniel Honored (Daniel 2:46-49)

A. The King's Response (Daniel 2:46)

- The king responded by humbling himself and honoring Daniel.

B. The King's Proclamation (Daniel 2:47)

- The king proclaimed that God is the true God since he revealed this secret.

C. Daniel and His Friends Promoted (Daniel 2:48-49)

- Daniel was promoted to ruler over the province of Babylon.
- Daniel's friends were set over the affairs of Babylon.