

The Book of Daniel - Chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

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Daniel 1:17 KJV - As for these four children, **God gave them knowledge and skill** in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had **understanding in all visions and dreams**.

Exodus 35:30 NKJV - And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

Exodus 35:31 NKJV - "and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship,

Exodus 35:32 NKJV - "to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze,

Exodus 35:33 NKJV - "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship.

Exodus 35:34 NKJV - "And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, [in] him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

Exodus 35:35 NKJV - "He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet [thread], and fine linen, and of the weaver--those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

Exodus 36:1 NLT - "The LORD has gifted Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other skilled craftsmen with wisdom and ability to perform any task involved in building the sanctuary. Let them construct and furnish the Tabernacle, just as the LORD has commanded."

Proverbs 2:6 NKJV - For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth [come] knowledge and understanding;

James 1:5 NKJV - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:6 NKJV - But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

Daniel 1:18 KJV - Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 1:19 KJV - And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

Daniel 1:20 KJV - And in all matters of wisdom [and] understanding, that the king enquired of them, **he found them ten times better than all the magicians [and] astrologers that [were] in all his realm.**

Daniel 1:21 KJV - And Daniel continued [even] unto the first year of king Cyrus.

From UCG Bible Commentary on Daniel:

In verse 21, we are told that Daniel continued in the service of the Babylonian court until Cyrus of Persia conquered the empire in 539 B.C., 66 years later.

CHAPTER 2

Showing God's great power

Daniel 2:1 ESV - In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

Daniel 2:2 ESV - Then 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.

Daniel 2:3 ESV - And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."

Daniel 2:4 ESV - Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation."

Daniel 2:5 ESV - 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.

Daniel 2:6 ESV - 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."

Daniel 2:7 ESV - They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation."

Daniel 2:8 ESV - 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--

Daniel 2:9 ESV - 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."

Daniel 2:10 ESV - 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.

Daniel 2:11 ESV - 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."**

Daniel 2:12 ESV - Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.

Daniel 2:13 ESV - So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

Daniel 2:14 ESV - **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 2:15 ESV - He declared to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel.

Daniel 2:16 ESV - And **Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time**, that he might show the interpretation to the king.

Daniel 2:17 ESV - Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

Daniel 2:18 ESV - 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 2:19 ESV - Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel 2:20 ESV - **Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.**

Daniel 2:21 ESV - 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;

Daniel 2:22 ESV - he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

Daniel 2:23 ESV - 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 2:24 ESV - Therefore **Daniel went in to 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."

Daniel using wisdom dealing with Arioch

Daniel 2:25 ESV - 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."

Daniel 2:26 ESV - 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?"

Daniel 2:27 ESV - 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,

Daniel 2:28 ESV - **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**. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:

Daniel 2:29 ESV - 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**.

Daniel 2:30 ESV - 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.

Joseph had the same humble approach when God used him to interpret Pharaoh's dream:

Genesis 41:16 KJV - And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, [It is] not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

Genesis 41:25 KJV - And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh [is] one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he [is] about to do.

Genesis 41:39 KJV - And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, [there is] none so discreet and wise as thou [art]:

Daniel 2:31 ESV - "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening.

Daniel 2:32 ESV - The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze,

Daniel 2:33 ESV - its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

Daniel 2:34 ESV - As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Daniel 2:35 ESV - Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

From UCG Bible Commentary on Daniel:

This fact is important to understand, for it shows that the Kingdom of God is a literal kingdom to be set up on earth—the fifth and final kingdom in succession—and not some ethereal sentiment set up in men's hearts, as many believe the Kingdom of God to be.

While most biblical scholars agree that the stone from heaven refers to the Messiah coming to set up His Kingdom, there are differing views about when it occurs. Some claim that "these kings" mentioned in verse 44 refers to the four preceding kingdoms with the stone representing Jesus Christ's first coming during the days of the first-century Roman Empire. Others view the toes as representing 10 nations extant at the end time in a loose federation (the brittle mixture) as a final resurrection of the Roman Empire (compare [Revelation 17:12-14](#)). The latter is the correct meaning. The Roman Empire has continued intermittently throughout history since its official fall in A.D. 476. The darkest and most ominous revival will exist on the world scene at the time of Christ's return.

Daniel 2:36 ESV - "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.

Daniel 2:37 ESV - You, O king, the king of kings, **to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory,**

Daniel 2:38 ESV - and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold.

Daniel 2:39 ESV - Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you,
and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

Daniel 2:40 ESV - And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.

Daniel 2:41 ESV - And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.

Daniel 2:42 ESV - And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.

Daniel 2:43 ESV - As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.

Daniel 2:44 ESV - And **in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed**, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,

Revelation 17:12 KJV - And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Revelation 17:13 KJV - These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Revelation 17:14 KJV - These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.



Daniel 2:45 ESV - just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. **A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this.** The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

Jesus Christ is the "Rock" that destroys and breaks those earthly kingdoms into dust:

1 Corinthians 10:4 KJV - And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Psalms 18:2 KJV - The LORD [is] my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, [and] my high tower.

Matthew 16:18 KJV - And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

From AMPLIFIED TRANSLATION: "And I say to you that you are Peter [*Gr petros, a small or detached stone*], and on this rock [*Gr petra, bedrock or a huge rock*]. Jesus uses a simple play on the Greek words *petros* and *petra* in this verse. Throughout the N.T. Christ is clearly depicted as both the foundation *petra* and chief cornerstone of the church. Here He praises Peter for his accurate confession of faith in Him as Messiah. Peter explains the role of believers as "living

stones" in the church which is built on Christ as the foundation and cornerstone (1 Pet 2:5, 6).] I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (death)[The physical death of Christ will not hinder the establishment of the church nor will death overtake the church.] will not overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ].

Romans 9:33 KJV - As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Ephesians 2:20 KJV - And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone];

1 Peter 2:5 KJV - Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:6 KJV - Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

1 Peter 2:7 KJV - Unto you therefore which believe [he is] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1 Peter 2:8 KJV - And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Daniel 2:46 ESV - Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him.

Daniel 2:47 ESV - 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.**"

Daniel 2:48 ESV - 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.

Daniel 2:49 ESV - 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.

Additional Resources:

UCG Bible Commentary on Daniel

<https://www.ucg.org/learn/bible-commentary/beyond-today-bible-commentary-daniel/daniel-118-249>

UCG Bible Study Guide: The Final Superpower

<https://www.ucg.org/learn/bible-study-aids/final-superpower>

