

DANIEL: WHEN CULTURES COLLIDE

Give God Credit

Daniel 2

A _____ Demand (1-13)

1 One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep.

2 He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, 3 he said, "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means."

5 But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble!

10 The astrologers replied to the king, "No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer!

11 The king's demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream, and they do not live here among people."

12 The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed.

13 And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.

A _____ On God (14-18)

14 When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion.

15 He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened.

16 Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.

17 Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened.

18 He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.

Isaiah 8:19 Someone may say to you, "Let's ask the mediums and those who consult the spirits of the dead. With their whisperings and mutterings, they will tell us what to do." But shouldn't people ask God for guidance? Should the living seek guidance from the dead?

20 Look to God's instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark.

The _____ Of God (19-28)

19 That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven.

20 He said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power.

21 He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.

22 He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light.

23 I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded."

26 The king said to Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?"

27 Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret.

28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed.

Daniel _____ The Meaning Of The Dream (29-45)

31 "In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight.

32 The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze,

33 its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay.

34 As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits.

35 The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.

44 “During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever.

45 That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain.”

The Rise Of _____ Kingdoms

Gold Head (Babylon) 605-539 B.C.

Silver Chest & Arms (Medes & Persians) 539-331 B.C.

Bronze Belly & Thigh (Greeks) 331-146 B.C.

Iron Legs (Romans) 146 B.C. - 395 A.D.

Iron & Clay Feet (?)

The Rise Of The _____ Kingdom

Psalm 118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.

Luke 20:17 Jesus looked at them and said, “Then what does this Scripture mean? ‘The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’

18 Everyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.”

Acts 4:10 Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.

11 For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’

12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

Daniel Is _____ (46-49)

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar threw himself down before Daniel and worshiped him, and he commanded his people to offer sacrifices and burn sweet incense before him.

47 The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret."

48 Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men.

49 At Daniel's request, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be in charge of all the affairs of the province of Babylon, while Daniel remained in the king's court.

Four Lessons To Learn

Without God The Future Is _____

When Trouble Comes Put Your _____ In God

No Matter What Happens _____ Honor God

God's Kingdom Will Exist _____