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Daniel 2:1-4 (ESV)

¹ In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar, [he] had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. ² Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans...tell the king his dreams. So they...stood before the king. ⁴ Then the Chaldeans said...in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell ... the dream, and we will show the interpretation."

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Daniel 2:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ The king answered ...the Chaldeans,
“The word...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. ¹⁰ The Chaldeans
answered ... “There is not a man on
earth who can meet the king’s
demand...¹¹ ... no one can show it ...
except the gods, whose dwelling is
not with flesh.”

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Daniel 2:12-18 (ESV)

¹² ... the king was angry ...and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch...¹⁶ And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king. ¹⁷ Then Daniel ... made the matter known to ... his companions, ¹⁸ and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven

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Daniel 2:19-22 (ESV)

¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. ... ²⁰

Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ²¹

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom ... and ...understanding; ²² he reveals ... hidden things...and the light dwells with him.

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Daniel 2:23-25 (ESV)

²³ 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... the king's matter." ...

²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king ... "Are you able to make known to me the dream ... and its interpretation?"

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Daniel 2:27,28 (ESV)

²⁷ Daniel answered ... “No wise men, enchanter, magicians, or astrologers can show ...the mystery ...²⁸ 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 2:1-28

“Nebuchadnezzar’s Nightmare”

Babylonian Empire 606-536 BC



Theme:

- When you know who you **are** you can stand before kings as God's ambassadors.



Babylon then & now



Neb.: “I can’t sleep!” (2:1-15)

- He had a dream that troubled his spirit.
- Plan “A”: He called in the ...
 - **Magicians**: Used charts & formulas to answer
 - **Conjurers**: Cast spells to control things
 - **Sorcerers**: “Contacted” the dead for information
 - **Chaldeans**: Spokesmen / leaders



Neb.: “I can’t sleep!” (2:1-15)

- He threatened them with death if they didn’t tell the dream *and* interpretation.
- They admitted no one could do it.
- Nebuchadnezzar ordered them killed.



Daniel: “I’ll help you” (2:16-26)

- Daniel asked the king for time & God for mercy.
- He had learned to stand, deciding beforehand to trust God with Neb.
- God revealed the *dream* in a *vision*.
- Daniel blessed God:
 - For His wisdom & power
 - That He changes times and kings
 - For giving Daniel wisdom & power.

Daniel: “I’ll help you” (2:16-26)

- Nebuchadnezzar’s goal: Use Daniel for his own power.
- God’s goal: Use Daniel to bless & deliver & show His plan into the future.
- “Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone, dare to have a purpose firm, dare to make it known.” P.P. Bliss

Daniel: “There is a God in Heaven” (2:27,28)

- The “gods” failed the Chaldeans.
- 4 spiritual flaws: “You will be like God”
 - “You shall not die”
 - “You will know good and evil”
 - “Your eyes will be opened.”



Daniel: “There is a God in Heaven” (2:27,28)

- The God in heaven is in charge. He has told me what will happen in the latter days.
- There is a God in heaven.
 - Sense His presence
 - Surrender to His authority & plan