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*King Nebuchadnezzar was troubled by dreams. Explore [Daniel 2](#) and how the LORD granted great favor to Daniel and his friends.*

## **Recap of Daniel 1: Steadfastness in love and faith**

[Daniel 1](#) highlighted the stark contrast between the godly faith of the young captives and the Babylonian culture. King Nebuchadnezzar and his staff tried their hardest to impose their pagan, polytheistic culture upon the Hebrew youth.

While Daniel, Hannah, Mishael, and Azariah did learn the Chaldean language and did learn about the Babylonian ways, they did not internalize it. They remained steadfast in their love for and commitment to God Most High, the only True God, the God of Israel.

## **King Nebuchadnezzar was troubled**

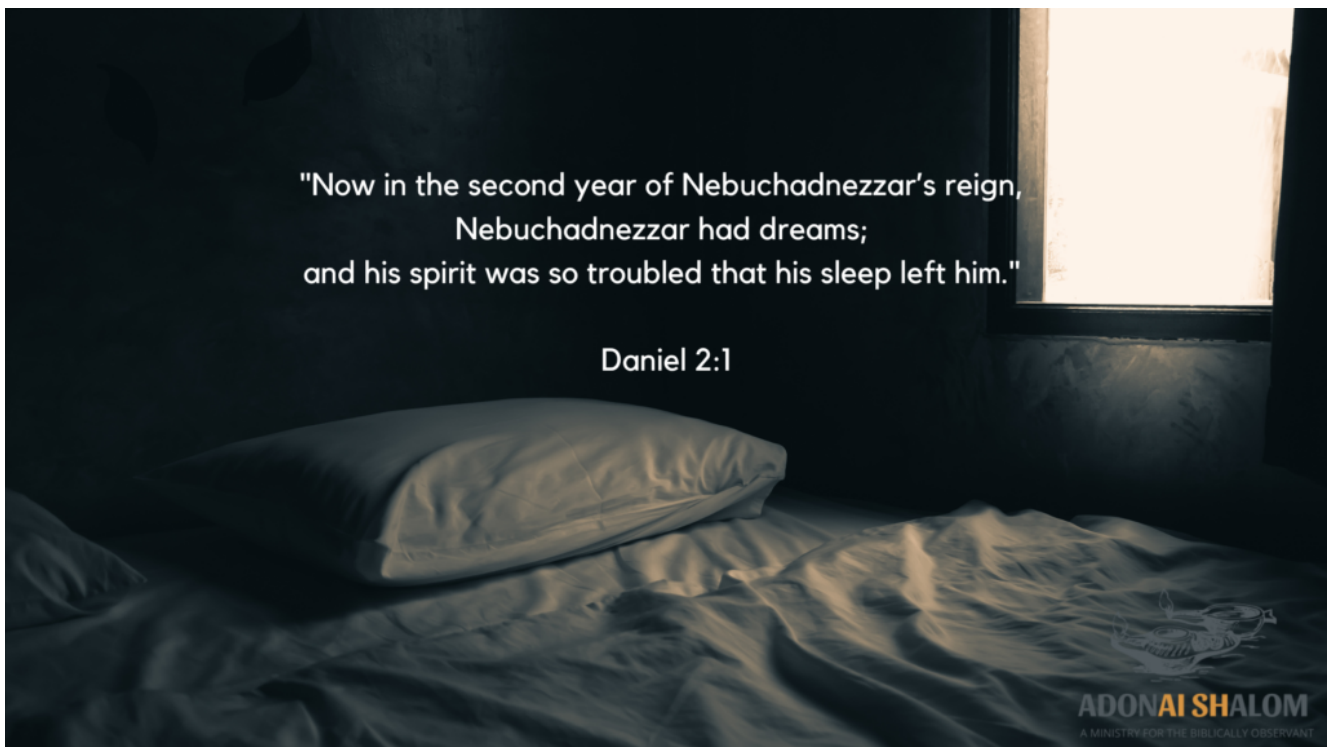
Daniel tells us in [Daniel chapter 2](#) that Nebuchadnezzar was troubled by vivid dreams.

# [Daniel 2:1](#)

## Nebuchadnezzar's Troubling Dreams

[Daniel 2:1](#) identifies Nebuchadnezzar's dreams as having happened in the second year of his reign. This would be 603BC. In the Near East, there were different customs for the counting of years. Daniel preferred a whole year system, whereas Jeremiah counted part of a year as a full year. This has led to some people concluding that the Bible has discrepancies, but it does not.

["Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him." Daniel 2:1](#)



King Nebuchadnezzar was troubled because he had the weight of the world on his shoulders. Babylon was an enormous, prosperous empire and Nebuchadnezzar planned to keep it that way.

If we jump ahead to [Daniel 2:29](#), we see that Daniel recognizes that the king was thinking at night when he was laying down in

bed – worried about the future:

[“As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this . . .” Daniel 2:29](#)

King Nebuchadnezzar struggled with psychological issues, and here we see signs of anxiety and insomnia that will increase throughout the book of Daniel.

## [\*\*Daniel 2:2\*\*](#)

### **The “Wisdom” of Babylon: Magic, Astrology, & Sorcery**

[“Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.” Daniel 2:2](#)

King Nebuchadnezzar brought together his arsenal: those he considered “wise” enough, and really “spiritual” enough to decipher the vivid dreams he was experiencing:

1. Magicians – magicians are illusionists. They trick you and play the games of the dark arts. In 1877, François Lenormant, a French assyriologist, published a book titled [“Chaldean Magic: Its Origin and Development.”](#) He studied a translation of a large tablet found in Nineveh’s royal palace (modern day Iraq) which contained [“28 formulas of deprectory incantations against evil spirits, the effects of sorcery, disease, and the principal misfortunes that attack people in the course of daily life.”](#) According to the [Thomas Nelson NKJV Study Bible](#), the word translated as “magicians” literally refers to those who “use the pen” – people who were very learned in the “sacred” writings of the

- Babylonians. They would write out their incantations.
2. Astrologers – astrologers studied the stars. Did you know that the Babylonians invented the modern horoscope? Capricorn and Sagittarius . . . the Babylonians invented the 12 signs of the zodiac and relied on their interpretation of the planetary alignments and constellations to predict outcomes. Astrologers served as priests in the Babylonian religion so they used the zodiac signs to attempt to determine the will of the gods.
  3. Sorcerers – these are the witches and warlocks of Babylon. They would use satanic spells and incantations, amulets, and rituals of the dead to invoke demonic influences. They genuinely “received power from evil spirits” (*NKJV Study Bible*).
  4. and Chaldeans – here Chaldeans is probably referring to a select group of Chaldean advisors (who likewise would have been well-educated in the Babylonian customs

The king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, insisted that the magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers present themselves before him to tell what the king had dreamed.

Those who were accustomed to creating fear through their sorcery would now be very fearful of whether or not they would be able to correctly guess and describe Nebuchadnezzar’s mystery dreams.

Nebuchadnezzar was known as a brutal king and any misstep could merit execution.

## [Daniel 2:3](#)

### **Nebuchadnezzar’s Anxiety**

[“And the king said to them, “I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream.” Daniel 2:3](#)

Nebuchadnezzar did not have a relationship with God that could provide peace to his troubled soul. His dreams caused him to be unsettled and anxious.

However, notice that the Bible is talking about dreams, not “terrors of the night” or “nightmares.” The dream impacted Nebuchadnezzar enough that he wanted an interpretation, but this was a God-given dream.

Nightmares come from the evil one. While what God might reveal to us may be unsettling at times, he is not the author of confusion nor of fear.

## [Daniel 2:4-6](#)

### **Fake confidence and the king's brutality**

[“Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation.” The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, \*\*you shall be cut in pieces\*\*, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation.”Daniel 2:4-6, \*emphasis added\*](#)

“O king, live forever” was their way of saying, “Long live the king!” The Chaldean advisors praised their earthly king in an effort to keep him appeased and at least fake some confidence.

King Nebuchadnezzar wanted relief from his distress so badly that he made a firm decision regarding the consequence should those summoned before him fail to correctly identify the dream and its interpretation: he would have them cut into pieces and their homes burned.

There was an ancient practice of dismembering bodies and so

this is what the king is referring to when he says anyone who doesn't know the dream will be chopped up. (See [1 Samuel 15:33](#), [Daniel 3:29](#))

On the flip side, if the advisors could provide what the king wanted, King Nebuchadnezzar promised to reward them well.

## **Daniel 2:7-13**

### **The Chaldean advisors admit their limitations**

"They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation." The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation."

The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them." Daniel 2:7-13

King Nebuchadnezzar's advisors realized the peril of their situation. They asked the king to at least reveal the dream so they could provide their interpretation.

However, King Nebuchadnezzar would make it very obvious that

the sorcerers and magicians were not as powerful as perhaps they wanted him to believe. He replied to them that if they had the ability to identify his dream he would trust that they had the power to give the interpretation.

The Chaldean advisors would have been panicking at this point. They admit that no one could possibly know the dream “except the gods.”

Living up to his harsh reputation, King Nebuchadnezzar ordered all the wise men of Babylon killed. Daniel and his friends have not been mentioned in this chapter until now, but they were considered among the Chaldean wise men and were therefore about to be killed.

In another sign of King Nebuchadnezzar’s questionable mental state, his desperation causes him to fixate on wanting to kill the very people who could potentially give him his answer. He demonstrates very self-destructive behavior.

## [Daniel 2:14-18](#)

### **Daniel & Arioch**

[“Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king’s guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon; he answered and said to Arioch the king’s captain, “Why is the decree from the king so urgent?” Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.](#)

[So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.” Daniel 2:14-18](#)



Young Daniel spoke with the captain of the king's guard, a man named Arioch. □□□ The name Arioch in both Hebrew and Aramaic indicates a meaning like "Lion-like," an appropriate name for a military leader.

Daniel approached Arioch with "counsel" and "wisdom." He didn't know why the decree was so "urgent"/"harsh," but Arioch filled him in on what was going on.

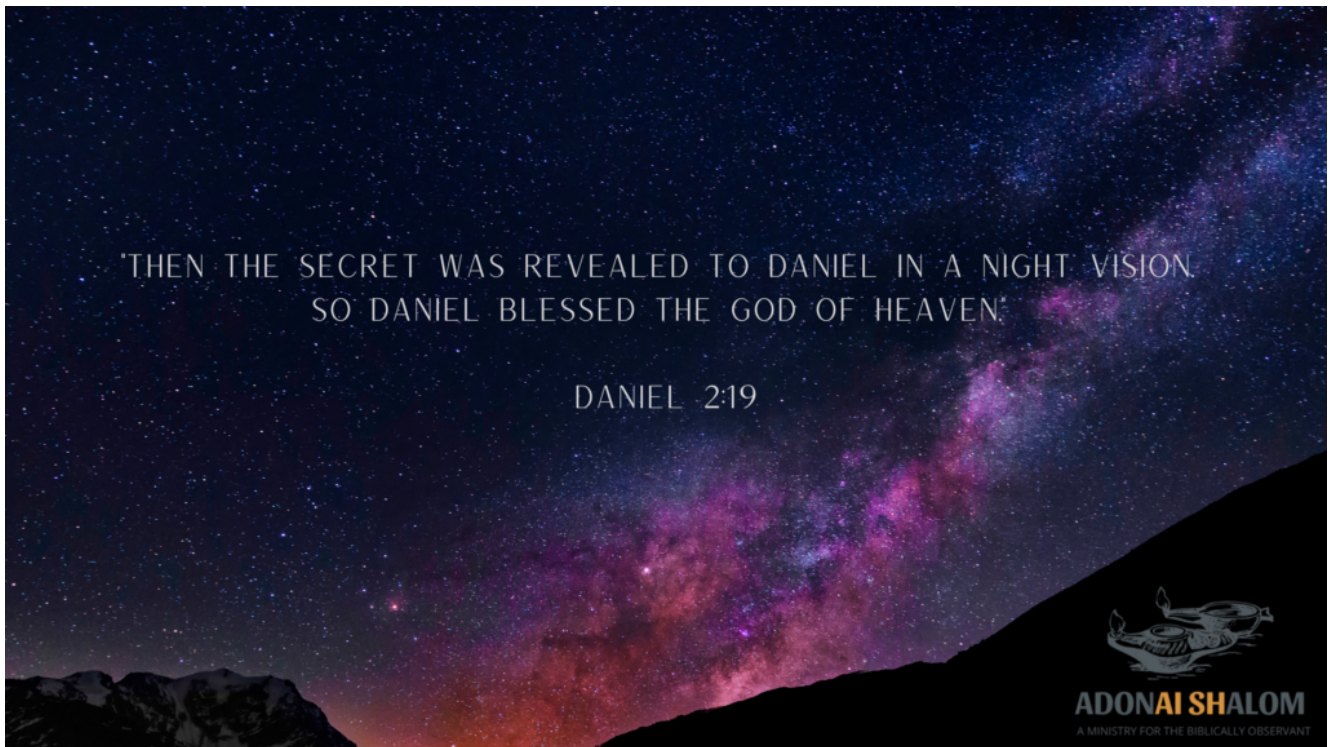
Daniel had enough favor to proceed to go directly to the king to ask him for some time to fulfill the king's request. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah sought "mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret" and prayed that they would not be killed along with the others.

Whenever you face a challenge or need God's direction, seek His mercies! Pray! Your very first line of attack should be as a prayer warrior!

## **Daniel 2:19**

### **An Answer to Prayer**

"Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven." Daniel 2:19



Daniel's leadership in prayer and consistent faithfulness to pursuing God's will and way resulted in God granting him supernatural favor. Daniel received a vision in the night that revealed the secret dream.

## **Dream and Visions**

Do you notice in [verse 19](#) that the Bible says Daniel received a night vision?

Normally, visions are understood as occurring during the day, while dreams occur at night.

I believe God wants us to notice that Daniel had been awake. He was seeking God with all his might and the Lord gave him a vision.

## **[Daniel 2:20-23](#)**

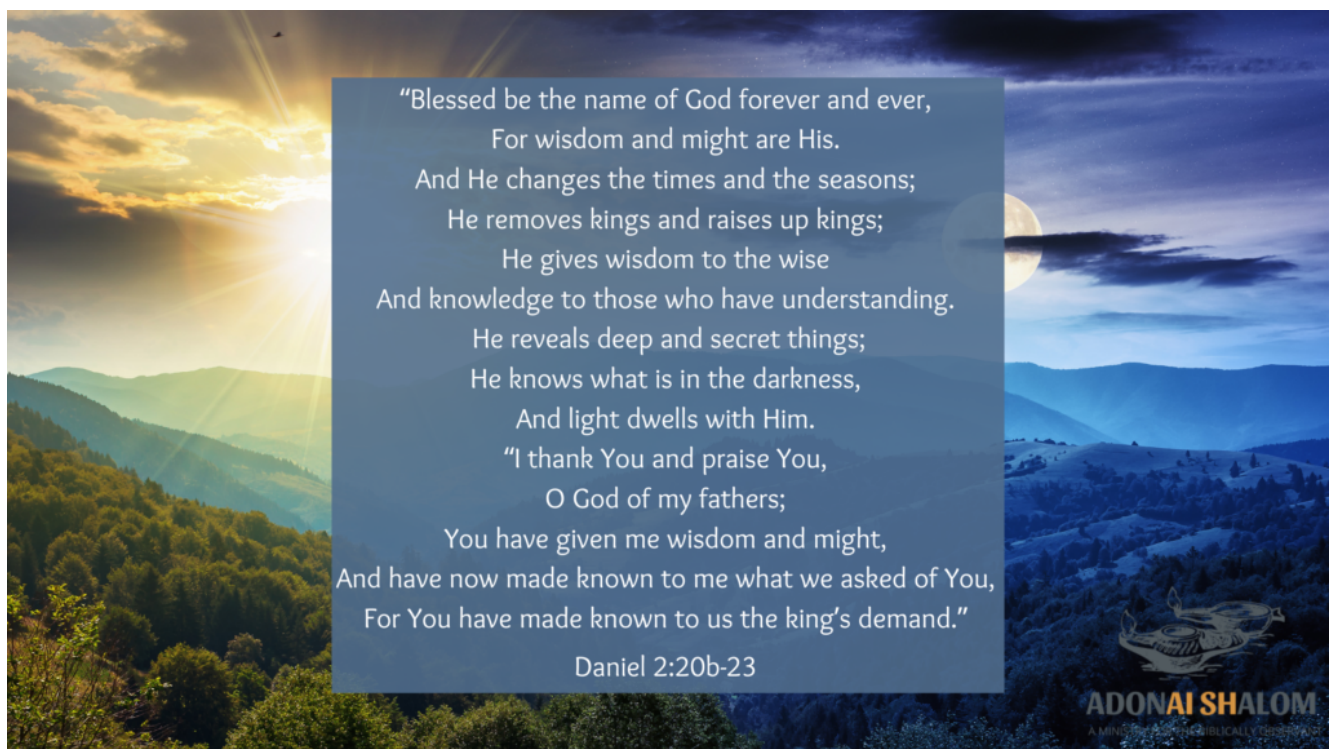
### **Daniel praises the God of his fathers**

[Daniel answered and said:](#)

["Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,](#)

For wisdom and might are His.  
And He changes the times and the seasons;  
He removes kings and raises up kings;  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
And knowledge to those who have understanding.  
He reveals deep and secret things;  
He knows what is in the darkness,  
And light dwells with Him.

“I thank You and praise You,  
O God of my fathers;  
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 demand.” Daniel  
2:20-23



## **Praise and Prayer = Results**

Daniel very naturally praised the God of His fathers.

When Daniel says, “Blessed be the Name of God forever and ever.” The construction in Aramaic could also be translated, “Let God’s Name be blessed/praised forever and ever.” It is

clear that Daniel is exalting God and inviting others to do the same.

He gives reasons: because wisdom and might belong to God.

And God is the one who changes the times and seasons (times and seasons will become very important as we continue along in Daniel). God has power over the weather and the days and the times; God is ultimately King over all the kings of the earth and He removes them and raises new ones up.

God alone is Wise and All-Knowing. He gives wisdom and knowledge to those who are wise and have understanding. Notice – he “gives wisdom to the wise” and “knowledge to those who have understanding” – already. Daniel is talking about increase. Those who already have some wisdom and knowledge will receive still more, but he is not saying that God is giving wisdom to the unwise or knowledge to those lacking understanding. God has chosen to give increase to those who understand.

**In Babylon, this would have been a controversial position.** Daniel is making the claim that the wise in the kingdom are not wise due to their own wisdom and knowledge nor did their insights come from the Babylonian deities. God alone holds true wisdom and knowledge.

Likewise, God alone can reveal deep and secret things.

Though we cannot see in the darkness, God knows what is there and He illuminates all because Light dwells within Him. He is the Light of the world!

Daniel is thankful and acknowledges that God has given him wisdom and might (or strength). He is thankful that God answers prayer and has made known to him and his friends the king's demand.

## [Daniel 2:24-27](#)

### **Daniel before the king**

[Therefore Daniel went 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; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."](#)

[Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."](#)

[The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"](#)

[Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king."](#)

[But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: \(Daniel 2:24-27\)](#)

Arioch the military commander must have had a pretty good relationship with Daniel. Remember, Arioch is the same man who filled in Daniel about what was happening with the killings of the Chaldean wise men.

This time Daniel filled in Arioch on some important news: Daniel told him that he knew the interpretation and asked Arioch to bring him before King Nebuchadnezzar.

Arioch responded quickly. He knew the urgency and gravity of the matter because lives were at stake. Without the interpretation, Arioch himself would have to continue to carry

out the king's orders to kill all of the wise men of Babylon. [Daniel 2:25](#) says Arioch *quickly* brought Daniel before King Nebuchadnezzar.

I find it interesting that Arioch specifies here that the man who has the interpretation is one of the "captives of Judah." It seems Arioch supports Daniel because he does not suggest that Daniel "might" know the interpretation, but rather says with certainty: "who *will* make known to the king the interpretation."

King Nebuchadnezzar asks Daniel (Belteshazzar) directly if he is able to describe the dream and to give the interpretation.

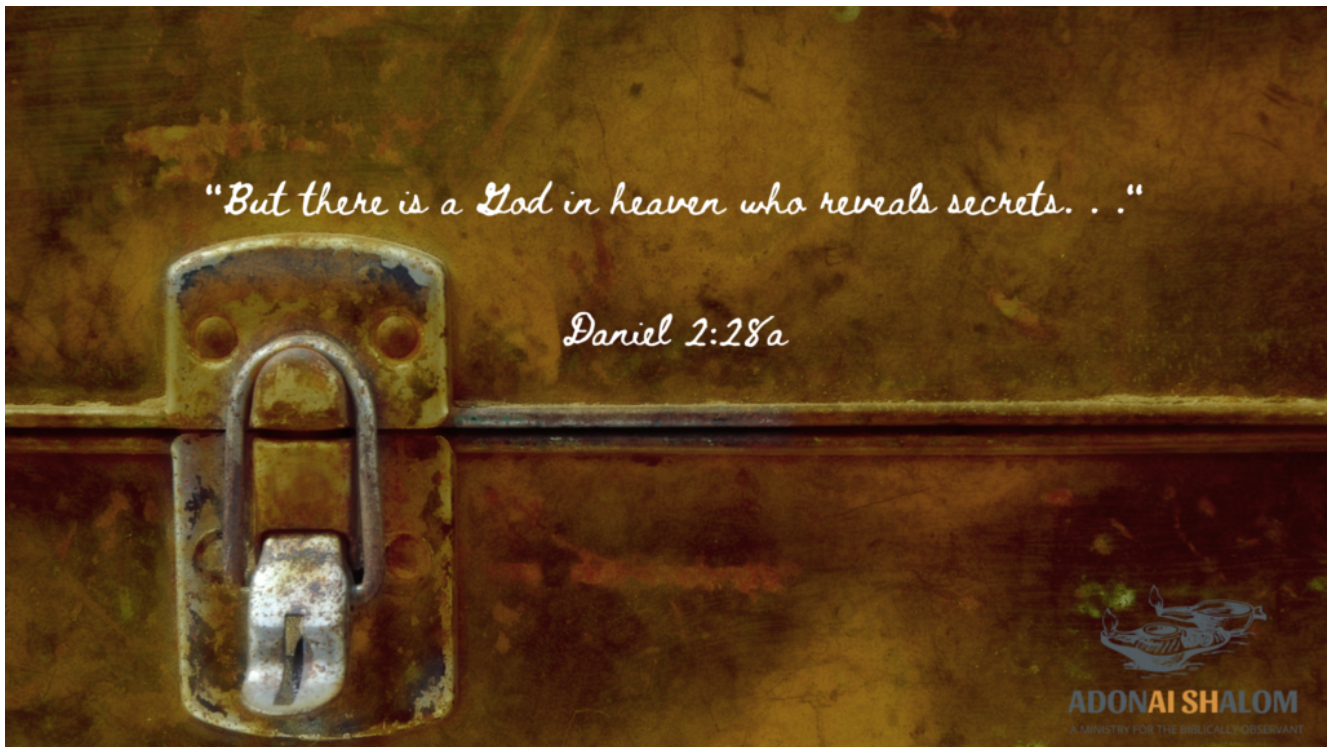
Daniel boldly affirms that he has this ability because of His relationship with the God of heaven. Daniel begins by reminding the king that his wise men and astrologers and magicians and soothsayers have been unable to reveal the king's secret dream.

And then Daniel makes a faith statement. He does not believe in the polytheism of King Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon. He declares "there is a God in heaven."

One God.

Above all else.

["But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets. . ."](#) [Daniel 2:28a](#), *emphasis added*



Daniel proceeds to inform the King of Babylon that the God of Heaven has revealed the mystery dream. ***Daniel is making quite the claim:*** that his God – the God of the Judean captives – is indeed the Omniscient, All-Powerful God and that Daniel will serve as His spokesman for a prophetic word that will reveal what will happen in the future.

Daniel begins:

## **Daniel 2:29-30**

### **The mystery revealed to save lives**

"As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart." Daniel 2:29-30

The Chaldean culture was very focused on their view of "wisdom."

So Daniel makes very clear that although he is counted among the wise, it was not because of his human wisdom that he was able to ascertain the secret dream.

God alone, All-Merciful and All-Knowing chose to reveal the dream to Daniel to spare the lives of the wise men (particularly those of Judean descent). God loves the Chaldean and the Judean: He wants all to learn of Him and trust in His ways. God also loves King Nebuchadnezzar! In His mercy, God wants King Nebuchadnezzar to understand the dream he was given and have time to repent.

## **Daniel 2:31-35**

### **Nebuchadnezzar's dream in detail**

"You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome.

This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found.

And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." Daniel 2:31-35



## Daniel 2:36-45

# The interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream

Daniel with his friends had prayed for revelation and the interpretation together. Daniel included them in the presentation of the interpretation. The dream was a revelation about four kingdoms represented by an image comprised of four metals.

Ultimately, this is an end times revelation about world empires and the return of Christ.

<sup>36</sup> "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

<sup>37</sup> You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

<sup>38</sup> and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold.

<sup>39</sup> But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

<sup>40</sup> And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

<sup>41</sup> Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay

and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

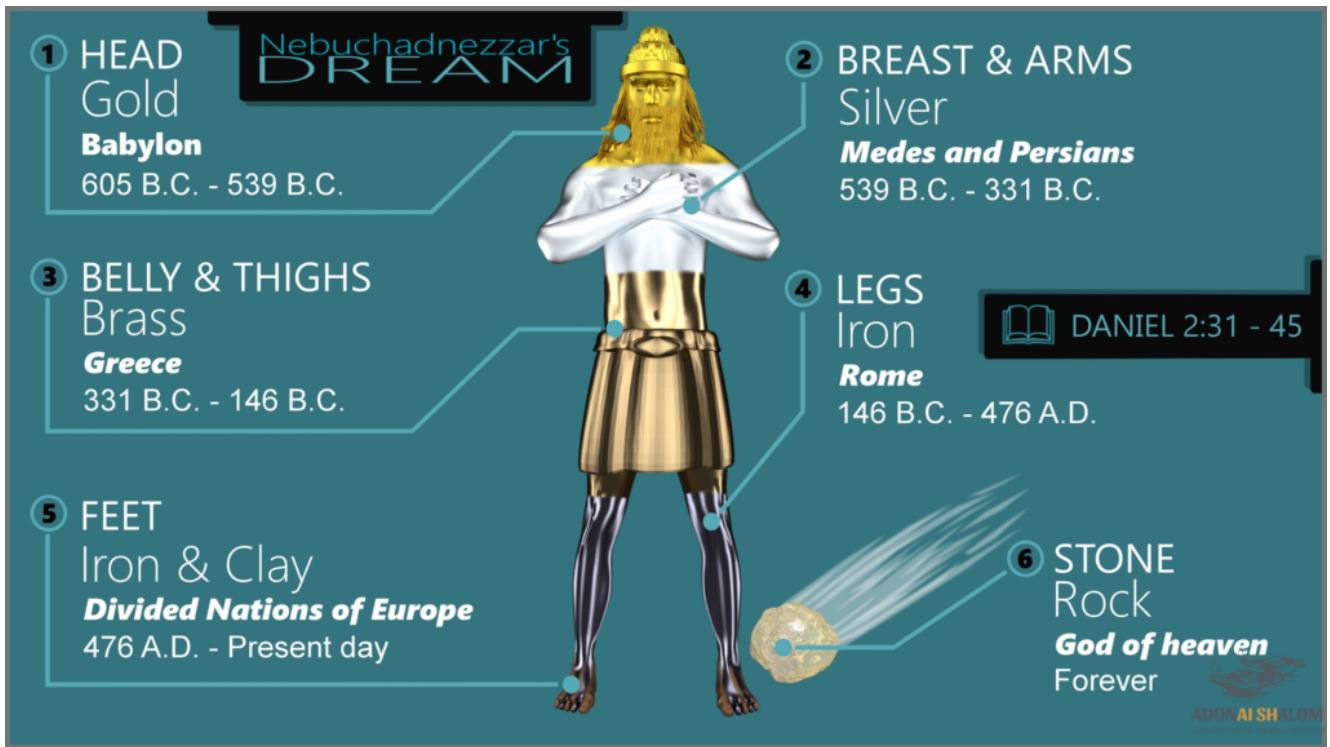
<sup>42</sup> And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

<sup>43</sup> As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

<sup>44</sup> And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

<sup>45</sup> Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” (Daniel 2:36-45) *(emphases added)*

I found an illustration that you may find helpful. I believe “bronze” is a bit more accurate than “brass,” but besides this small detail, the rest of this illustration seems accurate:



Notice that while gold would be prized as most valuable, the four materials associated with the different empires go down in value but up in strength.

## The First Kingdom

It is revealed to King Nebuchadnezzar that he is the head of a series of kingdoms. King Nebuchadnezzar has achieved great wealth and fame, a "king of kings." It is generally accepted that the first kingdom depicted by the dream is Babylon.

## The Second Kingdom

### Medo-Persian Empire

The next kingdom would be inferior, but still strong. This refers to the Medo-Persian empire. Persia today is known as Iran. The Medes were from Media, a city important to the Islamic people of Iran. Today, the descendants of the Medes are likely the Kurds of Iraq. The people of Media joined together with the Persians (like the image describes the two arms and chest).

# King Cyrus and the gates of bronze and bars of iron

King Cyrus was the ruler of the Medo-Persian Empire.

We can find out more about him in [Isaiah 45:1-4](#)

“Thus says the Lord to His anointed,  
To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—  
To subdue nations before him  
And loose the armor of kings,  
To open before him the double doors,  
So that the gates will not be shut:  
‘I will go before you  
And make the crooked places straight;

I will break in pieces the gates of bronze  
And cut the bars of iron.  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
And hidden riches of secret places,

That you may know that I, the Lord,  
Who call you by your name,  
Am the God of Israel.  
For Jacob My servant’s sake,  
And Israel My elect,  
I have even called you by your name;  
I have named you, though you have not known Me.” (Isaiah 45:1-4) *(emphases added)*

This passage reveals to us that Cyrus, a Gentile king, did not know the God of Israel yet God was using him to bless Israel. Notice the references to breaking the gates of bronze and the bars of iron – components of the future kingdoms.

The Medo-Persian Empire was conquered by Alexander the Great,

a Macedonian (Greek) in 331BC.

## **The Third Kingdom**

### **Grecian Empire**

The third kingdom is represented by bronze. This refers to the Greek (or "*Grecian*") Empire. The military of Greece may have used bronze for their armor and weaponry.

### **Alexander the Great**

In 336BC, Alexander the Great conquered Greece and very rapidly extended the empire to the edges of the known world at that time, including the conquering of the Medo-Persian empire. The Grecian Empire extended as far south as Egypt, east to Syria and Persia, and all the way to the border of Pakistan with India. Alexander's military might was so ferociously successful that it is said that at one point Alexander wept because he couldn't think of any more places to conquer in his quest for world domination.

Although Greece was a strong empire, its division into warring city-states weakened it over time and Greece eventually fell to Rome in 146BC following the Macedonian wars.

## **The Fourth Kingdom**

### **Roman Empire**

The fourth kingdom is represented by iron. This represents Rome, the last significant world empire. The Bible describes the image in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream as having two iron legs ([Daniel 2:33](#)).

The two legs could represent division, in that Rome became divided between the Eastern and Western empire

(Constantinople/Byzantium vs. Rome/Mediterranean).

**Rome's influence has lasted even to our time.**

Roman architecture still very much influences our own government buildings.

The concepts of having a senate, courts, and military codes of ethics, tactics, and strategies all came from Rome.

Have you ever considered the names we use for rulers and kings?

Caesar has morphed into "kaiser" in German and "czar" in Russian.

I find it to be fascinating!

## **Feet of iron and clay**

Rome stood tall, but began to crumble just as the feet in the image show an unstable mixture of iron and clay. No other world leader has ever been as strong as the earlier kingdoms. There are several different opinions as to what exactly the feet represent. Many would agree it refers to the divided countries of Europe.

A very recent article posted by one of my favorite ministries, [One for Israel](#), was so timely! The article is titled, "[Daniel and the dream: Feet of iron and clay.](#)" I was finishing up my study of [Daniel 1](#) when their study of [Daniel 2](#) popped up on my social media feed. God is good!

I was intrigued by a question raised in the article: ***"Could it be that the feet of iron and clay might be the Islamic colonialism that has taken so much ground, and its uneasy alliance with the cloying humanism that has overrun the west?"*** ([One for Israel, Feb.12, 2024](#)).

The [article](#) is definitely worth your time in reading as your

study this passage in [Daniel 2](#). Check it out!

## Toes

The feet of the statue image are divided into toes. The NKJV Study Bible considers the perspective that “the Roman Empire will one day be revived ([v.41](#)), will be ruled over by 10 rulers ([the toes of v.42](#)), will feud over internal problems ([v.43](#)), will witness the return of Jesus Christ ([v.44](#)) and will be destroyed by Christ at the Second Coming ([v.45](#)).”

## The Stone and God’s Eternal Kingdom

While the kings of this earth vie for power and supremacy, God reveals that He will set up His Kingdom in the midst of all that chaos. The stone cut out “without hands” refers to the supernatural work of Christ and His eternal kingdom. [“The stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” Daniel 2:35c](#) For more about uncut stones and their spiritual significance, see [Joshua 8:30-31](#).

As the seraphim cry out in [Isaiah 6:3c](#): [“The whole earth is full of His glory!”](#)

Daniel concludes his interpretation with God-given confidence: the dream is certain and its interpretation is sure.

**Just as Daniel predicted, these empires did indeed rise and fall in the precise order given in the dream and interpretation.**

Jesus came to dismantle the world’s empires and to set up the indestructible eternal Kingdom of God! ([Daniel 2:44](#))

## The Second Coming of Christ

The dream reveals that there would never be another world empire as great as Rome. Rome was the last great kingdom.

There would be four empires that would rule the world (and fall) before the return of our Messiah.

This means, His return is imminent!

## [Daniel 2:46-49](#)

### **Daniel and his friends receive a promotion**

[Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. <sup>47</sup> The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."](#)

[<sup>48</sup> Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon. <sup>49</sup> Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king. \(Daniel 2:46-49\)](#)

King Nebuchadnezzar recognizes the immensity of Daniel's interpretation. He fell on his face in wonder and confessed that the God of Daniel, Mishael, Hananiah, and Azariah is the "Lord of kings." This does not mean; however, that King Nebuchadnezzar converted – he was acknowledging the supremacy of the God of the Judeans "at least in matters of divine knowledge" (*NKJV Study Bible*) but he did not renounce his own deities.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar promoted Daniel to serve as the ruler ([the governor!](#)) of the whole province of Babylon and the chief administrator over all the wise men! No doubt the wise men



gladly served under Daniel's leadership because he had saved them from mass execution!

Daniel requested that King Nebuchadnezzar allow his friends to also serve in the government, which was approved. Daniel sat in the gate of the king which is another way of saying he served on the king's royal court.

Isn't it amazing how God had a marvelous plan to rescue and bless Daniel and his friends? No matter what you face in life, always remember: God is willing to help you and raise you up to accomplish things you never imagined. Daniel and his friends persisted in prayer and faith despite the fear and anxiety that the enemy would have been trying to impose upon them. Whenever you feel discouraged or under pressure, seek God with all your heart and He will minister to you! Be open to the power of the Holy Spirit working in your life through dreams and visions, especially in these last days!