

**Daniel 1:17**

<sup>17</sup> To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

**Daniel 2:1**

<sup>1</sup> In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep.

**Daniel 2:3**

<sup>3</sup> he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

**Daniel 2:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.  
<sup>6</sup> But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."

**Daniel 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> Then the king answered, "I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided: <sup>9</sup> If you do not tell me the dream, there is only one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me."

**Daniel 2:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> The astrologers answered the king, "There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. <sup>11</sup> What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans."

**Daniel 2:13**

<sup>13</sup> So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

**Daniel 2:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. <sup>15</sup> He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. <sup>16</sup> At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

**Romans 8:28**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

“The sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which the child of God rests his head at night, giving perfect peace”

- Charles Spurgeon

**Daniel 2:17-18**

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

<sup>18</sup> He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

**James 5:16**

<sup>16</sup> ...The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

**Daniel 2:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven  
<sup>20</sup> and said...

**Daniel 2:19-23 (cont'd)**

<sup>20</sup>... "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
 wisdom and power are His.  
<sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons;  
 He deposes kings and raises up others.  
 He gives wisdom to the wise  
 and knowledge to the discerning.  
<sup>22</sup> He reveals deep and hidden things;  
 He knows what lies in darkness,  
 and light dwells with Him.  
<sup>23</sup> I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors:  
 You have given me wisdom and power,  
 You have made known to me what we asked of You,  
 You have made known to us the dream of the king."

"If anything, our understanding of God's sovereignty should provoke us to an intense prayer life of thanksgiving. Because of such knowledge, we should see that every benefit, every good and perfect gift, is an expression of the abundance of His grace. The more we understand God's sovereignty, the more our prayers will be filled with thanksgiving."

- R.C. Sproul

**Daniel 2:27-29**

<sup>27</sup> Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, <sup>28</sup> but there is a God in heaven Who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you were lying in bed are these: <sup>29</sup> "As Your Majesty was lying there, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen."

**Daniel 2:30**

<sup>30</sup> As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

- v11 "No one can reveal it to the king except the gods"
- v18 "plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery"
- v19 "the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision"
- v22 "He reveals deep and hidden things"
- v23 "You have made known to me what we asked of You"
- v23 "You have made known to us the dream of the king"
- v29 "the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen"
- v30 "this mystery has been revealed to me"
- v47 "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries"

**1Peter 5:6**

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

**Nebuchadnezzar's Dream**

Head of Gold	
Chest and Arms of Silver	
Belly and Thighs of Bronze	
Legs of Iron	
Feet Part Iron, Part Clay	

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<u>Head of Gold</u> Babylonian Empire ~70yrs	
<u>Chest and Arms of Silver</u> Medo-Persian Empire ~200yrs	
<u>Belly and Thighs of Bronze</u> Greek Empire ~200yrs	
<u>Legs of Iron</u> Roman Empire ~500yrs	
<u>Feet Part Iron, Part Clay</u> End Times Empire	

### Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



Jesus Christ and the  
Heavenly Kingdom

### Daniel 2:46-47

<sup>46</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. <sup>47</sup> The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery."

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### Luke 1:30-33

<sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end."