

God Is in Control of History



MEMORY VERSE: "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power. 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."
Daniel 2:20-21

DAY 1 DANIEL 2:1-18 — Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

1. What happens to King Nebuchadnezzar? Whom did he summon? What were they to do? vv. 1-3
2. What would happen to the astrologers if they did not tell both the dream and the interpretation? What would happen if they did? vv. 4-6
3. How do the astrologers reply to the king when he tells them he won't tell them the dream? vv. 10-11
4. What orders does the king give? What does Daniel do? vv. 12-18
5. How was Daniel able to remain calm? What have you learned about praying during a crisis?

DAY 2 DANIEL 2:19-7 — Daniel

6. What happens? What do you learn about God from Daniel's prayer? vv.19-23

7. What does Daniel say to Arioch? v. 24

8. Who did Daniel say had revealed the secret of the dream? vv. 26-28

DAY 3 DANIEL 2:29-45 — Daniel Interprets the Dream

9. What does God want the king to know? vv. 29-30

10. What did the king dream about? v. 31

What is it made of? vv. 32-33

Head

Chest and arms

Belly and thighs

Legs

Feet

11. What do you learn about the rock? vv. 34-35

12. What did Daniel tell King Nebuchadnezzar the dream meant? vv. 37-45

1st kingdom

2nd kingdom

3rd kingdom

4th kingdom

What will God be doing during the reigns of these kings?

13. Daniel explains that the dream represents the rise and fall of various earthly kingdoms. Israel will be restored, but it won't happen during the lifetimes of the Israelites alive at the time. How do you think the Jewish people who heard this might have felt?

DAY 4 DANIEL 2:46-49 — Nebuchadnezzar Awards Daniel

14. What did King Nebuchadnezzar do? What did he say to Daniel?

15. What happened to Daniel? What did Daniel request? vv. 49-49

16. What can you learn from Daniel about how he relied on, supported and treated his friends?

DAY 5 DANIEL 2 — Wrap Up

17. When was the last time you faced the impossible? Did you lean on God during that time? What did you learn through that experience?

18. How does God's sovereignty and providence help you see yourself and the world?

19. The Lord will establish His perfect kingdom. Are you ready for that day to come?

TAKE AWAY

Daniel confidently went to God with his needs. What wisdom do you need from God today? Take a few minutes today to pray and listen for what God has to say.

BLESSING

When we are faced with the impossible, we must have faith to ask God for help through prayer. Then, we seek His wisdom in His Word, and we believe He will help us through the impossible.

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In Daniel 2, Nebuchadnezzar comes to have respect not only for Daniel but also for his God. King Nebuchadnezzar was greatly disturbed by a recurring dream. He asked his wisest counselors to read his mind. Nobody in the kingdom was able to, but God could.

After Daniel and his friends prayed, God revealed the dream and its meaning to Daniel.

Remember, God still speaks with us today. God is still very much alive, active,

and involved in our lives.

The interpretation revealed that, while this king's reign will last, each following reign will be weaker and weaker until one day the people of Israel will once again return to power.

As we see nations rise and fall, we are not to be alarmed but to be reminded that the Lord is sovereign and these are His plans for the world. Jesus has triumphed and His kingdom is coming!

Notes
