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Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible Current Book: Daniel – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: Daniel 2:1-49 – the king of Babylon had a dream; God revealed it to Daniel

Today's Message: "Revealer of Secrets"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned the king of Babylon's strategy for his takeover of God's people. He first captured the young people and began to change their <u>IDENTITY</u>. Prophetically, God has revealed Satan's master plan to corrupt, change, and destroy God's people throughout history. Today, we will find the king of Babylon in a predicament. For he dreamed a <u>DREAM</u>, and there was no person on planet earth that could know and interpret his dream according to *the wise men of Babylon*. However, the God of Daniel was not like any other! He <u>REVEALED</u> to Daniel exactly what he had shown the king in his dream! Truly, our God is an awesome God; He is King of kings and Lord of lords! This is God's message to you today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Daniel 2:1-49

#1. The Secrets Dreamed – the king of Babylon dreamed <u>DREAMS</u>. NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAMED DREAMS... HIS SPIRIT WAS TROUBLED

"Dream"
Is found 123
times in 87
verses in KJV.

- ✓ The God of the Bible has used DREAMS to speak to His **PROPHETS**.
- Deuteronomy 13:3
- ... for <u>false</u> prophets.
- In *Numbers 12:6*, God says He speaks to PROPHETS in visions and dreams.
- In *Job 33:15*, God defines a DREAM as a vision when deep sleep falls on men.
- In Deuteronomy 13:1-5, God says the DREAMS are a SIGN (Jews). 1Cor 1:22
- In Matthew 1:20, 2:13 and 2:19, 22, God instructed Joseph for Jesus Christ.
- ✓ The God of the Bible has used DREAMS to speak a WARNING to certain people.
 - In *Genesis 20:3, 6*, God *warned* Abimelech concerning Sarah to protect her.
 - In *Genesis 31:24*, God *warned* Laban concerning Jacob to protect him.
 - In *Matthew 2:12 and 27:19*, God *warned* the wise men <u>and</u> Pilate's wife.
- ✓ The God of the Bible has used DREAMS to tell the FUTURE in advance.
 - In *Genesis 37:5-20*, Joseph saw the future in advance related to his family.
 - In Genesis 40:5-16, Joseph interpreted dreams of Pharaoh's butler and baker.
 - In Genesis 41:1-32, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams and got promoted!
 - In **Daniel 1:17**, God says Daniel had understanding in *all* visions and dreams.
 - In Daniel 2, Daniel interpreted the king of Babylon's dreams and got promoted!

"Dream" by Book
Genesis (48 X in 30 verses)
Daniel (29 X in 22 verses)

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THERE IS NOT A MAN UPON THE EARTH THAT CAN SHEW THE KING'S MATTER

- ✓ The problem with the world's experts and their **HOPELESS** perspective.
 - In **2:2**, the king is surrounded by people who do <u>not</u> know God.
 - In 2:3-9, he obviously did not trust these men; death if they were unable!
 - In 2:10, the wise men said that NO KING ever asked such a thing!
 - In 2:11, the wise men said that ONLY the gods can REVEAL SECRETS!
- ✓ The king commanded to destroy ALL the wise men of Babylon <u>and</u> Daniel+3 friends!
- ✓ Consider how God likes to take an extreme situation and turn it for His glory!
 - Famine in Egypt, the Red Sea, Haman's plan, Elijah's challenge... Jesus Christ!

#2. The Secrets Revealed – God gave Daniel <u>UNDERSTANDING</u> of the secrets! THEN DANIEL WENT IN, AND DESIRED OF THE KING... HE WOULD SHEW THE KING

- ✓ Daniel was <u>CONFIDENT</u> in God.
 - He asked the king for **TIME** to think and pray about it. *Prov* 15:28; 21:5
 - He shared the problem with his friends and asked for prayers. Jas 5:16
 - God was *faithful* to reveal the SECRET THING to Daniel *in a night vision*.
 - Daniel blessed the God of heaven and praised Him for His help. Ps 145:21

THE KING ANSWERED... ART THOU ABLE TO MAKE KNOWN... THE DREAM

We may not know all the answers, but we know the Bible has all the answers!

Daniel understood

all visions and dreams...

Born-again Christians

have the AUTHOR of the Bible inside them!

- ✓ Daniel was very bold to say ALL WORLDY WISDOM falls short of God's GLORY!
 - He said the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers were UNABLE to match the wisdom of God! 1 Corinthians 1 & 2
- ✓ Daniel was very clear to *not* TAKE CREDIT for the ability given by God!
 - 2:29 "But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for..." Gen 41:16
- ✓ Daniel then proceeded to interpret the king's dream human **HISTORY** in advance!

Gentile History – 2600 years!

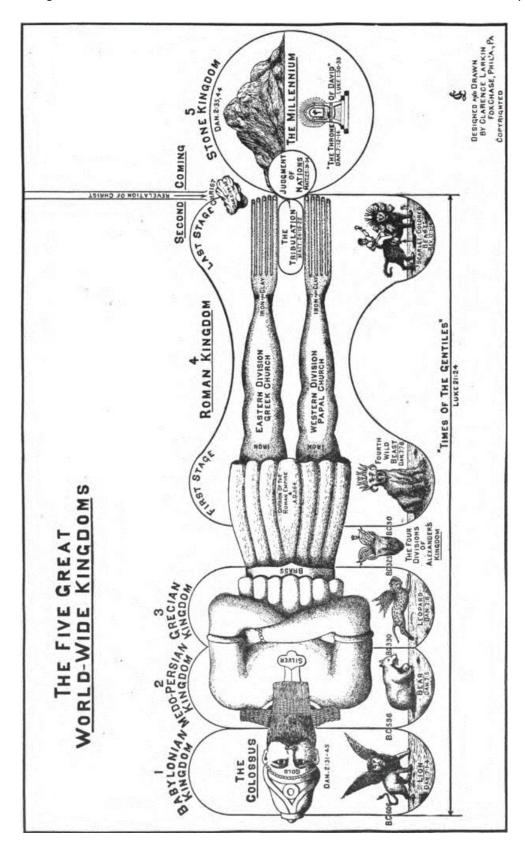
THE GREAT IMAGE – 2:31-36 The head of GOLD Babylonian Empire (605 BC, Nebuchadnezzar and son) The breast and arms of SILVER Medo-Persian Empire (539 BC, Darius and Cyrus) The belly and thighs of BRASS Grecian Empire (330 BC, Alexander the Great, 4 divisions) The legs of IRON Roman Empire (30 BC, Caesars, East/West Division) The feet part of IRON and part of CLAY Roman Mystery (325 AD+, Papal Rome to Antichrist) The STONE cut out without hands The Indestructible Kingdom of JESUS CHRIST!

Jesus Christ is "the stone which the builders rejected" ... Amen! Psalm 118:22; Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1Pet 2:7

"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." Isaiah 9:7
"And he shall reign... for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:33

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