

**The Daniel Dilemma Pt. 3 He's Got the Whole World Lead Pastor Joshua Ray**

Daniel 2:1-45 (NIV) In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. 2 So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, 3 he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means." 4 Then the astrologers answered the king, "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it." 5 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. 10 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. 11 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." 12 This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. 13 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. 14 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 19 During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven 20 and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. 21 He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. 22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. 23 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." 26 The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?" 27 Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, 28 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: 31 "Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. 32 The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. 34 While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth. 45 "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy." 47 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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**1. God wants us to know that He is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Job 19:25 I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

We will endure and be more effective in culture when we have the confidence of knowing that God has the whole world in his hands.

**2. God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ into the confusion of the world**

Acts 6:3 (NIV) Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them.

We will impact culture better when we are full of the Holy Spirit & wisdom.

**3. God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ the times and seasons.**

John 12:27 (NIV) Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour?" No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

We will embrace our role in culture better when we realize we were made for this.

## **Manna News**

**New Service Times** Beginning Oct. 1st: 9:30am & 11:00am

**SERVE Team Interest Meeting** Sunday, Sept. 24th @ 11:45am

**Fall Festival Outreach** October 14th 11am-2pm. Sign up to SERVE online!

## Info Guide

### **Welcome**

We're glad you're here! This Info Guide will help you learn how to get connected at Manna and share what is available to you at the service today. We hope you feel at home and enjoy your time with us.

### **What to Expect**

During today's worship experience you can expect about a 65 minute service that will begin with approximately 20-25 minutes of worship, we will also have a brief time of announcements, followed by a 35-minute biblical and practical message delivered by our Pastor.

### **Connection Card**

If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—We just want to thank you for joining us today and let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

### **Free Gift**

If it is your first time with us, we have a gift available for you in the lobby at the end of service— We simply want to give you a gift to thank you for being with us today!

### **NextStep**

If you want to learn more about Manna Church, who God has called you to be, and how you can make a difference, NextStep is for you.

It is a 4-week small group that meets the first four Sundays of every month. Childcare is provided and you can learn the times and locations at the info center in the lobby. We would love for you to take this step!

### **Manna Kids**

We promise a clean and safe environment where children can experience and enjoy the love of Jesus. The Nursery/Preschool experience is available for kids 6 weeks through 5 years, and the Elementary experience is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We would love to have your child join us!

### **Manna Students**

Manna Students meets weekly, at Manna Capital, Sunday afternoons nights at 11:30am. We play games, fellowship, and grow together in our relationship with Jesus. Middle School and High School age both welcomed! Our current focus is on learning to hear the voice of God.

### **Small Groups**

Life-change happens in the context of small groups. Get involved in one today! Visit our website for a list of small groups.

[capitalarea.manna.church](http://capitalarea.manna.church)