

# THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN (Part 1)

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## Daniel 2:1-30

**Theme of Daniel:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Summary of Chapter 2:**

*God gives a dream to the most powerful man in the world -- King Nebuchadnezzar – to reveal the future course of world history.*

*God uses a Jew, Daniel, not only to interpret the dream, but to declare the absolutely sovereignty of the true and living God.*

*The dream reveals a train of Four Major Gentile Kingdoms which will ultimately give way to God's Everlasting Kingdom.*

*Thus, this chapter unveils the future not only for the Jewish people, but for humanity.*

*Finally, the events of this story result in the promotion of Daniel (and his friends) to the highest offices of administration in Babylon.*

### **Eight Scenes:**

1. Nebuchadnezzar's Troubling Dream (vv. 1-3)
2. Nebuchadnezzar's Impossible Demand (vv. 4-9)
3. The Chaldeans' Powerless Deities (vv. 10-11)
4. Nebuchadnezzar's Furious Decree (vv. 12-13)
5. Daniel's Godly Display (vv. 14-18)
6. God's Gracious Disclosure (v. 19)
7. Daniel's Grateful Doxology (v. 20-23)

→ *Four Exemplary Steps in Daniel's Response to a Life-Threatening Dilemma*

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 14-16)

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)

#3 \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-19)

#4 \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20-23)

8. Daniel's Bold Declaration (v. 24-30) – ***"There is a God in heaven!"***

→ *Two Controlling Motivations that Fuel Bold Proclamation*

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

## Israel Preserved During Exile: the Aramaic Section of Daniel

**Daniel 2**    **Nebuchadnezzar's Dream**

*Four Earthly Kingdoms are replaced by the Kingdom of God.*

**Daniel 3**    **Daniel's 3 Friends Face Death for Disobeying the King**

*God preserves his faithful people through exile.*

**Daniel 4**    **Nebuchadnezzar humbled and Restored**  
*Israel's God rules Gentile Kings and Kingdoms.*

**Daniel 5**    **Belshazzar humbled and Destroyed**  
*Israel's God rules Gentile Kings and Kingdoms.*

**Daniel 6**    **Daniel Faces Death for Disobeying the King**

*God can preserves his faithful people through exile.*

**Daniel 7**    **Daniel's Dream**

*Four Earthly Kingdoms are replaced by the Kingdom of God.*