



## The Book of Daniel - Part 3

### He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Daniel 1:1-6 (NIV) In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god. Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

#### Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:1-3 (NIV) In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. 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, he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

Daniel 2:11 (NIV) 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 2:14 (NIV) 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.

Daniel 2:19-23 (NIV) During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. 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."

Daniel 2:26-28 (NIV) The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?" Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about,

but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries."

Daniel 2:47 (NIV) 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."

1. God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ that He is at work and in control.

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

We will \_\_\_\_\_ culture better 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 \_\_\_\_\_ culture better when we are full of the Holy Spirit and 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 \_\_\_\_\_ we were made for this.

#### The Season We Live In

1. The season of \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 21:28 (NIV) "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

2. The season of \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 24:10-14 (NIV) At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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3. The season of \_\_\_\_\_.