

# DANIEL

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**WHAT DO YOU DO  
WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN  
SHAKEN TO THE CORE?**

**DANIEL 2:1-49**



# DANIEL 2:1-3

In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.



# **DANIEL 2:1-3** (CONT)

And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."



# DANIEL 2:10-11

The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."



# DANIEL 2:17-18

Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.



# DANIEL 2:25-28

Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation." The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?"



# **DANIEL 2:25-28** (CONT)

Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:





# DANIEL 2:46-48

Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."



# **DANIEL 2:46-48** (CONT)

Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.





# THE KING'S RESPONSE



# INSECURITY & HOSTILITY



# DANIEL 2:4-5

Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation,



# **DANIEL 2:4-5** (CONT)

...you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins.







# MARK 8:36

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?”



*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you.”*

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# DANIEL 2:9

“...if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation.”



# DANIEL'S RESPONSE



# WISDOM PRAYER WORSHIP





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# DANIEL 2:20-23

Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness,



# **DANIEL 2:20-23** (CONT)

...and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”





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