

An aerial view of a large, ancient city, likely Babylon, featuring a prominent ziggurat in the background and numerous blue and gold buildings with crenellated walls. The city is surrounded by a large wall and a river is visible in the distance.

LIVING IN A STRANGE LAND

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17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. 20 And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.

**21 And Daniel was there until
the first year of King Cyrus.**

**2:1 In the second year of the
reign of Nebuchadnezzar,
Nebuchadnezzar had
dreams; his spirit was troubled,
and his sleep left him.**

**2:5 “...The word from me is firm:
if you do not make known to me
the dream and its
interpretation, you shall be torn
limb from limb, and your houses
shall be laid in ruins.**

11 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.”

1⁸ 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. 1⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

21 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;

**22 he reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him. 23 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.”**

28 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:

**Nebuchadnezzar's
Dream (Daniel 2)**



Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron & Clay

Stone

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. 47 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.”

48 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. 49 Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.