

# Daniel Chapter 2

The Rev. Dr. Cameron J. Scalera



# The Issue at Hand

Troubling of Nebuchadnezzar's Heart

Sleepless Nights/Disturbing Dreams

Failure of the Magicians, Sorcerers, Enchanters

Execution of *ALL* wise men... even Daniel

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 2:10-11

# The Issue Addressed

The God whose dwelling is with flesh

Daniel and friends pray

God reveals the vision to Daniel

Nebuchadnezzar worships God

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 2:46-47



# The Primary Relationship?

Daniel

Nebuchadnezzar



God



# The Primary Relationship

God

Nebuchadnezzar



Daniel



# Who is the Savior of the World?

Fundamentally, our mission... means our committed participation as God's people, at God's invitation and command, in God's own mission within the history of God's world for the redemption of God's creation."

– Christopher J. Wright, *The Mission of God*

# God's work in Babylon Continued...

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

-Matthew 2:1-2



# Our Babylon

God

The Culture



The Church

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. – John 16:7-11





# Questions for Reflection

1. Am I seeking the prospering of the City?

Jeremiah 29:4-14

2. Am I growing in awareness of how God is moving in the world?

3. Am I participating in God's mission to save the world at work, my neighborhood, etc.