

Changing Times and Seasons In The End Times

Daniel 2 – Daniel Receives The Interpretation Of The King’s Dream

Key verse(s): **Daniel 2:19-22** V 19 During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven V 20 and said, Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are his. V 21 He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. V 22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

1. The King Has A Troubling Dream (God, Give Us Understanding)

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

2. King, Tell Us The Dream (God, Help Us Interpret The Times)

Daniel 2:4 V 4 Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream and we will interpret it.

3. Explain The Dream and Interpret It (God, Give Us Kingdom Solutions)

Daniel 2:5-6 V 5 The king replied to the astrologers, This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, then I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. V 6 But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me.

4. The Men Stalled For Time (Lack Of Wisdom In Our Culture)

Daniel 2:7-11 V 7 Once more they replied, Let the king tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it. V 8 Then the king answered, I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because this is what you have firmly decided: V 9 If you do not tell me the dream there is just one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know you can interpret it for me. V 10 The astrologers answered the king, There is no man on earth that can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, have every asked such

a thing or any magician or enchanter or astrologer. V 11 What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among men.

5. All The Wise Men Are To Be Executed (God, Show Your Mercy)

Daniel 2:12-13 V 12 This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. V 13 So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

6. Daniel Asks For Time and Mercy (God, Give Us Time and Mercy)

Daniel 2:16-18 V 16 At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. V 17 The Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. V 18 He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends would not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

7. The Mystery Revealed To Daniel (God, Give Us Wisdom and Power)

Daniel 2:19-24 V 19 During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven V 20 and said, Praise be to the name of God forever and ever; wisdom and power are his. V 21 He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. V 22 He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. V 23 I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers: 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. V 24 The Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, I will interpret his dream for him.

Prayer: Father, God, give us understanding and help us interpret the times and the seasons. God, give us kingdom solutions to turn our nations around. God, show us your mercy. Give us favor and influence with people in authority. Give us wisdom and power through the Holy Spirit to do your will, in Jesus' name, Amen.