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## Daniel 2

### Daniel 2:1

Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him.

† God used a dream to unsettle the king, revealing His control even over Gentile rulers.

† Historically, Babylonian kings believed their dreams came from the gods and sought interpretation from magicians.

† Prophetically, this begins the revelation of the coming succession of kingdoms leading to Christ's eternal reign.

† Jerome noted that God allowed the dream to awaken the king's fear of divine purpose.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, this shows that Christ's dominion began as God revealed His plan to the nations.

## **Daniel 2:2**

Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

† The king turned first to human wisdom, which always fails before divine revelation.

† Historically, Babylon's wise men formed a priestly class devoted to astrology and divination.

† This contrasts the false wisdom of men with the true wisdom revealed through God's servants.

† Eusebius compared the failure of these men to the fading power of pagan religion before Christ.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, only revelation through Christ gives true understanding of God's mysteries.

## **Daniel 2:3**

The king said to them, "I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream."

† Nebuchadnezzar's anxiety shows how earthly power cannot bring peace without understanding God's purpose.

† Historically, dreams were central to Babylonian religion, but the king demanded more than flattery.

† Prophetically, this mirrors humanity's search for truth apart from God, which ends in confusion.

† Tertullian wrote that spiritual unrest drives man to seek revelation from the Creator alone.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, peace comes only through Christ, the

full revelation of God's mystery.

### **Daniel 2:4–5**

Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation." The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap."

† The king's demand revealed his distrust of their wisdom, testing whether they had real divine insight.

† Historically, this switch to Aramaic marks the beginning of the Aramaic section of Daniel, showing a message for all nations.

† Prophetically, it foreshadows the revelation of God's kingdom to the Gentiles through the gospel.

† Jerome observed that this shift of language showed God's message leaving the Jews for the nations.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, all peoples now hear the divine message in their own language through Christ.

### **Daniel 2:6–7**

"But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation." They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

† The wise men's hesitation showed their dependence on guesswork rather than revelation.

† Historically, Babylonian interpreters relied on symbols and omens, not divine inspiration.

† Prophetically, their failure prefigures the futility of human wisdom apart from God's Spirit.

† Clement wrote that human reasoning is powerless without divine truth guiding it.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, understanding comes only through the

Spirit who reveals Christ's completed work.

### **Daniel 2:8–9**

The king replied, "I know for certain that you are bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm, that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the situation is changed; therefore tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation."

† The king exposed their deceit, showing how human wisdom fails when faced with divine testing.

† Historically, Babylonian kings often distrusted their counselors because of flattery and false promises.

† Prophetically, this exposes the emptiness of religious systems that claim knowledge without revelation.

† Eusebius compared this scene to the collapse of pagan oracles after Christ's coming.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, truth stands revealed, and false wisdom is silenced before divine revelation.

### **Daniel 2:10–11**

The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer, or Chaldean. Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh."

† Their confession revealed truth without understanding—they admitted that no man could do it.

† Historically, this acknowledgment paved the way for Daniel to show the true God's power.

† Prophetically, it points to Christ, God made manifest among men, whose Spirit reveals all truth.

† Theodotion noted that even pagans sensed their limitation and the need for divine revelation.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, God's dwelling is now with His people through Christ's Spirit.

### **Daniel 2:12–13**

Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them.

† Earthly kings react in wrath when human wisdom fails them, yet God turns wrath to His purpose.

† Historically, mass executions of counselors were not uncommon in ancient courts.

† Prophetically, this anticipates the persecution of the righteous before the revelation of the kingdom.

† Jerome recorded that this crisis tested Daniel's faith and prepared for divine intervention.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, persecution often precedes deliverance and greater revelation of truth.

### **Daniel 2:14–16**

Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon; he said to Arioch, "For what reason is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter. So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

† Daniel's calm wisdom shows faith in God's power, not fear of man.

† Historically, Daniel's boldness was rare before a ruler known for cruelty.

† Prophetically, his intercession prefigures Christ standing before rulers with divine authority.

† Clement praised Daniel's courage as an example of faith under threat of death.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, believers trust that divine wisdom overcomes every decree of men.

### **Daniel 2:17–18**

Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, about the matter, so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

† Daniel's first response was prayer, showing total reliance on God for revelation.

† Historically, intercession among the faithful remnant was a pattern of covenant obedience.

† Prophetically, this prayer reflects the unity of believers seeking God's mercy for revelation.

† Eusebius taught that the prayers of the righteous often changed the course of nations.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, the saints continue in prayer, seeking understanding through the Spirit.

### **Daniel 2:19–20**

Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him."

† God revealed what no human could discover, proving His sovereignty over all wisdom.

† Historically, night visions were divine revelations distinct from dreams of confusion.

† Prophetically, this foreshadows Christ's revelation of the kingdom's mysteries to His apostles.

† Jerome said that Daniel's praise was the model for giving glory to God before men.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, revelation has come fully through Christ, and believers bless His name eternally.

### **Daniel 2:21–23**

"It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, 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 power; even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, for You have made known to us the king's matter."

† Daniel recognized God's rule over time, kings, and revelation.

† Historically, this declaration affirmed that no kingdom rises apart from divine decree.

† Prophetically, it foretells the transition of world empires until Christ's eternal kingdom.

† Hippolytus taught that Daniel's words describe the succession of empires fulfilled in history.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, Christ reigns forever, the light that exposes all darkness.

### **Daniel 2:24–28**

Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king." Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!" The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?" Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers,

magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king. However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days."

† Daniel's humility gave glory to God, not himself, showing true prophetic character.

† Historically, the phrase "latter days" referred to the coming of God's kingdom.

† Prophetically, this dream revealed the full timeline of empires leading to Christ's reign.

† Jerome affirmed that this prophecy was fulfilled in the first century under the Roman empire.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, we see the outcome of all that Daniel foresaw—the reign of Christ forever.

### **Daniel 2:29–35**

Daniel described the king's dream of a great statue made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and clay, which was struck by a stone cut without hands that crushed it and became a great mountain filling the whole earth.

† The statue represented successive world empires, each inferior to the one before.

† Historically, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome fulfilled this succession.

† Prophetically, the stone cut without hands represents Christ's kingdom, not of human origin.

† Hippolytus and Jerome both confirmed that the stone is Christ whose kingdom filled the earth after Rome.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, that stone has become the eternal mountain—the unending reign of Christ.

### **Daniel 2:36–45**

"This was the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king. You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the

glory... And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed."

† Daniel clearly declared that God Himself establishes all kingdoms.

† Historically, this prophecy was fulfilled as each empire rose and fell in sequence.

† Prophetically, "in the days of those kings" points to the Roman period when Christ established His kingdom.

† Eusebius testified that this prophecy was fulfilled when Christ's eternal kingdom replaced all earthly rule.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, there is no future kingdom to come—Christ reigns eternally.

### **Daniel 2:46–49**

Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and paid homage to Daniel and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense. The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery." Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's court.

† The pagan king acknowledged the supremacy of Israel's God, fulfilling the purpose of revelation.

† Historically, Daniel's exaltation shows how God honors faithfulness even among Gentiles.

† Prophetically, this prefigures the nations confessing Christ's rule under His everlasting kingdom.

† Jerome and Hippolytus both saw Nebuchadnezzar's confession as a foretaste of Gentile conversion.

† In the fulfilled kingdom, every tongue confesses that Jesus

Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

## How it applies to us today

† Daniel 2 reveals that all human power is temporary, but God's kingdom is eternal.

† Christ's kingdom, the stone cut without hands, already fills the whole earth.

† This chapter proves the complete fulfillment of God's plan through Christ's reign in the first century.

† Believers today live within that mountain kingdom, secure under the eternal rule of Christ.

† The empires have fallen, but the fulfilled kingdom stands forever in righteousness and peace.

## † This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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