

THE BOOK OF DANIEL
“The Stuff of Dreams”

1/24/10

Daniel 2:1-49

“One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar has such disturbing dreams that he couldn’t sleep.” (v. 1 NLT)

1. THE **MEANING** OF DANIEL’S GIFT. (vs. 1-23)

A. The **Significance** of the Dream. (vs. 1-3)

“He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed.” (v. 2 NLT)

B. The **Search** for Answers. (vs. 4-13)

“They said again, ‘Please, Your Majesty. Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means.’” (v. 7 NLT)

“No one on earth can tell the king his dream!” (v. 10 NLT)

C. The **Secret** Reveal. (vs. 14-23)

“That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven.” (v. 19 NLT)

2. THE **MESSAGE** OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S DREAM. (vs. 24-45)

“Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?” (v. 26 NLT)

“There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king’s secret. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future.” (vs. 27-28 NLT)

“That was the dream. Now we will tell the king what it means.” (v. 36 NLT)

- A. The Head of Gold: *Babylonian Kingdom*
- B. The Chest and Arms of Silver: *Medo-Persian Kingdom*
- C. The Abdomen and Sides of Bronze: *Grecian Kingdom*
- D. The Legs of Iron: *Roman Kingdom*
- E. The Feet and Toes: *The End Times*

3. THE *MOTIVATION* OF GOD’S PURPOSE. (vs. 46-49)

- A. The King’s *Command*: (v. 46)

“Then King Nebuchadnezzar threw himself down before Daniel and worshipped him, and he commanded his people to offer sacrifices and burn sweet incense before him.”

- B. The King’s *Confusion*: (v. 47)

“The king said to Daniel, ‘Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret.’”

- C. The King’s *Commission*: (vs. 48-49)

“Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men.”