

3—Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream About the Coming Kingdom

Daniel 2

1. King Nebuchadnezzar had a troubling dream and wanted an explanation. What wise rules did he lay down for those who would interpret his dream (2:1-13)? What was the punishment for failure (2:5)? What was the reward (2:6)?

2. Just like ancient Babylon, there are many modern-day astrologers, diviners and soothsayers. How can we “test the spirits” to expose some of their occult practices (cp. 1 John 4:1)?

3. What was the response of Daniel and his friends when they found out their lives were in danger (Daniel 2:14-24)? What lesson can we learn about how we ought to respond in pressing circumstances (cp. James 5:13; Philippians 4:6-7)?

4. As Daniel interprets, who gets the credit for revealing the dream (Daniel 2:25-30)? What does this reveal about his heart? What does Proverbs 15:33 say comes before “honor?”

5. Daniel revealed the dream in Daniel 2:31—

35. What did the various materials of the image represent (Daniel 2:39-40)? Summarize the dream and its interpretation (2:36-45).

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Daniel 7

Babylon
605-539 BC



Medo-
Persia
539-331 BC



Grecia
331-168 BC



Rome
168 BC-476 AD



6. What did the stone “*cut out without hands*” do (Daniel 2:34)? What became of that stone (2:35)? What unusual action of God is prophesied as occurring in the days of that fourth kingdom (Daniel 2:44)?

7. According to Luke 2:1 and 3:1 which empire was in power in the days of Jesus? How can Mark 1:14-15; Luke 3:1 and Matthew 3:1-2 help us realize the fulfillment of this prophecy?

8. How did the king react to Daniel’s statements (Daniel 2:46-47)? What happened to Daniel after the dream and its interpretation were made known (Daniel 2:48-49)?

9. What does Hebrews 1:1 say about how God formerly communicated? How did he communicate this message to Daniel (2:19)? How does God reveal Himself to us “*in these last days*” (Hebrews 1:2)?

10. The kingdom of God is different than the four worldly kingdoms. Fill in the chart below.

Aspect of the Kingdom	Worldly Kingdoms	God’s Kingdom
Origin		
Duration		
Power		