



Daniel

In God I Trust

Lesson 03

Monarchial Monument

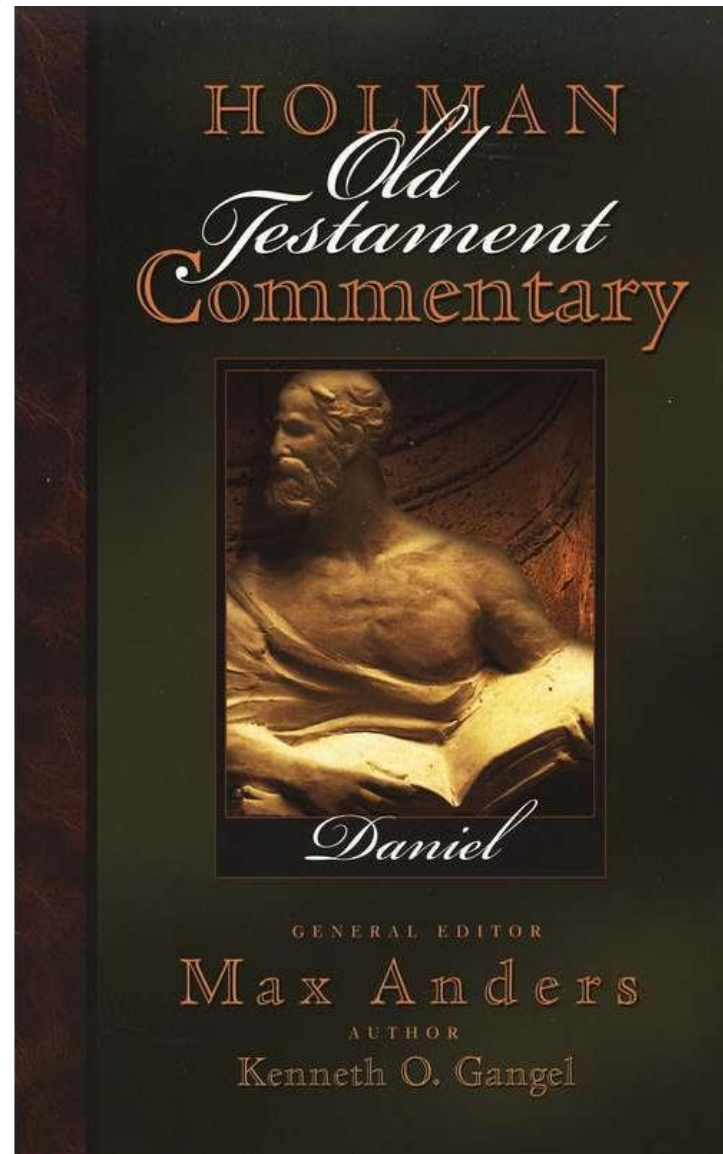
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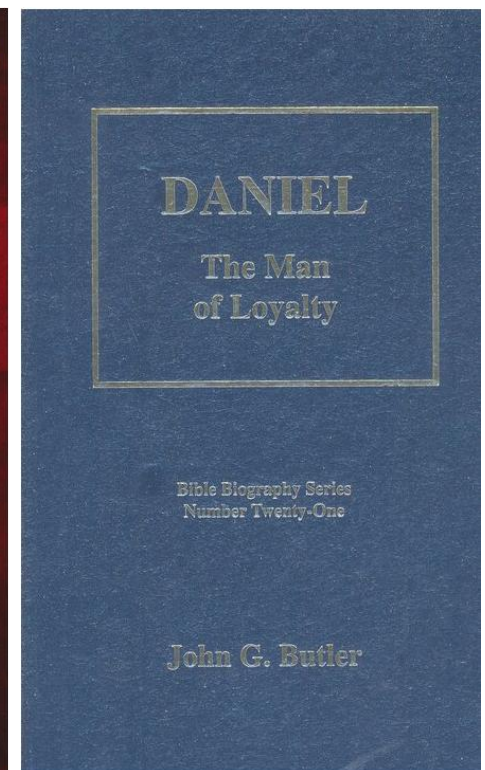
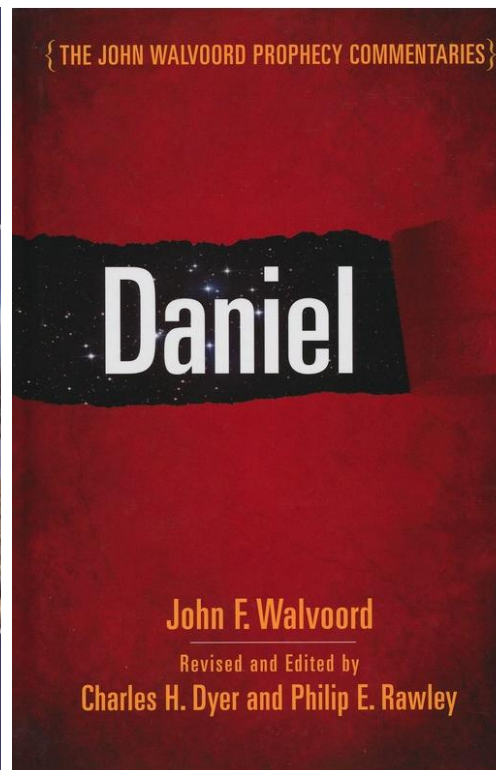
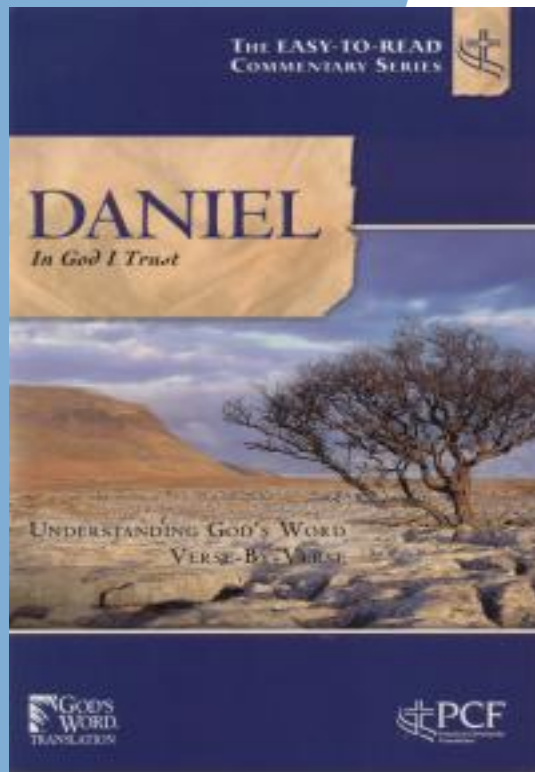


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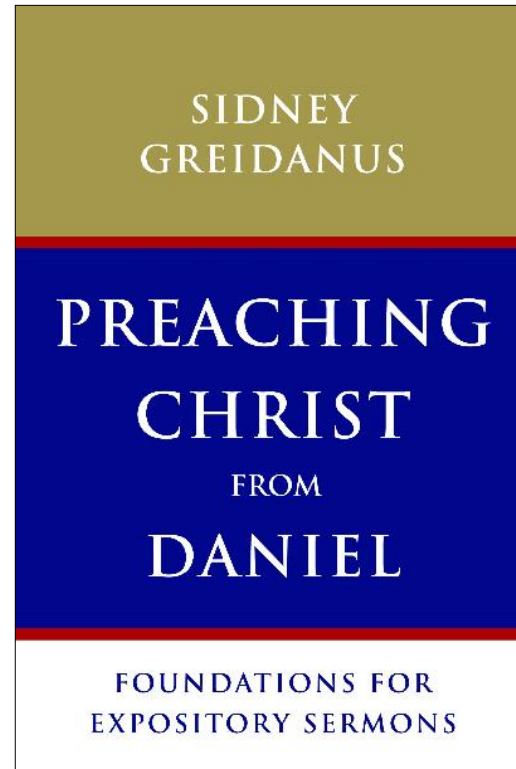
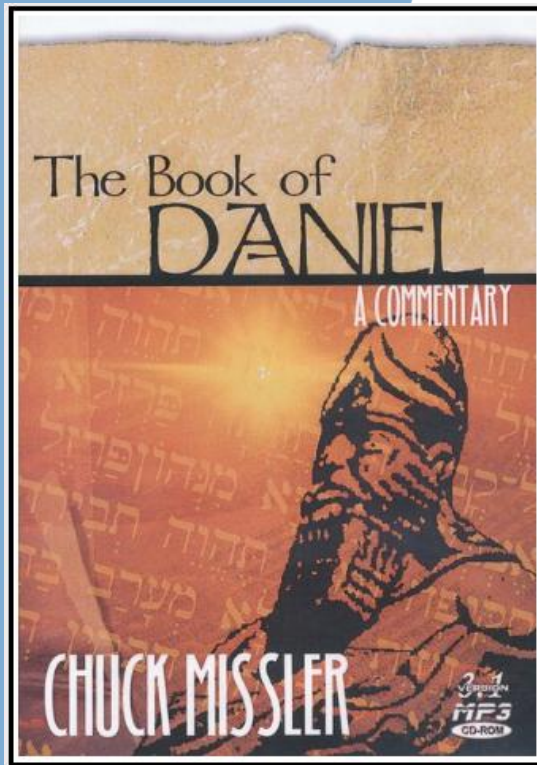


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THE BOOK OF DANIEL



GOLD		Babylonian Empire 606 B.C.
SILVER		Media-Persia 536 B.C.
BRONZE		Greek Empire 330 B.C.
IRON		Roman Empire 27 B.C.
IRON / CLAY		Endtimes





Course Outline

Course Outline - This Week's Lesson



▪ Daniel: In God I Trust

- Lesson 01: Introduction *[Book of Daniel]*
- Lesson 02: Lessons from Kidnapped Children *[Daniel 1:1-21]*
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- Lesson 04: DreamWorks, Inc *[Daniel 2:24-49]*
- Lesson 05: Nebuchadnezzar's Ragtime Band *[Daniel 3:1-30]*
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- Lesson 10: The Lion's Den *[Daniel 6:1-28]*
- Lesson 11: The Ancient of Days *[Daniel 7:1-14]*
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This weeks lesson.

Book of Daniel - Structure



Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrew		Aramaic					Hebrew				
HISTORICAL - NARRATIVE						VISIONS - PROPHEPIC					

Book of Daniel										
01 606 BC	02 602 BC	03 580 BC	04 570 BC			05 539 BC	06 538 BC			
				07 556 BC	08 554 BC			09 538 BC	10 536 BC	11 534 BC
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Book Overview - Chapter Focus



■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.



Monarchial Monument

Text – New King James Version

Daniel 2:1-23

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:1-13 - NKJV



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--- Daniel 2:1-3 ... NKJV

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

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4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap."

--- Daniel 2:4-5 ... *NKJV*

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:1-13 - *NKJV*



6 However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation."

--- Daniel 2:6-7 ... *NKJV*

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

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8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm: **9** if you do not make known the dream to me, *there is only* one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation."

--- Daniel 2:8-9 ... NKJV

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:1-13 - NKJV



10 The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has *ever* asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. **11** *It is* a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

--- Daniel 2:10-11 ... NKJV

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:1-13 - NKJV



12 For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon. **13** So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise *men*; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill *them*.

--- Daniel 2:12-13 ... NKJV

God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:14-23 - NKJV



14 Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise *men* of Babylon; **15** he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

--- Daniel 2:14-15 ... NKJV

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Daniel 2:14-23 - NKJV



16 So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. **17** Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, **18** that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

--- Daniel 2:16-18 ... NKJV

God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:14-23 - NKJV



19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said:
"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
For wisdom and might are His.

--- Daniel 2:19-20 ... NKJV

God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:14-23 - NKJV



21 And He changes the times and the seasons;
He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise
And knowledge to those who have understanding.

22 He reveals deep and secret things;
He knows what *is* in the darkness,
And light dwells with Him.

--- Daniel 2:21-22 ... NKJV

God Reveals Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:14-23 - *NKJV*



23 "I thank You and praise You,
O God of my fathers;
You have given me wisdom and might,
And have now made known to me what we
asked of You,
For You have made known to us the king's
demand."

--- Daniel 2:23 ... *NKJV*



Lesson Outline



▪ Lesson 03: Monarchial Monument

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Daniel 2:1-4



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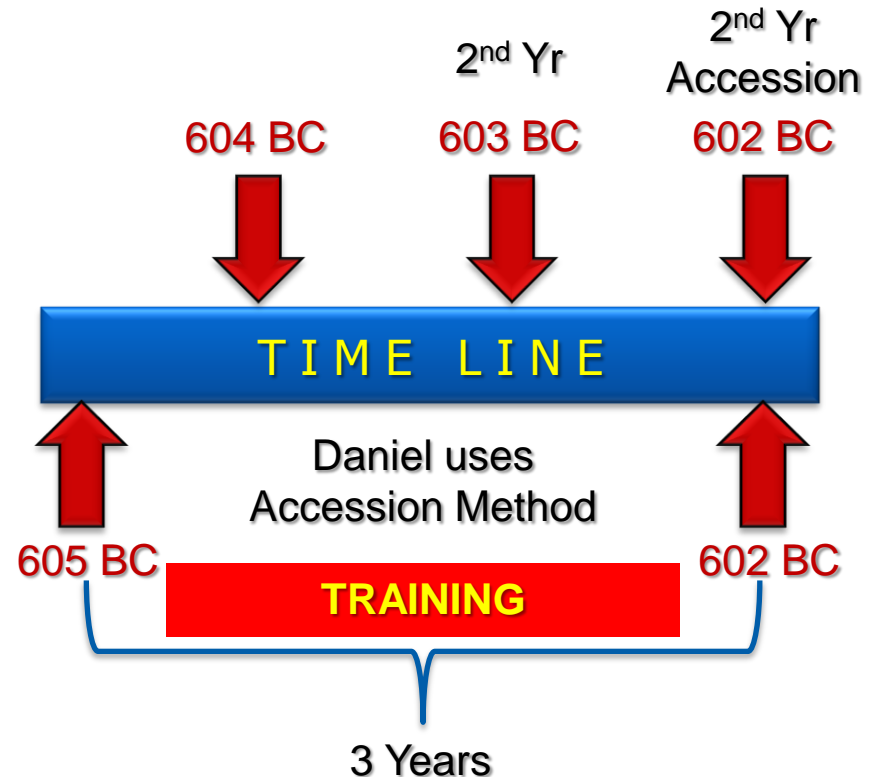
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Daniel Timeline	
Year (BC)	Event
612	Nineveh falls to an alliance of Babylon and Media
609	Pharaoh Necho leads army against Assyria. Josiah fights Necho and gets killed (2 Chronicles 36:20-24).
605	Nebuchadnezzar defects Egyptians (Battle of Carchemish). 1 st Seige of Jerusalem - Daniel taken captive. Nabopolassar dies - Nebuchadnezzar becomes king.
602	Daniel Completes Training
598	2 nd Seige of Jerusalem - Ezekiel taken captive
587	3 rd Seige of Jerusalem. 1 st Temple destroyed, Jeremiah take captive.
540	Babylon falls to Medes-Persians
538	Cyrus of Persian decrees return of the Jews
536	Daniel dies



Daniel 2:1 - Observations



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- **Context - Second Year of Nebuchadnezzar's Reign**
 - Nebuchadnezzar has just conquered the known world.
 - Nebuchadnezzar is young.
 - Nebuchadnezzar is a new King - was a General.
 - Nebuchadnezzar has inherited his father's "wise men".
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar has his reservations regarding these counselors.
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar will test these counselors.

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 - ✓ God is making his spirit troubled.
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 - ✓ Jeremiah 27:6
 - ✓ Jeremiah 43:10

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9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, '**and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant**, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

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6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant;** and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him.

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10 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will send and bring **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant**, and will set his throne above these stones that I have hidden. And he will spread his royal pavilion over them.

Daniel 2:2 - Observations



² Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

■ Nebuchadnezzar Has a Staff Meeting - To Address His Dream Issue

- The collective group is referred to as “wise men”
 - ✓ Daniel 2:12-13, 18, 24,48
 - ✓ Daniel 4:6,18
 - ✓ Daniel 5:7-8,15
- The “wise men” consists of ...
 - ✓ Magicians
 - ✓ Astrologers
 - ✓ Sorcerers
 - ✓ Chaldeans

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- ✓ Sorcerers

- ✓ Chaldeans

❖ **Overlapping Job Descriptions**
❖ **Practices Overlap**

❖ **Job Description and Region**
❖ **Known for their Science/Knowledge**

Daniel 2:3 - Observations



³ And the king said to them, “I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream.”

- **Nebuchadnezzar Makes His Opening Statement in the Staff Meeting**
 - He sets the expectation for his “wise men” - Chaldeans
 - He wants to know the dream
 - ✓ Notice the word **dream** here is singular
 - ✓ Targets a particular dream
 - ✓ Presumably his last dream

Daniel 2:4 - Observations



4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! **Tell** your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

■ Chaldeans Response to the Kings Opening Statement

• Language Transition

- ✓ From Hebrew to Aramaic
 - Starting with "*O king, ...*"
- ✓ Text will remain in Aramaic until the end of Chapter 7
 - Then transition back to Hebrew.

• Tell Us the Dream, and We Will Give the Interpretation

- ✓ Given the dream, giving the interpretation would be easy for them.
- ✓ This response worked with the father.
 - Standard practice.
- ✓ Expecting this response to work for the son.

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 2:1-4



Daniel Chapter 02		
Verse	Principle	Application
Nebuchadnezzar's Dreams ... Daniel 2:1-4		
1-4	God uses many different ways to deliver His message, in the case of Nebuchadnezzar He used dreams and Daniel to interpret the dream regarding Gentile World History, in advance.	I resolve to be used by God in what ever He puts before me, and by whatever means the Holy Spirit chooses. John 16:13 "... when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;..."].



Monarchial Monument

Clueless in Babylon

Daniel 2:5-11



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Daniel 2:5 - Observations



⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap."

■ Nebuchadnezzar Clarifies His Position

- My Decision is Firm
 - ✓ King Nebuchadnezzar will not be swayed.
- What is the Decision?
 - ✓ To make known both the dream and its interpretation.
 - ✓ Decision was a test of the skills and trustworthiness of his "wise men".
- What are the Decision's Consequences?
 - ✓ You will be cut to pieces.
 - ✓ Your houses will be made an ash heap (*dunghill* - KJV).
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar was an absolute monarch known for his ruthless acts.
 - Put eyes out of captured enemies. [2 Kings 25:1-7]
 - Known to roast his officers over an open flame - for poor performance.

Daniel 2:6 - Observations



⁶ However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation.”

■ Nebuchadnezzar Clarifies His Position

- What is the Decision's Compensation?
 - ✓ Receive gifts.
 - ✓ Receive rewards.
 - ✓ Receive great honor.
- Reiterates His Decision
 - ✓ Tell me the dream and its interpretation.

Daniel 2:7 - Observations



⁷ They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation."

■ Chaldeans Reiterate Their Position

- Hope to sway the King's firm decision
 - ✓ Tell me (*King*) the Dream
 - ✓ AND its Interpretation.
- Their position
 - ✓ Tell us (*Chaldeans*) the dream
 - ✓ THEN we (*Chaldeans*) will give its interpretation

Daniel 2:8 - Observations



⁸ The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm:

- **Nebuchadnezzar Will Not be Swayed**

- The king calls out the Chaldeans for stalling.
- The king reiterates that his decision is firm.

Daniel 2:9 - Observations



9 if you do not make known the dream to me, *there is only* one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation.”

■ Nebuchadnezzar Threatens the Chaldeans

- The King is getting heated - not a good thing for the Chaldeans
- What is the **Conditional Decree**? ... from verse 5
 - ✓ **CONDITION:**
 - IF Chaldeans do not make known the dream (not just interpretation)
 - ✓ **DECREE**
 - You will be cut to pieces.
 - Your houses will be made an ash heap (*dunghill* - *KJV*).
- The King's **Justification** for the Decree.
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar charges Chaldeans with
 - Speaking lying words
 - Speaking corrupting words

Daniel 2:9 - Observations



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■ Nebuchadnezzar Threatens the Chaldeans

- The King's Verification Method.
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar version of “Trust but Verify”
 - Tell me the dream
 - SO I shall know that you can give me its interpretation
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar does not trust the Chaldeans
 - Suspects that if he tells them the dream
 - They will concoct an interpretation

Daniel 2:9 - Observations



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■ Nebuchadnezzar's Test for the Chaldeans - Tell me the Dream

- I believe that he remembered his dream (*some translations suggest otherwise*)
- AND that he feigned not remembering it in order to test the Chaldeans
- AND that the Chaldeans knew or at least suspected this

- ✓ IF Nebuchadnezzar did not remember the dream
- ✓ THEN
 - Chaldeans could have just made one up then
 - Looking up the dream elements in their *Sigmund Freud* book on *Dreams*
 - They could created a cleaver interpretation
- ✓ ELSE (Nebuchadnezzar did remember his dream)
 - Just making one up would
 - Reveal to the King their inabilities
 - They would FAIL the Verification Test
 - And this would lead to their destruction

Daniel 2:10 - Observations



10 The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, “There is **not a man on earth** who can tell the king’s matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has **ever** asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean.

■ Chaldeans Are Outraged

- What the King asks is impossible
 - ✓ There is **not a man on earth** who can do what the king is asking
 - This much is true.
 - Later we will see Daniel support this claim
- No other King has ever made such a request
 - ✓ Precisely because the request is impossible
 - ✓ A subtle swipe at the young King Nebuchadnezzar
 - Condescendingly saying in effect...
 - » “Maybe you do not know this since you are such a young ruler. You need to listen to us your older and more sage advisors.”
 - » OR ...
 - “This is not how its done son.”
- The Chaldeans know they are in trouble

Daniel 2:11 - Observations



11 *It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."*

■ Chaldeans Continue - Try to Justify Their Position

- Went from impossible to "difficult thing"
- No man can satisfy the king's request - only the gods
 - ✓ 1st part of their statement about no man - is correct
 - Daniel will state this as well
 - ✓ 2nd part of their statement about the gods do not dwell with man
 - Hint of Jesus' incarnation - which was still in the future here
 - » Jesus does come to dwell among us
 - ✓ Attempt to save their own skins.
- Wait a Minute ... I can imagine Nebuchadnezzar's response
 - ✓ Aren't you supposed to be in contact with the gods?
 - They may not dwell with men, but you are the ones who supposedly communicate with them
 - ✓ So why can't you satisfy my request?
 - Communicate with the gods and ask them to reveal my dream
 - **IF** you are not able to do so **THEN** I must conclude that you are frauds

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 2:5-11



Daniel Chapter 02		
Verse	Principle	Application
Nebuchadnezzar Challenges the Chaldeans ... Daniel 2:5-11		
5-11	Only God's people can interpret God's message.	I resolve to listen to God through prayer, bible study, and relying on the Holy Spirit to guide me in all truth. John 16:13 "... when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;...".



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Helpless in Babylon

Daniel 2:12-16



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Daniel 2:12 - Observations



12 For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

■ Nebuchadnezzar is Outraged

- Nebuchadnezzar becomes incensed
 - ✓ The King was angry and very furious
- Chaldeans Failed the Test
 - ✓ Since the “wise men” cannot tell Nebuchadnezzar his dream
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar concludes that the Chaldeans are Charlatans
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar will make good on his earlier threats ... from verse 5
 - You will be cut to pieces.
 - Your houses will be made an ash heap (*dunghill* - *KJV*).
 - ✓ Notice how impulsive Nebuchadnezzar is...
 - He gave the command to destroy all the “wise men” of Babylon
 - This rash decision will not help with the interpretation of his dream
 - Can be characterized as a “temper tantrum” that put all the “wise men” on death row.

Daniel 2:13 - Observations



13 So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise *men*; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill *them*.

■ Let the Executions Begin

- The decree went out
- They began killing the wise men
- Daniel and his companions were caught in the dragnet
 - ✓ Daniel and his companions were a part of the “wise men” - by job description
 - ✓ Daniel and his companions were now on Death Row
- Again scholars are divided on the exact timing of this event
 - ✓ Was it while Daniel and his companions were in training?
 - ✓ Was is just after Daniel and his companions completed their training?
- In either case
 - ✓ Daniel and his companions were targeted for execution

Daniel 2:14 - Observations



14 Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise *men* of Babylon;

■ Daniel Speaks with the Captain of the King's Guard - Arioch

- Arioch is the captain of the king's guard.
- Arioch is the captain of the execution guard.
- Arioch confronts Daniel - apparently to kill him.
- Daniel's interaction with Arioch is characterized as
 - ✓ With Counsel
 - ✓ With Wisdom
 - ✓ The opposite of Nebuchadnezzar's reaction to the Chaldeans failed test
- Not explicitly stated but strongly implied ...
 - ✓ Daniel's counsel and wisdom is from God.
 - ✓ Daniel finds favor with Arioch.
- God is in-control of the situation
 - ✓ Under-current throughout the Book of Daniel

Arioch means
"Royal" or "Fierce Lion"
in Hebrew

Daniel 2:15 - Observations



15 he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

■ Daniel Questions the King's Captain - Arioch

- Daniel asks, why the rush to execution, why such a rash decision.
- Arioch fills Daniel in on ...
 - ✓ What transpired between Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldeans.
 - ✓ How Nebuchadnezzar lost his cool
 - ✓ Obviously Daniel was not present during the exchange.

Daniel 2:16 - Observations



16 So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation.

■ Daniel Speaks with Nebuchadnezzar

- Daniel finds favor with the King
 - ✓ Could have been executed on the spot
 - ✓ Suggests that Daniel has already had some interaction with the King
 - One of the arguments use to support the position that Daniel and his companions have already graduated from their *"Nebu U training"*
- Daniel requests more time
 - ✓ To satisfy the king's request to make known the dream and its interpretation
 - ✓ Again Daniel finds favor
 - Chaldeans had just been scolded by Nebuchadnezzar for this same tactic (stalling for time)
- God is in-control -Sovereignty of God
 - ✓ Undergirding all the accounts in the Book of Daniel

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 2:12-16



Daniel Chapter 02		
Verse	Principle	Application
Daniel Intervenes ... Daniel 2:12-16		
12-16	When under stress from conditions outside our control, we should rely on the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and counsel in our approach to people and situations.	I resolve to rely on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and counsel in all relationships and situations. John 16:13 "... when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;..."



Monarchial Monument

Guiltless in Babylon

Daniel 2:17-23



▪ Lesson 03: Monarchial Monument

[Daniel 2:1-23]

- Sleepless in Babylon... [Daniel 2:1-4]
- Clueless in Babylon... [Daniel 2:5-11]
- Helpless in Babylon... [Daniel 2:12-16]
- Guiltless in Babylon... [Daniel 2:17-23]

Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.

Daniel 2:17-18 - Observations



17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, **18** that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

■ Daniel Calls a Prayer Meeting at His House

- Daniel's first act is to inform his companions
 - ✓ make known the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah
- Daniel has a Plan
 - ✓ To seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret
 - ✓ Secret? ... Nebuchadnezzar's Dream and Its Interpretation
- The Purpose of Daniel's Plan
 - ✓ That Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon

NOTICE

- ✓ Here Daniel is praying for the results not the means to those results.
- ✓ Later in verse 23 we see that Daniel did ask for the revelation of the secret.
- ✓ Daniel is praying for the Sovereign hand of God to protect him and his friends.

Daniel 2:19 - Observations



19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

■ God Answers Daniels Prayer

- The secret was revealed to Daniel
 - ✓ It was revealed to Daniel not to his companions
 - ✓ It was revealed in a night vision
 - ✓ God's means of sparing the lives of Daniel and his companions was to reveal the dream and its interpretation
 - God could have used other means
 - Can you suggest any?
- As a result of the answer to Daniel's prayer (Secret Revealed)
 - ✓ Daniel blessed the God of Heaven.

LESSON

- ✓ Lesson for us
 - When God answers your prayers - Remember to Bless Him
 - Remember God's answers to our prayers can be
 - » YES NO WAIT

Daniel 2:20-23 - Observations



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■ Daniel's Blessing and Thanksgiving

- Daniel blesses God for three characteristics
 - 1) His Eternal Existence ... the name of God forever and ever
 - 2) His Wisdom ... for wisdom
 - 3) His Power ... might



Daniel 2:20-23 - Observations

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■ Daniel's Blessing and Thanksgiving

- Daniel recognizes the Sovereignty of God
 - ✓ He changes the times and the seasons
 - ✓ He removes kings and raises up kings

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■ Daniel's Blessing and Thanksgiving

- Daniel recognizes that God is the giver of gifts
 - ✓ He gives wisdom to the wise
 - ✓ He gives knowledge to those who have understanding
 - ✓ He reveals deep and secret things
 - ✓ Reference to the revealed secret of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and interpretation - regarding Gentile world history.
 - ✓ Reference to Daniel's gift of understanding visions and dreams

(Daniel 1:17)

17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

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■ Daniel's Blessing and Thanksgiving

- Daniel recognizes the Omniscience of God
 - ✓ He knows what is in the darkness ...
 - ✓ Light dwells within Him ...



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■ Daniel's Blessing and Thanksgiving

- Daniel ends with Thanksgiving to God
 - ✓ Daniel thanks God for his gifting ... wisdom and might
 - ✓ Daniel thanks God for the answer to his prayer ... made known the secret

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■ Daniel's Blessing and Thanksgiving

• Daniel's Prayer as a Model for Us

LESSON

✓ When praying

- We should always bless God
 - » For who He is
 - » For what He has done
- We should make our requests known to God
- We should thank Him for His many answers to our prayers
- Resolve to accept God's will in all our petitions



Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 2:17-23

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Daniel Blesses God ... Daniel 2:17-23		
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		<p>I resolve to bless God for all His answers to my prayers, which includes all Yes, No and Wait answers.</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ...¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. "</p>
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