

## EXTRA. EXTRA. “Control”

### Daniel 2:29 – 45

In our text, Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, world-ruling nation at the time, had challenged the wise men of Babylon to not only interpret his dream but to tell him the dream as well! They couldn't so he ordered them all to be executed! This included Daniel and his companions, Hananiah, Azariah, and Meshael.

Daniel asked for time to seek God and God gave him the dream and it's interpretation. The dream, the interpretation, the problem was all God's doing!

Today, in this last day, this EXTRA. EXTRA. time, it looks like so much is “out of control”!

- Politics
- Culture
- Morality

*71% of Americans say the country is on the wrong track, is broken  
(NBC News Poll)*

**CORRECTION.** And because of so much looking like it's out of control, I use to use the phrase, “*It's out of control*” (you probably have said the same). But the Lord corrected me. In my spirit a question arose, “Out of who's control”?

There is a lot out of our control, weather, future, other people, even ourselves as times...BUT...

**There is no one or no thing that is ever outside of God's control!**

*“The Lord has established His throne in Heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.”  
(Ps. 103:19)*

Control is aspect of rule. God rules, Heaven rules! Absolutely and completely!

The dream God gave Nebuchadnezzar was prophetic. It foretold of future events, demonstrating God's control. (Isa. 46:9, 10)

- Daniel wrote this around 530BC

- Over 2500 years ago! Accurate!

*God being absolutely fair gives every people group a chance to rule, even allowing them to mix it all up together, and try that...*

- Hamitic Rule – head of gold (Babylon began with Nimrod, son of Cush, Gen. 10:10, Mizraim – Egypt, Heth – Hitities, Ethiopa... 1M - army (Asa)
- Semitic Rule – chest of silver (Persians, Cyrus, Xerses, (Ester...in Persia)
- Yaphetic Rule – thighs of bronze (Greece (Alexander the Great), Roman)
- **Mixed Rule – mystery???? Mixed and world dominant????**

**EXTRA. EXTRA. The Lord our God is in total control! He rules!**

**Several EXTRA. EXTRA. takeaways for us today:**

- 1. Rest your faith in God's rule, God's control.**
- 2. What's out of your control, in your life, is not out of His control.**
- 3. Stay under Jesus Christ, stay low and prosper!** *(Don't make the mistake the devil made, getting inflated with pride, thinking he could throw off God's control! The Lord Jesus said He saw the devil fall from Heaven like lightening! (Luke 18:10)*