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DANIEL, DREAMS, AND
INTERPRETATIONS

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- ❖ 2 Chronicles 16:9
- ❖ Jeremiah 29:8
- ❖ Joel 2:28
- ❖ Daniel 2:1-13, 14-18, 19-23

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Daniel 2:36-47

Guided Questions

1. Who was Daniel and what made him so unique?
2. What is the purpose of dreams and visions in the Bible?
3. What life-changing action did Daniel take?
4. Why couldn't anyone interpret the King's dream?
5. What happened when Daneil interpreted it?

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Background Reading

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the Lord your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

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2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

Jeremiah 29:8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

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Background Reading

Daniel 2:1-23

- 1** And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.
- 2** Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.
- 3** And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.
- 4** Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
- 5** The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
- 6** But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

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Background Reading

Daniel 2:1-23

7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

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Daniel 2:1-23

13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

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Background Reading

Daniel 2:1-23

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

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 2:36-47

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 2:36-47

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 2:36-47

46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

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Central Verse

Daniel 1:20 (KJV)

“And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.”

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INTRODUCTION

God has always dealt with His people in dreams and visions. He always has someone who lives close enough to Him so that they can hear Him and are able to interpret the dreams and visions. If believers in the Church are not receiving dreams or visions, something is wrong.

God promised that in the last days, as He pours out His Spirit, old men would dream dreams and young men would see visions. The Lord promised that He would do nothing unless He revealed it to His servant, the prophet, ([Amos 3:7](#)). So, God gives dreams and visions to His church.

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INTRODUCTION

Many times, when God sought to get the attention of one of His people or one of the leaders of that era, He used visions and dreams. So many leaders kept men and women around them known as magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers who dealt with black and white magic. These people were a part of their cabinets and were there to keep them informed concerning dreams and visions. These people kept a set of rules and when they were told certain dreams and visions, they could relate to them and interpret them.

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DISCUSSION

God uses His prophets to reveal His will, guide His people, and foretells His plans. God used Daniel as a powerful prophet to call His people to repentance, justice, faithfulness, and hope, revealing His heart amid crisis and changes. He also used Him to interpret visions and dreams that challenged leaders to trust and recognize God, seek His kingdom, and live faithfully to Him. Amid a world filled with problems and changes, God's character has never changed, nor has His call to His people.

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DISCUSSION

God is always looking for men and women that He can use for His glory. The Bible tells the believer that the eyes of the Lord go throughout the Earth looking for someone through whom He can show Himself strong. God does not use giftings or personal achievements, but availability and readiness of heart. He uses servants, visionaries, and partners.

When Daniel declared that he would not defile himself with food from the King's table, he made himself available to be used by God. God's holy people are willing to make sacrifices and be set aside for His use. Daniel could have lived any type of life: he was a teenager without his parents to look after him, but he chose to live a life dedicated to the God of Heaven that he had been taught about.

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DISCUSSION

The decision that Daniel and his three friends made was life-changing for them, for they were numbered among the wise men of Babylon. When King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, he sent for his wise men, but because he could not remember the dream, his men could not tell him the meaning of the dream. The Chaldeans answered by telling him that there was not a man upon the earth that could tell him a dream and its meaning, because he could not remember what he dreamed. They told him that only the gods could tell him. This caused him to become furious, so he commanded that all the wise men be destroyed.

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DISCUSSION

The decree went out that the wise men be slain, and this included Daniel and his friends. Daniel, full of wisdom, sent word asking why the King was in such a hurry with his decree. Then, Daniel went to his house and talked to his friends, then communicated with God. And that night God revealed it unto Daniel in a vision. Daniel gave thanks and praises to his God for answering him.

Next, he sent word to Arioch, the man the King had sent to destroy the wise men. Arioch brought Daniel to the King in a hurry and told him that he had found a man from the captives of Judah who could make the dream and its interpretation known to the King. When Daniel came before the King, he let him know that his God in Heaven reveals secrets about what will be in the latter days.

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Daniel told him what the dream was and then interpreted the dream. The King got so excited that he began to worship Daniel and commanded that the people should offer an oblation and sweet odors to him. He then began to proclaim that Daniel's God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets. Then the King made Daniel a great man, gave him many gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. Then Daniel requested that the King set his three friends over the affairs of Babylon, but Daniel sat in the gate of the King.

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CONCLUSION

Saints of God, it is important to acknowledge God in everything that we do, every decision that we make, and every place that we go; for then, He will direct every path. Just as God revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel, He can and will reveal things to you.

But like Daniel, everyone who asks must present himself unto God through commitment and faith. You have not because you ask not. Interpretation is one of the gifts that God has provided for His believers, and it is needed in the body of Christ

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
watching the good and the bad.**

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NEXT LESSON

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Daniel's Faith and Trust in God