

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Daniel – week 2



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member your understanding of Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel chapter 2?
2. What does v.1 tell us happened to Nebuchadnezzar? (**He had dreams, his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.**)
3. How did the wise men respond to the king's request in v.10? (...**There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand.**)
4. How did Daniel respond in v.17 – 18? (**He made the matter known to his three friends, and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven...**)



Let's go deeper

5. How did Daniel respond after God answered their prayer in v.20? (...**Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.**)
6. Whose head was revealed in the dream in v.38b? (...**Making you ruler over them all, you "Nebuchadnezzar" are the head of gold.**)
7. What is the promise in v.44? (**The God of heaven, will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed... It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.**)
8. What did the king answer Daniel in v.47? (**The king answered and said to Daniel, truly your God is God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.**)



Let's apply this

9. Daniel 2:45; Just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, clay, silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this.

- Which scriptures refer to Jesus as the Chief Cornerstone, the capstone, and the stone the builders rejected?
- What does Luke 1:32 – 33 tell us about the Kingdom of God?
- What are the three gifts the wise men brought to Jesus in Matthew 2:10 – 11? What does each gift reveal about Jesus?

SUMMARY:

Daniel: Week 2 – God rules the past, present and future **Read:** Daniel 2:1 – 49

1. The problem (vv.1 – 16).

The wisemen of Nebuchadnezzar said its impossible for them to tell the king his dream, and then the king commands that all his wisemen must be killed. A few lessons that we can learn from Nebuchadnezzar: **1;** he cannot accept no, and he is under no authority. From a very young age he has been prepared to be king one day, and anything he wanted he got. He was never told no. **2;** A man who can conquer anyone or anything is easily conquered by God. **3;** Everyone needs God's help. He does not need food, shelter, or wealth, but he needs God to interpret his dream. **4;** When a revelation comes from God, a demon cannot interpret it, only the Spirit of God can. **5;** Nebuchadnezzar is an unreachable person, but God can get to him, and reveals Himself in a dream. How did Daniel respond to this problem?

2. Prayer (v.17 – 19).

How does Daniel endure Babylon? By praying. Prayer is how we communicate with God. Daniel does not respond with panic, anxiety, or fear, he calls his small group of friends and they pray to God seeking God's help. Daniel and his friends often prayed together and humbled themselves before God.

3. Praise (v.19b – 30).

How did Daniel make it through Babylon? He worships the God of his fathers. Their faith has been passed on to Daniel. Daniel starts by blessing, praising and glorifying God. He promotes God, and God later promotes him. Daniel is walking right into enemy territory; into demonic strongholds and he does so fearlessly because he has faith in the God who has brought him to this moment. Daniel could stand before king Nebuchadnezzar, because he knelt before the King of kings Jesus Christ. God speaks to Daniel and his friends during prayer and praise.

4. Prophecy (v.31 – 43).

Daniel talks about a succession of Empires, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman. He starts with the **Babylonian Empire** as the head of gold. Then comes the **Medo-Persian Empire**. This is the chest and arms of silver. After that comes the **Greek Empire**. This is the middle and thighs of bronze. After that comes the **Roman Empire**. This is the iron legs, feet, and toes, partly of potter's clay, and partly of iron.

5. Promise (v.44 – 49).

Who is this stone? Jesus Christ, He is the Chief Cornerstone, foundation stone and capstone. The prophecy was this, anything and everything that is not build on Jesus Christ will collapse and crumble. Gabriel comes to Mary and says, the time has come. Jesus is born. The king has come (See Luke 1:32 – 33). Jesus starts as a stone in humility (1st coming), and ends as a mountain in glory and power (2nd coming).