

**Daniel 2:1 KJV**

*2 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar **dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.***

**Daniel 2:1 AMPC**

*2 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar **had dreams by which his spirit was troubled and agitated and his sleep went from him.***

Many people believe that a person, who was as successful as Nebuchadnezzar, would not dream bad dreams. Wealth and fame do not make a person happy. In this particular case, the dream is an intervention from God. God directs people, sometimes, by dreams and visions, however, not all dreams are from God, but this one is.

This dream is to elevate Daniel in the kingdom, as the dreams of the king of Egypt elevated Joseph to the second in command in the land. In the time of revelation, God spoke through the interpretation of dreams that He induced.

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**Daniel 2:2 KJV**

*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.*

### **Daniel 2:2 AMPC**

*2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, the enchanters or soothsayers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans [diviners], to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.*

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### **Chaldeans defined:**

The Chaldeans were people who lived in southern Babylonia which would be the southern part of Iraq today. Sometimes the term Chaldeans is used to refer to Babylonians in general, but normally it refers to a specific semi-nomadic tribe that lived in the southern part of Babylon. The land of the Chaldeans was the southern portion of Babylon or Mesopotamia. It was generally thought to be an area about 400 miles long and 100 miles wide alongside the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

The Chaldeans are mentioned multiple times in the Bible in both contexts. For example, Genesis 11:28 speaks of Abraham's father Terah, who lived in "Ur of the Chaldeans," home to the specific tribe or people known as the Chaldeans. We know from verses such as Genesis 11:31 and Genesis 15:7 that God called Abraham, a descendant of Shem, out of Ur of the Chaldeans so that Abraham would follow God to the land that God had promised to him and his descendants.

The Chaldeans were an intelligent and sometimes aggressive, warlike people. In 731 BC Ukinzer, a Chaldean, became king of Babylon; however, his reign was short-lived. A few years later Merodach-Baladan, also a Chaldean, became king over Babylon.

Then in 626 BC Nabopolassar, another Chaldean, began what would be an extended period of time during which Babylon was ruled by a Chaldean king. During this time the word Chaldean became synonymous for Babylon, and we see many verses in Scripture where the word Chaldean was used to refer to Babylonians in general (Isaiah 13:19; 47:1,5; 48:14, 20). Successors to Nabopolassar were Nebuchadnezzar, Amel-Marduk, Nabonidus and then Belshazzar, “king of the Chaldeans” (Daniel 5:30).

At the height of the Babylonian Empire, the Chaldeans were an influential and highly educated group of people. Some historians believe that, after Persia conquered Babylon, the term Chaldean was used more often to refer to a social class of highly educated people than to a race of men.

The Chaldeans influenced Nebuchadnezzar’s decision to throw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:8) and were well known as wise men and astrologers during the time of Jewish captivity in Babylon.

(Daniel 1:4; 2:10; 4:7; 5:7, 11). At the time of Daniel, Babylon was the intellectual center of western Asia, and the Chaldeans were renowned for their study and knowledge of astrology and astronomy. They kept detailed astronomical records for over 360 years, which can help us understand how the wise men from the East would have been able to recognize and follow the star that would lead them to the King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2).

## **Modern day Chaldean defined:**

Chaldeans are an Eastern Rite Catholic religious group. They are indigenous Aramaic-speaking people from Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq) who are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, governed by their own patriarch. They are considered both a distinct ethnic and religious group with a long history in catholicism

They are part of the Chaldean Catholic Church, which reunited with Rome in the 16th century. They are indigenous to Iraq, with many communities now in the United States, particularly Michigan. While they share an ethnic base with Assyrians, they are distinct in their Catholic religious affiliation

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Going back to verse 2 of chapter 2...

The subjects of the land are at the beck and call of the king. When the king called them, they came. These astrologers were thought of as the wise men of the day and the job of these astrologers, magicians, and sorcerers was to advise the king on things of a spiritual nature.

They would try to tell of future events, as well as giving advice. They do have some power, but it is limited as their source is the devil. Chaldeans could refer to all people native to Chaldea, or as here, to a special class of soothsayers who taught Chaldean culture.

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**Daniel 2:3 KJV**

*3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.*

**Daniel 2:3 AMPC**

*3 And the king said to them, I had a dream and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.*

The king was aware this bad dream was not caused by eating the wrong food for dinner, but was, in fact, a warning. He cannot continue on, without knowing the meaning of this dream.

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**Daniel 2:4 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:4 AMPC**

*4 Then said the Chaldeans [diviners] to the king in Aramaic [the Syrian language], O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.*

These worldly wise men were smart enough to begin by saying something nice to the king. **“Syriac”**: This means they spoke in Syrian. This seems like a reasonable request for the king to give them the dream, so they might interpret the dream. This language, to which Daniel suddenly switches (in verse 4b), and retains through (7:28), was written with an alphabet like Hebrew, yet had distinctive differences.

Aramaic was the popular language of the Babylonian, Assyrian, and Persian areas, and was useful in governmental and trade relations. (Daniel 1:1-2:4a and 8:1-12:13 were written in Hebrew), possibly because the focus was more directly on Hebrew matters. Daniel 2:4b - 7:28, switches to Aramaic because the subject matter is centered more on other nations and matters largely involving them.

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**Daniel 2:5 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:5 AMPC**

*5 The king answered the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me! And the decree goes forth from me and I say it with all emphasis: if you do not make known to me the dream with its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces and your houses shall be made a dunghill!*

Even though the king has forgotten the details of the dream, he is still greatly troubled by the dream. The astrologers, sorcerers, and magicians were supposed to be able to read the minds of their people. If they had the power they claimed to have, this would be no problem for them...the truth is they do not have power. The threat of death should cause them to use all the power available to them to try to know the dream and its meaning. It is in the power of the king to kill them, if they do not please him.

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**Daniel 2:6 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:6 AMPC**

*6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So show me the dream and the interpretation of it.*

We saw in the previous passage, threat of cruel death, if they did not know and bring the meaning of the dream to the king. Now, we see they will be blessed greatly, if they can bring the king his dream. This is a time of proving for them...they must prove their powers to the king.

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**Daniel 2:7 KJV**

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

**Daniel 2:7 AMPC**

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

This is the second time they have requested the king to tell the dream to them. They have not understood his previous answer.

But, he has forgotten the details of the dream and their mention of the fact they are servants to the king, is to show their willingness to interpret the dream, if it is in their power to do so.

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**Daniel 2:8 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:8 AMPC**

*8 The king answered, I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me and because you see that my word [against you] is sure:*

Many of us can relate to the king in this...at some time in our life, each of us has had a troubling dream, that we could not recall when we woke up. We are aware that the dream troubled us, but we cannot remember the dream. This is what has happened to the king.

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**Daniel 2:9 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:9 AMPC**

*9 If you will not make known to me the dream, there is but one sentence for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me [hoping to delay your execution] until the time is changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can tell me the interpretation of it.*

Astrology is calculated by the position of the moon and stars, and time is wasting away here. This one incident will prove to the king for all time, whether they have been lying about their powers, or whether they truly do have supernatural power.

This is much like the challenge that Elijah gave to the prophets of Baal. If they have power, prove it right now. The only thing that will save them is the dream and its interpretation.

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**Daniel 2:10 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:10 AMPC**

*10 The Chaldeans [diviners] answered before the king and said, There is not a man on earth who can show the king this matter, for no king, lord, or ruler has [ever] asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.*

They have now made a truthful statement... no man can do these things, This can only be revealed by the True God. They were used to being asked about interpretations, but never to tell what the dream was, as well. They are almost scolding the king for even asking for such a thing. They remind him, that no previous king has asked such impossibility.

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**Daniel 2:11 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:11 AMPC**

*11 A rare and weighty thing indeed the king requires! None except the gods can reveal it to the king, and their dwelling is not with [human] flesh.*

We see in the following passage that even true interpretations are from God alone.

**Genesis 40:8 AMPC**

*8 And they said to him, We have dreamed dreams, and there is no one to interpret them. And Joseph said to them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me [your dreams], I pray you.*

God is the dream giver, and God is the true interpreter. *Anything that is impossible with man is possible with God.* (Matt 19:26)

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**Daniel 2:12 KJV**

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

**Daniel 2:12 AMPC**

*12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.*

The king's eyes were opened, and he realized these worldly men had no power at all. He had placed his faith in them, and they had failed him and he demanded that they be killed.

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**Daniel 2:13 KJV**

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

**Daniel 2:13 AMPC**

*13 So the decree went forth that the wise men were to be killed, and [the officers] sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.*

Now, we see the command to kill all of the wise men extends to Daniel and his companions. The king has grouped them all together as liars and deceivers.

**Daniel 2:14 KJV**

*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:*

**Daniel 2:14 AMPC**

*14 Then Daniel returned an answer which was full of prudence and wisdom to Arioch the captain or executioner of the king's guard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon.*

It seems that "Arioch" was the chief executioner. He was seeking out all the wise men to kill them, on orders from the king. The incredible fact about God is the He can turn an impossibility into a miracle. What was impossible for the worldly wise will not be impossible for someone like Daniel.

Daniel speaks the Words of God that flow through him. God caused Daniel to be brave enough to speak up to Arioch, here.

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**Daniel 2:15 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:15 AMPC**

*15 He said to Arioch, the king's captain, Why is the decree so urgent and hasty from the king? Then Arioch explained the matter to Daniel.*

Daniel and his friends were not even aware of what had taken place with the king and the (worldly wise men). This is a request from Daniel to give him and his friends a chance to see what they could do. Daniel knew that his God was the real God, and could reveal these secrets.

The question, "Why is the decree so hasty from the king?" is a very legitimate question. God had to intervene for Daniel to be able to ask this question. The haste was because the king was angered.

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**Daniel 2:16 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:16 AMPC**

*16 And Daniel went in and desired of the king that he would set a date and give him time, and he would show the king the interpretation.*

Notice, Daniel speaks for himself...we know that the executioner would not speak for Daniel, fearing for his own life. Daniel has confidence that God will reveal this to him. Daniel was obviously held in high esteem, as his ready access to the king demonstrates. The men, who had been asked at first, did not ask for extra time, they had said it was impossible. They also said the king was in error asking for such a thing and Kings do not like to hear they are in error.

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**Daniel 2:17 KJV**

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

**Daniel 2:17 AMPC**

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

**Note:** These Biblical names from the Book of Daniel are pronounced as follows: Hananiah (han-uh-NYE-uh), Mishael (mih-SHAY-el or MISH-ay-el), and Azariah (az-uh-RYE-uh).

Daniel believed God would save them by revealing this dream to him and He also knew the importance of the prayer of agreement. Daniel knew how he believed, but he also had confidence in the prayers of his friends. Even though Daniel had special, God given abilities, he and 3 his friends (Shadrach, Meshech, and Abednego) still had to pray.

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**Daniel 2:18 KJV**

*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.*

**Daniel 2:18 AMPC**

*18 So that they would desire and request mercy of the God of heaven concerning this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

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**Daniel 2:19 KJV**

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

**Daniel 2:19 AMPC**

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

God hears the prayers of the righteous.

**Proverbs 15:29 AMPC**

*29 The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the [consistently] righteous (the upright, in right standing with Him).*

**Psalms 34:15 AMPC**

*15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the [uncompromisingly] righteous and His ears are open to their cry.*

**Philippians 4:6-7 AMPC**

*6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.*

*7 And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Ecclesiastes 8:4-6 KJV**

*4 Where the word of a king is, there is power:*

The prayers of Daniel, and his 3 friends, have been answered... God reveals the dream/vision to Daniel and notice, Daniel praised God for the dream. This praise to God sums up the theme of the whole book, namely that God is the One who controls all things and grants all wisdom and might.



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