

# Nebuchadnezzar – The Dreamer

## Daniel 2:1

This wonderful book of Daniel reveals very vividly that God is faithful to advance prepared believers. We see here 4 young men who were truly oriented to God and His plan for their lives. Because of growing up understanding God's truth, they were able to be away from parents, friends and other loved ones and even from their very own home land and maintain inner peace and happiness under persecutions and tremendous pressure. Daniel and his 3 friends were among the hostages taken to Babylon when Nebuchadnezzar, King of the Chaldean Empire, besieged Jerusalem in 606 B.C.

God's Truth in the soul always pays off handsomely and keeps stability in the midst of terrific brainwashing attempts. These 4 took a firm stand on the Word of God and prospered even in captivity. Please note that everything God wants to communicate to us as believers in this wonderful Age of Grace are found in this great book – the Bible, the completed Canon of Scripture; however we must also be aware of the fact that in OT times God revealed His Will and Plan in various ways.

Let us view how magnificently this was done:

1. The written Word – as it then existed ([Dan. 9:2](#)).
2. The spoken Word ([Isa. 6 :9-10](#))
3. Through dreams ([Gen. 20:3-7](#); [31:10-13, 24](#); [Num. 12:6](#); [Dan. 2:1](#)).
4. In Visions ([I Kings 22:19](#); [Isa. 1:1](#); [6:1](#); [Dan. 7:7](#); [8:1](#)).
5. Through angelic teaching ([Deut. 33:2](#); [Psa. 68:17](#); [Acts 7:53](#); [Gal. 3:19](#)).

In our study today we find that revelation came to Nebuchadnezzar through a dream, or dreams, and that the content became very disturbing to him. In the original text “his life was troubled” which means that his mind was in great turmoil and not characterized by peace and security.

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NOTE: This shows us that Nebuchadnezzar's position of greatness, his prestige, and personal abilities did not bring to him peace of heart, mind, and soul. Knowledge and truth in the soul of the believer gives joy, peace and stability in every situation of life. [Daniel 2:2](#) reveals that the king commanded magicians, astrologers, sorcerers and Chaldeans to stand up before him to reveal the meaning of his dreams. What a group? What a group! Let's briefly see what type of individuals we have here:

1. Magicians – These were the scribes who wrote in hieroglyphics, recordings and filings, the secrets of the Chaldean religion, as well as laws, contracts, etc. We could consider it an administrative legal department.
2. Astrologers – men highly trained in science, mathematics and astrology. Their skills were used as a cover for predicting the actions of other nations – actually these folk were engaged in espionage and functioned as an intelligence agency.
3. Sorcerers – These were individuals who knew how to properly handle people. We would call them “skilled in public relations,” especially in knowing how to entertain distinguished visitors from other countries.
4. Chaldeans – These kept the Babylonians under control and were powerful with the governmental hierarchy.
5. Soothsayers – These are mentioned in [Dan. 2:27](#) as men who were the pagan counterpart of the Biblical prophets, and were energized by evil spirits. If these people got the information relative to the king's dreams, they would not hesitate to fabricate an interpretation ([Daniel 2:4](#)).

Here we see how sharp the king, Nebuchadnezzar, really was. His advisers were brilliant and clever, BUT he was wiser than all of them. They could not interpret what they did not know, though claiming to know. He KNEW that they did not know!

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[Dan. 2:5](#) – Now we see a great man becoming ruthless because of being plagued with fear and worry. He now not only refused to reveal the dream, but demanded that both the dream and the meaning be presented – or they would be CUT IN PIECES, (hacked-up bodies), their houses destroyed, their wives, children and servants be killed, and their bodies would not even be buried. This whole situation becomes more serious. Read [Dan. 2:6-13](#); [Dan. 2:14](#).

Since early childhood, Daniel, a true believer, knowing God’s Word and making application of Truth, now realizes that what he has in his soul is more important than this crisis – no time for PANIC. Since a person punching panic buttons cannot think, Daniel knows to keep his cool. He is looking from a vertical viewpoint with faith, trust, and confidence. Read [Dan. 2:15-25](#).

Now in [Dan. 2:24, 25](#) – We see Arioch, probably the number 3 man in the Chaldean Empire, who had authority over millions of people, and is now trying to grab glory as he brings Daniel before the king. “Look to me, O King, I HAVE FOUND A MAN.”

[Dan. 2:26-28](#) – Here we have *AMAZING VERSES!!*

*“THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN WHO REVEALS SECRETS, AND MAKES KNOWN TO THE KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS”.*