

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2

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Nebuchadnezzar had a disturbing dream. He summoned his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers and said, "Tell me what I dreamed and what it means."

They said, "Tell us your dream and we'll tell you what it means."

"No! Tell me my dream; then I'll know I can trust your interpretation."

None of them could do what the king asked, so he ordered that all such 'wise men' in Babylon should be gathered up and executed. Daniel prayed to the Lord for help and went to see the king.

Nebuchadnezzar asked, "Can you tell me what I dreamed and what it means?"

"No, I can't," Daniel replied, "No mere mortal can do that. But there is a God in heaven who unlocks mysteries and who has given me the answer.

"In your dream, you saw a statue with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, and feet a combination of iron and clay. Suddenly a stone struck the feet and shattered them. The entire statue crumbled to dust and was blown away as the stone grew into a mountain that filled the entire earth.

"Your Majesty is the greatest of kings; you are the head of gold. After you will come an inferior kingdom, followed by another, and another. Then the God of heaven will establish a kingdom that will overcome all other kingdoms and will stand forever."

Because of Daniel all the 'wise men' were spared. Nebuchadnezzar appointed Daniel governor of Babylon. Daniel's friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were put in charge of day-to-day affairs, while Daniel remained in attendance to the king.