

Daniel 2:1-49

Because **GOD** is bigger . . .



- . . . only He is omniscient and can reveal a man's dreams

“Because GOD is Bigger...”

Studies in Daniel

Text: (Daniel 2:1-49)

Big Idea: God alone can reveal the mysteries of the human mind .

Outline:

- I. Nebuchadnezzar dreams a dream (2:1-11)
- II. God reveals dream and interpretation to Daniel (2:12-23)
- III. Daniel reveals dream and interpretation to Nebuchadnezzar (2:24-45)
- IV. Nebuchadnezzar worships God and promotes Daniel (2:46-49)

Highlights

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Lessons

⬆️ God is the source of true wisdom

⬆️ God answers prayer

⬆️ Importance of praise

⬆️ God is sovereign over history



Looking Within

This section contains some questions that might arise from this study to help me personally examine and apply the principles that I have learned from this lesson.

1. What impact do you think would Daniel's intervention and role in saving the life of these "wise men" have on these men?
2. Re-read verses 2:16-18. How would you describe Daniel's faith? How is your faith?
3. When you are in a hard situation, how reliant are you on God to show up?
4. Read James 3:13-18. What does wisdom that comes down from above look like?
5. Can we notice it as opposed to the other type of "wisdom"?
6. How does Daniel fit into James 1:5-8? How do you?
7. How does God's sovereignty over history affect the way you look at events today (politics, Haiti, Middle East, economy...)?

8. For the next several days, take time to write down how God has answered prayer, either in your life or in someone else's life and take time to praise Him.



Digging Deeper

Need to know more about what you've just learned? Below are some verses to help you explore what scripture has to say about these topics, events and people.

God using dreams and visions

- Genesis 37:5-11
- Ezekiel 40-48
- Zechariah 1-6
- Matthew 1:20-21; 2:13, 19-20

God using non-believers

- Ezra 1:1-4
- Nehemiah 2:1-8
- Habakkuk 1:5-11
- Matthew 26:14-16; John 11:45-57
- Acts 21:37f

God answers prayer

- 1 Samuel 1:9-20, 27-28
- Psalm 17:6-7
- Psalm 99:6-9
- Mark 5:21-43
- Hebrews 4:14-16



Additional Resources

For those desiring more information below are some optional resources that would be beneficial.

1. Web site

Adult Ministry page at the CBC web site. Follow the link of the Daniel class description for notes and Lawson and Hasel articles.

2. Sermon

Paul Decker, "Get Together" available on SermonCentral.com at <http://www.sermoncentral.com/Sermon.asp?SermonID=49983>

3. Maps of Empires

- Babylonian Empire - http://www.bible-history.com/maps/maps/map_babylonian_empire_550_bc.html
- Medo-Persian Empire - <http://edsitement.neh.gov/PersiaGreeceWars01.asp> (top map)
- Greek Empire - <http://www.gods-word-first.org/bible-maps/greek-empire-bible-maps.html>
- Roman Empire - <http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/roman-empire.html>