

# The Book of Daniel: Chapter 2

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**Chapter Overview:** Nebuchadnezzar has a dream, challenging his sorcerers and magicians to tell him the contents of the dream, and its interpretation (1 – 13). God reveals the dream to Daniel (14 – 23), who then interprets it for the king (24 – 45). Impressed, the king promotes Daniel and his three friends (46 – 49).

**(1 – 6)** What command did Nebuchadnezzar give to his magicians and sorcerers? What was their response, and how did the king react?

**(7 – 9)** What did the king's advisors request again, and what did the king accuse them of trying to do? What did the king state as the reason that he wanted them to identify the contents of the dream before giving the interpretation of its meaning?

**(10 – 13)** How did the king's advisors respond, and what was the outcome?

**(14 – 19)** Why did Daniel request that the king give him more time to interpret the dream? What does this indicate about the relationship between Daniel and the king, and what was the result of the request? (*Jeremiah 33: 3; 1 John 5: 14 – 15*)

**(20 – 23)** How would you characterize Daniel's prayer of blessing to the Lord? What does this teach us about giving thanks to God for the blessings that He provides? (*Psalms 107: 1; Philippians 4: 6 – 7*)

**(24 – 26)** Describe the interaction between Daniel and the captain of the guard (Arioch). When Arioch brought Daniel before the king, what did the king ask of Daniel?

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**(27 – 30)** How did Daniel explain his ability to describe the king's dream and interpret its meaning? What did Daniel identify as the focus of the king's dream?

**(31 – 35)** What are the key elements in Daniel's general description of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? What did the "great image / large statue" represent, and what did the "stone cut out / broken off without hands" represent? (*Psalm 118: 22 – 23; Matthew 21: 42*)

**(36 – 40)** Within the interpretation of the dream, what four earthly kingdoms that would succeed Nebuchadnezzar's reign were represented? (*Daniel 7: 1 – 8*)

**(41 – 43)** Regarding the fourth future kingdom to be mentioned, describe the illustration of it being a mixture of clay and iron. What characteristics of the fourth kingdom are highlighted in this illustration? (*Daniel 7: 7*)

**(44 – 45)** What indestructible kingdom is described? What are its distinctive characteristics? (*Matthew 25: 34; Revelation 11: 15*)

**(46 – 49)** How did Nebuchadnezzar respond to Daniel's description and interpretation of his dream? What was the outcome for Daniel and his peers?