Daniel Lesson 2

David Duncan · Daniel 2:1–49 · Series: **Daniel Bible Study**

INTRODUCTION

- Our goal this morning is to go through Daniel chapter two.
- It even says that they were better than all these other magicians and others.

1 Nebuchadnezzar's Dream and the Test

Daniel 2:1; Daniel 2:5–6; Daniel 2:10–12

- Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams, and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him.
- If you tell me the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor.
- Seems like a fair test to ask one to be able to prove themselves before he does.
- These are people that supposedly could tell all these things, interpret things from their gods or whatever, and yet they're saying only the gods can tell you.
- The king was angry and very furious and gave the command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

2 Daniel Prayed and Gives Thanks

Daniel 2:16–23

- Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, he might tell the king the interpretation.
- That they might seek mercies from God. And the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision.
- Blessed be the name of God forever and ever. For wisdom and might are his, and he changes the times and the seasons.
- And yet they take the time to pray to God, realizing that this was coming from God, that God was giving them the wisdom.

3 A God in Heaven Who Reveals Secrets

Daniel 2:27–30

- But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.
- But as for me, the secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living.
- He gives credit to God and makes it clear that it's that Daniel's just sort of the mouthpiece here.

4 Let the Scripture Speak

- Let the scripture speak. Let them define themselves using the context.
- Looking at the story as the Bible a whole often helps us as well.
- We shouldn't just wildly go off and say something symbolic when it's obvious and literal.

5 The Statue and the Stone

Daniel 2:34–35; Daniel 2:37–38; Daniel 2:46–47

- From the actual passage, we know at least what one of these was right from here because it tells us he was the head of gold.
- The fourth kingdom, as we say, the legs of iron, the Roman Empire.
- Stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces.
- The stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.
- It's not a human kingdom insofar as it's not like these other ones. It's not gonna be knocked down. It's something that's gonna remain.
- Truly your God is the God of gods, Lord of kings, and a reveal of secrets, since you've revealed this secret.

6 Views That Don't Fit the Context

- People will try to make these things fit some other view they're have, or some view they've come up with.
- Some would say, well, this feet of iron and clay, that's not part of the Roman Empire, that's something totally different. This has got to be World War II Germany, or it's got to be the EU.
- The passage doesn't say it's the end of history, it doesn't give anything in there that would make you say this has to be the end of history.

MY NOTES