

Series: The Book of Daniel
Title: Moving from Dream to Destiny
Daniel 2

Introduction

Daniel wrote the Book of Daniel to honor God as the Sovereign Ruler over all things. In Chapter 2, he writes about the vision of Nebuchadnezzar and the interpretation that Daniel received from God. Daniel's goal is to reveal a dream of destiny to encourage Israel and prepare them for the future.

1. The dream was very disturbing, and Nebuchadnezzar knew it was unusually _____.
2. Nebuchadnezzar _____ to know the dream and its interpretation from his advisors.
3. The king called upon them to perform what they _____ they could do.
4. The advisors attempt to explain the _____ of the king's request.
5. A furious Nebuchadnezzar sentences all his wise men to _____.
6. Daniel reacts to Nebuchadnezzar's decree by asking for a short _____.
7. Daniel _____ deals with the crisis.
8. Daniel asks his companions for _____.
9. God _____ the dream to Daniel.
10. Christian faith begins with the principle of _____.
11. Daniel had the certainty of _____ to believe that God would give him the answer.
12. Daniel goes before the king and gives God the _____ for revealing the dream.

13. Daniel refuses to take _____ and recognizes that all the glory belongs to God.
14. Nebuchadnezzar's dream spanned the whole _____.
15. Daniel _____ Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
16. Daniel gives the _____ of the dream.
17. Daniel first _____ tells Nebuchadnezzar the dream.
18. The _____ of these kingdoms leads to the final kingdom set up by God.
19. The succeeding empires were more extensive and lasted longer than Babylon, but none held as much centralized _____ as Nebuchadnezzar did.
20. The stone cut without hands is the _____.
21. Daniel says the dream is _____, and its interpretation is sure.
22. Daniel's life was spared, he and his friends were _____, and Nebuchadnezzar's dream revealed the destiny of all the world's empires.

I. Reason Embraces God's Truth

23. The _____ is sometimes hard to discover and maybe even harder to accept.
24. Wrongdoing starts with wrong _____.
25. God is the determiner of truth and _____.
26. The Holy Spirit guides us into truth by _____ our minds and hearts to the truth revealed in His Word, the Bible.

II. Our God is the Greatest God

27. Daniel earnestly believed that _____ was the greatest God of all.
28. For God to truly be your God, you must acknowledge that He is _____ than everything else.
29. Daniel didn't turn on God or _____ God for what was happening.
30. People of faith rest in the confidence that our God triumphs over _____ in the end.

III. God Honors Authentic Faith

31. Daniel faced many trying situations that could have caused him to lose faith or stray from his beliefs, but Daniel stayed _____.
32. Authentic faith is not blind faith; it is a _____ faith in a God who has reasons for everything He does.
33. Those who learn to live by faith are well _____ for remaining undefiled by the world.
34. Daniel didn't give up even when it looked like the bottom would fall out, and his life would end _____.
35. We live in a fallen world, and like everyone else, Christians do face _____ disappointment and disaster.

IV. Conclusion

36. There are times when only Divine _____ can save us.

37. In those times, we desperately need to seek the _____ of God and learn the value of prayer support.

Some situations require us to put our complete trust in the wisdom of God. Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that God controls the times and seasons. He removes and sets up kings. He gives wisdom and knowledge to those who seek Him. He reveals even the deepest secrets. He knows all about the evil, yet He dwells in light.

Answers

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| 1. significant | 14. future | 27. Jehovah |
| 2. demands | 15. describes | 28. greater |
| 3. boasted | 16. interpretation | 29. blame |
| 4. impossibility | 17. accurately | 30. all |
| 5. death | 18. succession | 31. strong |
| 6. extension | 19. power | 32. well-reasoned |
| 7. calmly | 20. Messiah | 33. rewarded |
| 8. prayer | 21. certain | 34. prematurely |
| 9. reveals | 22. promoted | 35. crippling |
| 10. revelation | 23. truth | 36. intervention |
| 11. faith | 24. thinking | 37. wisdom |
| 12. glory | 25. reality | |
| 13. credit | 26. opening | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Do you have good solid reasons for practicing your faith in Christ? Are you flirting with the world and its sinful practices? What can you do to strengthen your reasons for faith?
2. Do you believe God is greater than all else? How does this belief change your perspective on life?
3. What do you do when things just go horribly wrong? Do you turn to God and demonstrate authentic faith, or do you turn away from God with resentment or bitterness?