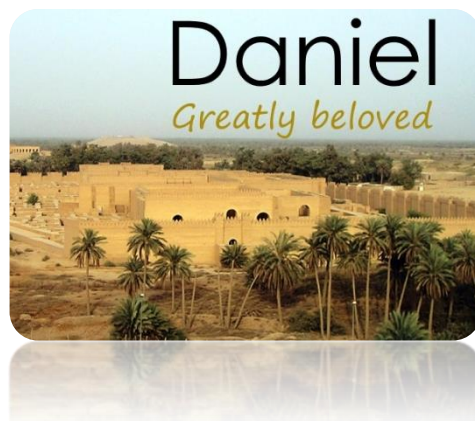


DANIEL 2 vs 26

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In this chapter we see the great perplexity Nebuchadnezzar was put into by a dream which he had forgotten; we see his demand to know its interpretation, which his wisest magicians could not pretend to do; and we see Daniel's discovery of this secret to him, in answer to prayer and thanksgiving offered to God; and now Daniel is called before the king – Matthew Henry.



26 The king answered and said to Daniel whose name was Belteshazzar / now, this is king Nebuchadnezzar... and he had just ordered all the wise in his kingdom to be put to death, Nebuchadnezzar said to Daniel/ typical of captives, names get changed to try to obliterate identities. It happens all the time. And Daniel was given a Babylonian name... And the king asks him,

Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?

27 Daniel / in essence he said, **NO! Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret mystery which the king has demanded to know,**

the wise / the geniuses of Babylon:

the astrologers / the forecasters,

the magicians / the hocus pocus workers,

and the soothsayers / the wizards and druggists of their time,

cannot show it to the king / and Nebuchadnezzar, sitting there on his throne with that look of: **I thought so**, and with the biggest smile on his face, grew another foot taller!

28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets and has made known to king Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. / and just an aside -- Hudson Taylor missionary to China, said, There is a God in heaven; He's spoken in His word; He means just what He says; and plans to do all He has promised.

Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these:

29 As for you, O king, your thoughts came upon your bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and He who reveals secret mysteries, makes known to you what will come to pass.

And listen to this parenthesis Daniel adds...

30 But as for me, the secret mystery, is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any other living being. / it is not because I took any graduate study at the university or seminary, and I know something not known to others, he could have added, the prophet Amos said I was a fig picker! God determines those things! Like C.S. Lewis said, God never asked me to write one of His gospels, so don't ask me to critique them, because I'm not that smart!

But Daniel is talking to Nebuchadnezzar; and he is going to tell us why this mystery was revealed to him...

but for the intent that the interpretation will be made known to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart / imagine king Nebuchadnezzar beginning to remember what strange dream he had seen in the privacy of his home, as Daniel reveals it.

31 You, O king looked, and saw / pay attention a very great image / a rab-rab image; the Aramaic root of the word: **rabbi**, the great one. And we understand why Jesus said, Don't call anyone, **rabbi**... because it already was an abused word. Educators like their titles. But let's not interrupt Daniel!

this very great image / this rab-rab image, its brightness was excellent, standing before you; and the appearance of it was terrible / it was terrifying. Whatever Nebuchadnezzar saw, he had never seen before; nobody had.

32 This head of the image was of fine gold,

its chest and its arms of silver,

its belly and its thighs of brass,

33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 You saw till a stone was cut without hands which smote the image on its feet of iron and clay,

and broke them to pieces. / a rock was cut, with no human effort,

³⁵ **Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, together** / when the Rock appeared, the entire ghastly image of earthly government that was together,

broken to pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them:

and the stone that struck the image / the Rock that came to the rescue; and took care of business,

became a great mountain, and filled the whole **earth**.

Daniel just described... the kingdom of this world; a kingdom of diminishing earthly powers. Beginning at its head **of gold** was: absolute despotism... ending with feet...**partly of iron**... and **partly of clay**. And by the way, iron and clay don't mix well; it's not a good, stable foundation. And this image ends with loosely defined democracy.

Daniel revealed the kingdom of this world. And from head to toe its parts share a common denominator. And what is it? **Each part, at one time or another... conquered Jerusalem**. Here, Daniel has just told us... this kingdom of the world... which started in gold and splendor... will someday end in the dust bin of human history.