

Daniel 2:1–30

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Many years ago King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that startled him and caused him to awaken (Daniel 2:1).

Since the king couldn't remember the dream, he called the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers and other wise men to tell him what he had seen (verses 2-3).

The wise men told the king that when he told them the dream they would interpret it for him (verse 4).

But the king made an unreasonable request. He insisted that the men not only give him the interpretation, but that they must also tell him the dream (verses 5-6).

The wise men again appealed to the king to tell them the dream, and then they would interpret it for him (verse 7).

The king accused them of stalling (verses 8-9).

These advisers went on to explain that only the gods could provide the dream and the interpretation. And those gods weren't living on the earth (verses 10-11).

The king became furious and ordered that the wise men be killed (verses 12-13). This decree included the death of Daniel and his friends.

When Daniel heard about the decree, he went to Arioch and asked why the king had made such a ruling (verses 14-15).

When Daniel heard the circumstances, he rushed off to see King Nebuchadnezzar and offered to give him the interpretation (verse 16).

Next, Daniel went to see his friends and asked them to join him in beseeching God for the answer to the mystery (verses 17-18).

God answered Daniel's request in a vision in the night (verse 19).

Daniel praised God in verses 19-23.

Daniel 2:19-23—"Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said: 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He

changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him. 'I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand.' "

Daniel went to Arioch to stop the murder of the wise men and to arrange for a meeting with the king (verse 24).

Arioch took Daniel to see the king (verse 25).

When the king asked Daniel if he could interpret the dream (verse 26), Daniel confirmed that he could (verse 27).

And then Daniel explained that the mysteries came from Almighty God (verses 28-30).

Next time, we will discuss the dream.