

THE KING'S DREAM

Daniel 2:1-28

Introduction

The faith of Daniel and his three Hebrew friends was tested early in their lives. First, their faith in the Lord was severely tested when they were taken from home as young teenagers and brought to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Second, they were tested soon after they arrived in Babylon by the matter of the king's food. In both cases they knew how to trust in the Lord to overcome the problems that they faced. However, in today's lesson they faced a test that was so great that all the wise men of Nebuchadnezzar's court failed it. Yet these four men passed that almost impossible test by trusting in the Lord.

Aim of the Lesson

Depend on God's wisdom and power to do His work in the midst of trials and danger (Ps 23:4).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

I. Perplexity of Nebuchadnezzar (2:1-13)

1. What troubled King Nebuchadnezzar one night in the 2nd year as the king of Babylon? 2:1
2. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to solve his problem? 2:2
3. What two things did the king demand of his wise men? 2:3-6
4. What was the reason that the king had for his two-part demand? 2:9
5. Name the objections that the wise men gave the king for the first part of his demand. 2:10-11
6. What command did the king give when his wise men failed to satisfy his demand? 2:12-13

II. Perception of Daniel – 2:14-28

7. How did Daniel handle the news that he was to be executed? 2:14-15
8. What did Daniel say to the king that revealed his faith in God? 2:16
9. What did Daniel and his three friends ask God to do? 2:17-18
10. When God gave them their request, what was the first thing that Daniel did? 2:20 Circle answer.
 - a. He told the king the dream
 - b. He told Arioch the dream
 - c. He blessed God for His might and wisdom
11. What did Daniel tell God that should comfort us in this troubled world? 2:21-22
12. What did Daniel do that we often forget to do? 2:23
13. Why did Daniel thank and praise God? 2:23
14. What two requests did Daniel ask of Arioch? 2:24
15. What did the king ask Daniel? 2:26
16. How did Daniel answer the king? 2:27-28
17. Do you trust the Lord with your problems so you can handle them with a calm heart and mind?



This is an artist's concept of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had in his dream. God gave Daniel a vision of the image in the king's dream and what it meant. Part of the vision is yet to be fulfilled and it will affect you. That is what we will discuss in the next lesson