



To most Bible Teachers what is important in this chapter is the
Prophetic Outline of Gentile history
Gentile empires that will come and go throughout history
and one Gentile Time still to come
that will be seen in **The Statue** of Daniel 2.

But please remember that **to the Jews** this is a book on **WISDOM**
about ***how the Jews are to live under foreign control*** of Gentile nations.

How Israel will survive under world powers.

So we are going to emphasize **Daniel 2:14-18**

This WISDOM is for us in the CHURCH AGE.

¹⁴Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;

¹⁵he said to Arioch, the king's commander, "For what reason is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter.

¹⁶ So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter,

¹⁸ so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon

and then for the assurance for the Jews of God's plan: Daniel 2:44

⁴⁴ In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

where we have the prophecy of final rule of Jewish Nation in history.

6 bc

1 bc

1 AD

11 Centruy AD

21 Century AD

Long period of Gentile rule 6th century bc to 21st century AD but the time is coming when Gentile rule will be crushed by God and Jewish nation will rule.

Two important lessons for every Jew and believer in Jesus Christ:	Gentile world powers	will constantly seek to crush all Jews and all true believers in Jesus Christ
	Jews and true believers	can always be blessed by God no matter how much they are hated by Gentile powers.

This will be seen in the **WISDOM** of Daniel
As in lion's den and his 3 friends in Fiery Furnace.

We have seen this already in chapter 1 where these **4 men** are thrust out of their Jewish nation into Babylonian culture and education, yet God blessed them because of their **FAITHFULNESS**, so that they were appointed in high positions.

Chapter 1 - Daniel and 3 friends promoted and immediately a crisis occurred!

COINCIDENCE?

No!

This is God's perfect timing.

This is **God** setting up **His plan** in Daniel's life.

Daniel 2:1 Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him.

603 bc

(Nebuchadnezzar became king in 605 bc)

This unbeliever King had dreams (plural),

and they were **of the God** of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

God caused Nebuchadnezzar to have these dreams to work out **HIS** purpose.

We could spend some time on dreams!

Unbelievers and a Lot of Believers Put More Importance to Their Dreams
Than They Do The Word of God.

Today throughout the Church Age

God speaks to believers through His Word

and

He leads believers by His Spirit.

Nowhere

is there the gift of dreams,
nor the interpretation of dreams.

Unbelievers have dreams and believers have dreams.

We all dream from one of three (3) stimuli:

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| Physical factors | (1) pains, food, drugs, exhaustion, chemical imbalance, toxins—can all stimulate dreams and visions |
| One's emotional state | (2) worry, fears, anxiety; SAD (STRESS ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION); things heavy on the mind...good or bad. We all have dreams and whatever the source, the dream is influenced by whatever is in our minds. |
| An outside influence | (3) a supernatural source working on our minds while we sleep. These can come from God to believers or unbelievers or from Satan to unbelievers. |

Many Christians are always making a big issue out of their dreams and are adamant that God speaks to them through dreams.

The Truth of the matter is there are only **22 dreams** recorded in the whole bible... that's right only **22!** And what is even more important only **6 are in the New Testament**—that is not very many. God simply stopped communicating through dreams as The Canon of Scripture was completed. Of the **16 Dreams in the Old Testament, 11** occurred before the Old Testament was written. The **6** dreams in the New Testament were all before any of the New Testament books had been written.

Don't be led by your dreams!
Be led by the Holy Spirit's use of the written word.

DREAMS

Dreams are important issues in the Bible;
but they were not related to the individual
but to the Plan of God!

FOR PERSONAL GUIDANCE

—WALK IN THE HOLY SPIRIT—

—BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT—

—AND THE HOLY SPIRIT’S USE OF THE WORD OF GOD—

But in the Old Testament God revealed to mankind in several different ways:

1.	through the spoken word	as in Job – often before there was any written word.
2.	through dreams	where 1 st time this is mentioned is in Genesis 20 where ³ ...God came to Abimelech in a dream... Be warned one of the tactics of Satan is to use dreams in unbelievers.
3.	through visions	here is yet another one that many people today place more emphasis on- than on the written Word of God, where the 1 st vision recorded was in Genesis 15 where ² ...the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision... Again Satan’s schemes include visions.
4.	God also communicates by means of Angelic teaching	This is seen in that angels were the one who taught the Law Acts 7:53 ⁵³ you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it.” compared with Galatians 3:19 ¹⁹ Why the Law then? It was

	<p>added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made..</p> <p>It is interesting that Mohammed and Joseph Smith both “claim” the angel Gabriel came to them.</p>
5.	<p>And of course through The Holy Spirit</p> <p>Galatians 5: ...Follow the Spirit chapter 5 ...Be ye Filled with the Spirit verse 5 ...Be Led by the Spirit verse 8 ...Walk by the Spirit verse 25 ...Live by the Spirit verse 25</p>
6.	<p>And of course the written word</p> <p>this is referred to in book of Daniel in 9:2 ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was <i>revealed as</i> the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, <i>namely</i>, seventy years.</p>

CONCLUSION: As the written word came into existence God diminished His use of dreams and visions, to the point that God no longer communicates through dreams and or visions. His revelation to man is now complete in His canon of Scripture. Anyone who sets themselves up as having revelation from God through dreams or visions or angelic communication (Mohammad, Joseph Smith, etc.) are deceived or else they are charlatans or liars...be alerted!

Daniel 2:

¹ Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams (these are from God); and his spirit (the invisible part of man) was troubled and his sleep left him.

Remember, Nebuchadnezzar is one of the great military strategists in human history, (even right up to today), and this is the King who rules the whole world of both the Western and Eastern world, has any and every detail known to man.

Yet he suffers from anxiety, worry, and fear of uncertainty, he is troubled!
His whole being was troubled!
His soul, his mind, his emotions – all were in turmoil.

This is what **our God CAN DO** and **DOES DO** throughout history.

Not In CONTROL Just Troubled

This King was usually in total control and now he was troubled over something about which he had no control; people who like to think they are in control often cannot handle things when they lose their control over situations. (control is an illusion) and his sleep left him. Insomnia.

So here is this King of the great empire in the world and he has no peace;
yet **WE CAN HAVE INNER PEACE** no matter what is going on in history
or in our lives through **Faith in the Holy Spirit.** -Galatians 5:22-23

This is by **Faith.**

The Kings council

The secular world had and has its own way of interpreting dreams: they keep scrupulous records of dreams, and they study these records, and they develop a system of interpreting dreams—even right up until today; people study dreams and they interpret them, they tell you what your dreams mean;

**but in God's plan—
there is no gift of dreams
nor of the interpretation of dreams.**

I have met “weirdo” Christians who dream and interpret their own or someone else’s dream...

you are to listen to the Word of God!

Test them... have them tell you WHAT you dreamed.

So one of the dramas in the 2nd chapter of Daniel is **man’s way** of interpreting dreams -versus- **God’s way** of dependence on the Holy Spirit by Faith!

Daniel 2: ² Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians

the Hebrew word for magicians refers to a writer associated with the occult.

A soothsayer priest dates back into Egypt.

What is a soothsayer?	In English “Sooth” means truth ; referring to one who foretold specific future events. This refers to those educated men who were trained in the arts of ancient Knowledge use of occult arts for telling the future.
the conjurers	This Hebrew word means to breath; to whisper; they gave incantations; Man has always been interested in his origin and destiny; that is what is in the future, what is the outcome of this war or battle etc. This Hebrew word means to breath; to whisper; they gave incantations; Conjured up the dead; received their information by calling up the spirits of the dead;
the sorcerers	the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.
<i>Channelers!</i>	Demons have been resourceful at this for ages, because it impresses mankind; These demons would impersonate departed dead—this has always been part of Gentile world; Channelers were part of the kings advisors So we have those who keep track, records of facts of history, and we have those who conjure up the dead for information.
The sorcerers	now we are moving deeper in the occult – In Hebrew it means to practice magic, sorcery;

Let's review Isaiah 47:9

⁹ "But these two things will come on you suddenly in one day: Loss of children and widowhood. They will come on you in full measure In spite of your many sorceries, In spite of the great power of your spells.

and Isaiah 47:12

¹² "Stand *fast* now in your spells And in your many sorceries With which you have labored from your youth; Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you may cause trembling.

This passage speaks of the Babylonians – written about 150 years before it happened in Daniel's time.

Isaiah 47:9 a sorcerer is one who can cast Satanic spells, not fantasy; they can actually cast spells and we see some of this in voodoo today.

Isaiah 47:12-13

¹² "Stand *fast* now in your spells And in your many sorceries With which you have labored from your youth; Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you may cause trembling.
¹³ "You are wearied with your many counsels; Let now the astrologers, Those who prophesy by the stars, Those who predict by the new moons, Stand up and save you from what will come upon you.

Isaiah 12-13 Isaiah is predicting the destruction of the Babylonian empire some 100 years before it even became a world empire.

Nahum 3:4 - Prophecy of the fall of Nineveh – Babylon is the empire that destroyed Nineveh - this is how Babylon became a world power.

Gentile powers have their occults as part of its advisory..

Nahum 3:1- 4 - all became of many harlotries of the harlot
verse 4 tells the source of down fall of nations – has it root in occult and sorceries
– a turning away from God and God’s truth to occult

Nahum 3: ¹ Woe to the bloody city, completely full of lies and pillage;
 Her prey never departs.
 ² The noise of the whip,
 The noise of the rattling of the wheel,
 Gallop ing horses
 And bounding chariots!
 ³ Horsemen charging,
 Swords flashing, spears gleaming,
 Many slain, a mass of corpses,
 And countless dead bodies—
 They stumble over the dead bodies!
 ⁴ All because of the many harlotries of the harlot,
 The charming one, the mistress of sorceries,
 Who sells nations by her harlotries
 And families by her sorceries.

And the Chaldeans most important of all; now, all Babylonians are Chaldeans, so why this special refer to Chaldean here?

These are master Astrologers

Before we get into this; let’s make the distinction between **ASTROLOGY** and **ASTRONOMY**.



WORD of GOD vs OCCULT



Astrology “The divination of the supposed influences of the stars and planets on human affairs and terrestrial events by their position”

Astronomy “The study of objects and matter outside of the earth’s atmosphere and of their physical and chemical properties”.

When man rejects the truth of their being a TRUE GOD, <u>yet he knows there is something beyond him</u> , it is amazing what man will believe—			
		<i>magicians-occult powers</i>	
		<i>conjuring up the dead, sorcerers</i>	
		<i>demonism and now giving to the created, inanimate universe controlling power—having rejected the Sovereign power of the Omnipotent God.</i>	

These are called **Chaldeans** because they were a specific cast of priests that past their Knowledge from one generation to another. You had to be born into this special caste of priests and they traced their lineage all the way back to Nimrod and the founding of Babel.

This **caste of Chaldeans** were employed all over the known world; all the way down to the Roman Empire.

Chaldeans –master astrologers who date their Knowledge back to the time when people of Nimrod built Babel - that looked into heaven — so they study the stars most carefully and with devotion.

First world Religion was based on Astrology

These were the ruling priest and they kept everyone in line. And these priest put great burdens on mankind and this is true under the Jewish and Christian umbrella. These men brought the wisdom of Babylon into Gentile nations, into the world of Gentile wisdom.

In Nahum...harlotry The Revelation 17:3-5

³ And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

⁴ The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,

⁵ and on her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery,

“BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

Verse 5 Babylon the Great; how could Babylon exist in the mystery form up in the future when the whole world is under one religion?

Because this woman herself is the One World Religion—; traced through history from Babel to Chaldean-Babylonian always had a continuous perpetuation of herself in their Knowledge of sorcery, astrology, and Knowledge of the occult; passed from generation to generation.

In all of the great empires—although the King ruled – they were manipulated by the wisdom behind them through this Advisory staff of human wisdom.

What this is predicting is that in the final form of Rome is raised again in the 10 nations is this mystery form of Religion, which goes back to its roots of the East in the plains of Shinar, of Babel, and will Dominate once again.

New Age is dominated by the spirit of Babel. The Emergence of the New Age and many other religions today—Ecumenical Religion where all religions come together for peace—oneness—unity—New Age combines multitudes of Religious organizations to save the world from war, poverty, want and fear and **from the True God.**

Astrology is going to be greatly increased in days ahead

God forbids Israel (Jews) and Christians (believers) from getting involved in any of these occult activities which involves demonic activity.