

<p>יח אֶפְתַּח עַל-שְׁפִיִּים נְהָרוֹת, וּבִתְוֹךְ בְּקָעוֹת מַעֲיֵנוֹת; אֲשִׁים מַדְבָּר לְאֵגֶם-מַיִם, וְאֶרֶץ צִיָּה לְמוֹצְאֵי מַיִם.</p> <p>יט אֶתֵּן בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲרֵז שֹׁטֶה, וְהִדַּס וְעֵץ שָׁמֶן; אֲשִׁים בְּעֶרְבָה, בְּרוֹשׁ תְּדַהֵר וּתְאֲשֹׁר--יַחְדָּו.</p> <p>כ לְמַעַן יֵרְאוּ וַיִּדְעוּ, וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ וַיִּשְׁכַּחֲלוּ יַחְדָּו--כִּי יְד-יְהוָה, עָשְׂתָה זֹאת; וְקָדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּרָאָה. {פ}</p> <p>כא קָרְבוּ רִיבְכֶם, יֹאמֶר יְהוָה; הִגִּישׁוּ, עֲצֻמוֹתֵיכֶם, יֹאמֶר, מֶלֶךְ יַעֲקֹב.</p> <p>כב יִגִּישׁוּ וַיְגִידוּ לָנוּ, אֵת אֲשֶׁר תִּקְרִינָה; הֲרֵאשֹׁנוֹת מָה הֵנָּה, הֲגִידוּ וַיִּשְׁמְעָה לְבַנּוֹ וַיִּדְעָה אַחֲרֵיתָו, אוֹ הַבָּאוֹת, הַשְּׂמִיעֵנוּ.</p> <p>כג הֲגִידוּ, הָאֲתִיּוֹת לְאַחֹר, וַיִּדְעָה, כִּי אֱלֹהִים אַתֶּם; אִף-תִּיטִּיבוּ וְתִרְעוּ, וַיִּשְׁתַּעֲה וַיִּרְא (וַיִּרְאָה) יַחְדָּו.</p> <p>כד הֵן-אַתֶּם מַאֲיוֹ, וּפְעֵלְכֶם מֵאֲפֵעַ; תּוֹעֵבָה, יִבְחַר בְּכֶם. {פ}</p> <p>כה הֲעִירוֹתִי מִצְפוֹן וַיָּאֵת, מִמְּזוֹרַח-שָׁמֶשׁ יִקְרָא בְּשֵׁמִי; וַיָּבֵא סֹגְנִים כְּמוֹ-חֶמֶר, וַיִּצַּר יֶרֶם-טִיט.</p> <p>כו מִי-הֲגִיד מֵרֵאשִׁית וַיִּדְעָה, וּמִלְפָּנַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר צָדִיק; אִף אִין-מִגִּיד, אִף אִין מִשְׂמִיעַ--אִף אִין-שֹׁמֵעַ, אִמְרֵיכֶם.</p> <p>כז רֵאשׁוֹן לְצִיּוֹן, הֵנָּה הֵנָּה; וְלִירוּשָׁלַם, מְבַשֵּׁר אֶתֶן.</p> <p>כח וְאֵרָא וְאִין אִישׁ, וּמַאֲלָה וְאִין יוֹעֵץ; וְאֲשַׁאֲלֶם, וַיִּשְׁיבוּ דָבָר.</p> <p>כט הֵן כָּלֶם, אֲוֹן אֲפַס מַעֲשֵׂיהֶם; רוּחַ וְתוֹהוּ, נִסְכֵיהֶם. {פ}</p>	<p>18 I will open rivers on the high hills, and <u>fountains</u> in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.</p> <p>19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia-tree, and the myrtle, and the oil-tree; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane-tree, and the larch together;</p> <p>20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. {P}</p> <p>21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your reasons, saith the King of Jacob.</p> <p>22 Let them bring them forth, and declare unto us the things that shall happen; the former things, what are they? Declare ye, that we may consider, and know the end of them; or announce to us things to come.</p> <p>23 Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods; yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.</p> <p>24 Behold, ye are nothing, and your work a thing of nought; an abomination is he that chooseth you. {P}</p> <p>25 I have roused up one from the north, and he is come, from the rising of the sun one that calleth upon My name; and he shall come upon rulers as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.</p> <p>26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know! and beforetime, that we may say that he is right? Yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that announceth, yea, there is none that heareth your utterances.</p> <p>27 A harbinger unto Zion will I give: 'Behold, behold them', and to Jerusalem a messenger of good tidings.</p> <p>28 And I look, but there is no man; even among them, but there is no counsellor, that, when I ask of them, can give an answer.</p> <p>29 Behold, all of them, their works are vanity and nought; their molten images are wind and confusion. {P}</p>
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The Book of Daniel

CHAPTER 2 continued

This is the TRUE UNDERSTANDING of PSALM 50

¹⁵ Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I shall rescue you, and (in so doing) you will honor Me.”

Daniel 2:

²³ “To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise,
For You have given me wisdom and power;
Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You,
For You have made known to us the king’s matter.”

Wisdom of Daniel

TO KNOW THAT ALL THE WISDOM HE HAS
COMES FROM GOD

²³ For You have given me wisdom and power;

Here in verse 23, the **WISDOM OF THE MYSTERY**,
Nebuchadnezzar's dream and its interpretation.

Do YOU know where the wisdom for living your life comes?
And do you constantly give thanks to God for this *wisdom*?
And *power*?

You may know something; you may know what you ought to do;
And you may even know how to do it.

But do you have **THE POWER** and **THE COURAGE** to do it?

God in His grace not only gives us the **wisdom** to live but He also
gives the **power** to fulfill His plan for you. He supplies us with **His
Spirit**.

The Holy Spirit is the Power of God.

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For You have given me wisdom and power;
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WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE – HE GIVES WISDOM AND POWER

²³ “To You, O God of my fathers

(Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)

It is in the Abrahamic Covenant that the blessings to all Gentile nations is declared
Those who Bless you I will Bless and Those who Curse you, I will Curse.

And Daniel knows these things.)

²³ ...I give thanks and praise, For Thou hast given me wisdom and
power;

Even now Thou hast made known to me what we requested of
Thee,

For Thou hast made known to us the king's matter.”

Note that all 4 of these young men knew the dream and its interpretation.

Wisdom of Daniel

Daniel 2:

²⁴ Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king.”

²⁵ Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: “I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!” ²⁶ The

king said to Daniel, whose name was Belshazzar,
“Are you able to make known to me the dream which I
have seen and its interpretation?”²⁷ Daniel answered
before the king and said, “As for the mystery about
which the king has inquired, neither wise men,
conjurers, magicians *nor* diviners are able to declare *it*
to the king.²⁸ However, there is a God in heaven who
reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King
Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter
days. This was your dream and the visions in your
mind *while* on your bed.

Verses 24-28, before Daniel tells to Nebuchadnezzar his dream and
reveals the interpretation of that dream, Daniel sets things up for
the glorification of his God...

SO THAT GOD RECEIVES ALL THE GLORY;
not the gods of Babylon;
nor the wise men of Nebuchadnezzar cabinet;
not even Nebuchadnezzar, himself.

All GLORY is given to his GOD.

We are now seeing the Victory of Faith of Daniel.
The crisis is over as far as Daniel is concerned.

Daniel's God is faithful.

and here is the power and courage that God has given him.

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Therefore: very important historical marker: **after** going to God in prayer, **after** receiving the dream and its interpretation and **after** praising God –**now** Daniel is ready to go into historical action.

His action is led by KNOWLEDGE and by FAITH.

Daniel went to Arioch ...and spoke to him...take me into the King's presence. **Do you see this? Arioch did not seek out Daniel, Daniel sought out Arioch...;**
now watch what Arioch does;
watch how he twist the facts so he gets some glory.

²⁵ Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!"

Hurriedly, he was under orders to kill all the cabinet, which he has not done.

Note: | have found

He seeks to take the glory for finding Daniel; I have found, not that Daniel found me, or that Daniel came to me, but I found him!

Are you jealous? Do you try to horn in on someone else's glory?

Remember
Spiritual Love is not jealous
Spiritual Love does not boast.

Note how Arioch introduces Daniel; *AS AN EXILE OF JUDAH*; the idea being that if this Daniel does not reveal the dream, it is not my fault... he is an exile, brought in from captivity.

In verse 25 Arioch tried to take the credit for finding Daniel. But here King Nebuchadnezzar tries to give all the glory to Daniel.

Wisdom of Daniel

Both Daniel and the King ignore Arioch's attempt to gain favor.

²⁶ the king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, this is the only name by which the King knows this young man. "Are you able to make known to me the dream which | have seen and its interpretation?"

Here, this 17 year old stands before the most powerful man in the world, and he stands poised and without fear because of his faith in his God.

Are you able to stand without fear?
Do you have this Faith inside of you?
“all things are possible through Jesus Christ”

And the King wants to know two things: the dream itself and its interpretation!

Verse 27-Wisdom of Daniel

From the Kings words in verse 26 “are you able,” Daniel has the opportunity to take all the glory and win even more favors from the king. But Daniel in his wisdom does not take the credit, first DANIEL SETS THE STAGE FOR THE GLORY OF HIS GOD;

IT IS NOT MAN,
IT IS NOT EVEN HIM,
BUT IT IS HIS GOD.

In verse 27, Daniel sets the stage for the glory of his God.

²⁷ Daniel answered before the king and said, “As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians, nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.

God set it up so that all would know that Daniel’s God is supreme, and is the Only True God.

First note Daniel's Wisdom:

Before the king: The wisdom of Daniel is seen in his respect for Nebuchadnezzar. This is an idolatrous king, he stands for everything that is “against what Daniel believes,” yet Daniel gives him full respect. From our perspective today, he is like a Muslim king, yet Daniel shows full respect. Christians, you must move beyond America's Christian Biblical foundation. We no longer practice that foundation. We are a Godless, anti-God nation. The leadership of this country has distain for the bible, having removed it from our education, from our judicial branch, from our legislative branch and certainly from the Executive branch. Stop getting upset at things this government does. We are to respect and pray for our leaders.

THIS WE SEE IN DANIEL'S WISDOM.

Wisdom of Daniel. You as a believer in Jesus Christ, you who know who Jesus Christ is; and how to be FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT and the importance of being FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT; you who have Knowledge of the Word of God, you have so much more than the smartest people in the world. You can council the wise! We should give constant thanks to God for the extent of our wisdom from Him.

In verse 27, we have two more members of Nebuchadnezzar's cabinet added to those mention in Daniel 2:2.

Wise men	This refers to a staff of men who were able to take a lot of information from the other cabinet members and come to conclusions as to what is really the wisest of solutions or tactics to be used.
Diviners	Another group, closely related to the sorcerers of Daniel 2:2 who were to cut out future events from mystical powers.

Nebuchadnezzar did not leave out any branch in his cabinet—he sought information from every source—astrology, math, science, sorcery, etc.

You always want to pay attention to all who sit on the king's staff...; Presidents cabinet etc. You will learn a great deal about him by those from whom he listens.

**You will learn a great deal about yourself
by who you listen to!**

Many of these – especially in the Chaldean branch will believe in Daniel's God before this day is over. And many of those who believe are in this elite caste of Chaldeans—Astrologers—

In Matthew 2: Wise men who followed the star and came to bring gifts to the Messiah King— Jesus Christ at His birth. These are of the caste who studied with Daniel and learned from Daniel and who for some 500 years have been watching in the heavens for this sign! These believed in Him at the testimony of Daniel; Daniel led them to the coming Messiah and they passed it onto each other.

Daniel answered before the King; whether all these cabinet members were present; we are not told. But Daniel mentions the various cabinet members who were not able to tell the King his dreams, much less interpret them. All their sooth-saying and reading of the stars and witchery cannot know the truth. They are limited by their finite Knowledge and mortal abilities. **But Daniel wants the king to come face to face with the fact that man with all his wisdom and all the help of his idolatrous gods cannot reveal the mysteries of his dreams.**

²⁷ Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians, nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.

What is this all about? Why does Daniel say these things?

1. To establish the fact that the mystery is known not to man, (any man or any group of men,) not even to Daniel, himself.
2. Daniel was not running them down, nor promoting himself
3. But to end any claim that the cabinet might try to claim for itself regarding its interpretation.
4. To focus all attention on his God;
Give God all the praise;
to make his God the only issue before King Nebuchadnezzar.

Wisdom: MAKE GOD AND JESUS CHRIST THE ISSUE
IN YOUR LIFE BEFORE OTHERS.

Daniel has made it clear that this Knowledge of the mystery did not come from the cabinet of his wise men; nor from himself.

So where does such Knowledge come?

²⁸ However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind *while* on your bed.

There is a God in heaven

When Daniel says there is a God—he breaks right into the ancient Spiritual Warfare; the Invisible Warfare—

Psa. 58: and men will say, “surely there is a reward
for the righteous; Surely there is a God
who judges on earth

What Daniel is saying in verses 27-28 that none of the so-called ‘gods’ are indeed God, they are all dead idols.

The importance of this verse **cannot be overstressed**, as to the entire book of Daniel, and the entire Word of God. Daniel is directly saying that *none of the gods of the Babylonian pantheon are truly gods.*

Not the god for whom you, Nebuchadnezzar, are named, Nebo—remember Nebuchadnezzar means may Nebo protect and you might as well face the truth, Nebo is not a god and cannot protect you, he can’t even tell you, your dreams nor interpret them.

Not ‘bel’ of whom you named me; Not your god of the sun; not your goddess of love; not Ishtar; not your god of wisdom and education;...where are all these gods? They are not real gods at all! They are idols...dead (fabrications of the minds of your wise men)...just as are all of the other gods of your pantheon, including Allah, who was part of the ancient Babylonian pantheon of idolatrous gods.

For Nebuchadnezzar there is a great test to see just who is really sufficient to be God.

1. Prophecy the future and bring it to pass
2. Prevent any other prophecies from coming true
3. Interpreting or explaining the Past as well as the Future and your gods fail all these tests. The only true God can tell you, your dreams, only the true God can interpret your dreams.

The true God can tell you what is to come and explain all that has already occurred.

Can your gods do this?
No, not at all!

Who is sufficient to be God? This is part of the great battle in the Spiritual Warfare.

Isaiah 41:21-29; 42:8-9; 44:6-9, 45:20-22; 46:8-13

Isaiah 41:

²¹ “Present your case,” the LORD says.

“Bring forward your strong *arguments*,”

The King of Jacob says.

²² Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place;

As for the former *events*, declare what they *were*,

That we may consider them and know their outcome.

Or announce to us what is coming;

²³ Declare the things that are going to come
afterward,

That we may know that you are gods;

Indeed, do good or evil, that we may anxiously look
about us and fear together.

²⁴ Behold, you are of ^[h]no account,

And your work amounts to nothing;

He who chooses you is an abomination.

²⁵ “I have aroused one from the north, and he has
come;

From the rising of the sun he will call on My name;

And he will come upon rulers as *upon* mortar,

Even as the potter treads clay.”

²⁶ Who has declared *this* from the beginning, that we
might know?

Or from former times, that we may say, “*He is right!*”?

Surely there was no one who declared,

Surely there was no one who proclaimed,

Surely there was no one who heard your words.

²⁷ “Formerly *I said* to Zion, ‘Behold, here they are.’

And to Jerusalem, ‘I will give a messenger of good
news.’

²⁸ “But when I look, there is no one,
And there is no counselor ^[i] among them
Who, if I ask, can give an answer.
²⁹ “Behold, all of them are ^[j] false;
Their works are worthless,
Their molten images are wind and emptiness.”

42¹ “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold;
My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights.
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the nations.”

Isaiah 42:

⁸ “I am the LORD, that is My name;
I will not give My glory to another,
Nor My praise to ^[e] graven images.
⁹ “Behold, the former things have come to pass,
Now I declare new things;
Before they spring forth I proclaim *them* to you.”

Isaiah 44:

⁶ “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his
Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
‘I am the first and I am the last,
And there is no God besides Me.

⁷ ‘Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it;
Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time
that I established the ancient nation.

And let them declare to them the things that are
coming

And the events that are going to take place.

⁸ ‘Do not tremble and do not be afraid;
Have I not long since announced *it* to you and
declared *it*?

And you are My witnesses.

Is there any God besides Me,

Or is there any *other* Rock?

I know of none.”

The Folly of Idolatry

⁹ Those who fashion a graven image are all of them
futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even
their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they
will be put to shame.

¹⁰ Who has fashioned a god or cast an idol to no
profit?

¹¹ Behold, all his companions will be put to shame, for the craftsmen themselves are mere men. Let them all assemble themselves, let them stand up, let them tremble, let them together be put to shame.

Isaiah 45:

²⁰ “Gather yourselves and come;
Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations;
They have no knowledge,
Who carry about their wooden idol
And pray to a god who cannot save.

²¹ “Declare and set forth *your case*;
Indeed, let them consult together.
Who has announced this from of old?
Who has long since declared it?
Is it not I, the LORD?
And there is no other God besides Me,
A righteous God and a Savior;
There is none except Me.

²² “Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth;
For I am God, and there is no other.

Isaiah 46:

⁸ “Remember this, and be assured;
Recall it to mind, you transgressors.
⁹ “Remember the former things long past,
For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no one like Me,
¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things which have not been
done,
Saying, ‘My purpose will be established,
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’;
¹¹ Calling a bird of prey from the east,
The man of My purpose from a far country.
Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass.
I have planned *it, surely* I will do it.
¹² “Listen to Me, you stubborn-minded,
Who are far from righteousness.
¹³ “I bring near My righteousness, it is not far off;
And My salvation will not delay.
And I will grant salvation in Zion,
And My glory for Israel.

Jesus Christ, Himself, applies this proof of His sufficiency to be the God of Israel: John 13:19; 14:29; 16:4

You can see from these passages that the critics, the unbelievers have to deny 6th century bc dating of Daniel;

**God simply cannot tell what is to come about in the future;
if He can, then they have to decide about His gospel,
His ability to save!**

**No, He must be denied and His word must be denied,
His prophesy must be denied
and
His saving power must be denied.**