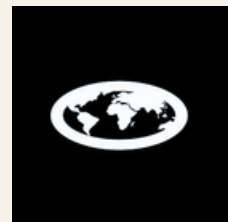



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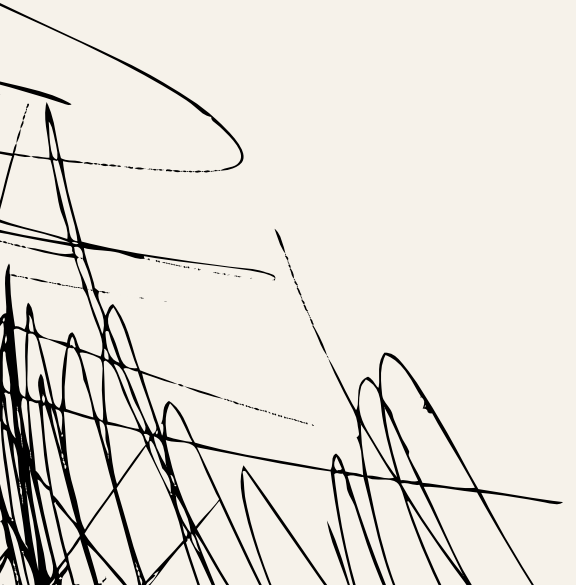
**In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams: his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. <sup>2</sup>So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, <sup>3</sup>he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."**

**DANIEL 2:1-3 (NIV)**



**4Then the astrologers answered the king, "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."**

**5The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble."**



**DANIEL 2:4,5 (NIV)**

**6** But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."

**7** Once more they replied, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it."

**8** Then the king answered, "I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided:

**DANIEL 2:6-8 (NIV)**

9If you do not tell me the dream, there is only one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me."10The astrologers answered the king, "There is not a person on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer.

DANIEL 2:9,10 (NIV)

**11** What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among human beings."

**12** This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. **13** So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.

**DANIEL 2:11-13 (NIV)**

14 When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. 15 He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. 16 At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

DANIEL 2:14-16 (NIV)

**17** Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. **18** He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. **19** During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven

**DANIEL 2:17-19 (NIV)**



20and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever  
and ever; wisdom and power are his. 21He changes  
times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up  
others. He gives wisdom to the wise and  
knowledge to the discerning. 22He reveals deep  
and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him. 23I thank and praise  
you, God of my ancestors: You have given me  
wisdom and power, you have made known to me  
what we asked of you, you have made known to  
us the dream of the king."

DANIEL 2:20-23 (NIV)

24 Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." 25 Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means." 26 The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?"

DANIEL 2:24-26 (NIV)

**27 Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, 28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you were lying in bed are these:**

**DANIEL 2:27,28 (NIV)**

29 "As Your Majesty was lying there, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen.  
30 As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

DANIEL 2:29,30 (NIV)

31“Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. 32The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

DANIEL 2:31-33 (NIV)

**34** While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.

**35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

**DANIEL 2:34-35 (NIV)**

36 "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. 37 Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; 38 in your hands he has placed all people everywhere and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.

DANIEL 2:36-38 (NIV)

39“After you, another kingdom will arise,  
inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of  
bronze, will rule over the whole earth. 40Finally,  
there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—  
for iron breaks and smashes everything—and  
as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush  
and break all the others.

DANIEL 2:39-40 (NIV)



41 Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. 42 As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. 43 And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.

DANIEL 2:41-43 (NIV)

44 In the time of those kings, the God of heaven  
will set up a kingdom that will never be  
destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It  
will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to  
an end, but it will itself endure forever. 45 This  
is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out  
of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock  
that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the  
silver and the gold to pieces.

DANIEL 2:44-45A (NIV)

**“The great God has shown the king what will  
take place in the future. The dream is true and  
its interpretation is trustworthy.”**

**46Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate  
before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered  
that an offering and incense be presented to  
him. 47The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God  
is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a  
revealer of mysteries, for you were able to  
reveal this mystery.”**

**DANIEL 2:45B-47 (NIV)**

**48** Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men.

**49** Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

**DANIEL 2:45B-47 (NIV)**

**Gold**

**Silver**

**Bronze**

**Iron**

**Iron and clay**



**Babylonian empire**

**Medo-Persian empire**

**Greek empire**

**Roman empire**

**GOD IS SOVEREIGN  
OVER THE NATIONS**

**Therefore, you kings, be wise:**

**be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

**11 Serve the LORD with fear**

**and celebrate his rule with trembling.**

**12 Kiss his son, or he will be angry..**

**PSALM 2:10-12A (NIV)**

**IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY,**

**GOD SPEAKS**

**TO EVERYONE**



**God speaks through nature**

God speaks through His Bible

**God has spoken through His Son**

The purpose of this speaking is to  
order the universe in love

**We hear God best in community**

**Ps 19:1,2; Rom 1:20**

2 Tim 3:16,17

**Heb 1:1,2**

Heb 1:3

**Dan 2:17-19**

**COME ROLLING STONE!**