



THE BOOK OF  
**DANIEL**  
**A TAIL OF FOUR KINGS**



LESSONS FROM THE PROPHET

# DANIEL

THE MOST HIGH RULES

## + Greetings, and Welcome.

The Book of Daniel is most remarkable. It is packed with prophecies that flow into modern culture. Like Daniel, it is unique and supernatural in nature. It records for us the course of the history of the nations from Daniel's day until the end, as stated in the Revelation's book. **Our study is real, raw, & relevant.**

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# 08 DANIEL SAVES THE DAY

# Study & Meditate

Daniel Chapter 2:1-49 | Key Verses, Daniel 2:25-30



Study



Meditate



*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!" The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?" 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. "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. "As for you, O king, while on your bed, your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place. "But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.*

# SIX SIGNS OF THE COMING ANTICHRIST



- 1. Deception of false christs** (Matt. 24:4-5). The masses will be deceived by those claiming to have been sent by a supposed god.
- 2. Disputes and wars among the nations** (Matt. 24:6-6). Wars and rumors of wars will surface, escalate daily among cultural groups and nations.
- 3. Diseases and famines will break out globally** (Matt. 24:7-8). In all parts of the world, there will be an increase of deadly diseases & famine in which humanity will not be able to sedate.
- 4. Handing over authentic believers for persecution** (Matt. 24:9). The persecution of the real deal Christians will increase & become intensified.
- 5. Defection and deconstruction of fake believers** (Matt. 24:10-13). Those who are not authentic Christians will be deceived and leave the faith in Jesus Christ to join movements and ideologies of the Antichrist.
- 6. Declaration of the authentic Gospel** (Matt. 24:14). The Spirit will awaken authentic indwelt believers to preach the organic Gospel, which activates #4 in our list.

# FAITH IN DANIEL'S ABILITIES



In our passage, we find Daniel's supervisor, Arioch, ushering Daniel into the king's chambers, proclaiming, *I have found the man who can interpret your dream*. This is a significant moment for both Daniel and Arioch. Arioch must have had faith in Daniel's abilities. If he were wrong in bringing Daniel forward, he would have lost his head along with the removal of Daniel's head. As stated, he came before the king in haste/impulse. Setting Arioch's humanness aside, God's Divine intervention at this moment was ordained through the ages.

# DANIEL REJECTS CREDIT

Mysteries belong to God. The king knew this. This is why he would call on his sorcerers to seek out the mysteries put before him. Daniel made it clear that the revelation of the king's mystery was not a matter for humans to interpret. Furthermore, the interpretation Daniel was about to give was to reveal the thoughts of God while giving the king understanding within his own mind. With that clarification, Daniel moves forward with dispelling the details of the king's dream AND what God means by what God is revealing.



# IN CONCLUSION

Pride is ego with an evil bent. And it is rarely seen by those who have it. It hides like a demon behind a bush. If ever a person had a right to be proud, from a humanities point, Daniel was that person. But, like many authentic prophets and teachers of the ages, Daniel was NOT interested in fame and a bloated ego. He understood the humility of being a prophet, a servant, and the joy of his created purpose of carrying out the will of the Father. Remember when John the Baptist said, *I am NOT the Light; I am only a voice crying in the wilderness. I have come to announce the coming of the King. Make His path straight. He must increase; I must decrease?* True prophets of God have the same humility as our brother, John. Each is overwhelmed by the passion of Christ for one purpose – pointing men to the Hebrew God of the universe and beyond.

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## #8 THE SPENDOR OF WISDOM

It is useless for us to attempt to understand how Nebuchadnezzar felt as Daniel made known, word by word and step by step, of the prophecies yet to unfold. On the one hand, we would hope the reveal to humble him, but as the Word reveals, it elevated his egocentric pride of empirical control. On the other hand, we see the young Hebrew humbly keep his place as a servant, who was selected to deliver the earth-changing revelations of the demise of human empires. One is rewarded, and the other – his ego is destroyed with his empire.

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