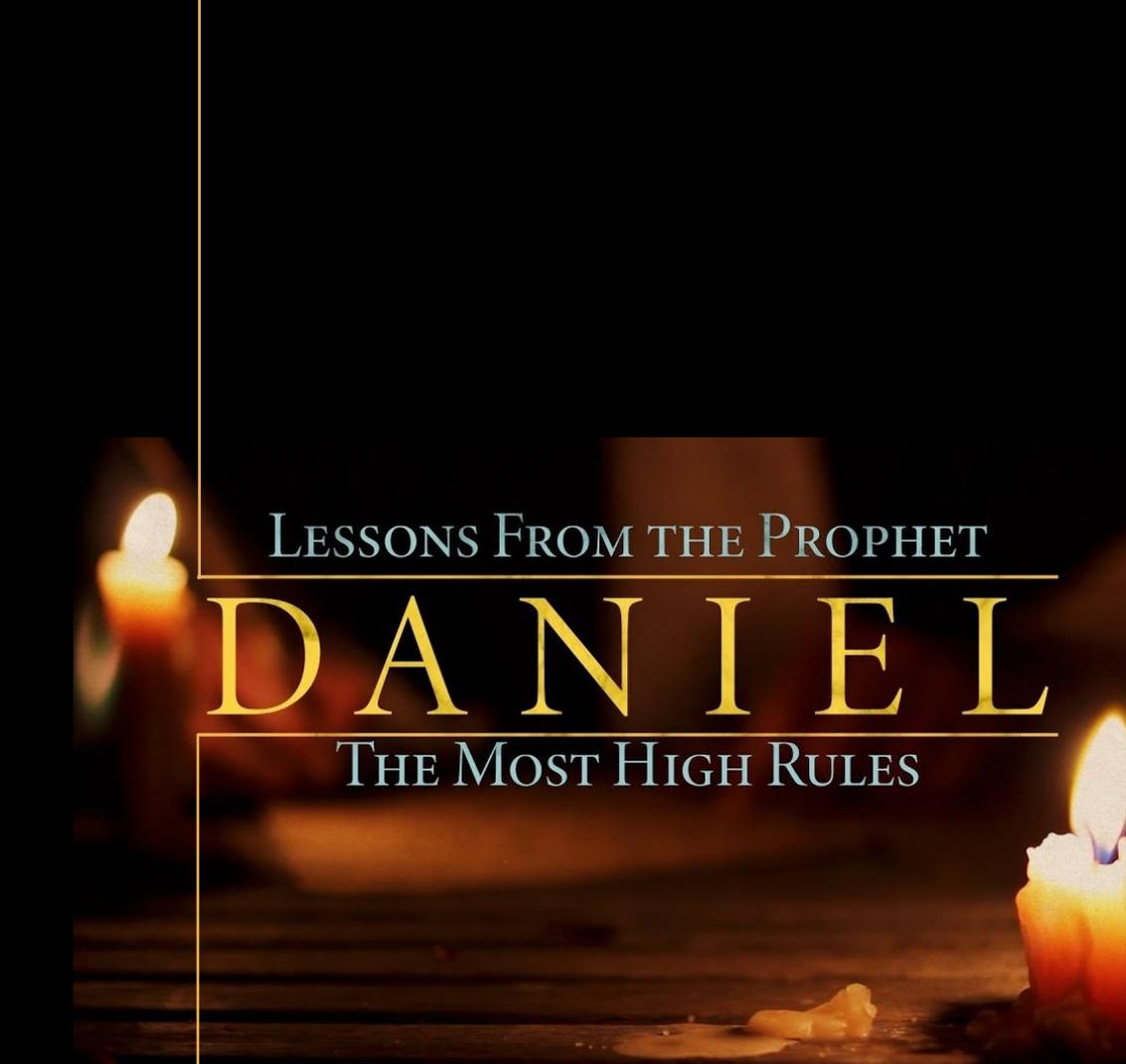




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LESSONS FROM THE PROPHET

DANIEL

THE MOST HIGH RULES

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06 FAILURE OF THE WISE MEN

Study & Meditate

Daniel Chapter 2:1-49 | Key Verses, Daniel 2:4-12



Study



Meditate

Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation." The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap. "But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore, declare to me the dream and its interpretation." They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation." The king replied, "I know for certain that you are bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm, that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the situation is changed; therefore, tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation." The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean. "Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh." Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

CAUGHT IN A PLOT

Now that the philosophers were caught in their plot, the king turns up the heat. Only to result in a statement that leads them to their death. *"There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean."*

BE WISE OR DIE

Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar became desperate as to the interpretation of his dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his insomnia was driving him to the edge. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans to show him the meaning of his dream. So they came, and they stood before the king. And the king said unto them, *I've dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.* So, the Chaldeans spoke to the king. However, this scene did not play out as the wise men expected.



+ Kingdom of Men



GOD REVEALS THE KING'S DREAM

After Daniel was granted permission to visit with the King, he first took off to the home of his friends, Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego, to inform them of the matter. He knew that this task could not be without the compassion, wisdom, and revelation of their God. He also knew that if God's insight did not flow through him, he and his friends would die with the rest of the wise men in Babylon.

THE KING TESTS

DANIEL



I HAD A
DREAM

DIVINE WISDOM

After the king asks Daniel if he can interpret his dream, Daniel reinforces what the king's wise men said; basically, no human can interpret his dream. However, Daniel didn't stop there. Daniel knows this is the appointed time to transition the king from gods to God; he says, *"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."* Now Daniel has the attention of the king.



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With that, the king accepts Daniel as a confidant & advisor.

IN CONCLUSION

Daniel set himself apart by NOT taking personal credit for the dream's interpretation, which was not the case with the king's demonic wise men. In doing this, he can introduce the king of the most powerful nation in the world to the most powerful source in the universe – who happened to be the God of the people Nebuchadnezzar enslaved. Speaking of a wake-up call.

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#7 Interpretation Of The Dream

In our next episode, Daniel gives full satisfaction to Nebuchadnezzar concerning his dream and its interpretation. The king showed great kindness and acceptance to this nineteen-year-old prophet. In fact, we see the start of a loyal friendship between the two. The king had invested much in Daniel's maintenance and education; he had invested three years of bringing Daniel up in the school of Babylon, yet, this young man's wisdom rose above the wisest in all of Babylon.

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