

## The Book of Daniel

### Part 2: A Godly Connection

#### Recap The Book of Daniel Series

- ◇ Israel is Conquered by Babylon
- ◇ Daniel and Friends are Taken Captive
- ◇ Daniel and Friends are Educated in Babylonian Culture
- ◇ Daniel and Friends' Convictions are Challenged
- ◇ Daniel and Friends are Established as Leaders in Babylon
- ◇ The Book of Daniel is about Refusing to Compromise Your Convictions

#### Nebuchadnezzar Has a Dream

- ◇ Daniel 2:1-3
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar, Ego-centric King of Babylon
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar has a Dream he Does Not Understand
- ◇ Why Does God Give Nebuchadnezzar the Dream?
- ◇ 2 Peter 3:9
- ◇ *"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."*

#### Nebuchadnezzar Seeks Understanding

- ◇ Daniel 2:4-13
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Seeks Understanding from Magicians, Conjurers, Sorcerers and Chaldeans
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 2:14
- ◇ *"But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised."*
  
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Recognizes Wisemen as Yes-Men
- ◇ Do Not Seek Ungodly Counsel
- ◇ Psalm 1:1-6
- ◇ *"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."*
  
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Orders Execution of All Wisemen

**Daniel Seeks Time**

- ◇ Daniel 2:14-18
- ◇ Daniel Requests Time
- ◇ *“Daniel replied with discretion and discernment...”* Daniel 2:14
  
- ◇ Daniel and Friends Pray
- ◇ Jeremiah 29:12-13- Written by Jeremiah to People in Exile
- ◇ *“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.”*
  
- ◇ Daniel and Friends Likely Claim this Promise

**God Answers Their Prayer**

- ◇ Daniel 2:19-23
- ◇ God Hears and Answers Daniel in a Night Vision
- ◇ Daniel was Asleep!
- ◇ Philippians 4:7
- ◇ *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*
  
- ◇ Daniel Praises God for Answer

**Daniel Declares and Interprets the Dream**

- ◇ Daniel Gives Credit to God
- ◇ Daniel Saves All Wisemen
- ◇ The Dream & Interpretation
  - ◇ Head of Gold- Babylon
  - ◇ Breast and Arms of Silver- Medo-Persia
  - ◇ Belly and Thighs of Bronze- Greece
  - ◇ Legs of Iron- Rome
  - ◇ Feet of Iron and Clay- Nations of Europe
  - ◇ Stone- Jesus, God's Eternal Kingdom
  
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Recognizes God of Heaven & Promotes Daniel
- ◇ Daniel Goes From Slave to Chief Prefect Over all Wisemen