

Daniel 2
Chapter 2 Walkthrough

2.1-11 Historical Context & Introduction

- a) 1-2 - Narrative Mainline (NM)
- b) 3-11 – Dialogue between King and Chaldeans
 - i. General Observations?
 - Repetition of an idea...
 - Theological statements...

2.12-16

- a) 12-14 - Narrative Mainline (NM)
- b) 13-16 – Dialogue between Daniel and Arioch
 - i. General Observations?
 - Repetition of an idea...
 - Theological statements...

2.17-24

- a) 17-19 - Narrative Mainline (NM)
- b) 20-23 – Dialogue between Daniel and God
 - i. General Observations?
 - Repetition of an idea...
 - Theological statements...

“God is in control over all the affairs of man, the nations, the earth, etc. This truth should affect the way I think and the decisions I make.”

2.25-45

- a) 25-45 – Daniel with the King
 - i. 28, 45, 47 – “know”
 - ii. 36-38 – “give”
 - iii. 44-45 – God’s Kingdom

2.46-2.49

- a) 46-49 – King’s Response

The Image:

- Head – gold - Babylon
- Chest/arms – silver – Medes/Persians
- Stomach/legs of bronze – Greece
- Legs of Iron/Feet of Iron/Clay – Rome
- Stone/Great Mountain – God’s Kingdom

Daniel 2 - Application

1. Theological views in tension:

a. King Nebuchadnezzar

- i. Asking men to do something men will typically struggle to do...or they’ll make it up.
- ii. Gets frustrated that his “wise” people aren’t wise enough.

b. Chaldeans

- i. They know man are not capable of accomplishing what the King is asking
- ii. They also know that there are some “gods” that do **know** what the King wants to **know**...
- iii. They believe that they do not have access into the same wisdom that the “gods” have

c. Daniel

- i. He knows man is not capable of accomplishing the King’s task *alone*.
- ii. He also knows that God is in control and is the source of wisdom and understanding.
- iii. While the Chaldeans see the “gods” as not dwelling with the “earth-dwellers,” Daniel and his three friends specifically ask God for the answer to their problem.

d. Daniel’s theological point: God’s Sovereign Reign extends to his complete knowledge of all mysteries and riddles; God is the source of wisdom...and shares it with those who fear him.

2. Practicality of God’s Sovereign Wisdom and Knowledge

a. Asking for help

b. *Knowing* what you know...

c. **“Knowing you do not know what you do not know...unless the one who knows what you do not know tells you” – Habits of the Mind, James Sire**