

# DANIEL

## LIVING AS FAITHFUL STRANGERS

### Do You Need a Comeback? Daniel 2

We all find ourselves in tough situations, sometimes of our own making and sometimes through no fault of our own. Daniel shows us what to do in times like those.

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*Your comeback starts with prayer*

**Daniel 2:17-18**, “Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>18</sup>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.”

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*Celebrate your relationship with a God who is great and good*

**Daniel 2:19-23**, During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven <sup>20</sup>and said:

‘Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.  
<sup>21</sup>He changes times and seasons;  
he deposes kings and raises up others.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.  
<sup>22</sup>He reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him.  
<sup>23</sup>I 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 helped the pagan king understand God *in the way the dream was revealed to him*

**Daniel 2:14-15**, “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.’ <sup>15</sup>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.’”

**Daniel 2:26-28**, “The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), ‘Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?’ <sup>27</sup>Daniel replied, ‘No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, <sup>28</sup>but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.’”

Daniel helped the pagan king understand God *in what the dream revealed*

**Daniel 2:31-33**, “Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. <sup>32</sup>The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, <sup>33</sup>its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.”

**Daniel 2:37-38**, “The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; <sup>38</sup>in your hands he has placed all mankind 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 2:34-35**, “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. <sup>35</sup>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 2:44**, “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.”

**Luke 10:17-18** “What is the meaning of that which is written:

‘The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>‘Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’”