



Connected By Prayer

Daniel 2:1–23 NIV

1. GOD SENT THE KING _____.

Daniel 2:1–3 *In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, he said to them, “I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means.”*

“As believers living today, we are well advised to, like the centuries of Christians who have come before us, to find out guidance chiefly from the Word of God, the Scriptures, rather than our dreams or even our intuitions.” -Erik Raymond, The Gospel Coalition

2. THE KING DEMANDED _____.

Daniel 2:5 *The king replied to the astrologers, “This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.”*

Daniel 2:11 *“What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans.”*

3. DANIEL CALLED _____.

Daniel 2:17-18 *Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. 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.*

4. GOD KNOWS ALL _____ ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS.

Daniel 1:21 *Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.*

Daniel 2:19a *During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision.*

2 Chronicles 7:14 *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

4. DANIEL GAVE _____.

Daniel:2:19b-23 *Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. 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."*

5. GOD USES ADVERSITY AS _____.

1 Peter 1:6-7 *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

- God is sovereign over all.
- God answers the prayers of His people.
- God loves His people in exile.
- God can use all kinds of adversity for good.