

"A Bad Dream With a Good Purpose"

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
Daniel 2:1-49

BIG IDEA: God reveals mysteries in ways we may not expect.

"...there is a God in Heaven who reveals mysteries..."
Daniel 2:28a (CSB)

☞ **Nebuchadnezzar DISTRESSES over his DREAM.** (v 1)

☞ **Nebuchadnezzar TESTS his ADVISORS.** (v 2-13)

☞ **Daniel SEEKS God's WISDOM.** (v 14-19a)

☞ **Daniel PRAISES and THANKS God.** (v 19b-23)

☞ **Daniel REQUESTS an AUDIENCE with the KING.** (v 24-30)

☞ **Daniel RECOUNTS & INTERPRETS Nebuchadnezzar's DREAM.** (v 31-45)

☞ **LESSONS (So, what am I going to do about it?):**

- Remember, GOD is in CONTROL.
- Human EFFORTS and ENTERPRISES are in PROGRESSIVE DECLINE.
- Always be FAITHFUL in PROCLAIMING the TRUTH.
- Don't miss this: JESUS will RETURN to RULE and REIGN FOREVER!

☞ **Nebuchadnezzar HONORS Daniel.** (v 46-49)

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Read: Daniel 2:1-49

Think: Reflect on this dramatic story and then ask yourself the following questions: *What was the cause of Nebuchadnezzar's deep distress after his recurring dream? Why could the King's advisors offer no explanation about the King's dream? What was the cause of the King's rage at his advisors? What distinguishes Daniel (& his three friends) from the rest of the advisors? What is the focus of Daniel's prayer (v 19-23)? What stands out to you about Daniel's audience with the King? How do you think Daniel felt in describing Nebuchadnezzar's dream and it's meaning to the King? What do you imagine was going through Nebuchadnezzar's mind as he heard Daniel describe and explain his dream? What lesson(s) can you take away from the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? Is Nebuchadnezzar's reaction to Daniel over the top or spot on?*

Do: Stop and think about what message God has been trying to get through to you repeatedly. Write out a list of "answers" you can pray, praise, and thank God about. What comfort or distress do you receive as you consider the future as revealed through Nebuchadnezzar's dream? Think about your response to God as the "revealer of mysteries".