

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

Daniel 2

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Daniel chapter two is the fascinating story of Daniel's rise to prominence in the Babylonian kingdom of King Nebuchadnezzar. The King had an amazing dream and sleep completely left him. This could have been over a short or long period of time, but it was more than one dream and obviously it was keeping the king from sleeping. Nebuchadnezzar was an erratic king at best and was evidently emotional and temperamental. He called in all the wise men, astrologers and soothsayers and asked for a description of the dreams he had dreamed and what they meant. Usually, these people were told a dream and then they would meet together and come up with an explanation or interpretation of the dream as described. I suppose like most prognosticators of modern day, they would make some prediction that was far into the future that it could not be tested or would make predictions so vague that it could be explained if the prediction was inaccurate. Whatever the case, it was not going to be so this time.

The king was onto their game and devices, so he said they must tell him what he dreamed first, then they must tell him what it means. They were astonished at the request and

protested. They reasoned with the king that this was unheard of and that no king would request such a thing. He replied in essence, you either tell me the dream and the interpretation or I will kill you and all of your kind! WOW! Then he actually began doing it. The plan was told to Daniel and Daniel immediately asked for a period of time to consult with his friends to pray and see if God would show them what He was telling King Nebuchadnezzar. The king agreed and the young men sought God and the Lord gave Daniel the dream sequence, content and what it meant. Daniel asked for an audience with the King; he received it. Daniel told the king what he had dreamed and what all the dreams meant for he and his kingdom. The king was amazed and honored Daniel and placed him in a place of high authority and honor. When you get to Daniel chapter seven, both chapter two and seven will be explained more fully.

Prayer and Action Steps

Thank you, God, that you granted favor to Daniel and his friends. Please let me find favor in your sight and with others. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

