

# sermon notes

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The Answer to the Mystery | Daniel 2

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## The Story of Daniel 2

- The king \_\_\_\_\_ from God but doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1-13)
- The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ God and finds \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14-23)
- The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ God to the king (v.24-30)
- The prophet reveals \_\_\_\_\_ to the king (v.31-45)
- The King \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (v.46-49)

## Examples for us from Daniel 2

- Like the king, our \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_
- Like Daniel, stand firm on God's \_\_\_\_\_
- Like Daniel, share God's \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Nebuchadnezzar's dream describes five kingdoms, the four sections of the statue and the one uncut rock. Read through Daniel's description and interpretation of the dream in Daniel 2:31-45 and pay attention to which of these five kingdoms receive a lot of focus and which do not. How many verses are spent on each one? What does this focus teach you about the purpose of the dream?

After Daniel receives the revelation of the dream's interpretation, he immediately responds with a prayer. Read Daniel's prayer in Daniel 2:20-23. What details of the dream's interpretation do you think have inspired portions of this prayer?

### GET PERSONAL

When confronted with imminent execution by the king's captain, Arioch, Daniel responds with prudence and discretion. When you are confronted by sudden bad news or threats what is your first instinct or reaction? Consider Jesus's reaction to a violent confrontation in Matthew 26:50-54. What would need to change to align your own tendencies with Jesus's and Daniel's?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Consider all the areas of authority you have in your life such as your bodily autonomy, financial decisions, familial authority or workplace authority. Write down one way each of these areas should be different with an understanding of God's sovereignty.

Practice with a friend how you would answer the following mystery: "How can a holy and just God bring salvation to sinful men and women?" (If you get stuck, try reviewing Romans 3:23-26) Think of one person or group this week to whom you could introduce God and explain this mystery.

### ADVANCED QUESTION

In Daniel chapter 7, God provides another dream about five future kingdoms, only this time directly to Daniel. Read through chapter 7 and notate where these two dreams are in parallel. What new details does God provide to Daniel in chapter 7?

Jesus frequently referred to himself as the "Son of Man" quoting from Daniel 7. What would this title mean to the Jewish leaders that listened to Jesus in His day?