

Studies In The Book Of Daniel ***“The Resolute Man”***

Lesson 3

Read Daniel 2:1 – 23

Introduction: Have you ever faced an impossible situation? You look for a way out but it seems like you were hemmed in on every side. There is no way out of your dilemma. Like Moses your back is up against the Red Sea and there is nowhere to go! The wise men of Babylon were asked by the king to do the impossible. They were asked to tell the king the dream he had the night before and to give its interpretation. If they didn't tell the king what he wanted to hear they and their families would face certain death. This included Daniel and his three friends. You will discover those who are in the secular world will hit the panic button, they have nowhere to turn, but Daniel and his three friends called on the name of the Lord in prayer. This is a theme we will see throughout the book of Daniel. Daniel was a man of prayer and great faith.

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1. According to Daniel 2:1 – 6 what was king Nebuchadnezzar's instructions to his magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers?
 - Who was missing from this group of so-called wise men?
 - Why were the magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers so upset with the king's request?

2. Have you ever had someone give you an unreasonable task to accomplish? How did you handle the request and what was the outcome?

- According to Daniel 2:5 – 6 what was the king's decision if they did **not** tell him his dream and the interpretation, verses if they **did** tell him his dream and interpretation?

- Have you ever faced a situation where the outcome would be promotion or possibly losing your career based on your job performance?

3. Why was king Nebuchadnezzar so insistent upon them fulfilling his command according to Daniel 2: 8 – 9? What was his fear?

- According to Daniel 2: 10 – 11 what was the astrologer's rebuttal to the king?

4. How did the king respond to the astrologers according to Daniel 2:12 – 13?

5. When Arioch, the captain of the king's guard came to arrest Daniel and his friends how did Daniel handle the situation according to Daniel 2:14 – 15?

- Do you think Daniel was risking his life by going in and talking with the king according to Daniel 2:16? Why do you think the king gave Daniel his request for more time?

6. According to Daniel 2:17 – 18 what did Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah immediately do?

- What was the result of them seeking God's mercy according to Daniel 2: 19?

7. According to Daniel 2: 20 – 22 Daniel blesses and praises the Lord for His divine attributes. List the seven things Daniel praises God for:

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8. How did Daniel give God the glory according to Daniel 2: 23?

- How have you given God the glory for the things He has done in your life?