

Daniel, Volume 1: God's Man for the Moment

A King on the Couch

DANIEL 2:1–30



The Heart of the Matter

Startled from his sleep by a nightmarish dream, King Nebuchadnezzar called his magicians, conjurers, and sorcerers together and put them to a test. Would they be able to relate the dream and give its interpretation? Each of these learned men failed. In a fit of rage, the king ordered the death of all the wise men of Babylon—even those who had not been asked about the dream, such as Daniel and his three friends. But with wisdom, Daniel asked for time and God gave the answer.



Discovering the Way

1. Historical Setting (Daniel 2:1–3)

Nebuchadnezzar had been king for two years when he became troubled by a dream.

2. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2:4–13)

The failure of Nebuchadnezzar's wise men to tell and interpret the dream led to a threatening decision.

3. Daniel's Response (Daniel 2:14–30)

Daniel exhibited four wise responses before the captain, his friends, the Lord, and the king.

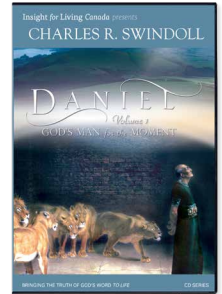


Starting Your Journey

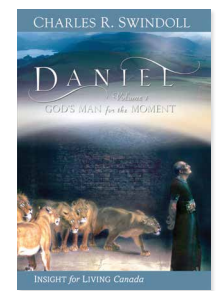
Three practical conclusions follow this story. First, God works best in humanly impossible predicaments. Second, our most effective source of stability is prayer. Third, when God works, there's no room for pride, only praise.



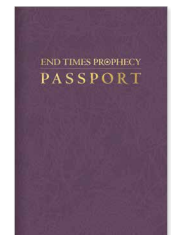
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