

Daniel 2 – Receiving the Word of the Lord in Crisis: The King’s Statue (Part 2)

There are some life and death situations that can only be answered by receiving the prophetic word of the Lord. In our day, the crisis may sometimes be economic, where situations arise that will result in many losing their jobs unless someone receives a word from God to answer the crisis. Or it may be a social crisis with tensions in the community, or riots in the streets that can only be answered by someone who receives a word from God.

At that time, Daniel and his friends were not leaders in the king’s court. They were merely students being trained in a school so that one day they could be on the king’s staff. Young Daniel spoke to the leaders over him with confidence and wisdom (2:14), asking for time to seek God for His answer to the crisis. In this case, it was to receive interpretation of the king’s dream.

When Daniel went before the king, we see that he used two phrases to define the God he served: he spoke of “the God in heaven” and “the Revealer of mysteries” (2:28). In going before the king, Daniel is not merely trying to save his own life, but is aware of his role as the ambassador of the God of heaven.

In this case, King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream actually revealed key facets of God’s plan for what would happen with his nation and other nations coming after him.

After Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, the king fell prostrate before Daniel as an act of submission, reverence, and adoration to Daniel’s God.

Jesus told the church of Philadelphia that their enemies would worship God before their feet and acknowledge that God is with them (Rev. 3:9).

In the end-time Church, God will raise up prophetic young voices to stand before even secular leaders to communicate His prophetic message to them. They will include young men and women like Daniel, who have a history of seeking God for a spirit of understanding.

“I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie— I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.”

Revelation 3:9

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Practical: We are to seek the Lord for His answer in times of crisis and then be willing to speak what the Lord says to secular leaders. Trusting God and His word is totally redemptive and exalting. Daniel and the Hebrew boys were endowed with great miracles. In interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dream, they also told him what his dream was.

Their wisdom is so much greater than that of the Babylonian magicians. Their trust in God's promise saved even the unbelievers. Most of all, the King was amazed at the God of Daniel and the Hebrew boys!