



20/20 Vision for the 21st Century

Preparing Your Children and Yourself for the Next Generation

A Study of Daniel 1-6

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Priority #1: Convictions Built on Faith Daniel, chapter 2

Message # 2

M E S S A G E N O T E S

Historical Setting

1 Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was *so* troubled that his sleep left him. 2 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. 3 And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream." Daniel 2:1-3 NKJV

Time:

Daniel's Age:

A young king – with Big _____ and Bad _____

The FAITH CRISIS

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation." 5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. 6 However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation." (vv. 4-6)

10 The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has *ever* asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. 11 *It is* a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." 12 For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon. 13 So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise *men*; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill *them*. (vv. 10-13)

Two Ways for Christians to respond to person crisis:

_____ OR _____

The FAITH RESPONSE

14 Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise *men* of Babylon; 15 he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel. 16 So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. (vv. 14-16)

1. Don't _____; _____ Clearly

2. _____

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18 that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon. 19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. (vv. 17-19)

1) Daniel turns to God through _____

2) He turns to God through _____

20 Daniel answered and said:

" Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
For wisdom and might are His.

21 And He changes the times and the seasons;
He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise
And knowledge to those who have understanding.

22 He reveals deep and secret things;
He knows what *is* in the darkness,
And light dwells with Him.

23 " I thank You and praise You,
O God of my fathers;
You have given me wisdom and might,
And have now made known to me what we asked of You,
For You have made known to us the king's demand." (vv. 20-23)

Praise changes _____ ... in our minds!

24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation." (v.24)

3. He Took _____

The FUTURE FORETOLD

1. The King's Dream _____ (vv. 26-35)

2. The King's Dream _____ (vv. 36-45)

3. The King's _____ of Daniel (vv. 46-49)

LIFE APPLICATIONS FROM DANIEL 2

First: Daniel had _____; He _____ God

The Top Priority: Build your kids' _____; then teach them _____ built on that faith.

Daniel's Convictions:

1. **God is in _____ of our yesterdays, today, and tomorrows.**

2. **God can be _____**

3. **God can be _____**

Faith-Training 101

1) Faith is _____

2) Faith is _____

3) Faith is _____

Convictions built on faith are the key to _____; and CHARACTER is what distinguishes us from our _____