

*Scripture Reading: Daniel 2:1-18*

*But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream and what it means!" They said again, "Please, Your Majesty. Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means." The king replied, "I can see through your trick! You're trying to stall for time because you know I am serious about what I said. If you don't tell me the dream, you will be condemned! You have conspired to tell me lies in hope that something will change. But tell me the dream, and then I'll know that you can tell me what it means."*

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*One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that disturbed him so much that he couldn't sleep. He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed.*

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*The astrologers replied to the king, "There isn't a man alive that can tell your majesty his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! This is an impossible thing the king requires! No one except the gods can tell you your dream, and they do not live among people." The king was furious when he heard this, and he sent out orders to execute all the wise men of Babylon. And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.*

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*"I have had a dream that troubles me. Tell me what I dreamed for I must know what it means." Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, "Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means." But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble!"*

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*When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened. Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant. Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.*

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*Psalm 137:1-4*

*"By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the willows we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy, saying: 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?"*



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*Daniel 1:8*

*"But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way..."*

**Daniel resolved**



**Sovereign God!**

*"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will set his throne above these stones...'"*

*Jeremiah 43:10*

*..And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand...*

*Daniel*



**Choices...**

*How...  
What...  
Why...  
...we choose  
Matter!  
And...  
God takes note!*



*"...But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD..."*

*Exodus 14:4, 17*

*2 Chronicles 16:9*

*"For the eyes of the LORD search and fro across the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him..."*

1 Samuel 2:30

*"Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained."*

Daniel 1:9-10

*"And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs..."*

**Sovereign!** v.9,17

Drinking from the same cup...  
Eating from the same table...

**Covenantal Significance!**

- ✓ Friendship!
- ✓ Loyalty!
- ✓ Dependency!

Exodus 24:11 – Elders ate with God!

Daniel 1:16-18

*"As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom..."*

**Even in a pagan culture!**

Daniel said, "Yes!" -

- New name(s)!
- Babylonian education
- Service to the king

They said, "No!" -

**Covenantal Relationship!**


Daniel 1:16-18

*"Therefore they stood before the king. And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and encha. that were in all his kingdom..."*

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The fullness of God's work or revelation of a particular truth in His dealings with man.

*"I have had a dream!"*



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**?** *A question to consider...*

*"What does this suggest about God's ability & desire to reveal Himself to the (yet unbelieving) world around us?"*

*"I have had a dream!"*




*There IS a God in heaven...*


*...yet, He is involved in the affairs of men!*

*No man... no kingdom is outside His interest & influence*

*"I have had a dream!"*



*"Tell me the dream so I can know..."*



*"But if not... you and your house will be destroyed!"*

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*"I have had a dream!"*



There are 21 dreams recorded in the Bible.  
10 happen in the book of Genesis.

<https://overviewbible.com/infographic-dreams-bible/>

*Genesis 20 – Abimelech / Sarah*

*Genesis 40 – Pharaoh / Joseph*

*Judges 7 – Midianites, barley loaf & Gideon*

*Matthew 1 & 2 – Joseph*

*Matthew 27 – Pontius Pilate's wife, nightmare over Jesus*

*Acts – Peter ("Arise & eat!")*

*"house"*

*'Bayith'*

*"House, tent, temple, tabernacle, palace..."*

*Much more than just a house or physical dwelling place...*

*Can also be extended to include concept of family, descendants, nation, heritage...*

*...that which encompasses you...*

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“house”  
'Bayith'

*“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.”*

*“There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.*

*Moreover, the thing which the king demands is impossible, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh.”*

*Daniel 2:10-11*

*I.e. – We're bogus!*

“house”  
'Bayith'

*“This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.”*

*Daniel 2:5 NIV*

*“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!”*

*1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chronicles 6:18*

*The decree is firm!*

*Daniel 2:5*

*Death & destruction  
await!*

*“Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.”*

*Exodus 25:8-9*

“house”  
‘Bayith’

“Then Daniel returned to his **house** and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven.”

Daniel 2:17-18 NIV

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us!”

John 1:14

“house”  
‘Bayith’  
(Greek: Oikos)

“But Christ was faithful as a Son over His **house** - whose **house** we are, if we hold fast and firm to the end our joyful and confidence to the end...”

Hebrews 3:6

“However, the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands!”

Acts 7:48

“Even those I will bring to My holy mountain. And make them joyful in My **house** of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My **house** will be called a **house** of prayer for all the peoples.”

Isaiah 56:7

Matthew 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46

“Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

1 Corinthians 3:16

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels...”

2 Corinthians 4:7

*We cannot meet the demands of a Holy God!*

*Death & destruction await!*

*But...*

*John 3:18*

*"Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."*

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*? A question to consider...*

*What "household" are you a part of?*