

Daniel 2: Do or Die

Study Guide

Read Daniel chapter 2 in its entirety, and then reread it, answering the following questions.

Remember to incorporate the 3 C's & 5 W's

(Content, Context, Cross-reference and Who, What, Where, When, Why)

Additionally, as you read, note where God's influence is evident.

Read verse 1: When does this take place?

Read verses 2-13: Nebuchadnezzar is given a dream and wants to know what it means. Is there any other place in scripture where a national leader asks for an interpretation of a dream? What is Nebuchadnezzar's response to the dream? What does this say about God giving a dream to a non-believer? Who would normally receive the dream?

Read verses 14-23: How does Daniel react to the king's command to kill all of the wisemen? Does God still create these types of situations? What is Daniel's response to God when the vision is revealed to him? Is God creating this situation, or taking this opportunity to show God's sovereignty? What should be our response to those who are in charge of us?

Read Verses 24-30: Like David, have you ever had to confront a situation that felt like it was a matter of life and death? Nebuchadnezzar is a non-believer at this point, who can do whatever he wants. How is the character of God revealed by sharing the future with Nebuchadnezzar?

Read Verses 31-45: Was this dream for Daniel, or for us? How have we traditionally interpreted this passage as a church? Does this same dream reappear later in Daniel, and if so how many times?

Read verses 46-48: How does Nebuchadnezzar emotionally and verbally respond to the interpretation? Is this normal, and could there be any negative blowback to Nebuchadnezzar? How does he follow up with this response in regards to Daniel? What does Daniel request? How are Daniel and his friends blessed from this response and what opportunities lie ahead for them?

1. Is it possible that God still creates opportunities to serve God in places we never would have dreamed of?
2. What concerns and fears do I have that come between God and I?

3. How can God's sovereignty and grace help me to reflect Him in the times that we live in?

4. What is my biggest takeaway or reminder from chapter 2?