



Daniel 2 describes the desperate panic that occurred when King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had troubling dreams. Verses 4-11 indicate his desperation to receive answers. God had revealed to Nebuchadnezzar what would occur to his kingdom in the future and to several subsequent kingdoms after his, finally culminating in the kingdom of God filling the earth. **The king's desperation for an explanation of his dream led him to look beyond his officials.** Instead, he gave orders to wake "the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dream."

Nebuchadnezzar suspected that his dream was of a supernatural nature, which is why he sought answers from those allegedly with skills in that realm. The king had two unexpected demands: make known the dream and its interpretation. Protests were given that the king's demands were too difficult. **Nebuchadnezzar insisted that due to the unusual nature of the dreams, normal methods of explanation did not apply.** Furthermore, he knew that once he told the counselors his dream, they could provide any suitable answer. A supernatural dilemma necessitated a divine answer. The king was not going to be flexible in his demand, to which the counselors protested, "the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh" (v. 11).

***Have you ever been a situation where you wanted an answer from God for what could only be described as a supernatural dilemma?*** A strategic plan is not always what is needed in response to a dilemma. Sometimes a quick word of encouragement from Scripture is sufficient. Many good answers can be given in response to a dilemma yet always seek more than just any answer, which is what Nebuchadnezzar did not want; rather ask God for his wisdom. Any answer is not acceptable when the response you need is from God, yet remember that you will never receive a godly answer without spending time in prayer and study of God's Word, the Bible.

**Proverbs 2:6-7 declares, "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity."**

**Psalm 24:4-5 describes the upright, walk of integrity: it is the person “who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up [his or her] soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully. [That person] shall receive a blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.”**



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