



Title: Unbreakable Citizens of an Unshakeable Kingdom

Text: Daniel 2

CONTEXT |

During the second year of powerful Nebuchadnezzar's reign he kept having a dream that was hindering his sleep. In their culture it was common sense that the gods spoke to people, especially kings, through dreams. Nebuchadnezzar was worried because he didn't know the meaning, and of course, feared that the statue that was obliterated in his dream was him. Who was his enemy? What could he do about it? He takes a very aggressive approach to find out the meaning, and Daniel, who we learned in the last chapter was given by God the gift of dream interpretation (1:17) is the only one God enables to interpret the dream. It ends with Nebuchadnezzar honoring Daniel and bowing reverently before God.

MAIN IDEA |

God places and replaces kings, and one day will replace every kingdom with His everlasting kingdom.

KEY VERSES |

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he remove kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. Daniel 2:20–22 ESV

DISCUSSION QUESTION IDEAS |

- Can you think of a time in your life when God used an impossible situation to reveal His greatness?
- How does God's omniscience & sovereignty impact how we view the future? How does it impact how we face suffering?
- What do we mean when we say that the Bible is inerrant? How does Daniel 2 reinforce this belief?
- Describe some ways people build their own kingdoms instead of living as citizens of the eternal kingdom of God.

EXPLANATION |

It turns out Nebuchadnezzar's fear was correct. The statue represented him, but not just him—it represented all the strong kingdoms of the earth. The focus of this chapter is the dream. Its contents are left a mystery at first, the suspense builds, and the pace slows down when we are allowed to hear the dream and then its meaning. The point of the dream: God not only knows what is going to happen in the future, He is sovereign over all the great kingdoms and he will bring about his kingdom through Jesus. And, his kingdom will supersede all earthly kingdoms in its expanse and especially is duration—eternity.

This truth of the sovereignty of God is reinforced in the envelope narrative as well. God is clearly presented as the one who gave the interpretation of the dream. He put Daniel in this place and spared his life, according to plan.

