

**“A King’s Dream Becomes Everyone’s Nightmare”**  
**Daniel 2:1-28**

**Unsettling dreams given to Nebuchadnezzar (1-3)**

- ◆ Jeremiah’s sobering words on dreams, Jer. 23:25, 29:8,9.
- ◆ Compare this to Joseph’s situation in Gen. 41—the other book with by far the most “dream” references in the OT.
- ◆ Best translation of 2:5a *command is firm* (as in 2:8) rather than implying the King has forgotten the dream.

**Ultimatum to decode dreams given to wise men (4-13)**

- ◆ Why does he go from anxiety to anger unlike Pharaoh?
- ◆ Nebuchadnezzar’s royal-rage problem, 1:10b, 2:12, 3:13,19
- ◆ This unfair ultimatum brings on the wise men’s complaint and confession: *not a man could...no one except the gods...*

**Understanding of dreams given to Daniel (14-28)**

- ◆ Daniel’s cool / wise handling of Arioch recalls Ashpenaz.
- ◆ What could give Daniel confidence to pray? Jer. 29:4-7,11
- ◆ Daniel’s praise focuses on God’s *power and wisdom*, and he proclaims the conjurer / magicians have been exposed.

What about any crisis I might face? What did Daniel do that I must do too?

Consider Js. 1:5, Col. 1:9,10, Col. 3:16, I Cor. 6:5.

