

Dreaming in Babylon

Daniel 2, Deuteronomy 18:13-15

Daniel 2:2-3

So the king summoned the magicians, enchanter, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. When they came in and stood before the king, he said to them, “I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means.”

vs. 4-6

Then the astrologers answered the king, “May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it.”

The king replied to the astrologers, “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. But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me.”

Deut 18:13-15

You must be blameless before the Lord your God.

Though these nations you are about to drive out listen to fortune-tellers and diviners, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do this.

The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own brothers. *You must listen to him.*

When it comes to our future, our confidence is found in knowing the One who holds it.

vs 14-15

When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact.

He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel.

God-given wisdom and discernment enables us to respond in a way the circumstance requires.

vs 16

At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

**Relationship with the Lord is key to receiving
and stewarding the prophetic.**

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.” — C.S. Lewis

vs 30

As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.”

vs 47

The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.”

God's great love for humanity is the driving force behind prophetic revelation.

“...in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” —Col. 2:3