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DANIEL THE MAN – LESSON 6

THE KING'S DREAM REVEALED

Arioch, the captain of the King's palace guard, was in the course of gathering all the wise men to execute them according to King Nebuchadnezzar's order when he encountered Daniel. He let Daniel know that the King was furious and was disgusted with the Chaldeans' inability to describe his dream and give meaning to it. (Daniel 1:14-18).

Daniel went to Nebuchadnezzar and said he would make the King's dream known to him if given some time. The King agreed. He obviously remembered Daniel's excellence from his recent examination thus giving Daniel some favor.

Daniel returned home and shared this with his three friends. Together they entreated God for His mercy to reveal this secret dream. As they retired to bed that night God showed Daniel the exact dream and its meaning in a night vision (v. 19). Daniel gave great praise (vs. 20-23) to God for His answer.

In Daniel 2:24-30 we see that Arioch brought Daniel to the King. Daniel affirmed to the King that all of the wise men could not help him, but in vs. 28 said, ***"But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days... (v. 29) what should come to pass hereafter."***

Daniel added a personal disclaimer in verse 30, ***"But as for me (Daniel) this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any (other) living (person)."*** Daniel said this because all of the wise men had told the King that only a god could reveal this hidden dream. Daniel needed the King to know he was just a mortal man like any other.

Daniel then proceeded to describe the king's dream in great detail. It stunned Nebuchadnezzar as he then recalled exactly what Daniel was describing. Daniel went a further step by interpreting in detail just what the dream meant.

It so overwhelmed Nebuchadnezzar that he fell face down prostrate upon the floor and worshipped Daniel as though he were indeed a god as the wise men had indicated, despite Daniel's prior disclaimer.

Nebuchadnezzar then declared that Daniel's God is a (v. 47) ***"God of gods, and a Lord of Kings."*** The king then showered him with many gifts and set up Daniel as ruler over the whole province of Babylon, second only to the King, and as chief of all the governors over the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel did not forget his friends. By his request, the King set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. Daniel sat in the King's gate where he could monitor everything great or small that went on in Babylon.

Tomorrow we shall examine the King's dream and its meaning. It was the first of Daniel's great prophecies. He was about twenty years old at this time; you are never too young nor too old to be used of God.