

¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king, “No one on earth can make known what the king requests. Consequently, no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked anything like this of any magician, medium, or Chaldean. ¹¹ What the king is asking is so difficult that no one can make it known to him except the gods, whose dwelling is not with mortals.... ⁴⁴ “In the days of those kings, the God of the heavens will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, and this kingdom will not be left to another people. It will crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, but will itself endure forever.

Daniel 2:10-11, 44 (CSB)

FOCUS: God is in control of His world and all the people in it from the moment of Creation to the final hour of human history.

OUTLINE:

1. The Peril (1 - 13)
 - a. The King’s Request (1 - 4)
 - b. The King’s Ultimatum (5 - 9)
 - c. The King’s Wrath (10 - 13)
2. The Prayer (14 - 24)
 - a. Daniel’s Response (14 - 16)
 - b. Daniel’s Prayer (17 - 19)
 - c. Daniel’s Praise (20 - 23)
 - d. Daniel’s Empowerment (24)
3. The Promise (25 - 45)
 - a. God’s Empowered Servant (25 - 30)
 - b. God’s Revelation (31 - 35)
 - c. God’s Interpretation (36 - 45)
4. So What?
 - a. Human beings, using human reasoning, can NEVER explain God’s ways.
 - b. God protects His people from the wrath of evil rulers.
 - c. We need to pray with others, especially those who have the similar issues we are dealing with.
 - d. God will use His children to change the most hardened hearts.
 - e. Even when it does not look like it, God is in control.
 - f. To make sense of the past, present, and future read the Bible seriously.
 - g. The Kingdom of God, ruled by Jesus, will and day be established on earth.