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Background -

When Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem (ch 1), he was still a prince under the reign of his father Nabopolassar. He ascended to the throne three years later in 603 BC; and one year later he had the troubling dream described in chapter 2.

God gave this dream to the king because he was sitting on a throne that God had decreed, **Jeremiah 27:4-8**, [i.e. Romans 13:1, John 19:11]. The dream was to show Nebuchadnezzar that his greatness was not due to his inherit ability apart from God, rather it was a gift to be properly used. **1 Corinthians 4:7**.

The king's court "*jesters*" could not discern the dream.

magicians - used superstitious rites to divine **Ezekiel 21:21**

astrologers - used *stargazing* to prognosticate future events **Isaiah 47:13**

sorcerers - conjured up *familiar spirits* **1 Samuel 28:7--9**

Chaldeans - from Chaldea (Gen 11:28), the southern region of Babylon. They were a priestly sect who spoke many languages and excelled in the philosophy of religion and contemporary science. They claimed the ability to communicate with the gods.

When the wise men of Babylon could neither recall nor interpret the king's dream, God had a Hebrew captive, Daniel, on the scene.

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Addenda -

most common dreams - being chased, being late, standing naked in public,
falling , flying, loved ones dying

"Dreams Dictionary : Meanings of Dreams"

There is no way with any certainty to give accurate dream interpretations. Dreams are individual, therefore the meaning of dreams for one person may not be the same for another. Dream interpretations are also subjective in that they are based on the meanings that you assign them, and these assigned meanings can also differ from one person to the next.

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