

Overview

When the king's men came to Daniel, he trusted that his God would meet his need that very hour. So he and his brethren went to prayer and God swiftly revealed the secret in a night vision (v 19).

Daniel immediately responded with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving (v 20-23). This prayer (as the others recorded in Daniel) is instructive spiritually and doctrinally.

Next Daniel was brought before king Nebuchadnezzar and he instantly proclaimed: *there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets* (v 28). He properly gave the credit and glory to his God.

And Daniel then described the king's troublesome dream in precise detail: *Thou, O king, sawest . . . a great image . . . whose brightness was excellent . . . and the form thereof was terrible* (v 31). Daniel reminds the king that the great colossus he dreamt of was made of various metals (*gold, silver, brass, and iron*, v 32-33).

Daniel confidently interpreted the dream as a foretelling of the five world empires that will rule over Israel during *the times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:24). He concluded with the prophecy that: *the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed*, (v 44). This will occur when Christ (*the stone cut without hands*) returns after the Tribulation to set up His Millennial Kingdom on earth. *The dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure* (v 45).

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