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**THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF DANIEL
Chapter 2**

INTRODUCTION

We view the results at the conclusion of Daniel chapter 1, concerning Daniel and the other 3 Hebrew young men for not defiling themselves with the food of captivity. They appeared healthier and better nourished. They were 10 times smarter at the end of the 3 year Babylonian Development Training. Also, Jehovah Bestows upon Daniel the Supernatural Ability to understand dreams and visions. This gift he will significantly use (Dan. 2:31; 4:19). Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king appoints Daniel to a political career which will cover some 70 years under the reign of various Babylonian and Persian kings.

The Matthew Henry Commentary provides the following acceptable outline of chapter 2:

Consider the information provided by Herbert Lockyer regarding Nebuchadnezzar:

I THE DREAM OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR (v. 1-9)

- A. The Troubled Spirit, by his Dream (v. 1)**
- B. His Desire to Know the Dream (v. 3)**
- C. The Dream is Gone from him (v. 5)**

II THE DECREE OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR (v. 12-16)

- A. Death**
- B. Destruction**
- C. Detriment**

III DANIEL & HANANIAH, MISHAEL & AZARIAH

- A. Sought the Answer from God**
- B. God Answered his Request**
- C. God is Blessed Privately & Publicly**

LESSONS TO NOTE

- 1) GOD IS SOVEREIGN**
- 2) GOD REVEALS HIS WILL REGARDING TIME & ETERNITY**
- 3) GOD IS TO BE TRUSTED**

