

SENTENCED TO DEATH BY A DECREE FROM THE KING!

(Daniel 2:1-23)

I. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAMS A DREAM

A. Nebuchadnezzar sought the INTERPRETATION of the dream from the WISE MEN of Babylon (2:1-13)

1. Nebuchadnezzar was so _____ regarding this dream he was restless and _____ to sleep any longer. (2:1)
2. The king was so _____ and _____ by the dream that even though it was probably an early hour, he immediately called for all the 'wise men' of Babylon. (2:2-3)
3. Because Nebuchadnezzar had no criteria for testing the wise men's interpretation, he first demanded of them to tell him _____ he had _____. (2:5)
4. Nebuchadnezzar suspected that they were just _____ for time so they could agree on a plan to _____ him. (2:8-9)

* Was this "normal" to not trust the sorcerers and the magicians in the royal court?

5. The magicians and astrologers all agreed that there _____ a _____ on earth that could tell the king exactly what he had dreamt. (2:10-11)
6. In the king's _____ he commanded that all the 'wise men' in Babylon should be _____; and so the executioners began their grisly task. (2:12-13)

B. Daniel and his friends sought the INTERPRETATION of the dream from the GOD of Judah (2:14-23)

1. Daniel utilized a great deal of _____ and spiritual _____ when he asked Arioch the executioner of the wise men as to the reasoning behind the murders. (2:14-15)

2. In light of what he heard, Daniel immediately told his friends with the intention that they would _____ for an interpretation to the king's dream so that they wouldn't die. (2:17-18)

* Could Daniel have used his time in a wiser fashion?

3. By God's grace, Jehovah revealed the _____ and the _____ to Daniel in a night vision. (2:19)

a. Typically when God revealed revelation to unbelieving pagans it was in the form of a _____; probably because the person's personality was neutralized and made a _____ instrument. (Gen. 41:1-44; Esther 6:1-3)

b. Daniel received _____ which generally required the believer to be an active participant by _____ in a proper manner. (Dan. 7:15-16; 8:15-19)

4. In Daniel's prayer he first _____ God for His name and for some of His divine _____ (2:20-22)

5. Lastly Daniel was delighted in _____ the Lord for giving him the interpretation to the dream, which in turn _____ his life. (2:23)

* What things can you apply personally from this passage?