

## Part 4

Last week we finished Chapter 1 of Daniel. It was an overview of the beginning of Captivity for Daniel and his three friends setting the stage for things to come.

When Daniel was written it was written in two languages the Chapter 1:1-2:3 were written in Hebrew along with Chapters 8:1-12:13. This shows that they pertain primarily to the people of Israel. Scriptures 2:4 -7:28 were written in Aramaic demonstrating Gods Dominion over the international Gentile People.

### **Daniel 2:1-16 AMPC**

1 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams by which his spirit was troubled and agitated and his sleep went from him.

2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, the enchanters or soothsayers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans [diviners], to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, I had a dream and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.

4 Then said the Chaldeans [diviners] to the king in Aramaic [the Syrian language], O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.

5 The king answered the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me! And the decree goes forth from me and I say it with emphasis: if you do not make known to me the dream with its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces and your houses shall be made a dunghill!

6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So show me the dream and the interpretation of it.

7 They answered again, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered, I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me and because you see that my word [against you] is sure;

9 If you will not make known to me the dream, there is but one sentence for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me [hoping to delay your execution] until the time is changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can tell me the interpretation of it.

10 The Chaldeans [diviners] answered before the king and said, There is not a man on earth who can show the king this matter, for no king, lord, or ruler has [ever] asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.

11 A rare and weighty thing indeed the king requires! None except the gods can reveal it to the king, and their dwelling is not with [human] flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.

13 So the decree went forth that the wise men were to be killed, and [the officers] sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.

14 Then Daniel returned an answer which was full of prudence and wisdom to Arioch the Captain or executioner of the king's guard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon.

15 He said to Arioch, the king's captain, Why is the decree so urgent and hasty from the king? Then Arioch explained the matter Daniel.

16 And Daniel went in and desired of the king that he would set a date and give him time, and he would show the king the interpretation.

## Things to think about

Last week we saw how Daniel determined in his heart that he would not defile himself. How God gave him favor. **Is it a surprise that Satan would immediately try to devise a plan to bring Daniel and his friends down?**

When we determine to do what is right and not compromise our lives it usually gets Satan's attention. We have a bull's eye so to speak on our back. **Should we stop standing for what is right according to the word of God?**

**Should we compromise the word of God and live by the worlds standards?**

**What did Jesus have to say about it?** In John 14:15-17 Jesus addresses this.

AMPC John 14:15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever---

17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. **But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.**

**If we know that it will get Satan's attention when we decide to stand for God, Should we back down or have fear when the world rises up?**

**What are some scriptures about fear in the bible?**

**Psalm 23:4 AMPC** Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

**Psalm 27:1-3 AMPC**

1 The Lord is my Light and my Salvation—whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is the Refuge and Stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war arise against me, [even then] in this will I be confident.

**Psalm 46:1-3 AMPC**

1 God is our Refuge and Strength [mighty and impenetrable to temptation], a very present and well-proved help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas.

3 Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling and tumult. Selah [pause and think about that]!

**Psalm 56: 3-4 AMPC**

3 What time I am afraid, I will have confidence in and put my trust and reliance in you.

4 By [the help of] God I will praise His word; on God I lean, rely, and confidently put my trust; I will not fear. What can man, who is flesh, do to me?

**Joshua 1:9 AMPC** Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

**Isaiah 41:10-13 AMPC**

10 Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice. [Acts 18:10]

11 Behold, all they who are enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.

12 You shall seek those who contend with you but shall not find them; whey who war against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all.

13 For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I am the Lord, Who say to you, Fear not; I will help you!

**John 14:27** AMPC Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

**2 Timothy 1:7-8 AMPC**

7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

8 Do not blush or be ashamed then, to testify to and for our Lord, for of me, a prisoner for His sake, but [with me] take your share of the suffering [to which the preaching] of the Gospel [may expose you, and do it] in the power of God.