



Memory Verse

There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets.
Daniel 2:28 (KJV)

“There is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.”
Daniel 2:28 (NIV)

Unit Verse

I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, . . . and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord. Ezekiel 36:23 (KJV)

“I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations. . . . Then the nations will know that I am the Lord.” Ezekiel 36:23 (NIV)

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The Prophet Daniel

UNIT 3: BOOKS OF MAJOR PROPHETS

Bible Verses

Daniel 2:1–3,25–47

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had a dream that upset him because he didn’t know what it meant. He couldn’t sleep. None of the king’s wise men could tell the king what he had dreamed as he demanded, but Daniel could. God revealed to Daniel the dream and its mystery.

Daniel could explain the king’s dream. In his dream, the king had seen a huge statue. The head of it was made of gold. The chest and arms were made of silver. The belly and thighs were bronze. The statue’s legs were iron, and its feet were part iron and part clay.

A large rock struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron and clay, bronze, silver, and gold were broken to pieces. The wind swept them away. But the rock that struck the statue became a mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel interpreted the king’s dream:

- The **head of gold** represented King Nebuchadnezzar. He was the ruler of **Babylon**, the greatest kingdom at that time.
- The **silver chest and arms** represented another kingdom that would overpower the Babylonians. This kingdom would be known as the **Medo-Persian Empire**.
- The **bronze belly and thighs** of the statue represented another great kingdom that would rise up—the **Greek Empire**.
- The **iron legs and feet of iron and clay** represented a fourth kingdom—the **Roman Empire**.

During this last empire, God would raise up a kingdom that would last forever. The rock represented Jesus. (Jesus was born during the rule of the Roman Empire.) His kingdom would bring an end to all other empires. Jesus’ kingdom would grow until it covered the whole earth. It will never end.

King Nebuchadnezzar bowed before Daniel. He was amazed. He believed in the power of God because God had given him the dream to show him the future.

Mystery Puzzle

Can you crack the code? Try to figure out the secret message printed below.

23 8 5 18 5 4 15 25 15 21

20 21 18 14 23 8 5 14 25 15 21

3 1 14 20 6 9 7 21 18 5 15 21 20

19 15 13 5 20 8 9 14 7 ?

(Answer)

If you are having trouble, ask your teacher for help.

Daniel and the Dream

Answer the following questions about the story.

1. Where did Daniel's interpretation of the dream come from?

2. Why did God give the king this dream?

3. Whom did the rock represent in the dream?

4. Explain why the rock destroyed the statue, then grew into a mountain that covered the whole earth. What did this mean?

We Believe

The Bible: We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the revelation of God to humankind, giving us absolute rules of faith and conduct.

The Statue

Label the statue with the correct metals that make up that part of the statue. Then draw a line to match the part of the statue to the empire it represented.

Medo-Persian

Greek

Roman

Babylonian



GOD'S WORD FOR EACH DAY OF THE WEEK

MONDAY READ: Daniel 2:1-13

THINK: What did the king want the wise men to do? What was his response when they couldn't do what he asked? How would you feel if you were Daniel or the other wise men?

PRAY: Dear God, help me to trust You to take care of me.

TUESDAY READ: Daniel 2:14-23

THINK: How did Daniel respond when he heard the king was going to put the wise men to death? How did God help Daniel?

PRAY: Thank You, God, for taking care of Your people. Help me to be wise like Daniel by staying close to You.

WEDNESDAY READ: Daniel 2:24-30

THINK: How did Daniel know the dream and what it meant? Why did God give the king this dream?

PRAY: God, I'm glad that You know the future and the answer to all mysteries. You are awesome.

THURSDAY READ: Daniel 2:31-43

THINK: What image did the king see in his dream? What did the image represent?

PRAY: Dear God, You know all things. Help me to make right choices about my future by choosing right each day.

FRIDAY READ: Daniel 2:44,45

THINK: What did the rock represent? Why did it break down the statue in the dream?

PRAY: Dear God, thank You for Your Son Jesus. I want to be a part of Your kingdom that will last forever.

SATURDAY READ: Daniel 2:46,47

THINK: How did King Nebuchadnezzar respond to Daniel's interpretation? How should you respond to God's awesome power?

PRAY: You are the God of power. You know everything. I will put my trust in You to help me make good decisions.

Awesome

Write a short poem describing things about God's power and wisdom that cause you to feel awe when you think about Him. Use the letters in the word Awesome to start each line. (Awe means "amazement, wonder, or fear.")

My Awesome Poem

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