

GLEANINGS FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY

DANIEL CHAPTER 2:19-30

19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So, Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
For wisdom and might are His.

21 And He changes the times and the seasons;

He removes kings and raises up kings;

He gives wisdom to the wise

And knowledge to those who have understanding.

22 He reveals deep and secret things;

He knows what is in the darkness,

And light dwells with Him.

23 “I thank You and praise You,

O God of my fathers;

You have given me wisdom and might,

And have now made known to me what we asked of You,

For You have made known to us the king’s demand.”

- 1) What does Daniel do immediately after the dream is revealed to him? What can we learn from his response and apply in our lives?

- 2) What does verse 21 reveal about the history of the world?

- 3) Does verse 21 bring any comfort & peace to you with regards to the upcoming election in the United States? Why or why not?

24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation.”

25 Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, “I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the

interpretation.” 26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?” 27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, “The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. 28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: 29 As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. 30 But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

- 4) As you read Daniel’s words before King Nebuchadnezzar, what do you learn about Daniel’s personality and character?

- 5) How does Daniel use the opportunity to speak to the king? Who does he help; who does he acknowledge; how does he see himself?

- 6) Give some specific ways that you can follow Daniel’s example when God provides you with an opportunity speak to other people.

- 7) Why do you think God would provide this prophetic knowledge (ref. vs. 28) to a pagan king?

- 8) Look carefully at the context; what periods of time does the dream cover? Compare with Micah 4:1-3; Hosea 3:4-5 & Daniel 10:14.
