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Daniel #2

Look to God for Sovereign Help!

¹ In the second year of his reign, **Nebuchadnezzar** had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. ² So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed...

³ ...he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

Daniel 2:1-3

King: "This what I have firmly decided..."

Astros: "There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks!"
"No one can reveal it to the king except the gods,
and they don't live among humans."

King: This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:4-13

¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, **Daniel** spoke to him with **wisdom and tact**. ¹⁵ He asked the king's officer, "**Why** did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. ¹⁶ At this, Daniel **went in to the king** and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

Daniel 2:14-16

➤ **Don't panic: DO LISTEN ___ to learn & diffuse hostility ___!**

¹⁷ Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

¹⁸ He urged them to **plead for mercy from the God of heaven** concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:17-18

➤ **Don't go it alone: DO PRAY ___ for God's help w/others ___!**

¹⁹ During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel **praised the God of heaven** ²⁰ and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.

²¹ He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

²² He reveals deep and hidden things;

he knows what lies in darkness, and **light dwells with him.**

²³ **I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors:**

You have given me wisdom and power,
you have made known to me what we asked of you,
you have made known to us the dream of the king."

Daniel 2:19-23

➤ **Don't hog credit: DO PRAISE ___ God's greatness & generosity ___!**

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