

Daniel 2

The Sovereignty Of God Brings Clarity Amidst The Chaos

Daniel 2:1-11

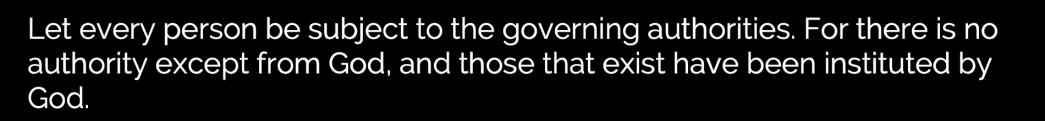
(1) Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Illustrates That Earthly Wisdom Is Limited

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:13-18

Daniel 2:12-24

(2) Daniel's Response Proclaims The Wisdom Of God Is Unlimited Because He Is Sovereign Isaiah 44:6-8 (1-5; 9-11; 24-25)

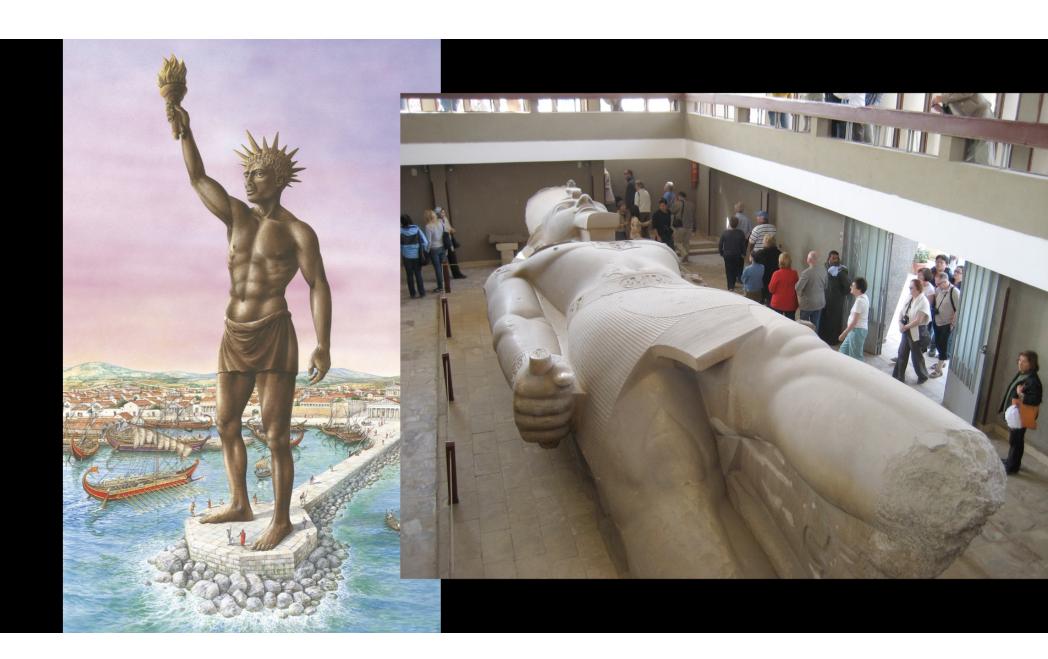


Romans 13:1

Isaiah 45:4-7

Daniel 2:25-45

(3) The Dream Interpreted: Earthly Kingdoms Will Strive And Fall, But God Is Sovereign





Views Of Historical Interpretation

- 1) Babylonian View
- 2) Maccabean Thesis View
- 3) Conservative/Contemporary View
 - a) Literal View
 - b) Spiritual View

But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

Luke 20:17-18

Jeremiah 23

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Psalms 2:1-12

(4) History Is Heading To A Known End Where Every Knee Will Bow To The Sovereignty Of God

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:8-11

The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."

Daniel 2:47

