

DANIEL

A Man for our Times:

What to Remember When Leaders Lose Their Mind

Daniel 2

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- Chapter 2–7 are in Aramaic. It forms the structure of the book.

A VERSE

- God disturbs the sleep of kings.
 - ▶ This happens when Abraham, Joseph, Esther and Daniel were without power.
- He answers the prayers of men.
 - ▶ Daniel called a prayer meeting.
- He causes the rise and fall of nations.
 - ▶ Babylon
 - ✓ A city that becomes a by-word
 - ✓ At war with believers until the end!
 - ▶ Medo Persia
 - ✓ A great kingdom with two arms

- ▶ Greece
 - ✓ A kingdom of power but little value

- ▶ Rome
 - ✓ A kingdom starting as one but ending in ten toes (ten kings)
 - ✓ Only clear interpretation is it will have strength mixed with clay ... Brittle alliances.

- But only God knows when.

- ▶ Prophecy reminds us who holds the keys. It fixes our hope on the actions of God – not men.

God disturbs the sleep of kings. He answers the prayers of men. He causes the rise and fall of nations, but only God knows when.

SELAH: *Pause and Reflect* (QUESTIONS)

1. What proof have you seen that God answers prayer? (Do you live like this is true?)

2. Reflect on the statement “God causes the rise and fall of nations.”

3. Why is it helpful to not know God’s timing?