

## LEVEL 4, QUARTER D, LESSON 2—DREAM ON!

### NEBUCHADNEZZAR MONOLOGUE

Greetings! I am Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of mighty Babylon. One night, I was awakened by a dream that I had. It was curious and disturbing—I couldn't make sense of it. So I summoned my magicians, sorcerers, and astrologers to tell me of my dream and its meaning. I promised gifts and honor to the one who could help me. I also threatened death to those who could not!

Those wicked, whining, “wise” men would not—*No!* They *could* not interpret my dream. They said that no person could tell the dream of another person. I became very angry and ordered them *all* put to death!

I sent my commander, Arioch, to fulfill my decree. He came to Belteshazzar, one of the wise young men from Judah. This Hebrew youth requested more time so that he might ask his God to reveal the mystery of my dream. What would it hurt if I gave him more time? I was hopeful that he would be able to interpret my puzzling dream.

That night, Belteshazzar—known as Daniel to his people—urged his friends to plead to their God concerning my dream.

During the night, his God revealed the mystery of my dream to him. Arioch brought Belteshazzar to me and this is what he told me. . .

*I saw a large statue. It was huge, shiny, and frightening. The head of the statue was made of pure gold. Its chest and arms were made of silver. Its middle and the upper part of its legs were made of bronze. The lower part of the legs were made of iron. Its feet were made partly of iron and partly of baked clay. That as I looked at the statue, I saw a rock cut free. But no human being touched the rock. It hit the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold broke to pieces at the same time. They became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summertime. The wind blew them away, and there was nothing left. Then the rock that hit the statue became a very large mountain. It filled the whole earth.*

I sat there speechless as this young Hebrew man told me word for word my entire dream! Next, he carefully told me what it meant.

The God of heaven had given me my kingdom. This God had also given me power and strength and glory over people and animals. I, King Nebuchadnezzar, was the head of gold on the statue.

Other kingdoms would come and go after me—but they wouldn't be as great as mine! That is until the God of heaven Himself sets up a kingdom that will never be destroyed.

Belteshazzar—Daniel—gave his God the glory for the interpretation of my dream.

I was struck to the core. I—a great king—fell before Daniel. I gave him gifts. I declared that his God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings—the only One who could reveal this mystery.

I made Daniel ruler over the entire area of Babylon and placed him in charge of the wise men.

Thank you for letting me tell you about the “God of gods,” who revealed my dream to me through His follower and servant Daniel.