

CONSECRATION

LIVING IN THE DAYS OF DANIEL



CONSECRATION LEADS TO
REVELATION

Revelation

1. Disclosure of Information to a Person by a Divine or Supernatural Agency
2. An Act of Revealing or Communicating Divine Truth
3. A Heavenly Download of the Future and of God's Will for Our Lives

¹⁴When 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. ¹⁵He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. ¹⁶At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

¹⁷Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

Then Daniel praised the God of heaven ²⁰and said: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. ²¹He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. ²²He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

²³I 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.”

²⁴Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had
appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon,
and said to him, “Do not execute the wise men of
Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret
his dream for him.”

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

²⁵Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, “I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means.”

²⁶The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), “Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?” ²⁷Daniel replied, “No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, ²⁸but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you were lying in bed are these: ²⁹“As Your Majesty was lying there, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

³⁰As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind. ³¹“Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

³²The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. ³⁴While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

The wind swept them away without leaving a trace.
But the rock that struck the statue became a huge
mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶“This was the
dream, and now we will interpret it to the king.
³⁷Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God
of heaven has given you dominion and power and
might and glory;
Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

³⁸in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold. ³⁹“After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

⁴⁰Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron-for iron breaks and smashes everything-and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. ⁴¹Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

⁴²As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.

⁴³And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.

⁴⁴“In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. “The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

⁴⁶Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. ⁴⁷The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.” ⁴⁸Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. ⁴⁹Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

Daniel 2:14-49 (NIV)

Consecration Is Based on Prayerful Separation

“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. **During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel** in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven.”

- Daniel 2:18-19

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“The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.”

- Psalm 25:14

Consecration Is Based on Prayerful Separation

Revelation is Contingent Upon Closeness,
Even though Help is Not

Consecration is Blessed With Revelation

“Daniel replied, ‘No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, **but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.** He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you were lying in bed are these...’”

- Daniel 2:27-28

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S FIRST DREAM

THE HEAD OF GOLD

BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

(636 - 539 B.C.)

CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER

MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

(539 - 330 B.C.)

BELLY OF BRONZE

GRECIAN EMPIRE

(330 - 31 B.C.)

LEGS OF IRON

ROMAN EMPIRE

(31 B.C. - 475 A.D.)

FEET OF IRON & CLAY

STRONG & WEAK GOVERNMENTS
FROM WHICH THE ANTICHRIST
WILL EMERGE

(475 A.D. - Second Coming)



THE ROCK

JESUS & HIS
ETERNAL KINGDOM

Consecration is Blessed With Revelation

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

- Colossians 1:9-10

Revelation Brings A Necessary Perspective

“The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

- Daniel 2:45b

Revelation Brings A Necessary Perspective

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

- John 15:15 (NIV)



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