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Dream the Impossible Dream

Daniel 2

The story of the dream

Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep... "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means."

"Tell me what my dream was and what it means..." "Please, Your Majesty. Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means... No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! The king's demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream."

Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret.

“Praise the name of God forever and ever,
for he has all wisdom and power.
He controls the course of world events;
he removes kings and sets up other kings.
He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to the scholars.
He reveals deep and mysterious things
and knows what lies hidden in darkness,
though he is surrounded by light.
I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors,
for you have given me wisdom and strength.
You have told me what we asked of you
and revealed to us what the king demanded.”

Daniel 2:21–23

The meaning of the dream

- The big statue…and our human kingdoms
  “In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight.”

  Head of gold
  Torso of silver
  Midsection of bronze
  Legs of iron
  Feet of clay

As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth.

Daniel 2:34–35

The meaning of the dream

- The big statue…and our human kingdoms
- The rock that turns into a mountain

In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—
the most important place on earth.
It will be raised above the other hills,
and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.
People from many nations will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of Jacob's God… [Isaiah 2:1–3]

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches." [Jesus]

Living the dream

- By believing that “there is a God in heaven”
- By trusting in the “rock not made by human hands” who destroys human kingdoms
- By remembering your hope is in the God whose “kingdom will never be conquered or destroyed”

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