

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of January 19, 2025**  
**Daniel 2**



**FEAR OR FAITH?**

When in your life did you have good reason to fear, but God taught you faith? What and who helped you learn faith?

**LEARN FROM THE BIBLE**

To the reader: This chapter is rich with examples from Daniel's life and is one of the more amazing prophecies in the Bible. As such, it will require more reading and understanding. Ask God to help you learn about trusting God, the character and ability of God, and his role in history and our future.

What do we learn about God? Where and how do we see the hand of God?

What is the main message of the dream and its interpretation?

How did Daniel respond to adversity? (What do we learn about prayer?)

What do we learn about God from Daniel's prayer?

In his time before the king, what do we see in the character of Daniel?

**The dream:** The dream was a panorama of four Gentile empires. (It was interpreted by God through Daniel which is why he said "we" in verse 36.)

What was king Nebuchadnezzar's role? How was his position represented in the dream?

The statue represents four kingdoms on earth. Many understand these to be Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. What do we learn about the final kingdom, symbolized by the great rock? (vs 44-45)

What is your response to news of this final kingdom?

Since Daniel was a young Jewish captive, what do you make of the king's response? (46-47)

## **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

What can we learn from Daniel's response to the king's edict (i.e., to execute)? How is this a model for those who follow Jesus?

Behind the details of a dream and its interpretation, what do we learn about God? How might we, as disciples of Jesus, respond to the circumstances of life?

This is a very significant chapter in the Bible, revealing much about God and humankind. The king's response to this miracle was to "fall on his face." How does this story impact you?

Knowing that there is a time when Jesus, the Rock, will break the power of evil kingdoms and rule forever, how should His disciples live this week?

## **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

Knowing that God has a masterplan should change how we respond to news of earthly kingdoms. This week, watch for your own thoughts, feelings, and words. Ask God to help you remember that He has control and that we need not complain or fret, but trust in Him together.

## **PLEASE PRAY**

- For the Ohana team in Thailand and for your global partners
- For the many people and churches in southern California impacted by fires
- For our Middle and High School teams serving our students