



Trouble in Babylon ... No Time for Counterfeits

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Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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A Dream, A Decree, and A Really BIG God ... Dan 2

I. A Troubled King and the Best of His Cabinet (vs. 1-13)

I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream. – vs. 2

The _____ of the Chaldeans

The _____ of Nebuchadnezzar and Dreams

The _____ of God (cf. vs. 8 and 16)

II. An Unknown Dream and the Prophet of God (vs. 14-49)

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The Prophet and his _____ (vs. 17-22)

The Prophet and his _____ of _____ (vs. 17-18)

The _____ (vs. 29-45)

The _____ not made with hands (vs. 34, 44-45)

So What?

We live on the threshold of the end; while we wait and as God sifts ...

1. _____ to the Spirit of God so you can _____ against the Spirit of Babylon
2. Live like you are living in _____
3. Be a _____ in Babylon while we wait for His Coming

1. You've just been given the opportunity to move into the profession of your choice with guaranteed success. What profession would you choose and why? (You can't pick the one you're presently in no matter how much you love it!)
2. The role Daniel played in the Babylonian court was a tenuous one. On the one hand, he was a man of faith with convictions, yet he served in the court of Nebuchadnezzar as an advisor of sorts. How did Daniel bring balance to this role without compromising his convictions and yet to remain faithful to serve the king?
3. This week we saw God give an amazing answer to King Nebuchadnezzar's seemingly unanswerable dream. But the reality is that there are questions in life that God doesn't answer. How could the following verses help a person deal with unanswered questions that may seem to attack God's credibility?

Isaiah 55:8-9 Philippians 4:19 2 Peter 3:8-9

Which of these verses is the most helpful to you when it seems like God isn't giving you the answer?

Is there one that is more challenging for you to understand or apply than the others?

4. Obviously, Daniel was a man of prayer. Prayer was integral in assisting Daniel to both receive what the dream was and the interpretation of the dream. What motivation or helpful instruction do the following verses give us about prayer? What ways could someone be confused or misinterpret what these verses say about prayer?

Psalms 145:18-19 Philippians 4:5, 6 Romans 8:26-27
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As you think about your own prayer life, what change(s) could be made to better suit you for serving God in this pagan world?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

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Unbelief cripples us individually and as a Church (I'm speaking about THE Church, not just individual churches). Pray against UNBELIEF! Ask the Lord to shine His light on us, to convict us, break us, bring us to the place of repentance, and of deeper relationship with Him.

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The Prophet and his **Prayer Life** (vs. 17-22)

The Prophet and his **Community** of **Faith** (vs. 17-18)

The **Dream** (vs. 29-45)

The **Stone** not made with hands (vs. 34, 44-45)

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We live on the threshold of the end; while we wait and as God sifts ...

1. **Surrender** to the Spirit of God so you can **War** against the Spirit of Babylon
2. Live like you are living in **His Kingdom**
3. Be a **Witness** in Babylon while we wait for His Coming

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