



Part 5 — “The God Who Hears His People” — 26 June 2022

**Introduction:**

When the Lord brought His people to the borders of the Promised Land, He both warned them of the consequences of their unbelief (Deut. 4:26-28) and assured them that they could always turn and seek Him because of His mercy:

*Deut. 4:29-31—<sup>29</sup> But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>30</sup> When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and obey his voice. <sup>31</sup> For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.*

**Main Point:** As believers, we are to live in \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Lord both individually and collectively in order that we might \_\_\_\_\_ Him to those among whom we live during our time of exile.

**The Impotence of the Babylonian Deities—Daniel 2:1-11**

**Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream (1:1-2)**

Observations

1. Some debate exists about when these events occurred during the career of Daniel and his friends.
2. The nature of what occurred with the king and how it affected him are both highlighted.  
*“dreams”* *“troubled”*

**Key Point:** The fact that the king summoned the collective ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’ of Babylon demonstrated that he understood that what he saw was of great significance.

**Nebuchadnezzar’s Charge to the ‘Wise Men’ (2:3-11)**

Observations

1. The author highlights a shift in the language of the text that has both a literary and theological purpose:  
*“...it is fair to say that chaps. 2-7 depict the role, character, and succession of the Gentile nations of the world under whom Israel is being disciplined prior to Messiah’s kingdom.” - J. Paul Tanner, Daniel*
2. The king made two specific \_\_\_\_\_ of the Chaldeans which were accompanied by a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ⇒ The king clearly did not \_\_\_\_\_ the Chaldeans and wanted some kind of evidence to authenticate their claims.
3. In their responses to the king, the Chaldeans revealed the limitations of their \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of their gods.  
*“Tell your servants the dream”*  
*“There is not a man on earth who can meet the king’s demand”*  
*“The thing the king asks is difficult”*  
*“no one can show it...except the gods”*

**Key Point:** The ‘wise men’ of Babylon were an accurate \_\_\_\_\_ of the gods that they worshiped and from whom they claimed to receive wisdom and insight (Psa. 135:15-17).

**The King’s Order & the Response of Daniel (2:12-16)**

Observations

1. In his anger, the king rashly ordered the wise men of Babylon to be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Daniel’s response to the king’s guards contrasted sharply with both the king and the Chaldeans:  
*Unlike the king, Daniel was \_\_\_\_\_ in his response to the situation.*  
*“prudence”* *“discretion”*

