

Tuesday 8th February 2022

Daniel 2: 24 *"Then 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.'"*

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had been troubled by dreams and had summoned his wise men and astrologers to explain the meaning of his visions. They procrastinated and incurred the king's wrath to a degree that he ordered them to be executed.

On hearing this Daniel persuaded Arioch to take him to the king so that he could explain the meaning which had been given to him by God in his own dream. Chapter 2 of Daniel contains several long passages of him explaining to the king that empires will rise and fall in the future but only the kingdom of God will last forever. The king is convinced and showers offerings on Daniel but more importantly he accepts that David's God is the God of gods. Daniel and his friends are given important posts in the Babylonian kingdom but God has more testing times for them to come. Can we match their courage and sureness of faith?