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Journey  
Through  
The Book  
of Daniel

**Week 6**

## Daniel 2: 12-13 (NASB)

*Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them.*

# Question

Why is the king putting  
an order out to kill  
Daniel?

## Daniel 2: 14 (NASB)

*Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;*

# Question

How old is Daniel?

Around 17 years old.

Who is Daniel speaking to?

Arioch, the king's hitman sent to kill him.

# Question

This is the commander over the Babylonian military. This man is ruthless and could very well be the same man who is responsible for

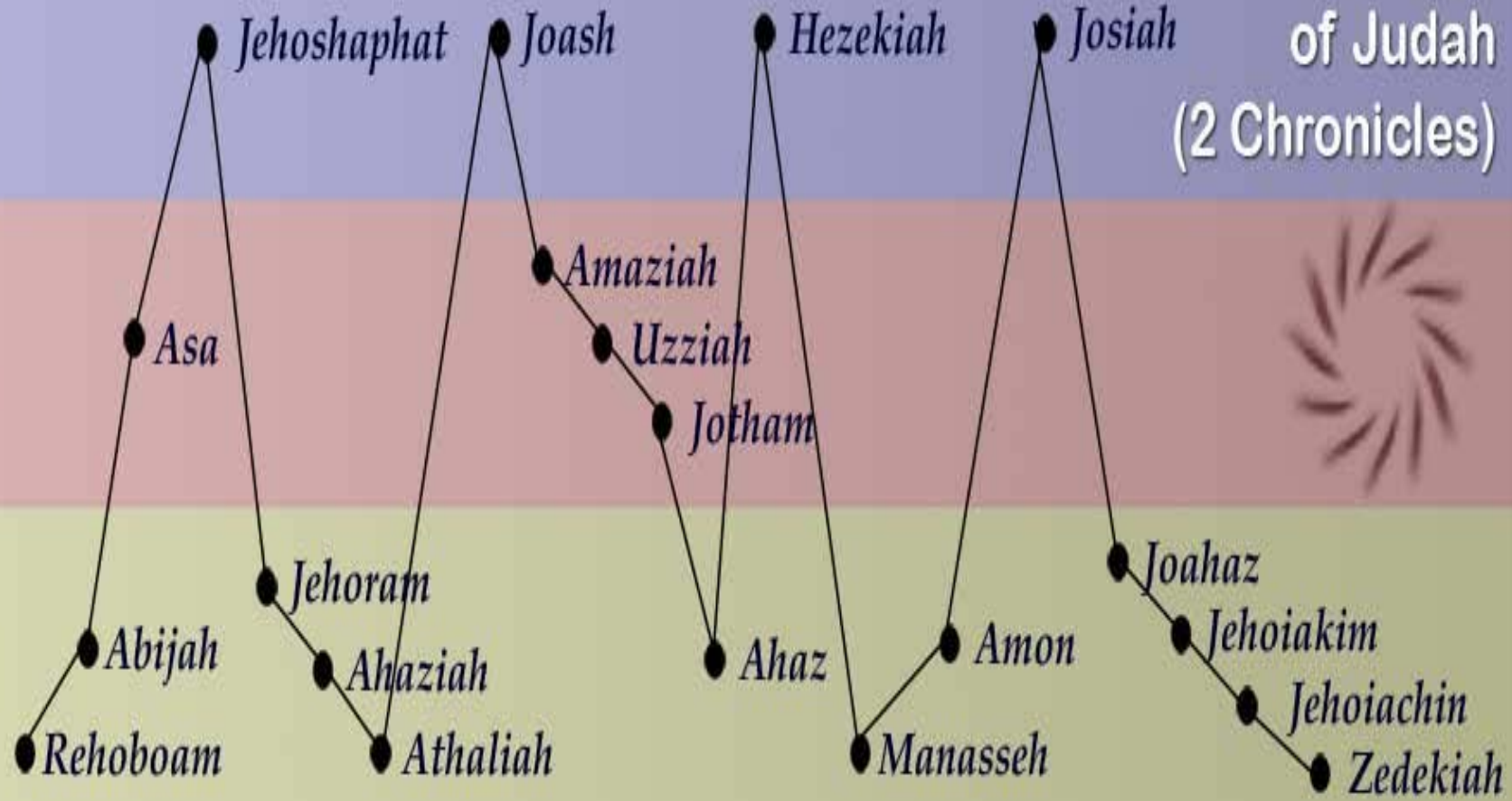
2 Kings 25: 7

# The Kings of Judah (2 Chronicles)

Revival

Good

Evil



## 2 Kings 25:7 (NLT)

*They made Zedekiah watch as they slaughtered his sons. Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and led him away to Babylon.*



## Daniel 2: 15 (NASB)

*he said to Arioch, the king's commander, "For what reason is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter.*

# Question

How did Daniel reply?

With calm and confidence. Note that he was not in a panic or pleading for his life.

# Question

Do you think the king's  
number one hit man  
often explained his  
actions before killing his  
victims?

# Question

Why is Daniel so calm and confident when facing the executioner sent to kill him?

# Question

What Gift did God give  
to Daniel?

# Daniel 1: 16 (NASB)

*As for these four youths, **God gave them** knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; **Daniel even** **understood all kinds of** **visions and dreams.***

# Question

Do you think Daniel  
knew God gave him this  
ability?

## Daniel 2: 16 (NASB)

*So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.*



# Question

How many people do you think the king's hit man brought to the king instead of obeying the king's orders to kill them?

Do you think the king's hit man put his neck on the line?

# Question

What did the wise men  
request?

Time

Did they get it?

# Question

What did Daniel  
request?

Time

Did he get it?

# Question

Why did the king  
respond with a different  
answer to Daniel?

# Daniel 1: 9 (NASB)

*Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,*

## Daniel 1: 20 (NASB)

*As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.*

## Daniel 2: 17-18 (NASB)

*Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter, so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery,*

## Daniel 2: 17-18 (NASB)

*so that Daniel and his friends  
would not be destroyed with  
the rest of the wise men of  
Babylon.*



# Question

What did Daniel do after speaking to the king?

He and his fellow believers dropped to their knees in prayer!

# Question

What can we learn from  
Daniel?

You face a crisis on your  
knees!

## Daniel 2: 19 (NASB)

*During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said:*

## Daniel 2: 20-23 (NASB)

*“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.*

He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. **I thank and praise you,** God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to **me** what **we** asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king.”

# Question

What did Daniel do after  
God answered his  
prayer?

Praised God!

Thanked God!

# Philippians 4: 6 (NIV)

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, **with** **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God.*

# Question

Who did God reveal the dream and interpretation to?

Who asked God to reveal the dream and interpretation?



# Question

What can we learn  
from this?

## Daniel 2: 24 (NASB)

*Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the king’s presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king.”*

## Question

Did Daniel ask Arioch to take him to the king or did he tell him?

How do you think the king's number one hit man felt receiving orders from a foreign captive he is supposed to kill?

# Question

What did Daniel order  
Arioach to do with the  
wise men?

He actually vetoed the  
king's orders!

# Question

Why would Daniel do  
this?

# Question

Where can a 17 year old kid get such boldness and compassion?

What can we learn from this?

## Daniel 2: 25 (NASB)

*Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!"*

# Question

Why was Arioch in such a hurry to get Daniel to the king?

Do you think Arioch believed in Daniel?



# Question

Who did Arioch give the credit to for finding Daniel?

## Daniel 2: 26 (NASB)

*The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?”*

# Question

What will happen to Daniel if he cannot do what the king asks?

What will happen to Arioch?

# Question

Who do you think was  
sweating about this,  
Arioch or Daniel?

## Daniel 2: 27 (NASB)

*Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.*

# Question

Do you think this is the answer Arioch was expecting? Is he sweating now?

Can you feel the king's blood beginning to boil?

## Daniel 2: 28 (NASB)

*However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King*

*Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.*

# Question

Does Daniel say that he can interpret the king's dream?

What does this demonstrate about Daniel's character?



# Question

What can we learn from  
Daniel?

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*However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.*

## Question

What does the latter days mean?

From Daniel's day until Christ's return, also known as the time of the Gentiles.

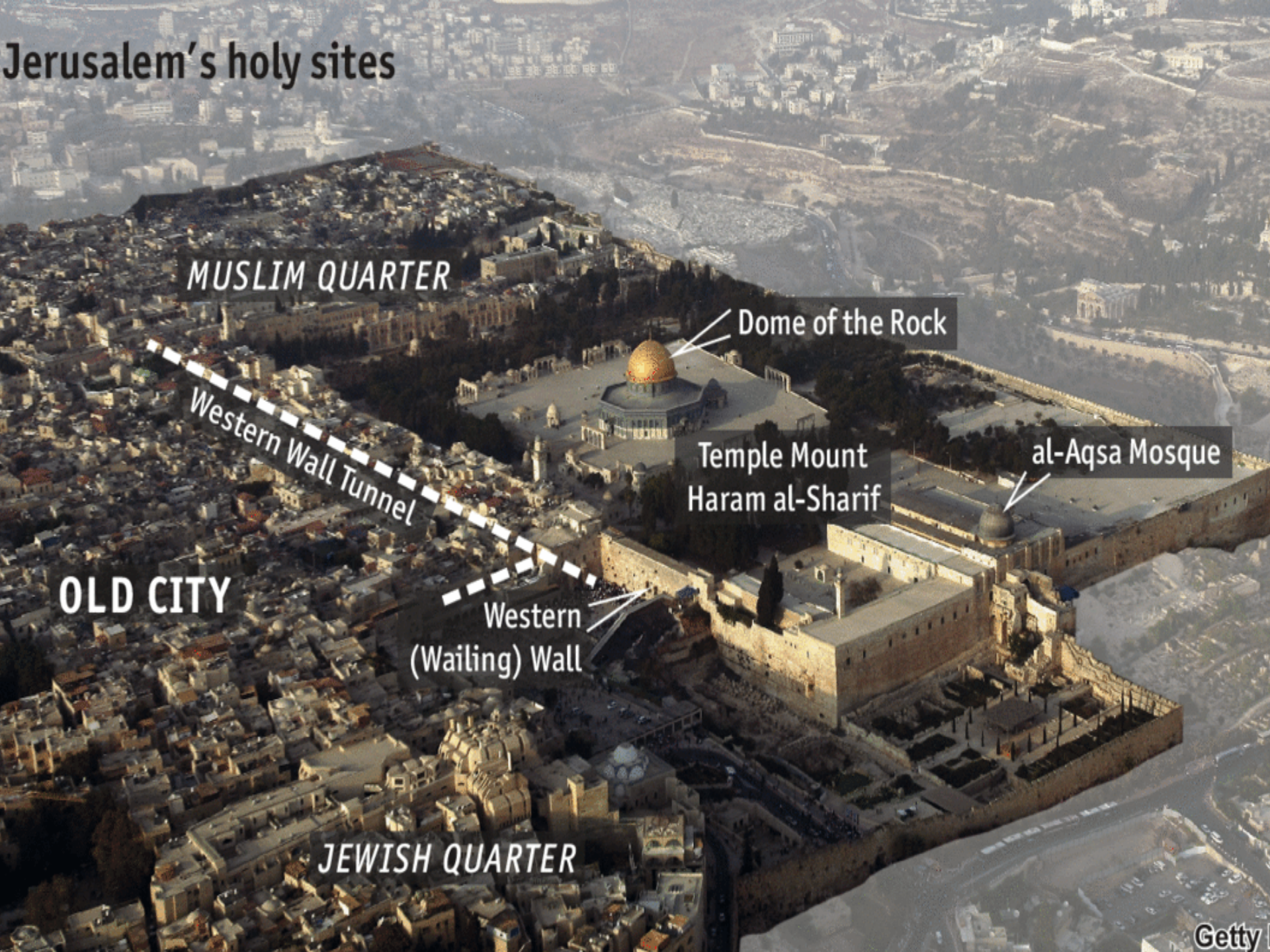
## Luke 21: 24

And Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.





# Jerusalem's holy sites



*MUSLIM QUARTER*

Dome of the Rock

Temple Mount  
Haram al-Sharif

al-Aqsa Mosque

Western Wall Tunnel

Western  
(Wailing) Wall

**OLD CITY**

*JEWISH QUARTER*





**הודעה ואזהרה**  
אסור לפי דין תורה לכל אדם,  
להיכנס לשטח הר הבית מפאת קדושתו.

הרבנות הראשית לישראל

## **Announcement and Warning**

According to Torah Law, entering the Temple Mount area is strictly forbidden due to the holiness of the site.

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel





## Daniel 2: 29 (NASB)

*As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.*

## Question

What was the king thinking about before he fell asleep when he had his dream?

*Note: this is the first time God is referred to as He who reveals mysteries.*

## Question

Notice that Daniel is not only telling the king his dream and interpretation, he is telling the king what he was thinking. How do you think the king felt knowing Daniel knew his thoughts?

# Question

Do you believe that God  
knows your thoughts?

Psalm 94: 11

*The LORD knows the  
thoughts of man, That  
they are a mere breath.*

# Isiah 66: 18

*"For I know their works  
and their thoughts; the  
time is coming to gather  
all nations and tongues.  
And they shall come and  
see My glory.*

# Ezekiel 11: 5

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# Psalm 139: 2

*You know when I sit  
down and when I rise up;  
You understand my  
thought from afar.*

# Matthew 12: 25

*And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.*

# Question

Since we know that God knows our thoughts, what should we do about it?

# 2 Corinthians 10: 5

*We demolish arguments  
and every pretension that  
sets itself up against the  
knowledge of God, and we  
take captive every thought  
to make it obedient to  
Christ*