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The Impossible Task (Daniel 2:1-13 NIV)





God Speaks

¹In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. ²So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed.





When they came in and stood before the king, ³he said to them, "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."





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⁴Then the astrologers answered the king, "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."



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⁵The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble.



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⁶But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."



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⁷Once more they replied, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it."





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⁸Then the king answered, "I am certain that you are trying to gain time, because you realize that this is what I have firmly decided:



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⁹If you do not tell me the dream, there is only one penalty for you. You have conspired to tell me misleading and wicked things, hoping the situation will change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can interpret it for me."



¹⁰The astrologers answered the king, "There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer.

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Only God



¹¹"What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans."





¹²This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death.



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