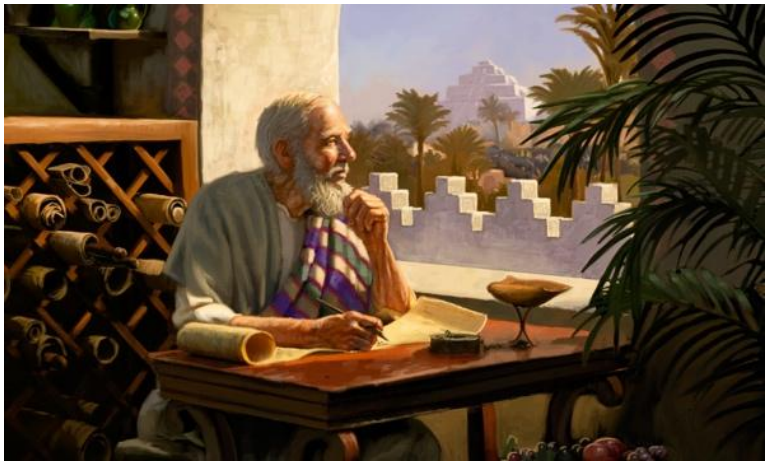
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Dani’el’s Interpretations of Dreams 2:1 to 4:27

ADONAI begins to reveal to Dani’el the initial revelation regarding the Times of the Gentiles (see **Ao – The Times of the Gentiles**)**. He provides an initial overview of the four empires that will govern this period. As the book progresses, God’s revelation becomes increasingly specific, reaching their climax in Chapter 12.**



Only **ADONAI’s** wisdom can reveal the mysteries of life. In other words, it was not the content of **the dream** of the future that is primary, what is most important here is the fact that it was only **Dani’el’s God** that knew the future. And **the LORD’s** knowledge of the future was particularly important to **the Israelites** in exile and under some measure of oppression, because it implied that **He** controls history. Once again, therefore, we are reminded of the overall theme of this book. In spite of present appearances, **God** is in control. As we read **Dani’el’s** interpretations of **dreams Genesis 41** comes quickly to mind. In **Genesis**, a pagan king, the Egyptian pharaoh, has an anxiety-producing **dream** (concerning seven lean and fat cows). When the wise men of Egypt couldn’t interpret the **dream** for him, his cupbearer (paralleling the role of **Arioch** in **Dani’el Chapter 2**) helps him discover a **dream**-interpreter, who turns out to be the imprisoned **Joseph**. Through **God’s** help, **Joseph** reveals the interpretation of **the dream** to pharaoh, resulting in his

rise in status in the foreign court. Thus, we see that **Dani’el** is like **Joseph**, perhaps even a little better than **Joseph**, since he not only interprets **the dream** but, with **ADONAI’s** help, actually tells the king the contents of **his dreams** (**to see link click Ax – Dani’el Interprets the King’s Dream**) and (**Bv – Interpretation: The King’s Danger**).[38]