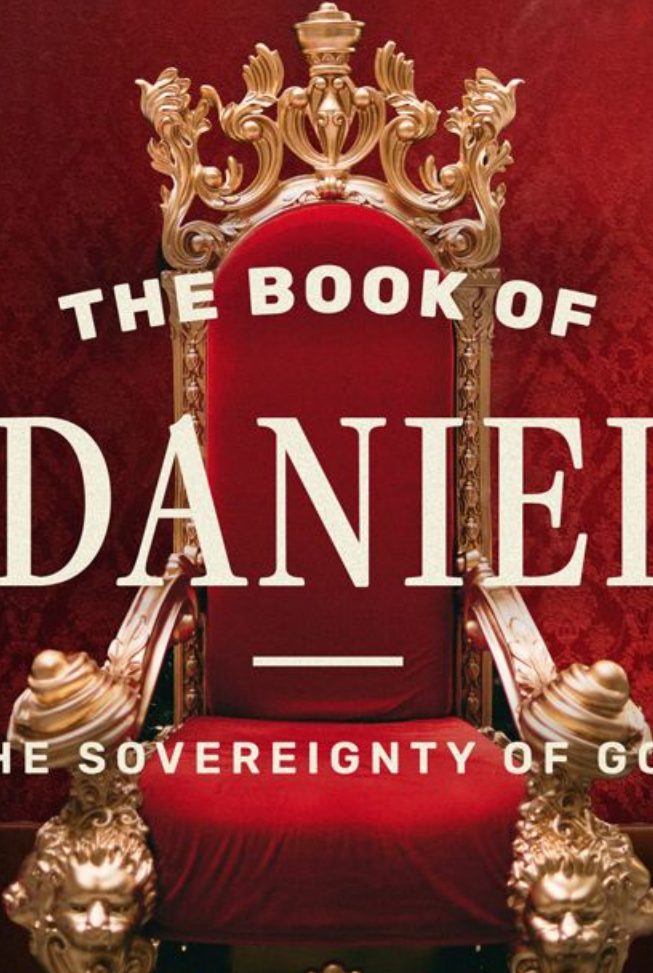




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DREAMS & INTERPRETATIONS

¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. ¹⁵ He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?"

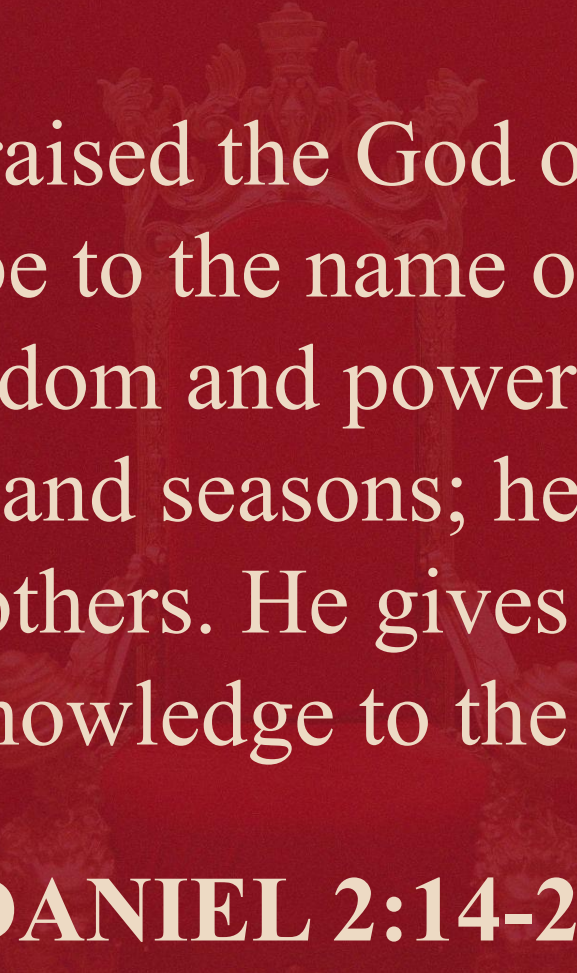
DANIEL 2:14-23

Arioach then explained the matter to Daniel.
¹⁶ At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked
for time, so that he might interpret the dream
for him. ¹⁷ Then Daniel returned to his house
and explained the matter to his friends
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

DANIEL 2:14-23

¹⁸ He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision.

DANIEL 2:14-23



Then Daniel praised the God of heaven ²⁰ and said: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. ²¹ He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

DANIEL 2:14-23

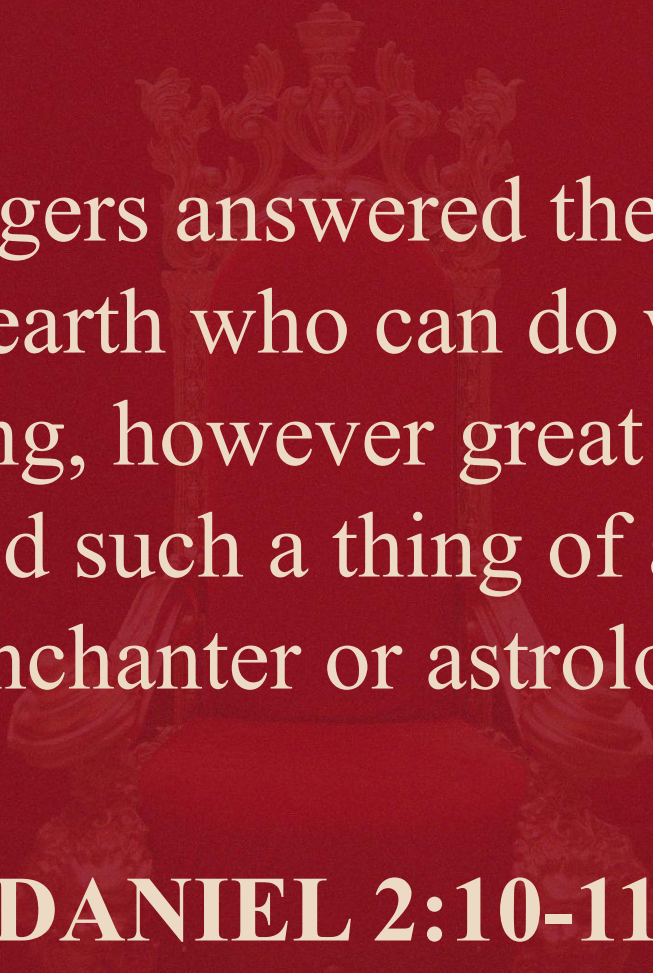
²² He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. ²³ I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king.”

DANIEL 2:14-23

**While most dreams have little
to no bearing on our lives, God
has used dreams to speak to
His people.**

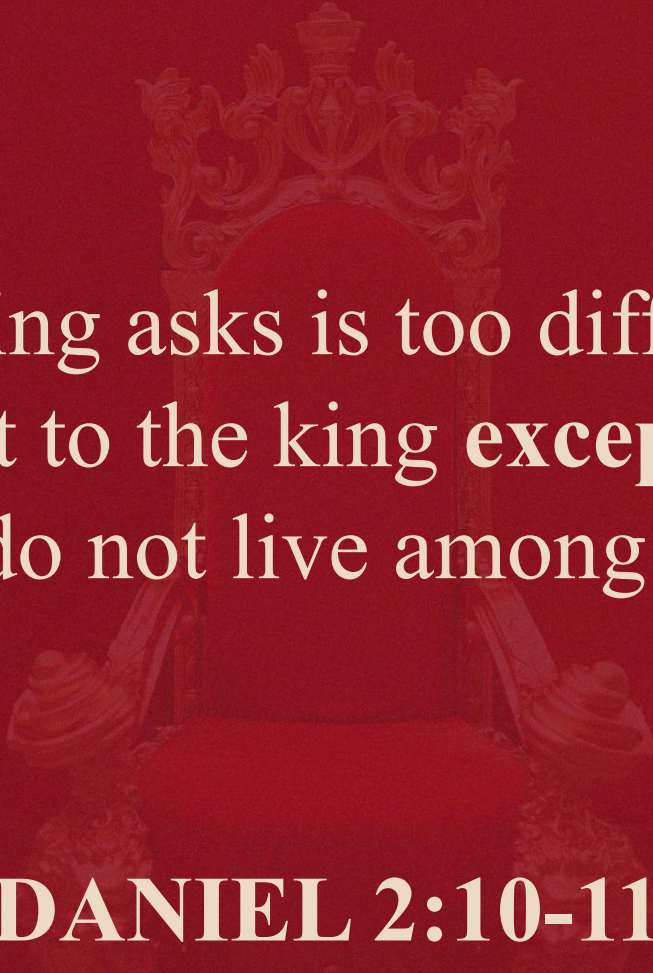
**A vision needs no interpretation,
but a dream may need an
interpretation.**

“EXCEPT
THE GODS”



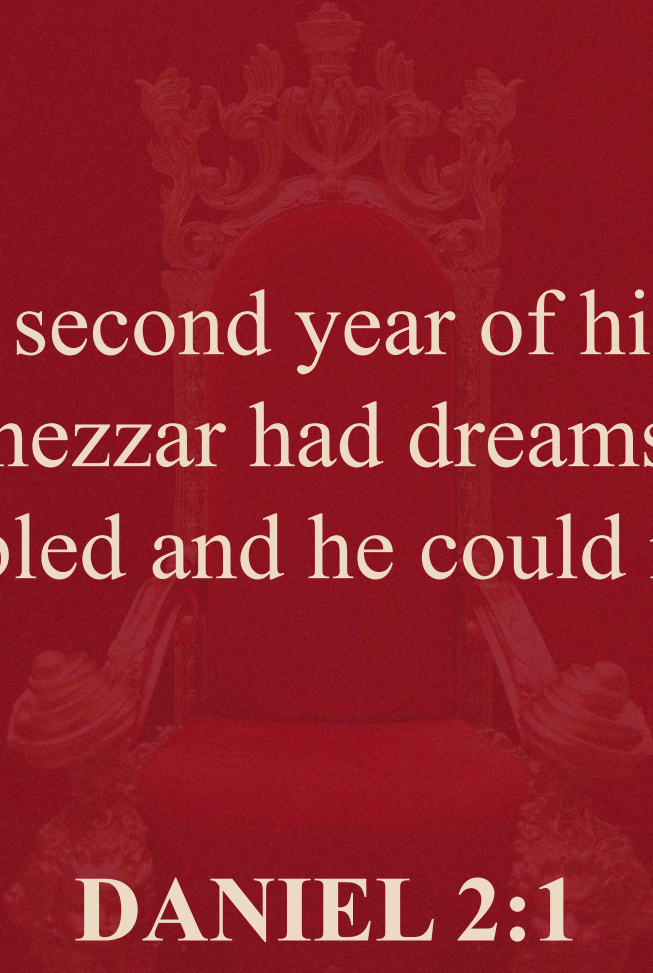
¹⁰ The astrologers answered the king, “There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer.

DANIEL 2:10-11



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.”

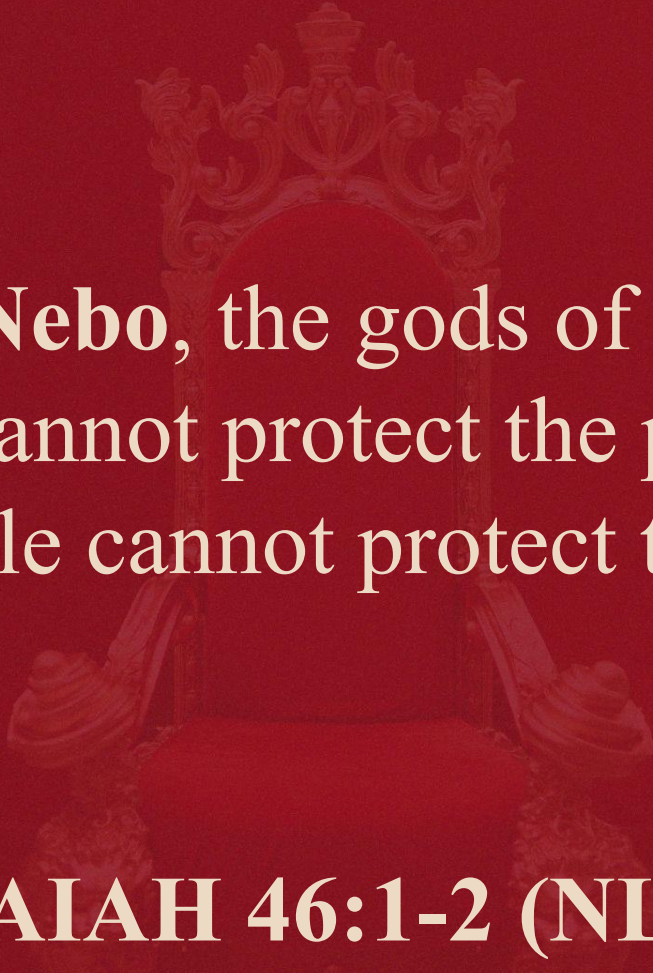
DANIEL 2:10-11



¹ In the second year of his reign,
Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind
was troubled and he could not sleep.

DANIEL 2:1

**The royal court scene is a battle
between spiritual powers in
the midst of human affairs.**



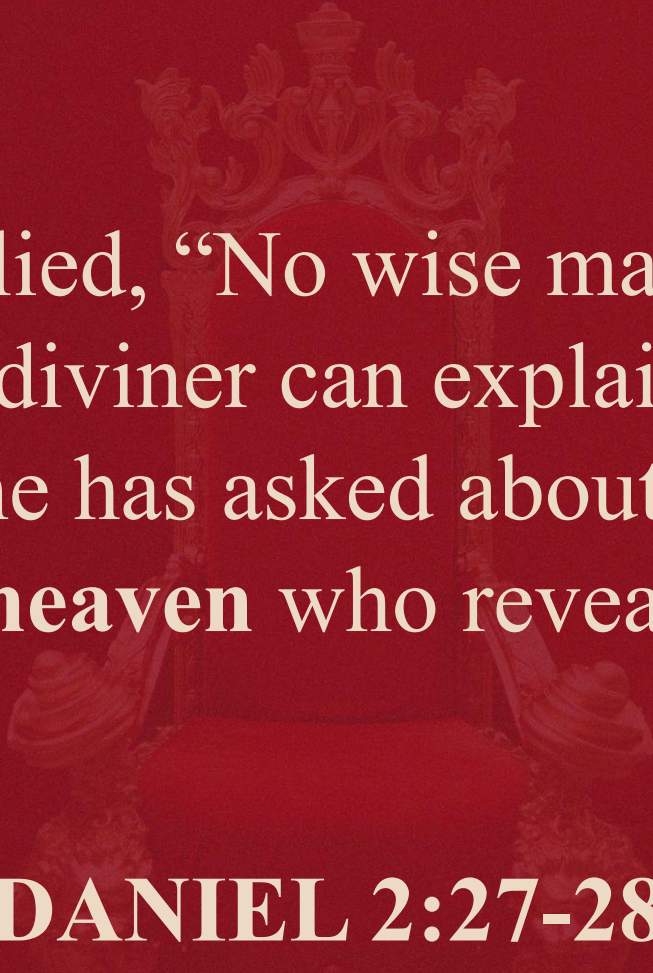
¹ **Bel and Nebo**, the gods of Babylon...
The gods cannot protect the people, and
the people cannot protect the gods.

ISAIAH 46:1-2 (NLT)

² This is what the LORD says: “Tell the whole world, and keep nothing back. Raise a signal flag to tell everyone that Babylon will fall! Her images and idols will be shattered. Her gods **Bel and Marduk** will be utterly disgraced.

JEREMIAH 50:2

“THERE IS
A GOD”



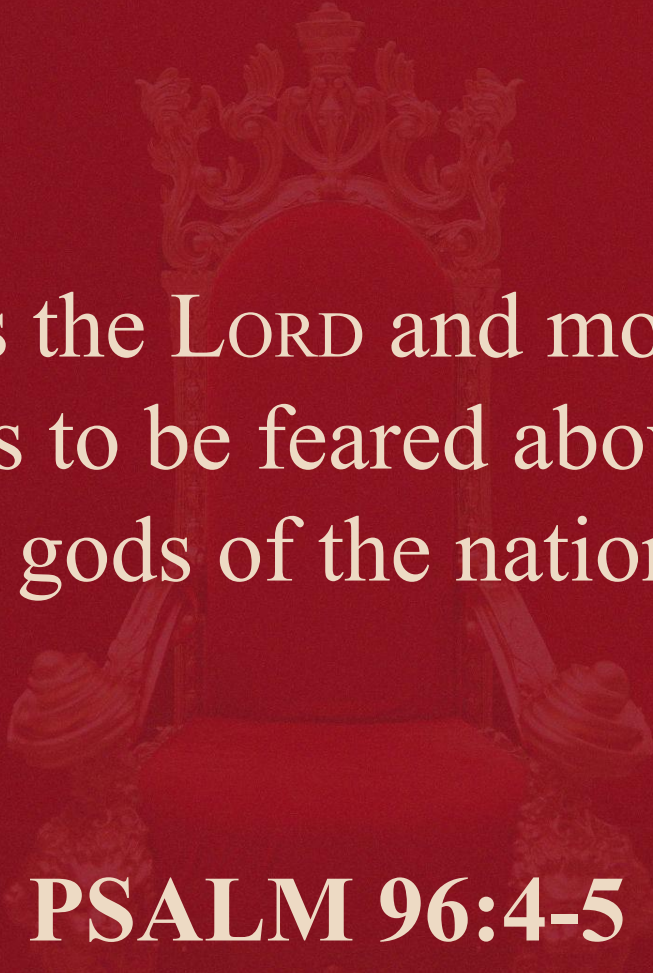
²⁷ Daniel replied, “No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, ²⁸ **but there is a God in heaven** who reveals mysteries.

DANIEL 2:27-28



³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

PSALM 95:3



⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of
praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols.

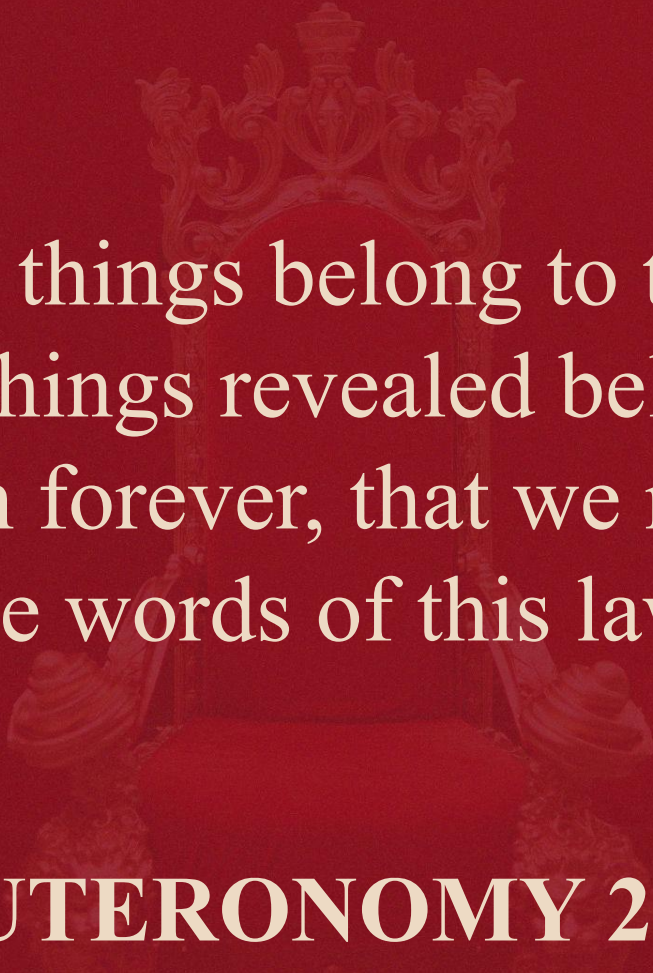
PSALM 96:4-5



For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the
earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

PSALM 97:9

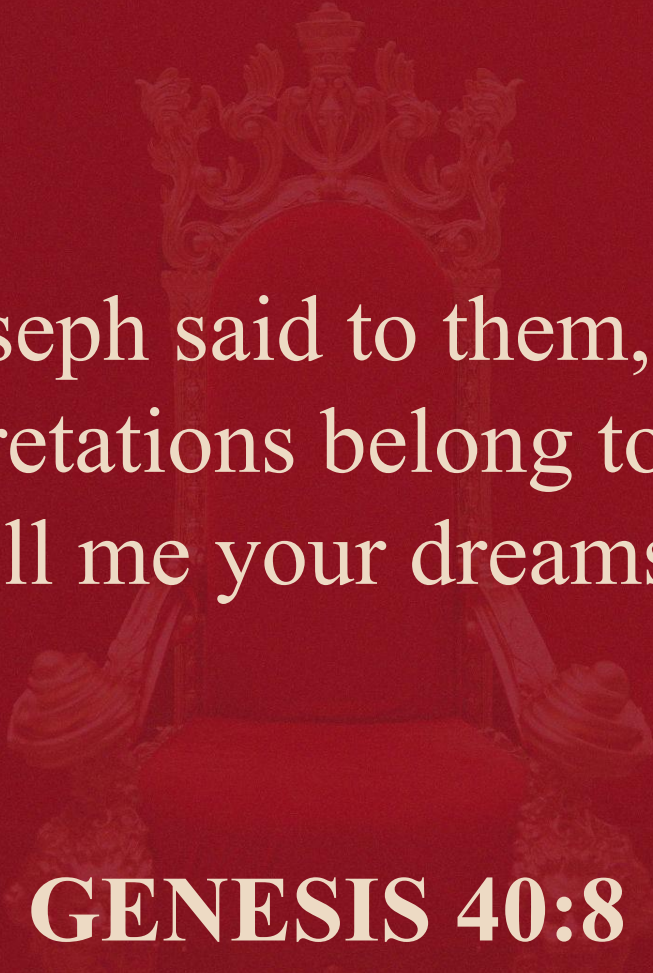
**Christianity is the only religion
that believes that God became
flesh and dwelt among us. This
is what sets Christianity apart
from all other religions.**



²⁹ The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

DEUTERONOMY 29:29

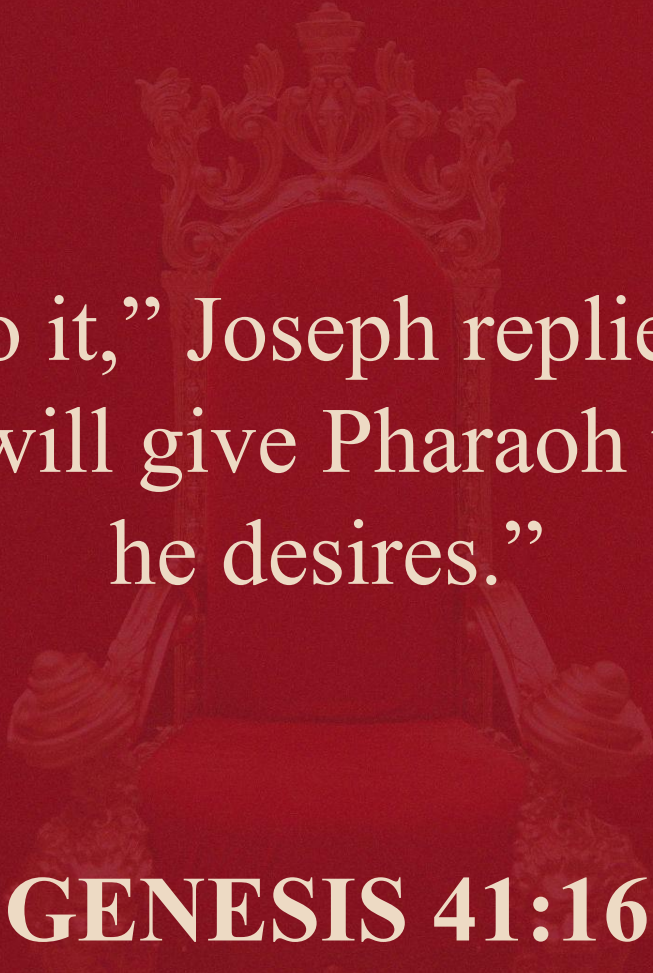
**He is a real-time God speaking
to real problems.**



Then Joseph said to them, “Do not
interpretations belong to God?
Tell me your dreams.”

GENESIS 40:8

**The world needs to come to
us with their problems and we
need to come to the world with
God's solutions.**



¹⁶ “I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh,
“but God will give Pharaoh the answer
he desires.”

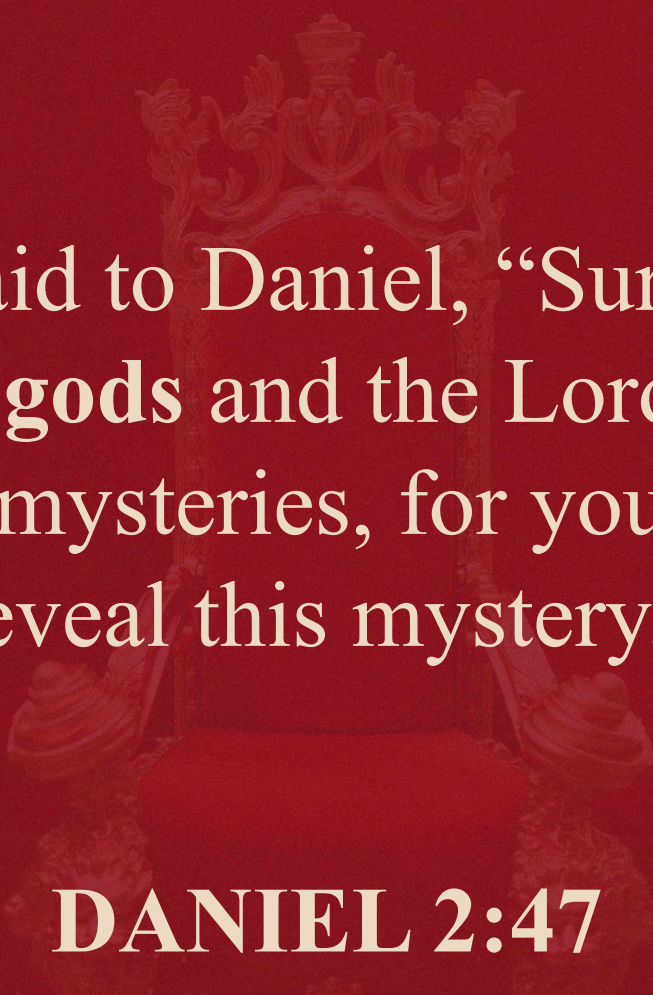
GENESIS 41:16



“Can we find anyone like this man,
one in whom is the spirit of God?”

GENESIS 41:38

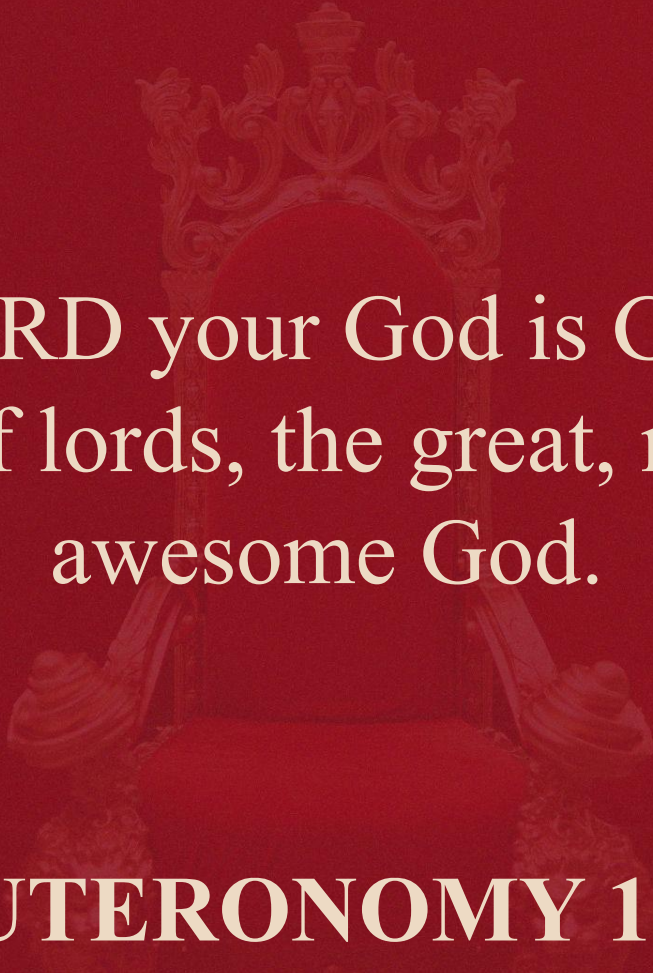
“GOD OF GODS”



⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the **God of gods** and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.”

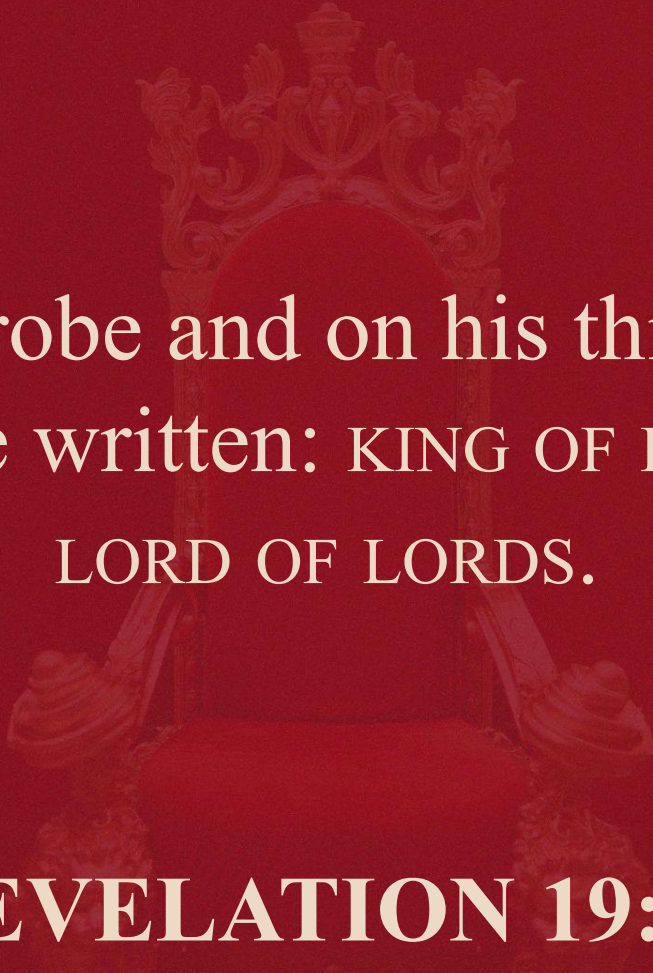
DANIEL 2:47

We live in a world that is very much like Babylon, with belief in many gods or things that we set up in the place of god.



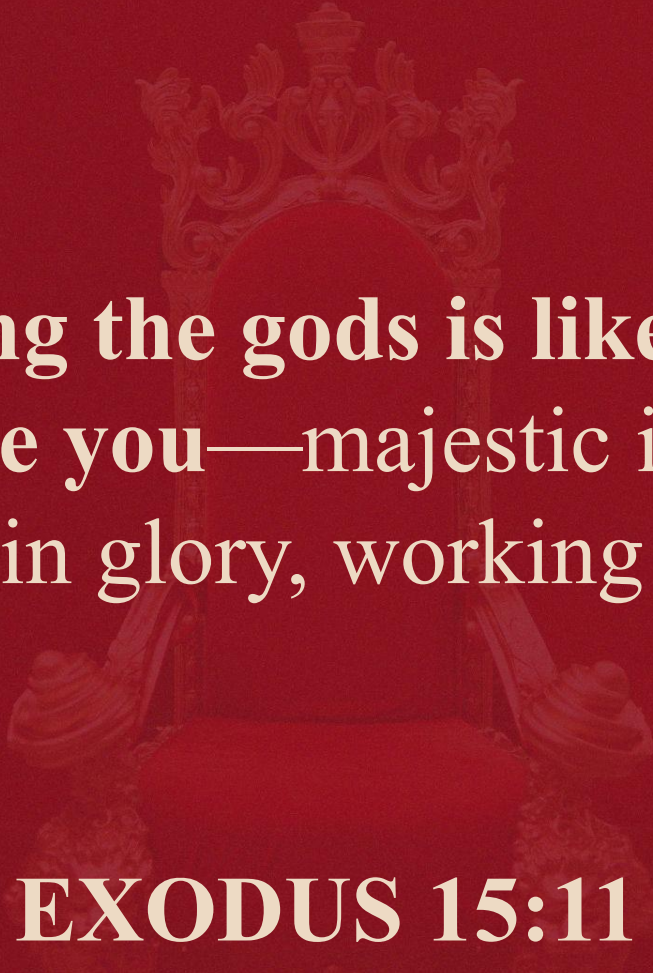
For the LORD your God is God of gods
and Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and
awesome God.

DEUTERONOMY 10:17



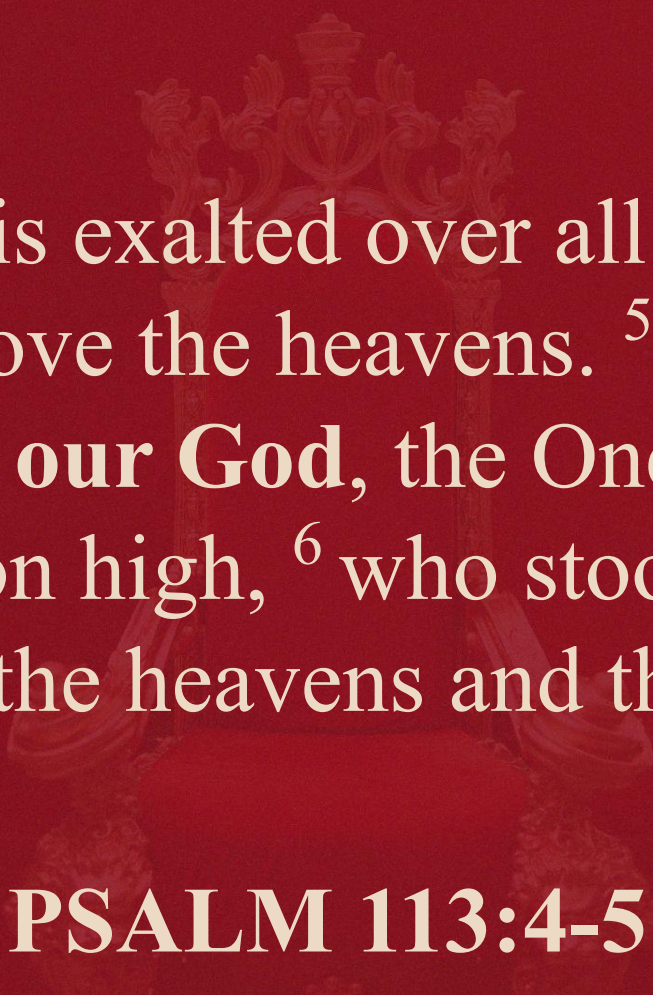
¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has
this name written: KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.

REVELATION 19:16



**¹¹ Who among the gods is like you, LORD?
Who is like you—majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?**

EXODUS 15:11

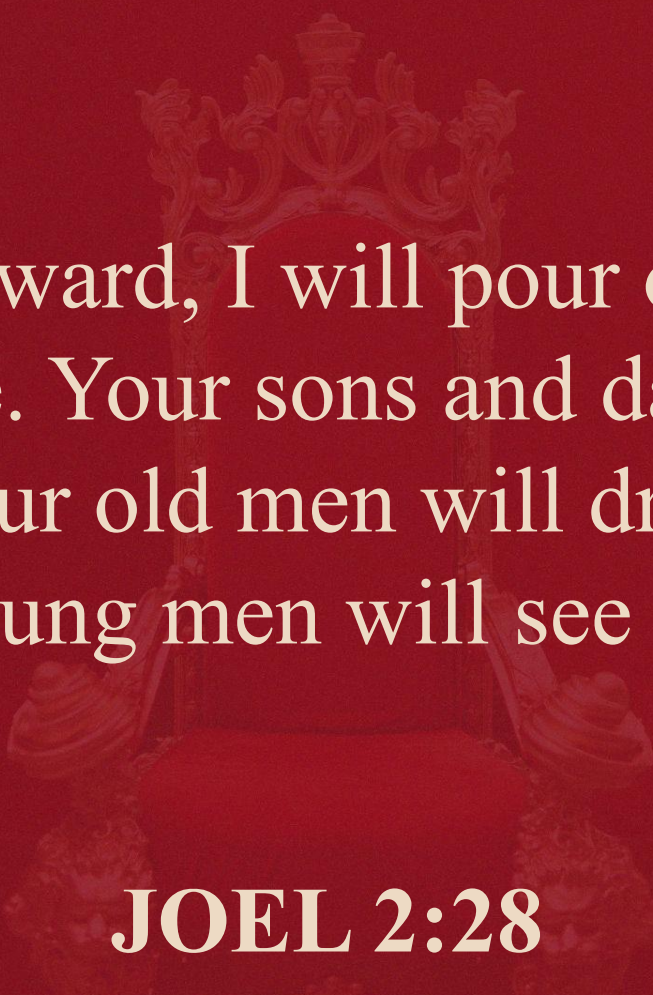


⁴ The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens. ⁵ **Who is like**
the LORD our God, the One who sits
enthroned on high, ⁶ who stoops down to
look on the heavens and the earth?

PSALM 113:4-5

²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ **as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare.** So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:24-25

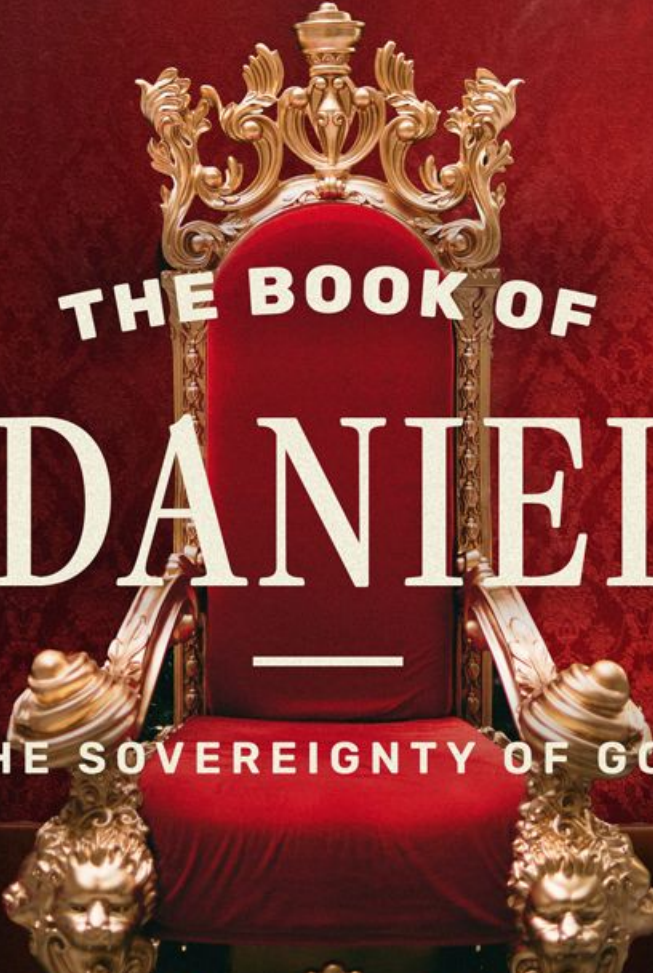


²⁸ “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit
on all people. Your sons and daughters will
prophesy, your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

JOEL 2:28

SERMON REVIEW:

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