

Daniel 2:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision.
Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Analysis

God reveals the mystery to Daniel 'in a night vision' after the prayer meeting with his companions (2:17-18). The Hebrew term *chezev* (vision) indicates direct divine disclosure, contrasting with the Chaldeans' interpretive methods. God answers prayer precisely at the point of need, demonstrating sovereignty and faithfulness. Daniel's immediate response is worship (2:20-23), modeling proper reception of revelation—thankfulness to God rather than personal pride. This reveals the proper relationship between prayer, revelation, and worship: we ask God, He reveals truth, we respond with gratitude and praise.

Historical Context

Night visions were recognized means of divine communication in the ancient world (cf. Genesis 46:2; Job 33:15). Unlike divination which sought to manipulate divine knowledge through ritual, true prophecy came through God's initiative at His timing. The communal prayer meeting (2:17-18) reflects Jewish prayer practices emphasizing corporate intercession. Daniel and friends risked their lives on confidence that Yahweh, not Babylonian gods, controls mysteries.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God's revelation in answer to prayer demonstrate His responsiveness to those who seek Him earnestly?
2. What does Daniel's immediate worship response teach about proper reception of divine insight versus prideful self-exaltation?

Interlinear Text

אָד ין	דָּנִי אֵל	בְּחִזּוֹן א	דִּי	לִילָּא א	כִּי א	גַּל י
Then	Daniel	vision	H1768	in a night	was the secret	revealed
H116	H1841	H2376		H3916	H7328	H1541

אָד ין	דָּנִי אֵל	בְּרַךְ ה	לֵאלֹהֵי ה	שְׁמָא:
Then	Daniel	blessed	the God	of heaven
H116	H1841	H1289	H426	H8065

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 12:6 (Parallel theme): And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

Psalms 25:14 (Parallel theme): The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Amos 3:7 (References God): Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Daniel 7:7 (Parallel theme): After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

Daniel 1:17 (References God): As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Job 4:13 (Parallel theme): In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

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