



*Biblical Drama based on Daniel 2:26-47*

*Character Parts: Narrators 1-4, King, Magician, Enchanter, Sorcerer, Daniel*

Narrator 1: Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, began to have many disturbing dreams. He became so troubled that he could no longer get to sleep. So he summoned all his smartest advisors: the magicians, enchanters, and sorcerers of his kingdom.

King: You are the wisest people in my whole kingdom. I had the most troubling dream last night; I want you to tell me what it means.

Magician: O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will reveal its interpretation.

King: Wait a minute, how do I know you won't just make things up? You need to tell me what my dream was and *then* tell me its meaning.

Enchanter: Please, Your Majesty, first tell us the dream. Then we can tell you its meaning.

King: You are just stalling for time, because you see that I am serious. I don't trust you. The only way I can tell if you are giving me the right interpretation is if you can also tell me what the dream was!

Sorcerer: There is no one on earth who can do what you ask! In fact no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter in all the land.

Enchanter: No one can reveal all this to the king except the gods, and they don't come to help human beings!

Narrator 2: Because of this the king flew into a violent rage and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.

King: You bunch of worthless, lying cowards! I will have you all put to death for your disobedience!

Narrator 3: The decree was issued, and all the king's advisors were gathered to be executed, including Daniel the prophet. But Daniel spoke to the guards.

Daniel: I have no special knowledge. But if I pray and ask God, he will reveal it to the king.

Narrator 4: That night, God revealed the mystery of the dream to Daniel in a vision. The next day Daniel was brought before the king.

Daniel: Your Majesty, not even the smartest person in all the world can do what you are demanding. But there is a God in heaven who can explain all mysteries. God was showing you what will happen in the future.

King: What did God show you?

Daniel: Your Majesty, what you saw in your dream was a huge statue, shining brightly. Its head was made of gold, its chest and arms were silver, and down from its waist was bronze. From there to its ankles it was iron, and its feet were a mixture of iron and clay.

As you watched, a stone was cut from a mountain and was thrown at the feet, completely shattering the statue. The iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold were crushed and blown away without a trace. But the stone became a tremendous mountain that covered the entire earth.

King: I can't believe it! That *was* my dream!

Daniel: This is what the dream means. You, O King, are the head of gold. After you are gone, another kingdom of silver will rule, but it won't be as strong, followed by a kingdom of bronze. Then, a kingdom of iron will come to power, crushing and shattering everything. But this fourth kingdom will be divided — just as you saw that the feet and toes were a mixture of iron and clay.

After this, the God of heaven will set up an eternal kingdom that will never fall — like the stone that was cut from the mountain, the stone that crushed all the kingdoms. God has told you what is going to happen.

King: Now I know that your God is above all other gods and kings, because he gave you the power to explain this mystery. Praise be to God!