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King Nebuchadnezzar had a troubling dream and demanded interpretation. No hints!

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He demands they tell him the dream and its interpretation! Impossible! Response, 2:11

Why does this appear to be a test? Did the king really forget the dream? **2:5**

Probably not. He probably mistrusted the magicians and their techniques. Note: 2:9

Why is Daniel's reaction so bold/risky? **2:16, 13**

Daniel was already condemned to death. The king's response shows his respect/Daniel.

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He called a prayer meeting! And God answered their prayers. Should always be first!

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God is sovereign over wisdom/might/times/seasons/kings/knowledge/giver of wisdom!

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This result is not of me! No one can do this. However, God in heaven knows/reveals!

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The testimony of our God's sovereignty before the world! We should be ready always...

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It was an image (idolatrous statue), mighty, exceedingly bright and visually frightening.

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Head/gold, chest, arms/silver, middle, thighs/bronze, legs/iron, feet/part iron & clay

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A stone was cut out w/o human hands, struck the image/feet and broke them in pieces.

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Then the whole image is shattered/blown away. The stone/great mountain, fills/earth.

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