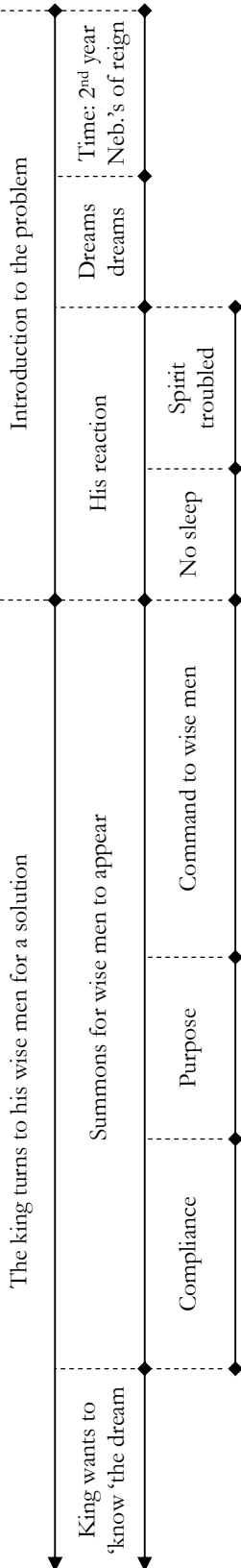


Daniel 2:1-23



¹ And in the second year
of the reign
of Nebuchadnezzar
Nebuchadnezzar
dreamed dreams,
wherewith
his spirit
was troubled, and
his sleep
broke from him.

² Then the king
commanded to call
the magicians, and
the astrologers, and
the sorcerers, and
the Chaldeans,
for to shew
the king
his dreams.

So they
came and
stood
before the king.

³ And the king
said unto them,

The king turns to his wise men for a solution (continued)

The king's first response to the wise men

Threat of death
for non-compliance

If you fail to tell . . .

Demand has
been made

Introduction

Promise to
explain it

Request
to tell

Address

Chaldeans' first reply/request

Introduction

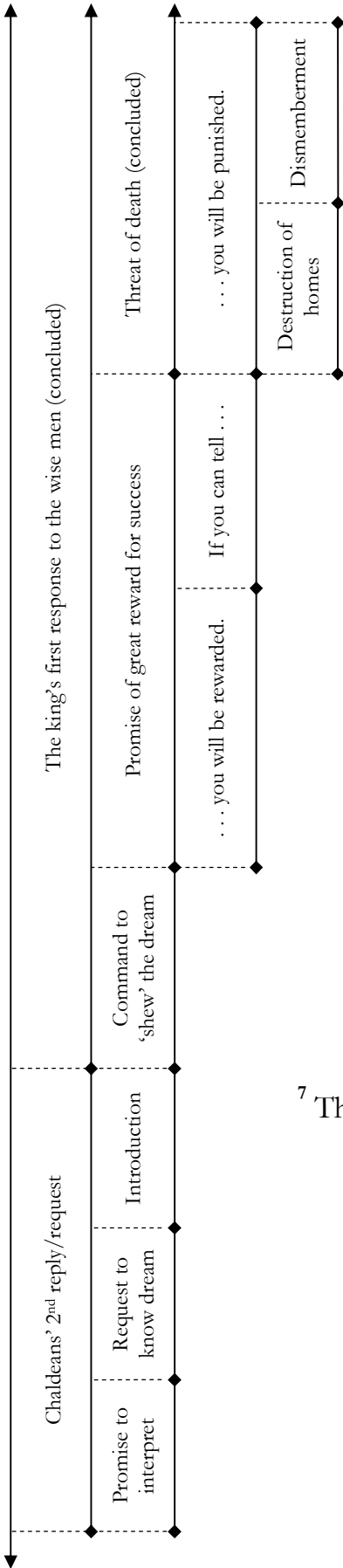
King wants to 'know' the dream

“I
have dreamed
a dream, and
my spirit
was troubled
to know
the dream.”

⁴ Then spake
the Chaldeans
to the king
in Syriack,
“O king,
live for ever:
tell thy servants
the dream, and
we
will shew
the **interpretation**.”

⁵ The king
answered and
said
to the Chaldeans,
“The thing
is gone from me:
if
ye will not make known
unto me
the dream,
with the **interpretation** thereof,

The king turns to his wise men for a solution (continued)



[then]

ye
shall be cut
in pieces, and
your houses
shall be made
a dunghill.

⁶ But if

ye shew
the dream, and
the **interpretation** thereof,

[then]

ye shall receive of me
gifts and
rewards and
great honour:

therefore

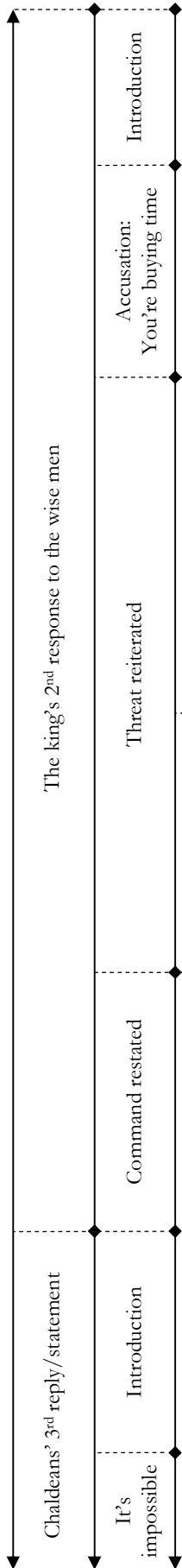
shew me
the dream, and
the **interpretation** thereof.”

⁷ They

answered again and
said,

“Let the king
tell his servants
the dream, and
we will shew
the **interpretation** of it.”

The king turns to his wise men for a solution (continued)



⁸ The king
answered and
said,
“I know of certainty
that ye would gain the time,
because ye see
the thing is gone from me.

⁹ But if ye
will not make known
unto me
the dream,
[then] *there is*
but one decree for you:
for ye have prepared
lying and
corrupt words
to speak before me,
till the time be changed:

therefore
tell me the dream, and
I shall know
that ye can shew me
the **interpretation** thereof.”

¹⁰ The Chaldeans
answered
before the king, and
said,
“There is
not a man

The king turns to his wise men for a solution (concluded)

The king's final response

Decree of
destruction

Furious rage

Only a god can do this

It's
hard/rare

It's unreasonable

...Has
asked
such...

... from any wise man

No one ...

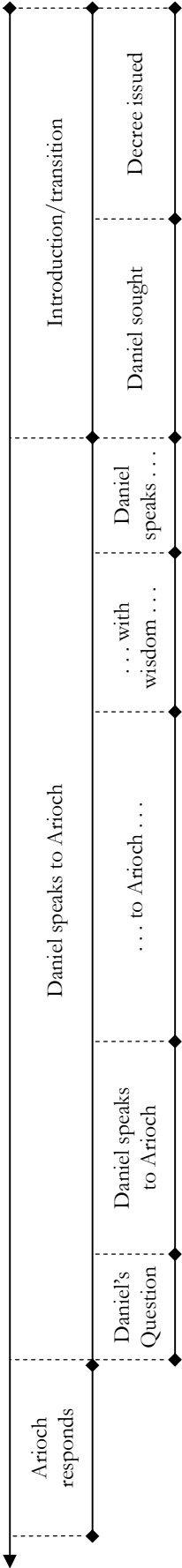
Impossible
(concluded)

Chaldeans' 3rd reply/statement (concluded)

¹² For this cause
the king was
angry and
very furious, and
commanded
to destroy
all the wise *men* of Babylon.

upon the earth
that can shew
the king's matter:
therefore
there is no
king,
lord,
nor ruler,
that asked
such things
at any
magician, or
astrologer, or
Chaldean. ¹¹ And
it is a rare thing
that the king requireth, and
there is none other
that can shew it
before the king,
except the gods,
whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

Daniel intervenes

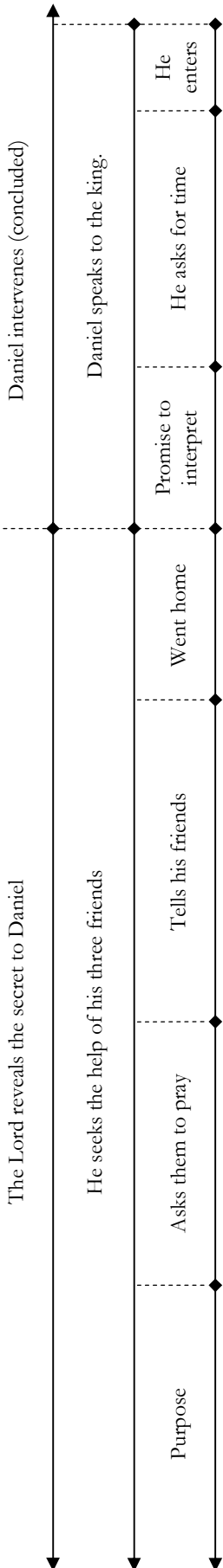


¹³ And the decree
went forth
that the wise *men*
should be slain; and
they sought
Daniel and
his fellows
to be slain.

¹⁴ Then Daniel
answered
with
counsel and
wisdom
to Arioch
the captain
of the king's guard,
which was gone forth
to slay
the wise *men* of Babylon: ¹⁵

He
answered and
said
to Arioch the king's captain,
“Why *is* the decree
so hasty from the king?”

Then Arioch
made the thing known
to Daniel.

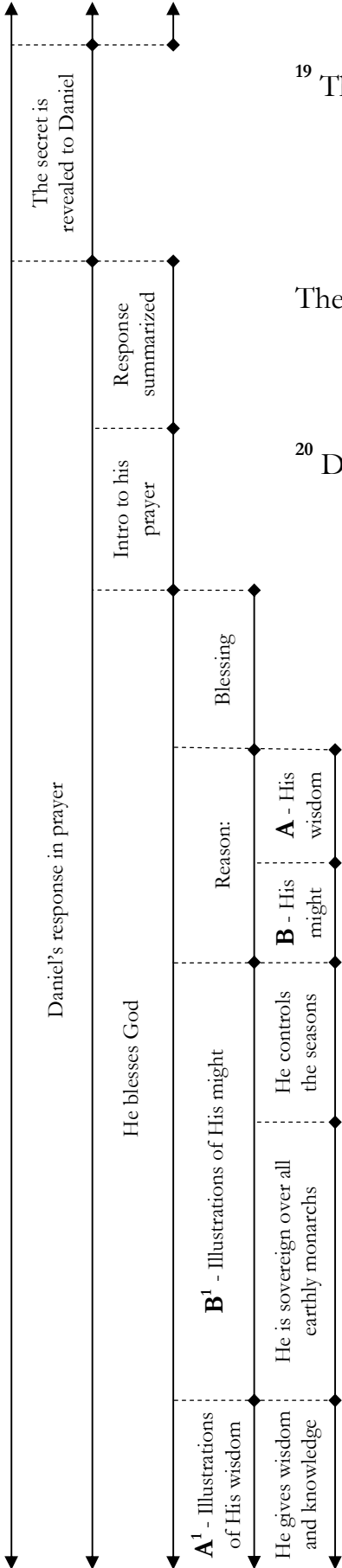


¹⁶ Then Daniel
 went in, and
 desired
 of the king
 that
 he would give him
 time, and
 that
 he would shew the king
 the **interpretation**.

¹⁷ Then Daniel
 went
 to his house, and
 made the thing known
 to
 Hananiah,
 Mishael, and
 Azariah,
 his companions: ¹⁸
 That
 they would
 desire mercies
 of the God of heaven
 concerning this **secret**;
 that
 Daniel and
 his fellows
 should not perish
 with the rest

of the wise *men* of Babylon.

The Lord reveals the secret to Daniel (continued)



¹⁹ Then was the **secret revealed** unto Daniel in a night vision.

Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

²⁰ Daniel answered and said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹ And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and

The Lord reveals the secret to Daniel (concluded)

Daniel's response (concluded)

He gives thanks and praise

Illustrations of His wisdom and might (concluded)

Reasons

Thankful praise

A¹ - Illustrations of His Wisdom (concluded)

Specifically: He gave knowledge of the king's dream

General statement: He gave wisdom and power

He knows all hidden things

He reveals secrets

Gives wisdom (concl)

knowledge

to them that know understanding:²²

He **revealeth**

the deep and
secret things:

he knoweth

what *is* in the darkness, and

the light

dwellleth with him.

²³ I

thank thee, and

praise thee,

O thou God

of my fathers,

who

hast

given me

wisdom and

might, and

hast

made known unto me now

what we desired of thee:

for thou

hast *now* made known

unto us

the king's matter.”