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## Daniel 1

- Nebuchadnezzar conquers Jerusalem
- Captives are gathered including Daniel
- Indoctrination attempted
- Daniel Resolves not to defile himself

## Daniel 2 - 3 years later

Nebuchadnezzar has a disturbing dream and looks for the content and interpretation

- Magicians – interpreters of omens, revealers of secrets
- Soothsayers – communicate with spirits of the dead
- Astrologers – Divined the future by looking to the stars
- Sorcerers – Looked to evil spirits

## **Daniel 2:14-28a (NIV)**

***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.***

***He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel.***

***At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him. Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. 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. During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.***

***He changes times and seasons;  
he sets up kings and deposes  
them. He gives wisdom to the  
wise and knowledge to the  
discerning. He reveals deep  
and hidden things; he knows  
what lies in darkness, and  
light dwells with him. I thank  
and praise you, O God of my  
fathers:***

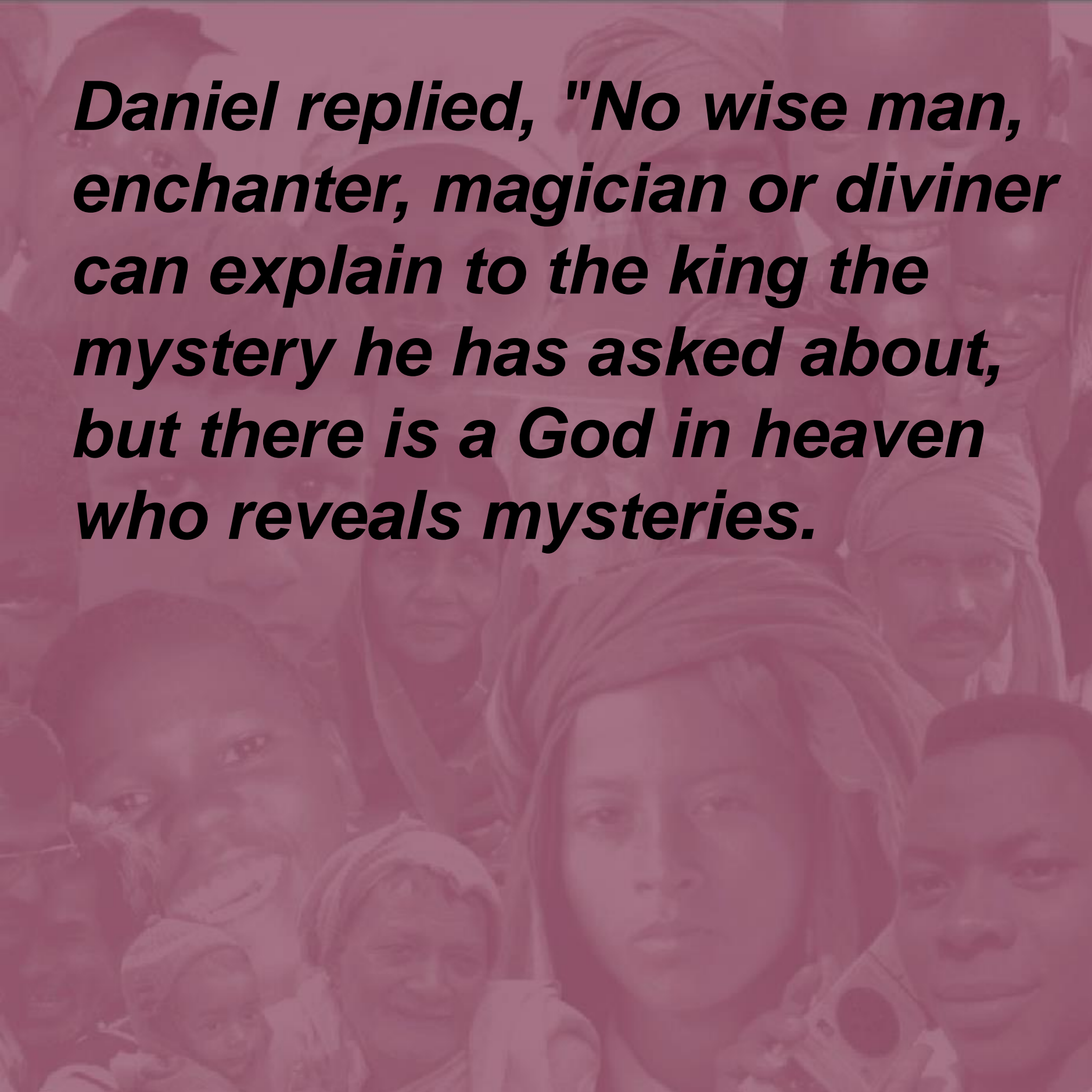
***You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king." Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon.***



***Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him."***

***Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means."***

***The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?"***



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

# How Big is Your God?

A hopeless situation where none of the wise men could reveal the king's dream

Daniel has a different perspective. He is not circumstance oriented but God centered

As big as Daniel's problem was he knew God was bigger

It isn't the size of your problem that counts, it is your view of God

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