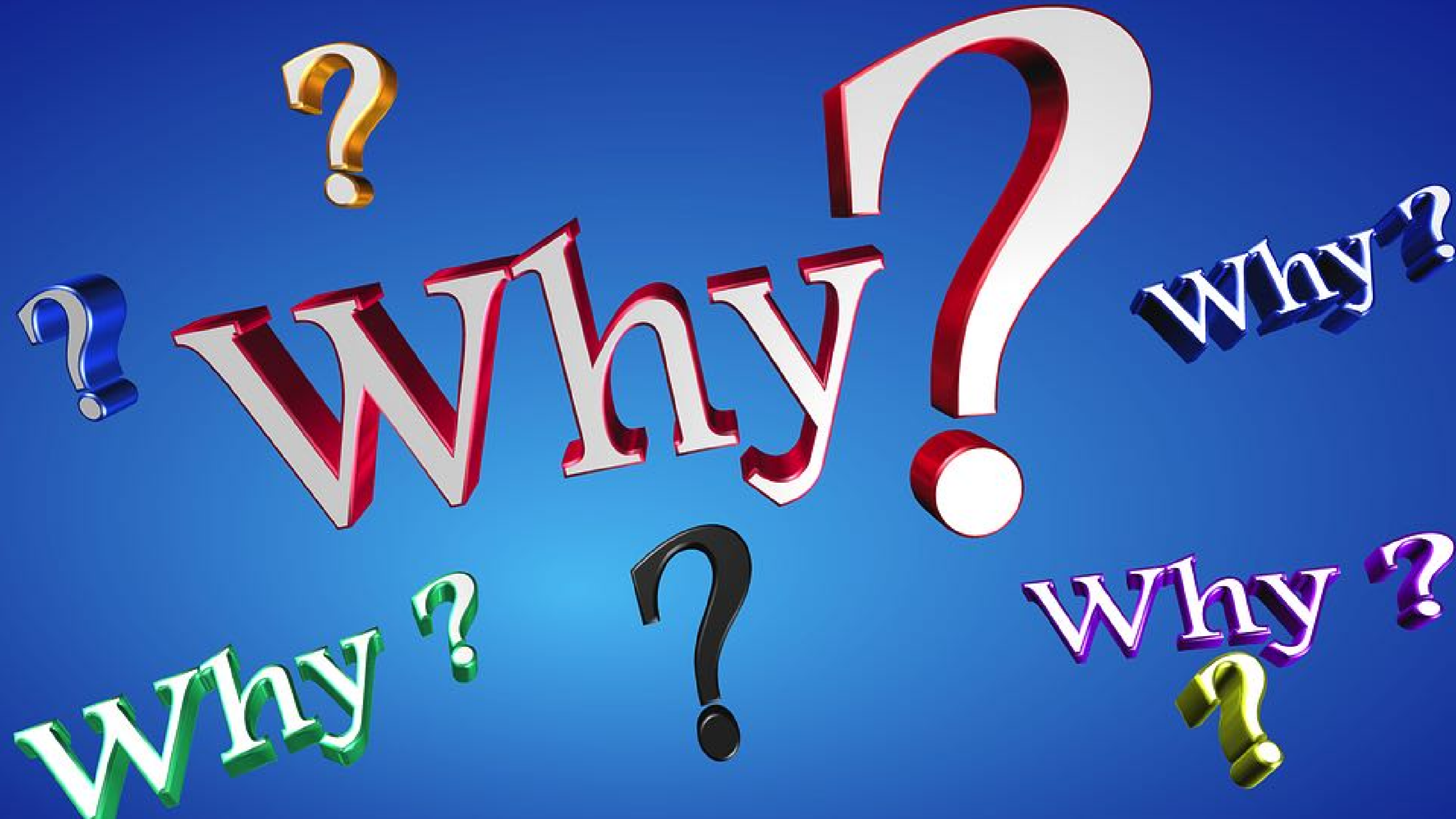


**Where Do We  
Find the  
Answers? -  
Daniel 2**



# The King's Dream - 2:1-9

- Dreams were seen as messages from the divine realm
- The diviners believed that the interpretations came from the gods



# The Predicament of the Wise Men - 2:10-13

- The real question or conflict is where is true wisdom found and who has access to it



# Daniel's Prayer - 2:14-23

- God is the source of wisdom because he knows the deep and dark things
- God is the source of power because he can change the times and season and raise up and take down leaders



# Daniel Recounts the Dream- 2:24-35

- The source of the dream is the one true God
- Alternative religions claimed to offer access to the hidden mysteries of the universe - but they were frauds





# Daniel Interprets the Dream

## - 2:36-45

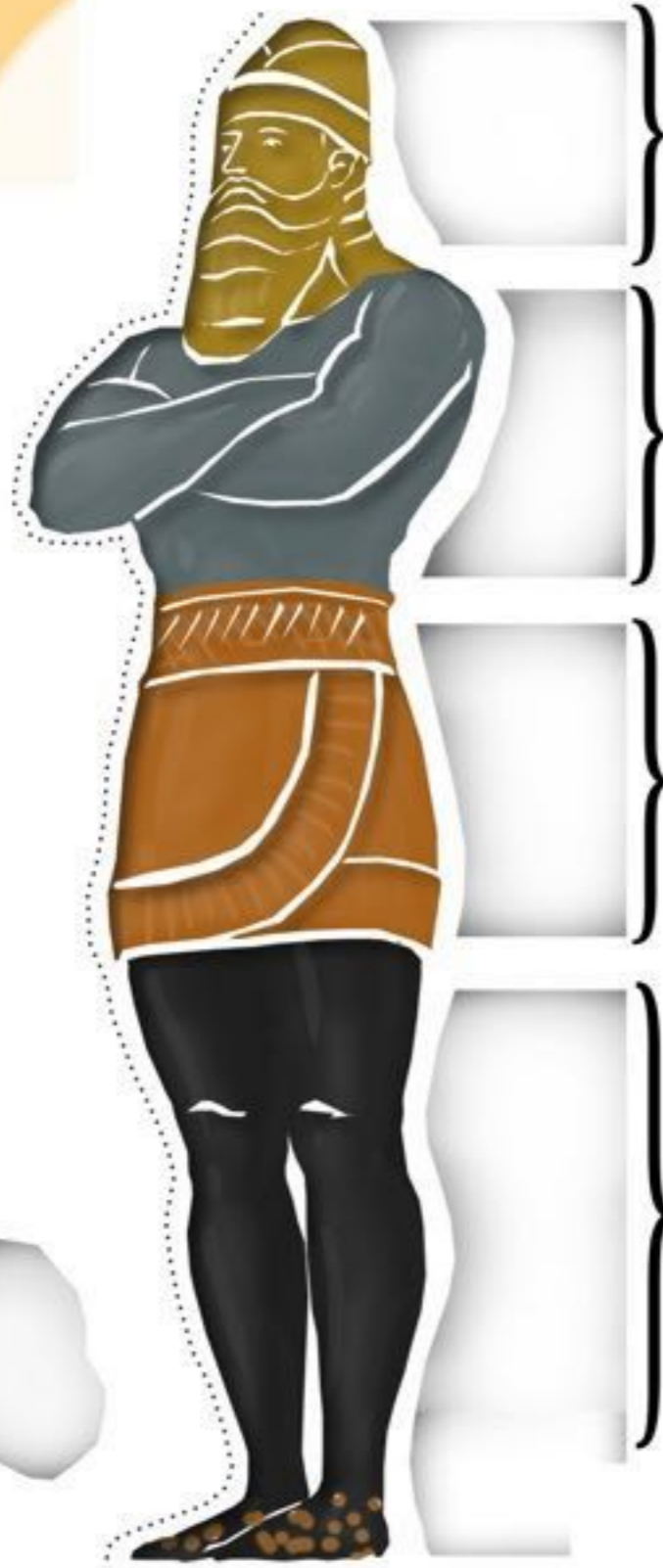
- Two main interpretations - Greek and Roman view





# “Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream”

<b>Golden Head</b>	<b>Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon</b>	<b>Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon</b>	<b>605 to 562BCE</b>
<b>Silver Body</b>	<b>After Nebuchadnezzar “Inferior”</b>	<b>Nabonidus’ Babylon</b>	<b>556 to 539BCE</b>
<b>Bronze Waist</b>	<b>Rules The World</b>	<b>Persian Empire</b>	<b>539 to 330BCE</b>
<b>Iron Legs</b>	<b>Crushes all Others</b>	<b>Alexander the Great</b>	<b>330 to 323BCE</b>
<b>Iron and Clay Feet</b>	<b>Breaks to Pieces</b>	<b>Alexander’s Kingdom Divided</b>	<b>323BCE</b>



**Babylon (Gold head)**

**Media-Persia (Silver arms and chest)**

**Greece (Brass Belly and thighs)**

**Rome (Leg of iron; feet of iron and clay)**

**God's Eternal Kingdom  
(Stone cut out without hands)**

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**BABYLON**

**MEDIA-PERSIA**

**GREECE**

**ROME**

**EUROPE**



# Daniel Interprets the Dream

## - 2:36-45

- The main point of the dream is that earthly kingdoms have their glory, but also their end, and both have been appointed by God
- Something outside of history breaks in - the kingdom of God



# The King's Response - 2:46-49

- Daniel is honoured, not because of what he (Daniel) has done, but because of what God has done
- God is the revealer of mysteries



# #1 - God is the Source of True Wisdom

- Daniel 1 - experimental wisdom; street smart wisdom
- Daniel 2 - Mantic wisdom; knowledge that cannot be known unless God reveals it
- Not all knowledge is within our grasp



**“The great existential questions of life and death continue to be insoluble to the worldly wise. Without divine revelation, there is only conjecture and subjective opinion. Only in Yahweh, the God of Scripture, is ultimate truth to be found.”**

*–Gleason Archer*

**But in the end, science does not provide the answers most of us require. Its story of our origins and of our end is, to say the least, unsatisfactory. To the question, "How did it all begin?" science answers, "Probably by an accident." To the question, "How will it all end?" science answers, "Probably by an accident." And to many people, the accidental life is not worth living.**



**Moreover, the science-god has no answer to the question, "Why are we here?" and, to the question, "What moral instructions do you give us?" the science-god maintains silence.**

**It places itself at the service of both the beneficent and the cruel, and its grand moral impartiality, if not indifference, makes it, in the end, no god at all.**

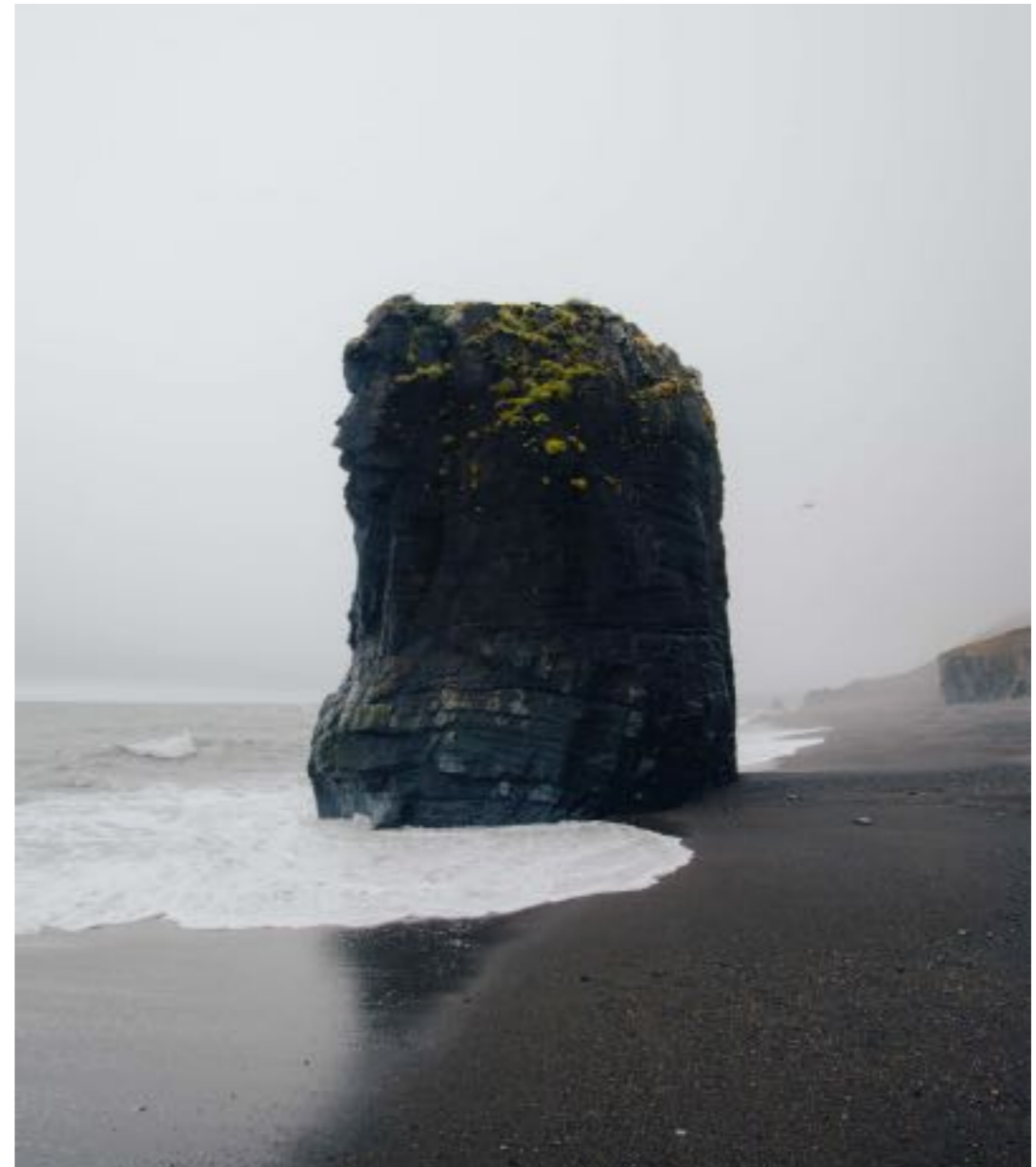
*-Neil Postman*

**“Wisdom is a divinely given ability  
to have insights as to the best way  
to live life.”**

*–Trempet Longman*

# #2 - Jesus is the Rock that Rolls, Smashes, and Grows

- Jesus identifies himself as the rock - Luke 20:17-18
- God does dwell among humanity



**What Will You Do With  
Your Stay of Execution?**

# #3 - Serve the Community

- Assurance of the future should motivate us to serve in the present



