

# STUDY NOTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2020

## Scripture: Daniel 2:1-16

[Today's goal: The learn how God can lead us to a deeper understanding of Himself]

### 1. The opportunity of turmoil (Vs. 1-3)

- o Life lesson: Turmoil can lead to a deeper understanding of God.

### 2. The futility of humanistic theories (Vs. 4-12)

- o Life lesson: Humanistic theories must be rejected before truly understanding God.

THE FALSE GOD	THE FALSE PRIORITY
1. The good Samaritan god	"God's priority is for me to do good to my fellow man."
2. The spiritual experience god	"God's priority is for me to have spiritual experiences independent of Bible doctrine."
3. The "#blessed" god	"God's priority is to meet my desires so I can be happy and fulfilled."
4. The sexual/hedonistic god	"God's priority is to accept my sexual lifestyle choices."
5. The political god	"God's priority is to preserve/change society the way I want it to be."

6. The environmental god	"God's priority is to save the environment from human exploitation."
7. The interfaith god	"God's priority is to merge Christianity with all religions."

### 3. The necessity of God's revelation (Vs. 13-16)

- o Life lesson: Only God can give understanding of the spiritual realm.

### S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Daniel 2:1-16
  - o What truths stand out to you?
- 1. How does turmoil sometimes lead us away from understanding God better?
  - o What are some ways to combat turmoil and its effect on our concept of God?
  - o How can turmoil or dissatisfaction lead to a deeper understanding of God?
  - o Share an experience of a turmoil in your life that led to a deeper understanding of God?
  - o How did you discover new truth from the Scriptures during this time?
- 2. What are some humanistic theories that you have come in contact with?
  - o How were you able to discern that they were lacking in truth?
- 3. Examine the chart in the sermon notes. What other false gods are being taught today?
  - o Why are there so many man-made gods today?
  - o Have each member in the group name three characteristics of our one true God.