

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for January 3, 1993**

**“There is a God in Heaven”**  
**Daniel 2**

I. The God of heaven sends a dream. (2:1-13)

“God works all things after the council of His own will” (Eph. 1:4). In Daniel 2 we see God working out the details of man’s lives and the making of kings.

Nebuchadnezzar is troubled by a recurring dream. Why does he not tell his magicians about the dream? He is testing them to see if the information they present is real. 1 John 4:1 “Do not believe every spirit...” and Duet. 18:20-22: (20) “But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. (21) You make say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’ (22) When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.”

Testing of prophets.

1. Agree with what God has spoken.
2. Speak in the name of the Lord.
3. Come to pass.

If they fail any of the three requirements they are false prophets.

Nebuchadnezzar is testing his prophets. If they are true they will be rewarded and if they are false they will die.

Nebuchadnezzar determines them to be false prophets and orders death to all of them and all associated with them.

II. The God of heaven reveals a dream. (2:14-35)

III. The God of heaven interprets the dream. (2:36-49)