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In the Babylonian culture, what was the relationship between their gods, the king, and the people?

Who did the king ask to tell him the dream and its interpretation?

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How did God inform Daniel of the dream and its interpretation?

The Dream and Its Interpretation, vv. 24-45

Who brought Daniel before the king?

Who does Daniel ascribe as the one who knows the king's dreams and thoughts?

What was the description of the statue in the king's dream?

How many of the kingdoms did God specifically name for Daniel to relate to the king?

How do some interpret the kingdoms that will follow Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon?

The King's Response, vv. 46-49

What was the king's response when Daniel was able to tell the content and the interpretation of the dream?

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