

dreams, at least as far as predicting the future is concerned. In most cases the content of a dream is simply the result of one's physical and mental condition. Yet God might ~~sh~~ choose to get(?) give(?) ~~xxxxxx~~ disclose (?) a revelation through a dream and did so on various occasions ~~before his~~ before His ~~xx~~ written Word was completed. In ancient times superstitious ideas about dreams were very widespread. ~~In~~ this case God used the superstitious ideas of the day, some of them shared even by the mighty king Nebuchadnezzar, to provide a means for giving knowledge to His people, just as on other ~~xxx~~ occasions God has chosen to use men's prejudices to accomplish His own purposes/ ( Cf. John 11:49ff). ( Compare John 11:49ff).

Often in interpretation of the Bible it is necessary to learn from its statements or implications ~~of - the~~ about a background that has not been fully described, but that is essential to its correct understanding. In this case it seems reasonable to assume such a background, although Daniel has not explicitly stated it. Probably Neb° had asked his counsellors on various occasions to interpret ~~xxxxxx~~ his dreams and they had.