

~ASTROLOGERS (58)

[Aramaic, *ga-zerin'*, cut out]

- The word *ga-zerin'* occurs only in that part of Daniel written in Aramaic.
- At that the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Aramaic language: O king, live on even for times indefinite. Say what the dream is to your servants, and we shall show the very interpretation. (Daniel 2:4)
- Up to this point is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my own thoughts kept frightening me a great deal, so that my very complexion changed in me, but the matter itself I kept in my own heart. (Daniel 7:28)
- And has the root meaning **cut out**, the reference being thought to point to those **who divide the heavens into configurations**.
- You kept on looking until a stone was **cut out** not by hands, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and of molded clay and crushed them. (Daniel 2:34)
- Some English versions (Dy, KJ, Le, AS) translate the original Aramaic word *ga-zerin'* as **soothsayers**.
- Daniel was answering before the king and saying; The secret that the king himself is asking, the wise men, the conjurers, the magic-practicing priests and the **astrologers** themselves are unable to show to the king. (Daniel 2:27)
- At that time the magic-practicing priests, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the **astrologers** were entering, and I was saying before them what the dream was, but its interpretation they were not making known to me. (Daniel 4:7) [vs 4, Dy. (Le)]
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- The king was calling out loudly to bring in the conjurers, the

Chaldeans and the astrologers. The king was answering and saying to the wise men of Babylon; Any man that will read this writing and show me its very interpretation, with purple he will be clothed, with a necklace of gold about his neck, and as the third one in the kingdom he will rule. (Daniel 5:7)

- **There exists a capable man in your kingdom in whom there is the spirit of holy gods, and in the days of your father illumination and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar your father himself set him up as chief of the magic-practicing priests, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the astrologers, even your father, O king. (Daniel 5:11)**