



Daniel

In God I Trust

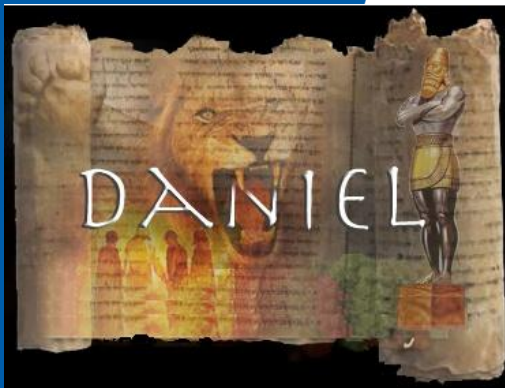
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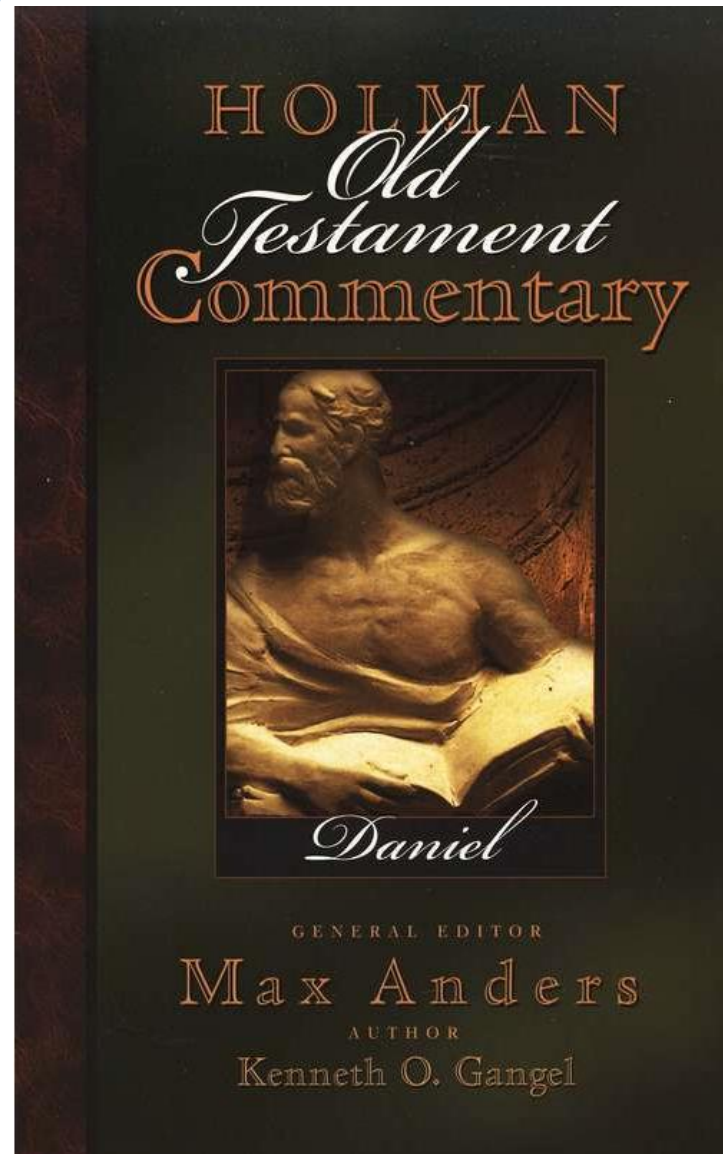
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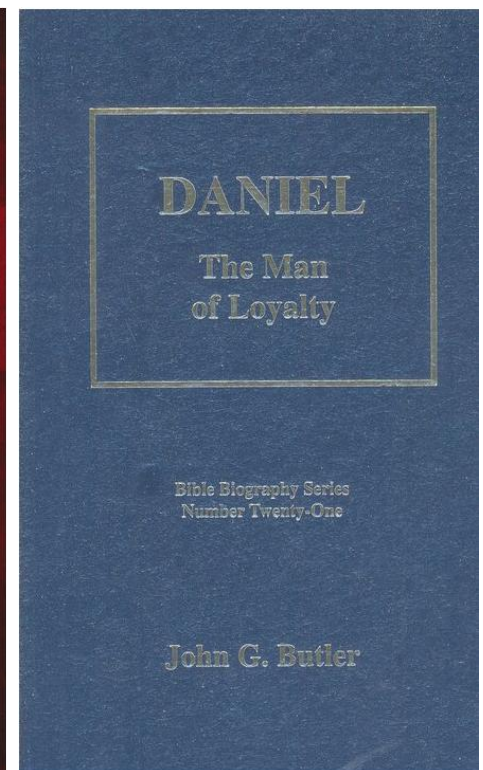
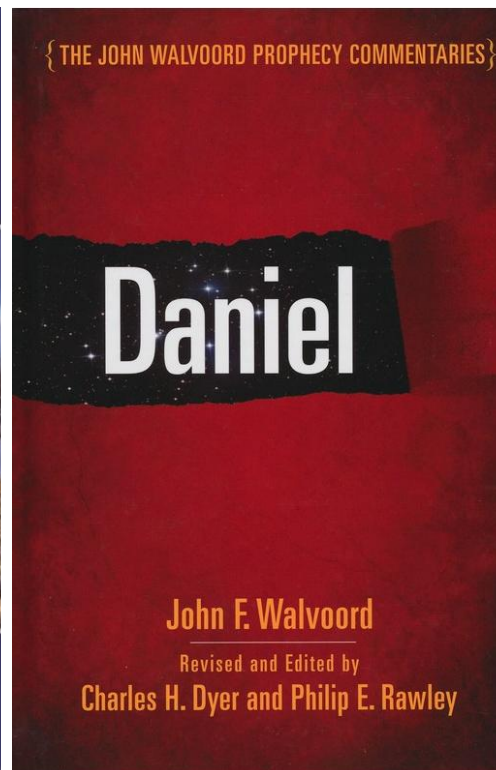
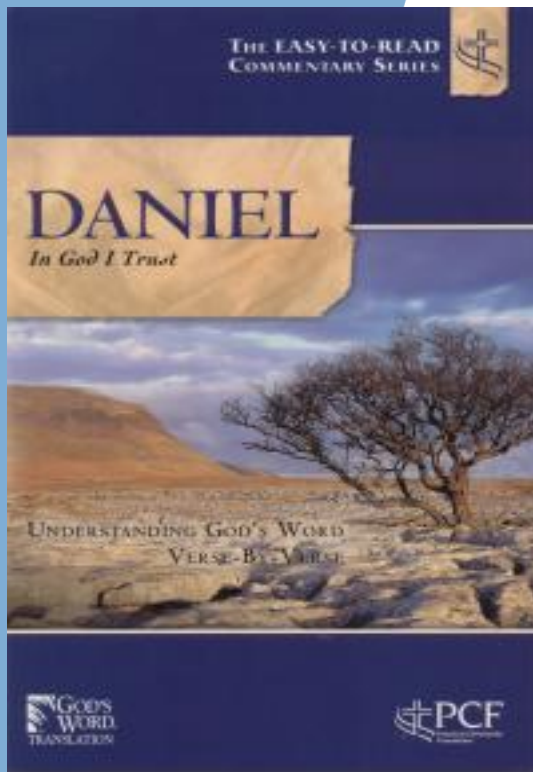


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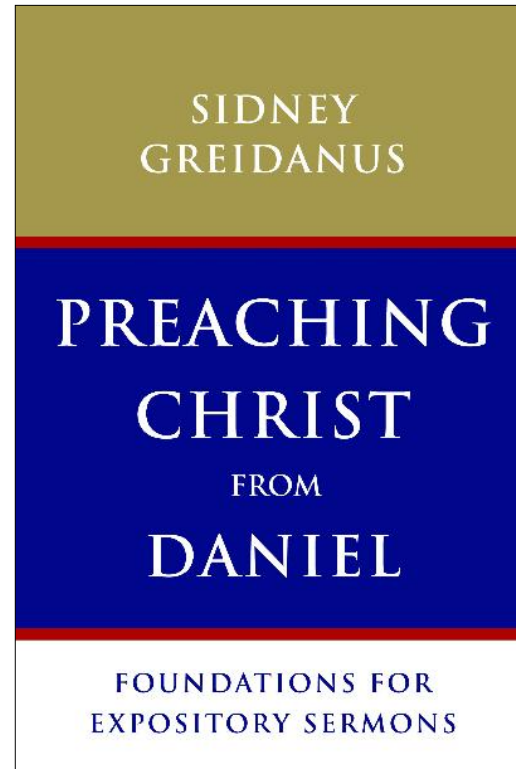
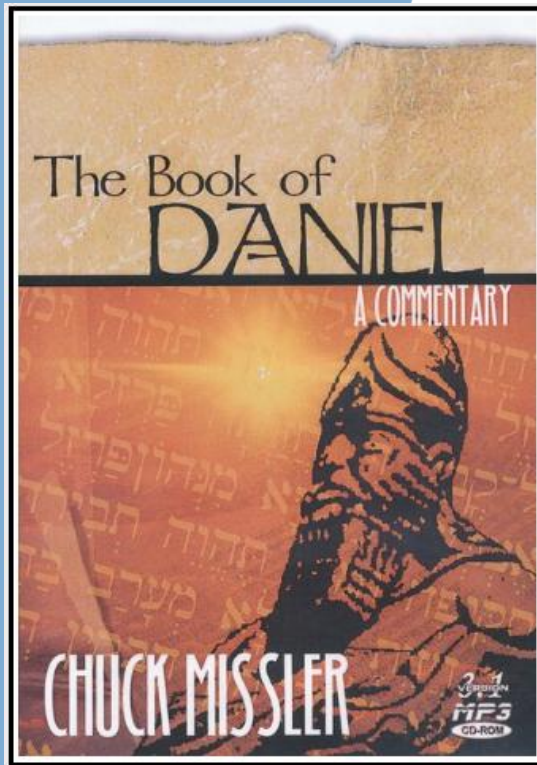


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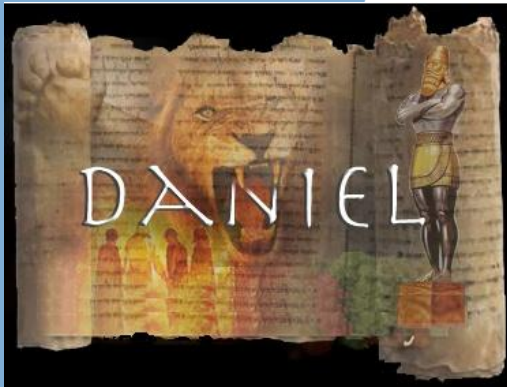


THE BOOK OF DANIEL



GOLD		Babylonian Empire 606 B.C.
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Course Outline

Course Outline - This Week's Lesson



▪ Daniel: In God I Trust

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- Lesson 02: Lessons from Kidnapped Children *[Daniel 1:1-21]*
- Lesson 03: Monarchial Monument *[Daniel 2:1-23]*
- Lesson 04: DreamWorks, Inc *[Daniel 2:24-49]*
- Lesson 05: Nebuchadnezzar's Ragtime Band *[Daniel 3:1-30]*
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- Lesson 08: Oddity at the Orgy *[Daniel 5:1-16]*
- Lesson 09: Heavenly Hermeneutic *[Daniel 5:17-31]*
- Lesson 10: The Lion's Den *[Daniel 6:1-28]*
- Lesson 11: The Ancient of Days *[Daniel 7:1-14]*
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- Lesson 14: Daniel's Prayer *[Daniel 9:1-19]*
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This weeks lesson.

Book of Daniel - Structure



Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrew		Aramaic					Hebrew				
HISTORICAL - NARRATIVE						VISIONS - PROPHEPIC					

Book of Daniel									
01 606 BC	02 602 BC	03 580 BC	04 570 BC			05 539 BC	06 538 BC		
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Book Overview - Chapter Focus



■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.



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Text – New King James Version

Daniel 2:24-49

Daniel Explains the Dream

Daniel 2:24-45 - NKJV



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--- Daniel 2:24-25 ... NKJV

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--- Daniel 2:27-28 ... NKJV

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29 As for you, O king, thoughts came *to* your *mind while* on your bed, *about* what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.

30 But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart. --- Daniel 2:29-30 ... NKJV

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--- Daniel 2:31-33 ... NKJV

Daniel Explains the Dream

Daniel 2:24-45 - NKJV



34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. **35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. --- Daniel 2:34-35 ... NKJV

Daniel Explains the Dream

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36 “This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. **37** You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; **38** and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold. --- Daniel 2:36-38 ... NKJV

Daniel Explains the Dream

Daniel 2:24-45 - NKJV



39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. **40** And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others.

--- Daniel 2:39-40 ... NKJV

Daniel Explains the Dream

Daniel 2:24-45 - NKJV



41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. **42** And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

--- Daniel 2:41-42 ... NKJV

Daniel Explains the Dream

Daniel 2:24-45 - NKJV



43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. **44** And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

--- Daniel 2:43-44 ... NKJV

Daniel Explains the Dream

Daniel 2:24-45 - NKJV



45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

--- Daniel 2:45 ... NKJV

Daniel and His Friends Promoted

Daniel 2:46-49 - NKJV



46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. **47** The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God *is* the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."

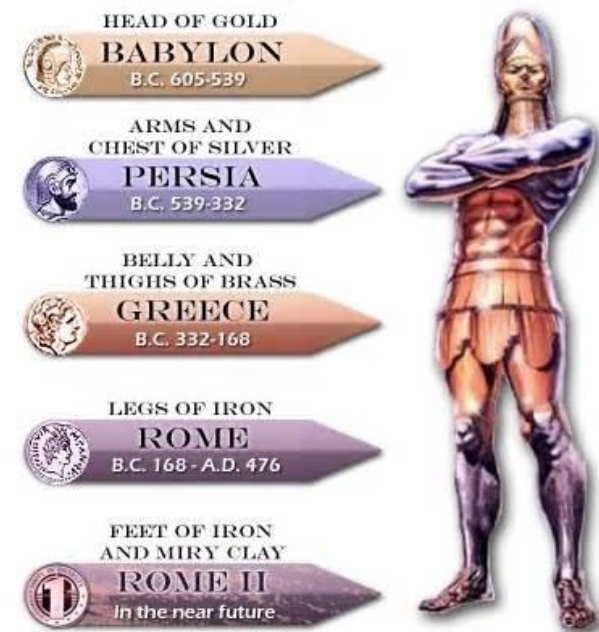
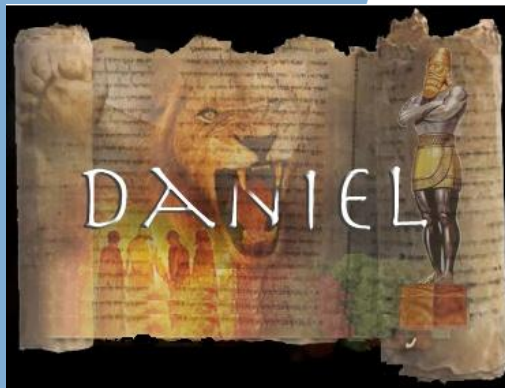
--- Daniel 2:46-47 ... NKJV

Daniel and His Friends Promoted

Daniel 2:46-49 - NKJV



48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise *men* of Babylon. **49** Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king. --- Daniel 2:48-49 ... NKJV



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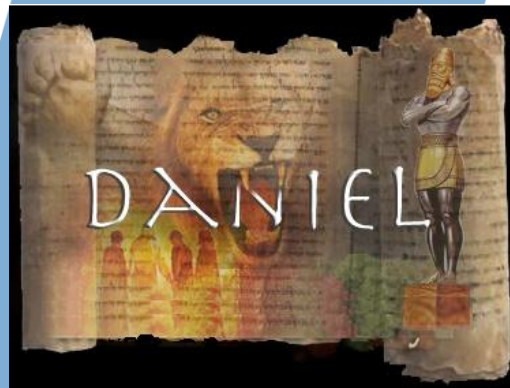


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[Daniel 2:24-49]

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- Description of the Statue... [Daniel 2:29-35]
- Elaboration of the Four Kingdoms... [Daniel 2:36-43]
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Preparation of the King

Daniel 2:24-28



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Daniel 2:24 - Observations



24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."

■ Daniel Went to Arioch

- Therefore ... is there for?
 - ✓ Daniel Received from God the Revelation of Nebuchadnezzar's Secret
 - Dream and the Interpretation
 - Daniel Blessed God
 - ✓ Daniel Instructs Arioch
 - Stop the killing of the wise men of Babylon
 - » Scholars are split on
 - » Did Arioch actually start killing the wise men?
 - » Was Arioch actually rounding up the wise men to be killed?
 - » This verse implies the latter
 - Take me to the king
 - » To reveal the king's dream
 - » To reveal the interpretation of the dream

Daniel 2:25 - Observations



25 Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."

■ Arioch Quickly Brings Daniel To the King

- Arioch attempts to take credit for solving the king's dream issue

- ✓ Arioch was not looking to solve the king's dream issue
 - He was out rounding up wise men to kill
- ✓ Remember It was Daniel initiative ... directed by the hand of God
 - To go to the king to ask for time
 - To go to Arioch
 - » Arioch appears unaware that Daniel went to see the king
- ✓ Typical Bureaucratic "*Humility*"
 - Arioch has "I" trouble... proud spirit
 - God resists the proud... James 4:6
 - Issue dealt with multiple times in Daniel
 - » Chap 4 ... Nebuchadnezzar
 - » Chap 5 ... Belshazzar

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Arioch

Daniel



Isaiah 14:12-15 - The Fall of Lucifer

12 "How you are fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground,
You who weakened the nations!
13 For you have said in your heart:
'I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the
stars of God;
I will also sit on the mount of the
congregation
On the farthest sides of the north;
14 I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'
15 Yet you shall be brought down to
Sheol,
To the lowest depths of the Pit.

■ Five "I will" Statements of Lucifer

- Lucifer
 - ✓ Once an archangel
 - ✓ Son of the morning
- Satan
 - ✓ Pride was found in his heart
 - 5 "I will" statements
 - "I" trouble
 - ✓ Original rebellion
 - 1st recorded act of Evil
 - ✓ Thrown from heaven
 - Like lightning (Luke 10:18)
 - ✓ Brought down to Sheol - Hell
 - Lowest depths of the Pit
 - » Pit has depths
- You & Me
 - ✓ Pride begins within our heart
 - ✓ We need to humble ourselves

Daniel 2:26 - Observations



26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"

■ The King Speaks to Daniel

- Nebuchadnezzar ignores Arioch
 - ✓ The king knows what is going on with Arioch
- Speaks directly to Daniel
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar knows why Daniel is here - he spoke to him earlier
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar cuts straight to the point ... like a good leader (general/king)
 - Are you able to solve my problem?
 - » Make known the dream
 - » And its interpretation

Daniel 2:27 - Observations



27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.

■ Daniel Answers the King

- Daniel sets the context
 - ✓ Reminds him of the inabilities of his staff
 - A bit of grand standing here
 - What the king asks is impossible for man
 - » Setting the stage to give credit to God

Daniel 2:28 - Observations



28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:

■ But there is a God in Heaven

- Gives credit to God for revealing the king's secret
 - ✓ God is sovereign in all things
 - Throughout the Book of Daniel
- The challenge was two fold
 - ✓ To tell the king his dream
 - ✓ And make known the interpretation
- Here Daniel starts with the first part - the dream
 - ✓ Notice the multiple use of "your"
 - Emphasizing this is the king's dream ... given to him by God
 - Daniel could not have known - without the revelation from God
 - ✓ Gives a hint of the interpretation
 - What will be in the latter days

Daniel 2:28 - Observations



28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:

■ But there is a God in Heaven

- Whatever you are going through
- When things seem impossible
 - ✓ State the impossible in no uncertain terms
 - ✓ Then append ... **but there is a God in Heaven**
 - ✓ Remember He promised
 - To never leave us or forsake us ... Hebrews 13:5
 - "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" ... Matt 28:18-20

5 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 2:24-28



Daniel Chapter 02		
Verse	Principle	Application
Daniel Before the King ... Daniel 2:24-28		
24-28	No matter what we are going through, there is a God in Heaven who is sovereign and wishes to make His will known to us.	I resolve to put my trust in the Sovereign of the Universe, in all aspects of my life, that not matter what has, is, or will happen to me, I know that He is sovereign, He is in control, and that He will never abandon me. Hebrews 13:5 "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."



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Description of the Statue

Daniel 2:29-35



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Daniel 2:29 - Observations



29 As for you, O king, thoughts came *to your mind while* on your bed, *about* what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.

■ Pre-Dream Thoughts of the King

- King asked that
 - ✓ The dream be made known
 - ✓ And the interpretation of the dream revealed
- Daniel begins with something the King did not ask for
 - ✓ What he was thinking before he went to sleep
 - Goes beyond
 - » The ability to interpret a dream
 - » The ability to know the dream
 - King was thinking ... **what would come to pass after this**
- Daniel lets the king know that the God who reveals secrets
 - ✓ Is about to reveal his
 - ✓ Another hint at the interpretation here - **what will be**

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Daniel 2:30 - Observations



30 But as for me, this secret has **not** been revealed to me **because I have more wisdom than anyone living**, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

■ Reason for the Revelation of the Secret

- Secret revealed for **two** reasons - both show the Sovereignty of God
 - ✓ Not because of Daniel has more wisdom than anyone living
 - Although this is probably true
 - 1) But for the sake of Daniel and his companions (*our*)
 - God wants to spare the lives for Daniel and his companions
 - God want to show Daniel and his companions (and Jewish readers)
 - That He is sovereign
 - That He answers prayers
 - 2) That the kings would know the thoughts of his heart
 - God wants to Answer his question from the previous verse
“what would come to pass after this”
 - God wants to show Nebuchadnezzar
 - That He is sovereign
 - That only He can reveal the future ... History in advance

Daniel 2:31 - Observations



31 “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor *was* excellent, stood before you; and its form *was* awesome.

■ The Great Image

- Statue of a man
 - ✓ Metals of the image represent the major kingdoms of men
 - From Nebuchadnezzar ... Babylon ... [past]
 - To the Antichrist ... Final World Kingdom ... [yet to come]
 - ✓ Time period known as the
 - “Times of the Gentiles”
 - » Luke 21:20-24 ... Destruction of Jerusalem

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20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. **21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. **22** For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. **23** But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. **24** And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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 - » Hosea 3:4-5 ... Israel will Return to God

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar, without ephod or teraphim. **5** Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Daniel 2:32-33 - Observations



³² This image's head *was* of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

■ Metals of the Great Image

- Metals shown in the order of value
 - ✓ High to Low
- Metals shown in the inverse order of strength
 - ✓ Low to High
- Metals are pure except the last
 - ✓ A mixture of iron and clay
- Metals are timeline of 4 empires
 - ✓ Before God establishes His own
 - ✓ Five section ... Four Metals - Iron is two phases



Daniel 2:34 - Observations



34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

■ Stone Strikes the Image

- Stone is cut out without hands
 - ✓ No human effort
 - ✓ God's Kingdom
- Stone strikes the image
 - ✓ On the feet of iron and clay
 - ✓ Breaks them (feet) in pieces
 - ✓ Image can no longer stand



Daniel 2:35 - Observations



35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

■ Image Crushed - Stone Becomes a Great Mountain

- The order of the metals listed ... bottom up
 - ✓ Why do you think this is?

Daniel 2:35 - Observations



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■ Image Crushed - Stone Becomes a Great Mountain

- The order of the metals listed ... bottom up
 - ✓ Why do you think this is?
 - Original listing, we are looking forward in time
 - When stone strikes the image, we are looking back in time
- All the metals of the image are crushed together
 - ✓ All the Earthly kingdoms become like chaff
 - ✓ Wind carries them away
 - Wind is a type of the Holy Spirit
 - Again we see the sovereignty of God - removing Kingdoms
 - ✓ No trace of them is found

Daniel 2:35 - Observations



35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a **great mountain** and filled the whole earth.

■ Image Crushed - Stone Becomes a Great Mountain

- After crushing the image
 - ✓ Stone becomes a great mountain
 - ✓ Mountain fills the whole earth
- Kingdom of God has come to the earth
 - ✓ It fills the whole earth
 - ✓ This is God's everlasting Kingdom
 - Not the Millennium Kingdom
 - But the new Heavens and Earth

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 2:29-35



Daniel Chapter 02		
Verse	Principle	Application
Daniel Reveals the Dream ... Daniel 2:29-35		
29-35	God is able to reveal deep secrets regarding His plans for the nations and for each of us individually.	I resolve to seek God for direction in my life, through prayer and studying His Word, and trust that He will reveal to me what is in His great will. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. "



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Elaboration of the Four Kingdoms

Daniel 2:36-43

Description of the Statue





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Daniel 2:36 - Observations



36 "This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

■ This is the Dream

- Daniel has just given the King
 - ✓ The reasons for the dream
 - ✓ The actual dream

(1) Save Daniel and his companions
(2) Answer the king's question "what would come to pass after this"

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NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM STATUE						
Head	Gold	Valuable	Soft	Self-contained unit	Heavy	Smallest
Chest & arms	Silver	Less valuable	Harder	1 unit & 2 parts	Lighter	Larger
Abdomen & thighs	Bronze	Even less valuable	Even harder	1 unit & 2 different parts	Even lighter	Even larger
Lower legs	Iron	Still less valuable	Still harder	2 parts	Still lighter	Still larger
Feet & toes	Iron & clay	Least valuable	Very hard and very soft	2 parts & 10 segments	Lightest	Largest

Daniel 2:36 - Observations



³⁶ “This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

■ We Will Tell The Interpretation

- Now Daniel will give the interpretation to the king
- “We” ... Daniel and his companions

Daniel 2:37 - Observations



37 You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

■ king of kings

- What does this mean?
 - ✓ Notice the lowercase leading “k” letters
 - Who is the King of Kings
- Who is the source of Nebuchadnezzar’s
 - ✓ Kingdom
 - ✓ Power
 - ✓ Strength
 - ✓ Glory
- Once again we see the Sovereignty of the God of heaven

Daniel 2:38 - Observations



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■ The Extent of Nebuchadnezzar's Kingdom

- Wherever the children of men dwell
- Beasts of the field dwell
- Birds of the heaven dwell

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SOVEREIGNTY

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■ You are this Head of Gold

- Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Kingdom - Head of Gold
- 1st of the four world empires



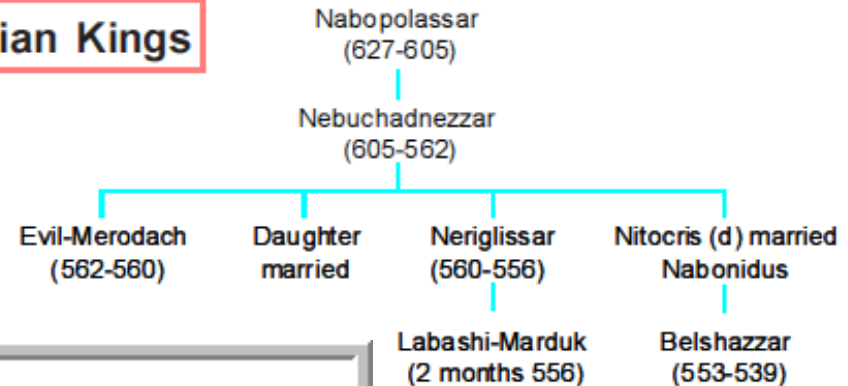
626 BC–539 BC	
<p>The Neo-Babylonian Empire</p>	
Capital	Babylon
Languages	Akkadian, Aramaic
Government	Monarchy
King	
- 626–605 BC	Nabopolassar
- 556–539 BC	Nabonidus
Historical era	Iron Age
- Nabopolassar	626 BC
- Battle of Opis	539 BC

Babylonian Kings



- Nabu-apla-usur 626 – 605 BC
- Nabu-kudurri-usur II 605 – 562 BC
- Amel-Marduk 562 – 560 BC
- Neriglissar 560 – 556 BC
- Labaši-Marduk 556 BC
- Nabonidus 556 – 539 BC

Babylonian Kings



Nebuchadnezzar's Successors

- **Amel-Marduk** (“Evil-Merodach” of 2 Kgs 25:27; Jer 52:31), ruled but two years and was replaced in 560 B.C. after an army coup by the commander in chief, **Neriglissar** (Nergal-Sharezer of Jer 39:3), son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar.
- After frequent absences from active service, **Neriglissar** (559-555 B.C.) was, in turn, ousted, and his weak son **Labashi-Marduk** lasted only a few months before another coup d’etat brought **Nabonidus** to the throne.
- Soon after his election, **Nabonidus** (553-536 B.C.) led the army to Palestine and Northern Arabia, leaving his son **Belshazzar** as co-regent in Babylon. Nabonidus’ decision to stay in Arabia resulted from his unpopularity at home as much as from his desire to found a settlement there with exiles from Palestine.

Daniel 2:39 - Observations



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■ The Next Inferior Kingdom

- Persian kingdom arises after Babylonian kingdom
 - ✓ Ends 70 years of Judah's captivity ... 2 Chronicles 36:20-21
 - 40 Years - Nebuchadnezzar



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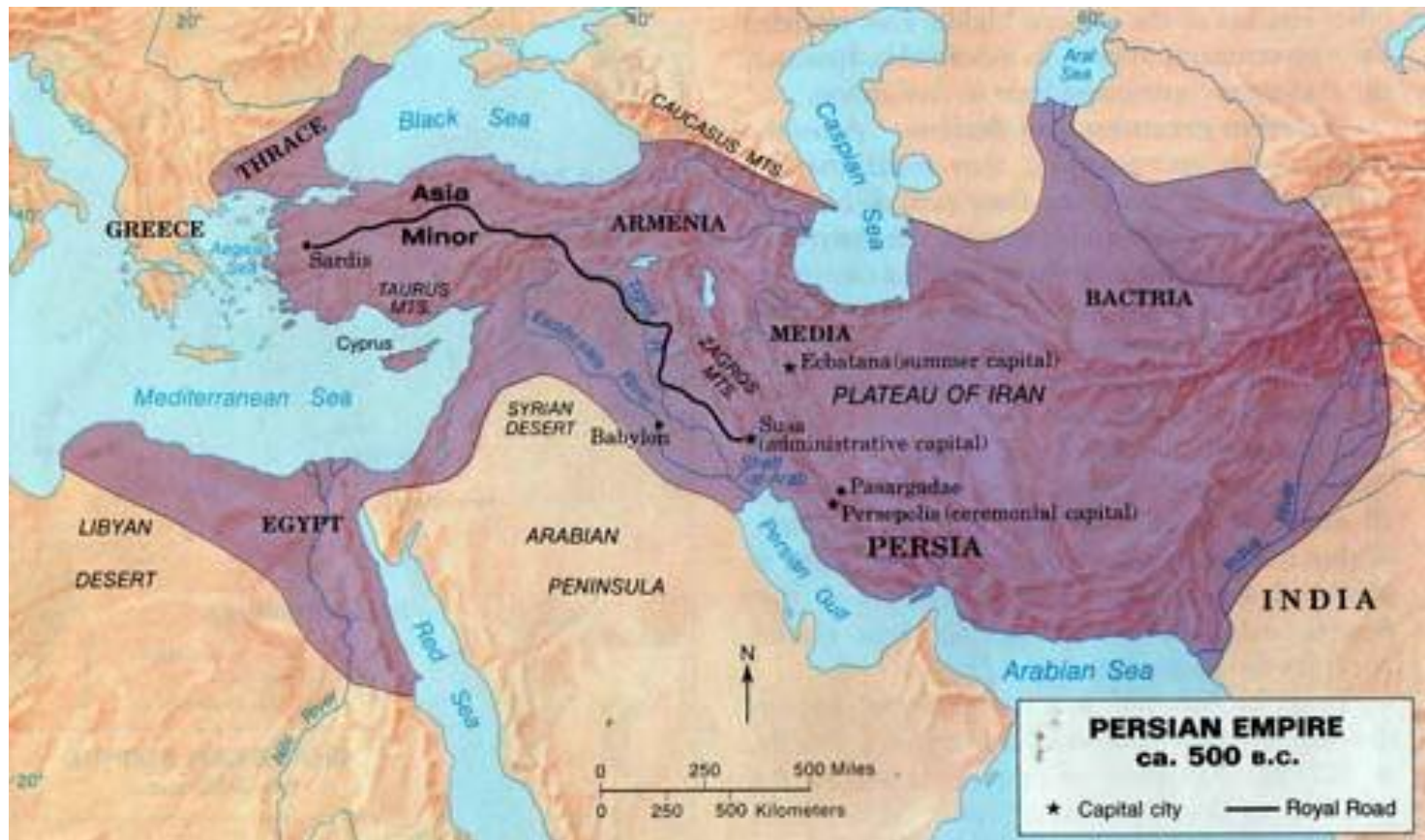
20 And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, **21** to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

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- The Next Inferior Kingdom
 - Silver Kingdom - Persian Empire



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■ The Third Kingdom

- Greek kingdom arises after Persian kingdom
 - ✓ Alexander the Great
 - Swept the world rapidly - 11 Years
 - Spain to India and down to Egypt
 - When Alexander dies
 - » Kingdom divided into four pieces
 - » Later prophecies of Daniel deal with the continuing battles
 - » Between two of these kingdoms for hundreds of years

The Greek Empire

Alexander is succeeded by his four generals:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| - Cassander | Macedonia & Greece |
| - Lysimachus | Thrace, Bithynia, most of Asia Minor |
| → - Ptolemy | Egypt, Cyrene, Arabia |
| Sponsored the Septuagint Translation: LXX (270 B.C.) | |
| → - Seleucus | Syria and East to India |
| Antiochus Epiphanes (The "Little Horn" of Dan 8) | |

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■ Fourth Kingdom

- Strong as Iron - Roman Empire
 - ✓ Divided into pieces - Re-combined (vv. 42-44)



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■ Fourth Kingdom

- Iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything
 - ✓ Unlike the kingdoms of Babylon, Persia and Greece
 - ✓ Roman style was to crush the nations it conquered
 - ✓ Previous empires were sensitive to the cultures and peoples conquered
 - Valued strength and showed respect for what had been established
 - To strengthen their kingdoms
 - ✓ Romans were known to destroy everything
 - Replace with their own system and people
 - With brute force

Daniel 2:41 - Observations



41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

■ Feet and Toes

- Partly of Clay - Partly of Iron
 - ✓ Kingdom is divided
 - Strength from the Iron
 - Weakness from the Clay
 - ✓ Clay idiom for people
 - Job 10:9, Job 13:12, Job 33:6
 - Isaiah 29:14, Isaiah 45:9, Isaiah 64:8
 - Jeremiah 18:4-6
 - Romans 9:21
 - ✓ Miry Clay - Clay made from dust
 - Adam created from dust
 - To dust man will return

Daniel 2:42 - Observations



⁴² And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

■ Toes of the Feet

- Toes represent the ten kingdoms
 - ✓ Partly strong and Partly fragile
 - ✓ Revelation describes revived Roman (iron) empire in the last days ... (Rev 17)
 - Include 10 dominate nations ... 10 toes
 - Coming World leader will arise from these
 - Subdue 3 of them (politically)
 - However the 10 Kingdoms (nations) will be crushed by Jesus
 - » When Jesus returns
 - » Day of the Lord

Daniel 2:43 - Observations



43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

■ Seed of Men

- “they” - personal pronoun
 - ✓ Fallen Angels
- Will mingle with the seed of men
 - ✓ In order to mingle with the seed of men
 - They must not be of the seed of men (seed of the woman)
 - But of another seed (seed of the serpent)
 - Genesis 3:15
 - ✓ Nephilim ... Genesis 6
 - Offspring of fallen angels
 - Reason for the great flood of Noah (Matthew 24:36-39)
 - Reason for the wiping out of certain tribes in Canaan by Joshua
- Clay and Iron do not mix
 - ✓ Fallen angels and man will not adhere to one another

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

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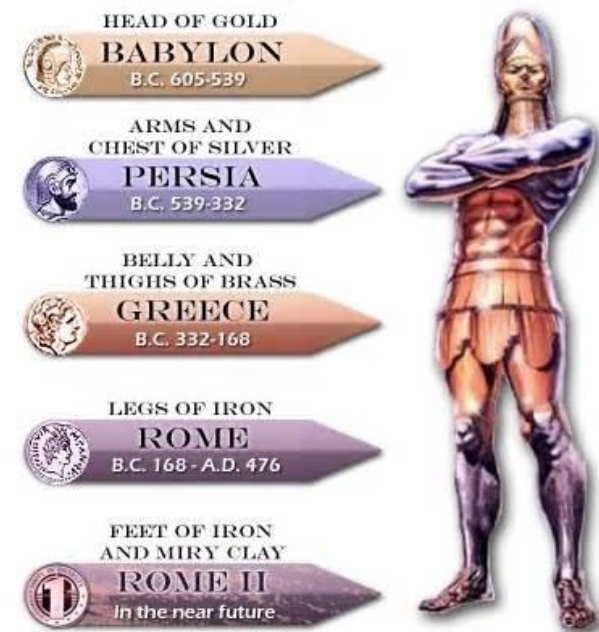
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³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 2:36-43



Daniel Chapter 02		
Verse	Principle	Application
Daniel Gives the Interpretion ... Daniel 2:36-43		
36-43	God, not man, is sovereign in world affairs	I resolve to trust that God is in-control of all things, on the world stage, and in my heart. Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes."



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Prediction of the Future

Daniel 2:44-49



■ Lesson 04: DreamWorks, Inc.

[Daniel 2:24-49]

- Preparation of the King ... [Daniel 2:24-28]
- Description of the Statue... [Daniel 2:29-35]
- Elaboration of the Four Kingdoms... [Daniel 2:36-43]
- Prediction of the Future... [Daniel 2:44-49]

Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.

Daniel 2:44 - Observations



44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

■ God Will Set up a Kingdom

• WHEN

- ✓ In the days of these kings
- ✓ Last days - 10 Kings

• CHARACTERISTICS

- ✓ Shall never be destroyed
- ✓ Shall not be left to other people
- ✓ Shall break in pieces all the last day kingdoms
- ✓ Shall consume all the last day kingdoms
- ✓ Shall stand forever

- NOT the Millennium Kingdom

» Who long will the Millennium Kingdom last?

Stone that crushes the image and becomes a great mountain the fills the earth

KINGDOM OF GOD

Daniel 2:45 - Observations



45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

■ Stone

- Cut out of the mountain without hands
 - ✓ Not the work of man
 - ✓ Cut out of the mountain - only begotten Son
 - ✓ Crushed the Image (Earthly Kingdoms)
 - ✓ Strikes the feet - the last Kingdom
- Note order of the metals
 - ✓ Bottom to top
 - Looking back in time
 - Iron, bronze, silver, gold
 - Clay is listed in the middle

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■ Dream is Certain - Interpretation is Sure

- Both the Dream and the Interpretation are certified
 - ✓ Daniel concludes with confidence
 - Knows God has revealed the King secret
 - ✓ Addresses the king's challenge
 - Tell the Dream
 - Give its Interpretation
 - Plus the bonus - the reason for the Dream
 - » King's thoughts „. “What would come to pass after this”
 - » Spare Daniel and his companions
 - » Show the sovereignty of God

Daniel 2:46 - Observations



46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him.

■ Nebuchadnezzar is Impressed

- Falls on his face
 - ✓ Prostrate before Daniel
- Command to an offering and incense to Daniel
 - ✓ Should not be read as worship to Daniel
 - ✓ But respect and honor - extremely impressed with Daniel and his God

Daniel 2:47 - Observations



47 The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God *is* the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."

■ God of gods - Lord of kings

- Nebuchadnezzar recognizes the preeminence of Daniel's God

■ Revealer of Secrets

- Daniel showed the king the power and wisdom of his God
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar is blown away
- Daniel validated his claims regarding God by his actions
 - ✓ Revealing the king's secret
 - Something his "wise men" could not do
 - Something his "wise men" said was impossible
 - ✓ Giving the glory to God for doing the impossible
 - Making a way where seemed to be no way

Daniel 2:48 - Observations



48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

■ Daniel Blessed by the King

- Earlier Daniel blessed God
 - ✓ Now God is using a gentile king to bless Daniel
- **BLESSING**
 - ✓ Given many great gifts
 - ✓ Promoted to ruler over the whole province of Babylon
 - Not the whole kingdom but the province of Babylon
 - » King wanted to keep him close
 - ✓ Made him chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon
 - These were the ones whose lives were spared by Daniel
 - These are the ones who will hatch a plan to trap Daniel's companions
 - Will see the issue with the Persian Magi in Daniel 6 (Lions den)
 - » Hereditary priesthood

Daniel 2:49 - Observations



49 Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel *sat* in the gate^lof the king.

■ Daniel Remembers his Friends

- Petitioned the King on behalf of his companions
 - ✓ Shadrach - Hananiah
 - ✓ Meshach - Mishael
 - ✓ Abed-Nego - Azariah
- Companions promoted
 - ✓ Set over the affairs of the province of Babylon
- Daniel sat at the gate of the king
 - ✓ Higher position than his companions

Daniel 2 - Observations



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the Statue	
The materials	Their interpretation
Gold	Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire
Silver	The Medo-Persian Empire
Bronze	The Greek Empire
Iron	The Roman Empire of the past
Iron and Clay	The Roman Empire immediately before Christ's second coming
Rock	The messianic kingdom of Christ



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A sunset scene with a tree silhouette and rays of light. The sun is low on the horizon, casting long, golden rays across a sky filled with soft, orange-tinted clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a tree stands against the bright background. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

*John
11:25-26*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

