

The Image of Daniel 2 & God's Coming Kingdom [4]

-Important Foundational Prophecy-

**Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

- 1.) In the book of Daniel, what happened one night in the experience of the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar? **Daniel 2:1** *And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar _____ dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was _____, and his sleep brake from him. 2 Then the king commanded to call the _____, and the _____, and the _____, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his _____. So they came and stood before the king. 3 And the _____ said unto them, I have _____ a _____, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. **NOTE: It will become evident in this story and prophecy, that it was God who actually gave this dream to King Nebuchadnezzar. God had a purpose in all of this!***

- 2.) What was God's purpose in giving the King this dream? **Daniel 2:28** *But there is a God in heaven that revealeth _____, and maketh _____ to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the _____ days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; **NOTE: God was about to reveal through a heathen King a basic rundown of world history which would be a foundational springboard for building additional details in the book of Daniel which would plainly reveal who the real anti-Christ is, as well as the special movement of His true followers at the very end of time just before Jesus comes. The rest of the book of Daniel builds on this simple prophecy, which in turn helps to open up the book of Revelation at the end of the New Testament. May the unveiling of Bible Prophecy begin! Prophecy is history written in advance!***

- 3.) When King Nebuchadnezzar stated that he had a special dream and couldn't recall it, what did his magicians and counselors say to him? **Daniel 2:4** *Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: _____ thy servants the _____, and we will shew the interpretation.*

- 4.) How did the king respond to these fraudulent "wise men" when they demanded that he tell them the dream? **Daniel 2:5** *The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, the thing is _____ from me: if ye will not make known unto me the _____, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be _____ in pieces, and your houses shall be made a _____. 6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall _____ of me _____ and _____ and great honour: therefore, shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. 7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the _____ of it. 8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would _____ the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. 9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree*

for you: for ye have _____ lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: _____ tell me the dream, and I shall _____ that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. **10** The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the _____ that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked _____ things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. **11** And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the _____, whose dwelling is not with _____. **12** For this cause the king was _____ and very furious, and _____ to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. **NOTE: These circumstances of the King's inability to recall what he knew was an important and intriguing dream, with the urgent, seemingly unreasonable demand for his wise men to miraculously reveal what his dream even was, provided a way for God to expose the false system (of astrology, soothsaying, the magic arts) they were caught up in, and to reveal to a heathen king a knowledge of the character and power of the true God as the creator of heaven and earth. Interesting how that in verse 11 they mentioned about "the gods whose dwelling is not with human flesh." How ironic that the true God in a few centuries would come down in human flesh and dwell among humanity and reveal what He was really like, then take our punishment upon Himself so we could be saved.**

5.) When Daniel found out about the death decree which included him and his companions – Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, how did he respond and what did he share with his friends? Daniel 2:13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought _____ and his _____ to be _____. **14** Then Daniel answered with _____ and _____ to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: **15** He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the _____ so _____ from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. **16** Then Daniel went in, and _____ of the king that he would give him _____, and that he would shew the king the _____. **17** Then Daniel went to his _____, and made the thing _____ to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: **18** That they would desire _____ of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not _____ with the _____ of the wise men of Babylon. **NOTE: Here Daniel's character shines! They were in a major crisis, but Daniel remained calm, level-headed and wise and in faith asked the king for time because he knew God could help them in this time of crisis and provide answers to the dilemma at hand.**

6.) When God answered Daniel and his three friend's prayer(s), did Daniel take any credit to himself for being able to provide answers for the king's dream? Daniel 2:23 I _____ thee, and _____ thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast _____ me wisdom and might, and hast made _____ unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now _____ unto us the king's matter. **28** But there is a God in heaven that _____ secrets, and maketh known to the _____ Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

7.) What was it that the king saw in his dream that Daniel revealed to him? Daniel 2:31

Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great _____. This great _____, whose brightness was _____, stood before thee; and the form thereof was _____. 32 This image's _____ was of fine _____, his _____ and his _____ of _____, his _____ and his _____ of _____, 33 His _____ of _____, his _____ part of _____ and part of _____. 34 Thou sawest till that a _____ was cut out without _____, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and _____ them to _____. 35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the _____ of the summer threshingfloors; and the _____ carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that _____ the image became a great _____, and filled the _____ earth. 36 This is the _____; and _____ will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. **NOTE: This large very impressive image was made up of differing metals with clay at the bottom. Notice how it starts out with the most valuable metal and deteriorates to a segregated iron mixed with miry clay. And then a non-man-made rock comes down and smashes the feet, destroying the whole image, which right afterward, grows into a big mountain filling the whole earth! It's no wonder that this made a big impression on King Nebuchadnezzar and that he was anxious to understand the meaning of it. [See illustrated image on following page]**

8.) What does the head of Gold represent? Notice the Bible plainly says what it represents.

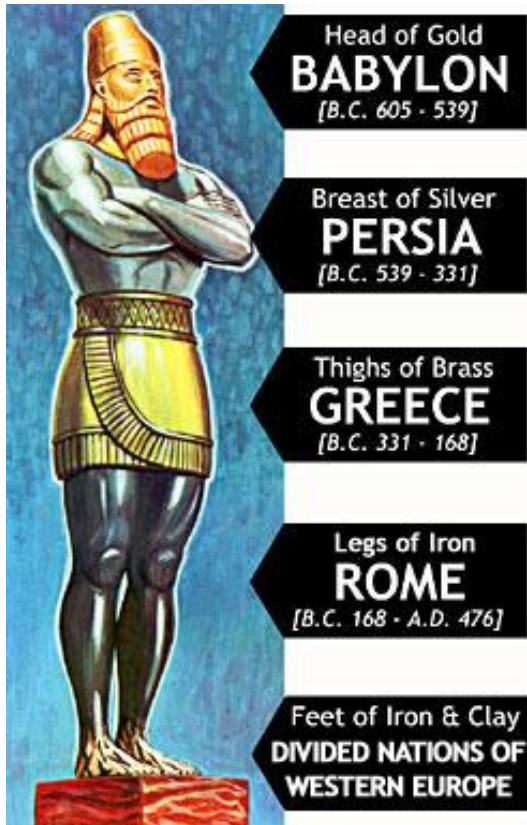
Daniel 2:37 Thou, O _____, art a king of kings: for the _____ of _____ hath given _____ a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. _____ art this head of _____. **NOTE: The Word of God states that the head of gold represents the kingdom of Babylon. Since world history plainly reveals what kingdoms followed the kingdom of Babylon, we can easily deduct what the following metals represent. Interestingly enough, Babylon literally was a kingdom of gold as it was the metal that was prevalent there as could be seen from the gold image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. So gold was an obvious choice for representing Babylon. Babylon occupied the present modern country of Iraq. It ruled about 605 B.C. to 539 B.C.**

9.) What metal was the breast and arms made of and what kingdom did it represent? Daniel

2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of _____, his belly and his thighs of brass, 39a And _____ thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee [head of gold], **NOTE: The next kingdom to follow the gold kingdom of Babylon was the Medo-Persian empire. Interesting that Medo-Persia was a dual kingdom where the Medes started out first then Persia predominated afterward. Hence, could this represent the two arms? Modern-day Iran now occupies the territory of Persia. Ruled from 539 B.C. to 331 B.C.**

10.) What metal were the thighs of the image made of and what kingdom did it represent?

Daniel 2:32b *This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his _____ and his _____ of _____, 39b and another _____ kingdom of _____, which shall bear rule over all the earth. NOTE: The kingdom of Greece is represented by the brass known as the Greek empire. Brass was generally used on the shields of the soldiers and this kingdom rapidly conquered the other kingdoms in its territory! 331 B.C. to 168 B.C.*



11.) What kingdom is represented by the legs and what metal was it made of? Daniel 2:33

His _____ of _____, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be _____ as iron: forasmuch as _____ breaketh in pieces and _____ all things: and as _____ that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. NOTE: Also known as the iron monarchy of Rome with its succession of emperors. Iron was commonly used during the rule of Rome. Guess what world kingdom was ruling during the time that Jesus was here in this world? Yes, it was Rome. Remember how the Jews were anxious to have the Roman yoke taken off their necks and they were hoping Jesus as the Messiah would deliver them from this yoke of bondage and set up His rule in this world. But Jesus didn't do it because He was following the plan of His heavenly Father when in Their time and way would set up a kingdom of everlasting righteousness. Jesus stated, "My Kingdom is not of this world." Rome ruled from 168 B.C. to 476 A.D.

12.) What were the feet of this great image made of and what did they represent? Daniel

2:42 *And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly _____, and partly _____. 43 And whereas thou sawest _____ mixed with _____ clay, they shall _____ themselves with the _____ of men: but they*

shall _____ cleave one to another, even as iron is _____ mixed with clay. **NOTE: Iron doesn't mix with miry clay. When the empire of Rome disintegrated and ended in 476 A.D., Barbarian tribes conquered and divided it up and 10 of these tribes formed into what we know today as modern Europe. Three of these later became extinct as another power the little horn (Anti-Christ power) gained control [More on this later]. These tribes or smaller nations were as follows: Ostrogoths, Visigoths (Spain), Franks (French), Vandals (Northern Africa –this tribe later uprooted), Alemanni (German), Suevi (Portuguese), Anglo -Saxons (English), Lombard (Italian), Burgundians (Swiss) and Heruli.**

13.) For a deeper understanding of the mixture of iron and potter's clay and what the potter's clay represents, what do the following scriptures say? Daniel 2:41 *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of _____, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. Jeremiah 18:6* *O _____ of _____, cannot I do with you ___ this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the _____ is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O _____ of _____.* **Isaiah 64:8** *But now, O LORD, thou art our _____; _____ are the clay, and thou our potter; and _____ are the work of thy hand. NOTE: In the setting of these verses, potter's clay represents the house of Israel or God's people. Since the prophecy of the feet of iron and clay is after the Roman Empire this (clay) would have to represent God's professed people or the Christian church. The "iron" represents some of the elements of the pagan Roman empire with its mixture of Roman paganism mixed or mingled with the professed Christian church. This is exactly what happened when the little horn anti-Christ power came into existence after the Roman Empire fell. What happened here was a combining of church with state or government. [More on this later in study of "Identifying the Real Anti-Christ Part 1"]*

14.) These different nations of Europe have attempted to reunite as one down through history. Have they ever succeeded? Daniel 2:43 *And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with _____ clay, they shall _____ themselves with the _____ of men: but they shall _____ cleave one to another, even as iron is not _____ with clay. NOTE: Intermarriage between the families of kings and royalty and maybe other types of alliances failed to unite Europe together. Some strong rulers such as Charlemagne, Napoleon, Mussolini, and Adolf Hitler as well, tried militarily to unite Europe together, sometimes coming close to succeeding -except strange circumstances and even unexpected horrific storms stopped their progress. When God says it won't happen, He means exactly what He says! Another modern example of trying to unite Europe together is the European Union. Great Britain in recent years has backed out (known as Brexit). Only the God of heaven will successfully set up an everlasting Kingdom of righteousness where love and pure unselfishness will reign supreme!*

15.) The feet of iron mixed with miry clay takes us up to our present time. According to this

prophetic dream, what is supposed to happen next? **Daniel 2:44** And in the _____ of these kings shall the _____ of _____ set up a kingdom, which shall _____ be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall _____ in pieces and _____ all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. **NOTE: A better world is coming! Nothing like the world we live in now! There will be no injustice, disease, pain or sorrow of any kind. It will be a kingdom where there will be no selfishness, greed, fraud, or taking advantage of others. It will be an atmosphere of love and service and being a blessing to others constantly and consistently! Are you ready for being a part of a system like this? If not, and most of us aren't, this is why the gospel has been put into place. Let's avail ourselves of this plan of salvation so we can be ready in our characters to be prepared when Jesus comes and ultimately sets up His kingdom. Make sure to study the upcoming lessons on "The Good News of the Gospel -Parts 1 -5."**

16.) What is depicted in this great stone coming down and striking the base of the image thus, completely destroying it? How certain and reliable is the interpretation of this dream that Daniel presented to king Nebuchadnezzar? **Daniel 2:45** Forasmuch as thou sawest that the _____ was cut out of the mountain without _____, and that it brake in _____ the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great _____ hath made known to the king what shall come to _____ hereafter: and the dream is _____, and the interpretation thereof _____. **1Corinthians 10:4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual _____ that followed them: and that _____ was _____. **NOTE: Christ is the Rock or Stone that comes and obliterates all the worldly kingdoms with their evil. Christ Jesus is also known in scripture as the great Cornerstone that was rejected. We can either fall on Him and be broken and be renewed into His image or He will fall on us to our own destruction. It is our choice!** **Matthew 21:44** And _____ shall fall on this _____ shall be _____: but on whomsoever _____ shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

17.) Where else in the Bible do we read about God's kingdom being established after the end of this world? **Daniel 7:14** And there was given him _____, and glory, and a _____, that all people, nations, and languages, should _____ him: his dominion is an _____ dominion, which shall not pass away, and his _____ that which shall not be destroyed. **18** But the _____ of the most High shall take the kingdom, and _____ the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. **27** And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the _____ heaven, shall be given to the people of the _____ of the most High, whose _____ is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. **Matthew 25:34** Then shall the _____ say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, _____ the _____ prepared for you from the _____ of the world: **Luke 1:33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his _____ there shall be _____ end. Notice the complete harmony of the Daniel ch. 2 prophecy with this dynamic verse in Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great

voices in heaven, saying, The _____ of this _____ are _____ the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his _____; and he shall reign for ever and ever. **NOTE: The concept of God's coming kingdom of righteousness is practically all through the scriptures and Jesus consistently referred to it throughout the gospel books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Ever since the fall of Adam & Eve and the entrance of the tragedy of sin, a remedy for sin was instituted by our Savior and a promise for a kingdom that He will set up in which no ugly aspects of sin will exist. What a wonderful hope we have as believers in Christ! Do you want to enlist in being a citizen of this glorious kingdom? Continue with this series of lessons and in the meantime give your life to Jesus and let Him reign supreme and you will have a peace that passes understanding!**

Brief Quiz

Circle One

- 1.) True/False – The wise men and magicians were successful in telling the king his dream and its interpretation.
- 2.) True/False – The third kingdom was made of iron and it was the Medo-Persian kingdom.
- 3.) True/False – The fourth kingdom was gold and it was Babylon.
- 4.) True/False – The Roman kingdom was eventually broken up into smaller ones that became some of the modern nations of western Europe today.
- 5.) True/False – The mighty God of heaven knew in advance what world kingdoms would reign on this earth.
- 6.) True/False – Daniel gave credit to God for being able to tell the king of Babylon what his dream was and its interpretation.
- 7.) True/False – Western Europe which represented the iron mixed with clay finally united successfully like one nation under the European Union.
- 8.) True/False – The stone is represented by the coming of Jesus to destroy all the kingdoms of this world and set up His kingdom of everlasting righteousness.

My Response

I understand from this prophecy that God in the flow of time allowed four successive kingdoms to rise and fall and that in the final days He would come, destroy the kingdoms of this world and set up His everlasting kingdom. I desire to prepare to become a part of this kingdom that will last eternally.

Signed _____