

DANIEL THE RISE AND FALL OF KINGDOMS NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAMS

1. THE KING CALLS ON THE CHALDEANS

- a. **Daniel 2:1-3 (KJV)** And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. ²Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. ³And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

- I. TWO = WITNESS
 - (1) THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE WILL DEAL WITH A WITNESS. SOME THING WILL BECOME KNOWN.
- II. EVEN THOUGH NEBUCHADNEZZAR IS THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE AREA HE IS STILL TROUBLED.
- III. THE KING HAD SPENT A LOT OF MONEY IN TRAINING PEOPLE TO HELP HIM IN TIMES LIKE THIS.



2. THE KINGS' DEMAND

- a. Daniel 2:⁴⁻⁹Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. ⁵The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. ⁶But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. ⁷They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it. ⁸The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. ⁹But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof
- I. **'ARAMIYTH, HEBREW 762, STRONG'S 'ARAMIYTH, AR-AW-MEETH'**; FEMININE OF HEBREW 761 ('ARAMMIY); (ONLY ADVERBIAL) *IN ARAMÆAN* :- IN THE SYRIAN LANGUAGE (TONGUE), IN SYRIACK.
 - II. TELL THY SERVANTS THE DREAM, AND WE WILL SHEW THE INTERPRETATION.
 - (1) YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU DREAMED AND GOD WILL TELL ME WHAT IT MEANS.
 - (A) SOUNDS LIKE TODAY.
 - (2) BUT THEY HAVE A PROBLEM.

- (A) THE KING CAN NOT RECALL THE DREAM. HE JUST KNOWS THAT HE IS TROUBLED BY WHAT HE IS DREAMING ABOUT IN HIS DREAMS.
 - III. THE KING IS LOOKING FOR TWO THINGS.
 - (1) TWO A WITNESS TO THERE ABILITY TO DO THIS THING.
 - (2) TELL ME THE DREAM
 - (3) & THEN TELL ME WHAT IT MEANS.
 - IV. IF YOU CAN NOT DO THIS!
 - (1) YE SHALL BE CUT IN PIECES, AND YOUR HOUSES SHALL BE MADE A DUNGHILL.
 - V. BUT IF YOU CAN.
 - (1) ⁶BUT IF YE SHEW THE DREAM, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, YE SHALL RECEIVE OF ME GIFTS AND REWARDS AND GREAT HONOR: THEREFORE SHEW ME THE DREAM, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF.
 - VI. AGAIN, THE SECOND TIME THESE WORDS ARE SPOKEN
 - (1) ⁷THEY ANSWERED AGAIN AND SAID, LET THE KING TELL HIS SERVANTS THE DREAM, AND WE WILL SHEW THE INTERPRETATION OF IT.
 - VII. AND AGAIN, THE KING SPEAKS.
 - (1) I KNOW OF CERTAINTY THAT YE WOULD GAIN THE TIME
 - (2) BECAUSE YE SEE THE THING IS GONE FROM ME.
 - (3) ⁹BUT IF YE WILL NOT MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE DREAM,
 - (A) *THERE IS BUT* ONE DECREE FOR YOU
 - (B) FOR YE HAVE PREPARED LYING AND CORRUPT WORDS TO SPEAK BEFORE ME
 - (4) TILL THE TIME BE CHANGED:
 - (A) I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME TIME TO DO THIS IN.
 - (5) THEREFORE TELL ME THE DREAM, AND I SHALL KNOW THAT YE CAN SHEW ME THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF
 - (A) HE WANTS AN ANSWER TO HIS DREAM PROBLEM. HE IS NOT WANTING TO KILL HIS ADVISORS.
 - (I) HE WANTS AN ANSWER.
3. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WISE MEN
- a. Daniel 2:¹⁰⁻¹¹The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. ¹¹And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh
 - I. HEAR! HEAR THE WORDS OF THE WISE MEN.
 - (1) THERE IS NOT A MAN UPON THE EARTH THAT CAN SHEW THE KING'S MATTER:
 - (A) WHAT YOU ASK US, WE CAN NOT DO. BUT NO ONE ELSE CAN EITHER.
 - (2) THEREFORE *THERE IS* NO KING, LORD, NOR RULER, *THAT* ASKED SUCH THINGS AT ANY MAGICIAN, OR ASTROLOGER, OR CHALDEAN
 - (3) ¹¹AND *IT IS* A RARE THING THAT THE KING REQUIRETH,
 - (4) AND THERE IS NONE OTHER THAT CAN SHEW IT BEFORE THE KING, EXCEPT THE GODS, **EXCEPT THE GODS**, WHOSE **DWELLING IS NOT WITH FLESH**
 - (A) HERE IS THE WITNESS.

- (I) NO MAN CAN KNOW THE ANSWER, ONLY GOD.
- (II) THE PROBLEM WITH THAT, GOD DOES NOT DWELL WITH MAN.

4. THE KING VOICES HIS FEELINGS

- a. Daniel 2:¹²For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon. ¹³And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.
 - I. THE KING IS DISAPPOINTED IN HIS FOLLOWERS.
 - (1) THEY COULD NOT DO WHAT HE HAD THEM TRAINED TO DO.
 - (2) HOW MANY TIMES HAD HE SOUGHT THERE ADVISE AND FOLLOWED IT?
 - II. THEY SOUGHT DANIEL AND HIS FOLLOWERS.
 - (1) HE BEING NEW WAS NOT CALLED INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE KING.
 - (A) HOW OFTEN DO WE SEEK COUNSEL FROM THE WRONG PERSON OR PERSONS.
 - (B) HERE THEY WERE GOING TO KILL DANIEL BECAUSE OF WHAT OTHERS COULD NOT DO.

5. DANIEL AGREES WITH THE WISE MEN -HE ACTS.

- a. Daniel 2:¹⁴⁻¹⁸Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon: ¹⁵He answered and said to Arioch [*ar-yoke'*]; the king's captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. ¹⁶Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. ¹⁷Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: ¹⁸That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.
 - I. DANIEL, A MAN WHO LIVED BEFORE GOD.
 - II. WHEN HE IS FACED WITH A GRAVE SITUATION.
 - (1) WHAT DID HE DO?
 - (A) HE ANSWERED WITH COUNSEL AND WISDOM
 - (I) **`ETA', HEBREW 5843, STRONG'S `ETA', AY-TAW'**; (CHALDEE); FROM HEBREW 3272 (Y^E AT); *PRUDENCE* :- COUNSEL.
 - (II) **TA`AM, HEBREW 2941, STRONG'S TA`AM, TAH'-AM**; (CHALDEE); FROM HEBREW 2939 (T^E AM); PROPERLY A *TASTE*, I.E. (AS IN HEBREW 2940 (TA`AM)) A JUDICIAL *SENTENCE* :- ACCOUNT, × TO BE COMMANDED, COMMANDMENT, MATTER.
 - III. WHAT IS THIS MAN TO DO?
 - IV. WHAT DOES DANIEL ASK OF HIM
 - (1) WHAT WAS DANIEL GETTING AT?
 - V. WHAT DID HE WANT?
 - VI. ARE YOU SUPRISED AT THE ASSURANCE OF DANIEL?
 - (1) AND DESIRED OF THE KING THAT HE WOULD GIVE HIM TIME,
 - (2) AND THAT HE WOULD SHEW THE KING THE INTERPRETATION
 - VII. WE KNOW THAT HE FOUND FAVOR WITH THE KING BECAUSE HE WAS NOT PUT TO

DEATH.

VIII. NOW WHAT DOES HE DO?

- (1) ¹⁷THEN DANIEL WENT TO HIS HOUSE
- (2) AND MADE THE THING KNOWN TO HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH, HIS COMPANIONS:
- (3) THEY WOULD DESIRE MERCIES OF THE GOD OF HEAVEN CONCERNING THIS SECRET;
- (4) DANIEL AND HIS FELLOWS SHOULD NOT PERISH WITH THE REST OF THE WISE *MEN* OF BABYLON.
- (A) HOW BIG WAS THE REQUEST OF GOD?

6. GOD GIVES THE ANSWER!

- a. Daniel 2:¹⁹⁻²³ Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: ²²He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. ²³I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter

I. WHEN THESE YOUNG MEN NEEDED WISDOM, WHAT WAS GODS' RESPONSE?

- (1) 2:¹⁹⁻²³ THEN WAS THE SECRET REVEALED UNTO DANIEL IN A NIGHT VISION

II. WISDOM

- (1) HOW MUCH SUPERIOR IS WISDOM TO FOLLY?

- (a) **Eccles. 2:13-14 (KJV)** Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness. ¹⁴The wise man's eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

- (2) What should be the desire of all people?

- (a) **Psalms 90:12 (KJV)** So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

- (3) HOW DO WE DESCRIBE WISDOM

- (a) **Proverbs 9:10 (KJV)** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

- (4) HOW MAY IT BE OBTAINED?

- (a) **Eccles. 2:26 (KJV)** For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

- (5) WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF GAINING?

- (a) **Proverbs 16:16 (KJV)** How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

- (6) HAVE WE ANY MARKS OF THE WISDOM OF GOD?

- (a) **Proverbs 3:19 (KJV)** The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

- (7) WHAT IS THE GOSPEL SOME TIMES CALLED?

- (a) **1 Cor. 2:7 (KJV)** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

(8) WHAT IS SAID OF THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON?

- (a) **1 Kings 4:29-30 (KJV)** And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea shore. ³⁰And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

III. HOW DOES DANIEL SEE GOD?

(1) BLESSED BE THE NAME OF GOD FOR EVER AND EVER:

- (a) **barak**, *baw-rak'*; a primitive root; to *kneel*; by implication to *bless* God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit); also (by euphemism) to *curse* (God or the king, as treason) :- × abundantly, × altogether, × at all, blaspheme, bless, congratulate, curse, × greatly, × indeed, kneel (down), praise, salute, × still, thank.

(2) FOR WISDOM AND MIGHT ARE HIS:

(3) ²¹AND HE CHANGETH THE TIMES

(4) AND THE SEASONS

(5) HE REMOVETH KINGS,

(6) AND SETTETH UP KINGS

(7) HE GIVETH WISDOM UNTO THE WISE

- (A) **CHAKAM**, *KHAW-KAM'*; A PRIMITIVE ROOT, TO *BE WISE* (IN MIND, WORD OR ACT) :- × EXCEEDING, TEACH WISDOM, BE (MAKE SELF, SHEW SELF) WISE, DEAL (NEVER SO) WISELY, MAKE WISER.

(8) KNOWLEDGE TO THEM THAT KNOW UNDERSTANDING:

(9) ²²HE REVEALETH THE DEEP

(10) ²²HE REVEALETH SECRET THINGS

(11) HE KNOWETH WHAT *IS* IN THE DARKNESS,

(12) THE LIGHT DWELLETH WITH HIM

IV. WHAT IS DANIELS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOD?

(1) ²³I THANK THEE,

(2) AND PRAISE THEE,

- (A) O THOU GOD OF MY FATHERS,

V. WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR DANIEL?

(1) WHO HAST GIVEN ME WISDOM AND MIGHT,

(2) AND HAST MADE KNOWN UNTO ME NOW

(3) WHAT WE DESIRED OF THEE:

(4) FOR THOU HAST *NOW* MADE KNOWN UNTO US THE KING'S MATTER

- (A) LOOK AT THE SEASON AND TIMING OF THIS!

7. DANIEL READY FOR THE KING!

- a. Daniel 2:²⁴⁻²⁶Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. ²⁵Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. ²⁶The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the

- interpretation thereof?
- B. WHAT ARE THE FIRST THINGS THAT DANIEL DID?
 - I. WENT IN UNTO ARIOCH
 - (1) WHOM THE KING HAD ORDAINED TO DESTROY THE WISE *MEN* OF BABYLON:
 - C. WHAT IS HIS PURPOSE?
 - I. DESTROY NOT THE WISE *MEN* OF BABYLON:
 - II. BRING ME IN BEFORE THE KING,
 - III. AND I WILL SHEW UNTO THE KING THE INTERPRETATION.
 - D. HEAR WHAT ARIOCH HAD TO SAY!
 - I. ²⁵THEN ARIOCH BROUGHT IN DANIEL BEFORE THE KING IN HASTE
 - II. I HAVE FOUND A MAN OF THE CAPTIVES OF JUDAH,
 - III. THAT WILL MAKE KNOWN UNTO THE KING THE INTERPRETATION.
 - E. DID ARIOCH HAVE FAITH IN THE GOD OF DANIEL?
 - I. DO YOU?
 - F. THE KING WANTED TO KNOW TWO THINGS?
 - i. Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen,
 - ii. and the interpretation thereof?
8. DANIEL MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE KING IS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS IN THE WRONG PLACE
- a. Daniel2:²⁷-30Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; ²⁸But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; ²⁹As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. ³⁰But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but for *their* sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.
- I. WHAT DANIEL WANTS THE KING TO KNOW.
 - (1) THE SECRET WHICH THE KING HATH DEMANDED CANNOT THE WISE *MEN*, THE ASTROLOGERS, THE MAGICIANS, THE SOOTHSAYERS, SHEW UNTO THE KING;
 - (2) ²⁸BUT THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN THAT REVEALETH SECRETS
 - (3) , AND MAKETH KNOWN TO THE KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS.
 - II. WHAT DANIEL WANTS THE KING TO KNOW ABOUT THE KING.
 - (1) THY DREAM, AND THE VISIONS OF THY HEAD UPON THY BED, ARE THESE;
 - (A) ²⁹AS FOR THEE, O KING, THY THOUGHTS CAME *INTO THY MIND* UPON THY BED,
 - (B) WHAT SHOULD COME TO PASS HEREAFTER:
 - (C) AND **HE THAT REVEALETH SECRETS MAKETH KNOWN TO THEE WHAT SHALL COME TO PASS.**
 - (2) **WHAT DANIEL HAS TO TELL THE KING ABOUT DANIEL!**
 - (A) ³⁰BUT AS FOR ME, THIS SECRET IS NOT REVEALED TO ME FOR *ANY* WISDOM THAT I HAVE MORE THAN ANY LIVING, BUT FOR *THEIR* SAKES THAT SHALL MAKE

KNOWN THE INTERPRETATION TO THE KING, AND THAT THOU MIGHTEST KNOW THE THOUGHTS OF THY HEART

(B) **DANIEL 2:30 (NIV)** AS FOR ME, THIS MYSTERY HAS BEEN REVEALED TO ME, NOT BECAUSE I HAVE GREATER WISDOM THAN OTHER LIVING MEN, BUT SO THAT YOU, O KING, MAY KNOW THE INTERPRETATION AND THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND WHAT WENT THROUGH YOUR MIND.

(I) THIS MYSTERY HAS BEEN REVEALED TO ME

1) , NOT BECAUSE I HAVE GREATER WISDOM THAN OTHER LIVING MEN,

(II) BUT SO THAT YOU, O KING, MAY KNOW THE INTERPRETATION

(III) AND THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND WHAT WENT THROUGH YOUR MIND.

9. THE GREAT IMAGE - FIVE PARTS

a. Daniel 2:³¹⁻³⁵ Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible. ³²This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, ³³His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. ³⁴Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. ³⁵Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

I. THE IMAGE

- (1) THIS GREAT IMAGE,
- (2) WHOSE BRIGHTNESS WAS EXCELLENT,
- (3) STOOD BEFORE THEE; AND
- (4) THE FORM THEREOF *WAS* TERRIBLE

II. PARTS OF THE IMAGE

- (1) ³²THIS IMAGE'S HEAD *WAS* OF FINE GOLD,
- (2) HIS BREAST AND HIS ARMS OF SILVER,
- (3) HIS BELLY AND HIS THIGHS OF BRASS,
- (4) ³³HIS LEGS OF IRON,
- (5) HIS FEET PART OF IRON AND PART OF CLAY.

III. AS THIS IMAGE STOOD BEFORE YOU SOMETHING HAPPENED!

- (1) ³⁴THOU SAWEST TILL THAT A STONE WAS CUT OUT WITHOUT HANDS,
- (2) WHICH SMOTE THE IMAGE UPON HIS FEET *THAT WERE* OF IRON AND CLAY,
- (3) AND BRAKE THEM TO PIECES.
- (4) ³⁵THEN WAS THE IRON, THE CLAY, THE BRASS, THE SILVER, AND THE GOLD, BROKEN TO PIECES TOGETHER, AND BECAME LIKE THE CHAFF OF THE SUMMER THRESHING FLOORS;
- (5) AND THE WIND CARRIED THEM AWAY, THAT NO PLACE WAS FOUND FOR THEM:
- (6) AND THE STONE THAT SMOTE THE IMAGE BECAME A GREAT MOUNTAIN,
- (7) AND FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH

THE INTERPRETATION

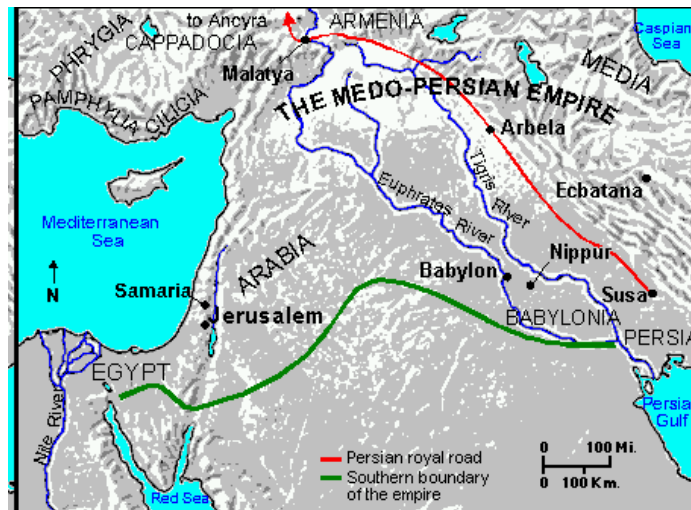
1. HEAD OF GOLD - WORLD EMPIRE

- a. Daniel 2:³⁶⁻³⁸ This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.
³⁷Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. ³⁸And 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. Thou *art* this head of gold.
 - i. Now as we hear this, we must remember that God is the maker of kings and kingdoms. He through Daniel is giving us in sight into Kingdoms.
 - (1) *ART* A KING OF KINGS:
 - (A) FOR THE GOD OF HEAVEN HATH GIVEN THEE A KINGDOM
 - (B) , POWER,
 - (C) AND STRENGTH,
 - (D) AND GLORY.
 - (2) ³⁸AND WHERESOEVER THE CHILDREN OF MEN DWELL,
 - (3) THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD
 - (4) AND THE FOWLS OF THE HEAVEN HATH
 - (A) HE GIVEN INTO THINE HAND,
 - (5) AND HATH MADE THEE RULER OVER THEM ALL
 - (6) . THOU *ART* THIS HEAD OF GOLD.
 - (7) NEO-BABYLONIAN EMPIRE [605-539B.C.]
 - II. LOOK CLOSE - WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT THE NEO-BABYLONIAN EMPIRE?

2. BREAST AND ARMS OF SILVER -

- a. Daniel 2: ^{39-a} And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee,
 - i. Kingdom inferior to thee -

- (1) This kingdom will be the Medo-Persian empire established by Cyrus
 - (A) THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE INCLUDED ALL LANDS OF MEDIA AND PERSIA, MUCH OF THE AREA SHOWN ON THIS MAP AND MORE. THE JEWISH EXILES WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE AREA AROUND NIPPUR IN THE BABYLONIAN



PROVINCE. THE DECREE BY KING CYRUS THAT ALLOWED THE ISRAELITES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND AND REBUILD THE TEMPLE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE PALACE AT ECBATANA. §

3. THE GREEK EMPIRE - BRASS KINGDOM

a. and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

I. THIS IS THE EMPIRE ESTABLISHED BY ALEXANDER THE GREAT

II. 330 BC

III. IT WILL ALSO BE A PART OF A FUTURE KINGDOM.

(1) **Joel 3:6 (NIV)** You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their homeland.

(2) **Zech. 9:13 (NIV)** I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword.

(3) **Rev. 13:1-2 (NIV)** And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. ²The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

(4) **Rev. 17:3 (NIV)** Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.

(5) **Rev. 17:16-17 (NIV)** The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's words are fulfilled.

4. THE ROMAN EMPIRE

a. Daniel 2:⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

i. **Luke 2:1 (NIV)** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

ii. **John 11:48 (NIV)** If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

iii. 67 B.C.

5. REVISED ROMAN EMPIRE

a. Daniel 2:⁴¹And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, 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. ⁴²And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. ⁴³And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

I. DIFFERENT TYPES OF RULE.

(1) AT THE START

(A) KINGS

(B) AND ELECTED MEN AND WOMAN

- ii. **Rev. 13:1-8 (NIV)** And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. ²The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. ⁴Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" ⁵The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. ⁶He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.
- iii. **Rev. 17:12-17 (NIV)** "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. ¹³They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings--and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers." ¹⁵Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. ¹⁶The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God's words are fulfilled.

6. The Stone - The Kingdom from Heaven

- a. Daniel 2: ⁴⁴And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. ⁴⁵Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

I. THE REIGN OF CHRIST

7. GOD IS PRAISED - DANIEL PROMOTED

- a. Daniel 2:⁴⁶Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. ⁴⁷The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret. ⁴⁸Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon. ⁴⁹Then Daniel requested of 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.

I. SEE THE KING

- (1) 2:⁴⁶Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face,
- (2) and worshipped Daniel,
- (3) and commanded that they should offer an oblation

II. WHAT WILL THE KING DO?

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- (2) ⁴⁷The king answered unto Daniel,
 - (a) and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God is a God of gods,
 - (b) and a Lord of kings
 - (c) , and a revealer of secrets,
 - (d) seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

III. WHAT HAPPENED TO DANIEL

- (1) ⁴⁸Then the king made Daniel a great man,
- (2) and gave him many great gifts,
- (3) and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon,
- (4) and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon

IV. HAS IT CHANGED DANIEL?

- (1) ⁴⁹Then Daniel requested of the king,
- (2) and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon:
- (3) but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.