



Head of Gold
BABYLON
[B.C. 605 - 539]

Breast of Silver
PERSIA
[B.C. 539 - 331]

Thighs of Brass
GREECE
[B.C. 331 - 168]

Legs of Iron
ROME
[B.C. 168 - A.D. 476]

Feet of Iron & Clay
**DIVIDED NATIONS OF
WESTERN EUROPE**

"...at the last trumpet..."

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The God-given Dream – Dan 2:1-13

- “Nebuchadnezzar had dreams and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him” – Daniel 2:1b
- The dream troubled him and “my spirit is anxious to know the dream” – Daniel 2:3b
- He called the wise men of Babylon expecting them to tell him the ***forgotten*** dream. He told them how troubled he was in his spirit and of his failure to call it to mind.
- God spoke to people in both the OT & NT times in dreams and visions.
 - Pharaoh of Egypt (Gen 41)
 - Abimelech (Gen 20)
 - Nebuchadnezzar (Dan2 & Dan4)
 - Abraham to Jacob, and to Joseph by means of dreams (Gen)
 - Joseph about Mary in dream and also to the wise men (Matt 1:20; 2:12-22)

Difference between Dream & Vision

A Dream	A Vision
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Internal2. Invisible3. Mental4. To the human mind5. Subjective revelation6. Old men dream dreams7. A Dream	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. External2. Visible3. Visual4. To the human sight5. Objective revelation6. Young men see visions7. A Vision

Occultic Activities leading men to Satanic spirits which lead mankind to lost eternity

- The **increase in Satanism**, spiritism and the occult shows signs of the last days.
- Magicians, Black Magic, Diviners, Enchanter, witchcraft, consulter of Familiar spirits, wizards, necromancer- consulting the dead, astrologers, fortune tellers, palmistry, psychoanalysis, psychic, self-hypnotic visions, meditation, telepathy, ESP, ouji board, Satanist churches and Satan worship, horoscopes, pyramidology, familiar spirit...

The God of Heaven – Dan 2:14-30

- There were just two groups: God’s wise men and Babylon’s wise men
- Daniel went to the king to ask for TIME – Daniel 2:16
- The king granted Daniel TIME, compare with Daniel 2:8
- King Nebuchadnezzar believed Daniel could show him his forgotten dream and also provide the interpretation
- Daniel wisely recognized that God had given King Nebuchadnezzar the dream. He needed time to seek God for the dream
- Daniel words “tell the king the interpretation” is a word of faith in an omniscient (all knowing God) for Daniel was as ignorant of the dream as all the wise men. His life, along with all his captive friends was also at stake

Praying Meeting

- Daniel is a man of prayer
- Prayer is time with God, earnest, sincere, faith-filled and urgent prayers
- Ask God for mercies
- Acknowledge God's omniscience, nothing hidden from Him
- Ask God to spare them from destruction and the rest of the Babylon's wise men
- Matt 18:19-20 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

The Praise Gathering

- The seven-fold kind of Praise
 1. Blessings on the God of heaven and blessing on His name eternally
 2. Wisdom and might are His
 3. He changes times and seasons
 4. He removes kings and sets up kings
 5. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to them that know understanding (Prov. 1:1-6; 24:2-4)
 6. He reveals the deep and secret things (Deut. 29:29)
 7. He knows what is in the darkness and the light dwells with Him
- Prayer and Praise, the two wings of the eagle that soared to the heavenlies and received answers from God

The Pride of Arioch vs the Humility of Daniel

- The pride of Arioch “I have found a man...”
- Daniel “There is a GOD in heaven...” God reveals secrets, HE is the One who has made known to Nebuchadnezzar his dream...what was to take place in “the latter days.”
- Daniel like Joseph before Pharaoh (Gen 41) showed great humility. He told the king the secret was not revealed to him for any wisdom he had, any more than any one else.
- It was revealed for Nebuchadnezzar’s sake, that he knows that God is sovereign in the affairs of earthly kingdoms

The Revealed Dream



- A remarkable dream, revealed twice
 - To King Nebuchadnezzar (a Gentile ruler)
 - To Daniel (a prophet from Judah)
- In the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word of God is established (Job 33:15)
- Compare with Joseph, dream appeared twice to Pharaoh, his wise men could not interpret. A Jew from the **tribe of Joseph**
- Daniel, dream came twice, the wise men could not interpret, Daniel from the **tribe of Judah**
- Both Joseph and Daniel is a foreshadow of Yeshua

The Interpreted Dream

- Nebuchadnezzar has been given by God a kingdom, power, strength and glory (Jer 27:4-8)
- Babylon rise and fall mentioned in Isa 13-14. The ultimate revelation of Babylon is seen in Rev 17-18 and the ultimate overthrow and fall of Babylon – forever.
- Babylon, the head of gold is the beginning of the times of the Gentiles
- Luke 21:24 “They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”
- The head holds the brain, the mind, the same spirit that flows from the head (Babylon) down to the toes (Antichrist’s Kingdom)
- Revelation 18:4 “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.”

Kings of Babylon

1. Nabopolassar, father of Nebuchadnezzar
2. Nebuchadnezzar, reigned for 44 years (died BC561)
3. Evil-Merodach, son of Nebuchadnezzar reigned for 2 years and was assassinated by his brother-in-law (BC560-558)
4. Neriglissar reigned 4 years and killed in battle (BC560-556)
5. Laboroso-Arched, son of Neriglissar, a fool and beaten to death (BC556)
6. Nabonidus, son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar seized the throne and reigned 17 years
7. On a military expedition, he made his son **Belshazzar grandson of Nebuchadnezzar** the “Second ruler”
8. This is why Belshazzar promised to make Daniel the “third ruler”
9. Kingdom lasted 70 years (Jer 25:11-12; 29:10)

The Silver Kingdom – Medo-Persians

- The arm and the breast of the image
- Silver is inferior to gold – Medo-Persia was inferior in both wealth and glory compared to the Babylonian Kingdom
- Taxes were paid in silver. This Kingdom lasted for 200 years and grew extremely wealthy in silver BC539-BC332
- The two arms represent the Medes (Darius) and Persians (Cyrus)
 - The Medes were the weaker while the Persian was the stronger

The Decree of Cyrus

- Prophet Isaiah prophesied the return and rebuild the Jerusalem some 175 years before the Fall of Babylon (Isa 44:28; 25:1-4, 2 Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1"1-3; 6:14)
- Many kings of Medo-Persia history with similar names and some overlapping reigns
 1. Cambyses, father of Cyrus
 2. Cyrus the Great, King of Persia, uncle of Darius, King of Media. Ruled for 10 years (BC539)
 3. Darius (Cyaxerxes) King of the Medes. He was aided by his nephew Cyrus, Prince of Persia. Darius died and Cyrus became king of the whole realm
 4. Cambyses, son of Cyrus reigned for 7 1/2 years (BC522)
 5. Xerxes (BC485-464)
 6. Artaxerxes (BC464-424)
 7. Darius II (BC423-404)
 8. Artaxerxes II (BC404-359)
 9. Artaxerxes III (BC359-338)
 10. Arses (BC338-336)
 11. Darius III (Darius Codomanas, last of the Persian kings (BC336-331)

The Bronze Kingdom

- The Grecian empire replaced the Medo-Persian empire
- Alexander the great was a student of Aristotle. His father was King Philip of Macedonia
- He ruled the entire known world at the age of 25 but died in Babylon at the age of 33
- His kingdom was divided to his four generals
- The Greek were called the “Brazen coated Greek” as their soldiers wore breastplates of bronze, helmets of bronze and carried shields of bronze with bronze swords.
- See how accurate the use of different type of metal in the description of the image king Nebuchadnezzar dreamed

The Iron Kingdom - Rome

- Once again history confirms prophecy
- Rome is the “legs of iron”
- History spoke of the “iron rule of Rome”
- The legs are the longest part of the body, which the Roman empire has the longest of years of rule
- The legs being two, yet united in one at the base of the body, spoke of the two divisions of the Empire, yet still being one in Roman power and philosophy
- The two legs are the two divisions of the Roman empire
 - Western Division, capital in Rome
 - Eastern Division, capital in Constantinople

The Feet and Toes of Iron and Clay

- The Kingdom of the Antichrist
- Ten-toed kingdom
- A “feet and toes kingdom”
- The ten toes are part of the feet, yet the toes are divided
- There will be unity, yet diversity in this final kingdom
- The mixture of iron and clay are not cleaving together
- It will have the strength of iron and yet the weakness of clay
- When clay are harden, they become brittle
- The toes are the shortest part of the body – shortness of the duration of this final kingdom

What does Scripture say about mixture?

- God hates mixture
- Isaiah 1:32 “Their wine is mixed with water”
- Hos 7:8-9, Ephraim has mixed himself among the people
- Num 11:4; Ex 12:38 “The mixed multitude fell to lusting
- Psa 75:7-8 “The Lord has a cup full of mixture, for the wicked
- Lev 19:19 “Israel not to sow field or vineyard with mixed seed”

The Stone Kingdom – The Messiah

- The kingdom of ten toes **MUST** be in existence before the return of Yeshua
- Messiah's kingdom that will never be destroyed
- Messiah's kingdom will break in pieces and consume all other kingdoms
- Messiah's kingdom is a kingdom that stands forever and ever

Summary chart

The Head of Gold	Breast/Arms of Silver	Belly/Thighs of Bronze	Two Legs of Iron	Feet/Toes of Iron and Clay
Babylon	Medo-Persia	Greece	Rome	Antichrist
BC606-530	BC536-331	BC330-168	BC63-AD?	AD to Return of Yeshua
King Nebuchadnezzar	Another Inferior Kingdom	A third or another Kingdom	The fourth Kingdom	Ten Toe, Kingdom of the Antichrist
Specific Gravity 19.3	Specific Gravity 10.5	Specific Gravity 8.5	Specific Gravity 7.6	Specific Gravity 1.9
United Kingdom	Dual Kingdom	Quadrupled Kingdom	Dual Kingdom	Tenfold Kingdom

Stone out of the Mountain – Kingdom of God and His Christ – Everlasting Kingdom

The Image of God - Dan 3:1-7

- This happened about 23 years since king Nebuchadnezzar's dream
- This is a entire gold image unlike the image in his dream
- 60 cubits is about 90 feet high and 6 cubit is about 10 feet
- Number 6 is the number of the beast and man
 - A man who becomes the beast
 - Compare with 666, equal to Body, Soul and Spirit (Tripartite of man)
 - Goliath of Gath was 6 cubit tall, 6 pieces of armour, his spear weighed 600 shekels. Goliath's brother has 6 fingers and 6 toes
- Daniel 3 is the Image of A Man
- Daniel 4 is the likeness of A Beast
- Pride turns an archangel to a devil and turned a king to a beast, what can pride do to us?
- Contrast this to God's Son who humbled Himself to become a Man in the incarnation

The Faithful Jews – Dan 3:8-18

- Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego knew the TEN Word commandment
 - YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE OR BESIDE ME
 - YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
- Jesus taught that we should "render to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar (Matt 22:21). Paul also taught that believers should submit to the powers that be over us (Rom 13:1-7; Tit 3:1)
- BUT when the higher power VIOLATES the higher laws of GOD, the we submit to the Law of God and suffer the consequences.
- We obey GOD rather than man..."(Acts 5:29)

The Sovereignty of God

- God is able to save, to heal, to deliver and He will deliver, BUT IF NOT,
This is confessed faith
- Fatalism says, “What will be, will be.”
- God allowed James to be killed but supernaturally delivered Peter from Prison (Acts 12)
- God allows Peter to walk on water while Paul was shipwrecked three times
- God rescued Peter out of prison as also other apostles. Paul and John were left in prison
- God protected Daniel in the lion’s den while numerous early Christians were killed and eaten by the lions in Roman times
- God often heals people and often does not heal, for His own Divine reasons

The Fiery Furnace – Dan 3:19-27

- Seven Times hotter than usual. The king was very angry
 - Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit
Is like a city broken down, without walls. – Prov 25:28
 - *He who is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. –
Prov 16:32
 - Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools. – Eccles 7:9

Significance of Seven times

- A “time” in Scripture is a year” and “seven times” would be “seven years” (Dan 7:25; 12:7; Rev 12:14)
- A sacred year of 360 days and seven prophetic years
- This would be 2520 years (360 X 7)
- This could also be representing 2520 days as one Day is to one Year
- “a time, times and half a time” which equals $3^{1/2}$ years or 42 months or 1260 days
- Book of Daniel covers “the Times of the Gentiles” from Nebuchadnezzar to the Second Coming of Yeshua
 - A period of 2520 years or the Seven Times Prophecy

The Fourth Man in the Fire

- Christophany is a “pre-manifestation and revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ before His incarnation”
- There are a number of Christophanies:
 1. He appeared to Adam and Eve
 2. He appeared to Noah
 3. He appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
 4. He appeared to Moses in the burning bush
 5. He appeared to Joshua
 6. He appeared to Elijah and Elisha
 7. He appeared to the three Hebrew men in the fire
 8. He appeared as the angel to Daniel in the lion’s den
 9. In the fullness of time, He appeared as the babe of Bethlehem – “God made flesh”

A living Sacrifice

- The three Hebrew men had “presented their bodies a living sacrifice, wholly, acceptable unto God” (Rom 12:1-2).
- They did not fear him who was “able to destroy their bodies” in fire, but they fear him who was “able to destroy body and soul in Gehenna – Hell fire” (Matt 10:28)
- Q: What about you?

Summary Comments

Daniel 3	Revelation 13
King Nebuchadnezzar sets up an Image	The False Prophet sets up an Image
For all to bow and worship	For all to bow and worship
The Image is impressed with the number 6,6,6 in the whole “worship scene”	All must take the Mark, Number or name of the Beast, which is 666
All are to bow or else burn	All are to bow or be killed
The king is the man who in time becomes the beast	The Antichrist is the MAN who becomes the BEAST
Faithful Hebrews would not bow	The Faithful Remnant will not bow
They experienced a miraculous deliverance, not from, but in the fire	Some will experienced deliverance, but may be not from the Tribulation but through it
They came out a praise to God	All will praise God on the Sea of Glass
They sang the Song of the Three Hebrews	They sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb
There was a manifestation of the Son of God as the fourth Man in the fire	The Lord will strengthen His own and bring them through the fire of the Great Tribulation

What Did We Learn?

- Nebuchadnezzar becomes a prophetic foreshadow of the anti-Christ and his image
- The image becomes the foreshadow of the abomination that causes desolation for all that worship it
- The fiery furnace is a foreshadow of the Great Tribulation fires
- The preservation of the faithful Jews is prophetic of those saints who will be faithful unto death
- Their deliverance prophetic of the ultimate deliverance of the saints of God in the earth
- Daniel 3 corresponds much to Revelation 13

Conclusion

- Absolute stupidity to worship idols
- Only **personal** love and relationship with the true and living God will really save us from the fall and idol worship
- The battle of all ages is over worship. We are created to love and worship God
- God never leaves Himself without witness. He always preserves to Himself a faithful remnant, and remnant will to live or die for His glory
- We must come to faith where we trust God to deliver, BUT all must allow for the “But if not...” and find their faith still secure in God
- God is still the miracle working God, as He wills and pleases
- God may deliver His people from the fire or through the fire. It is still deliverance whichever way He chooses
- Promotion, power and prosperity come from the Lord and He gives to those who may be trusted therewith accordingly