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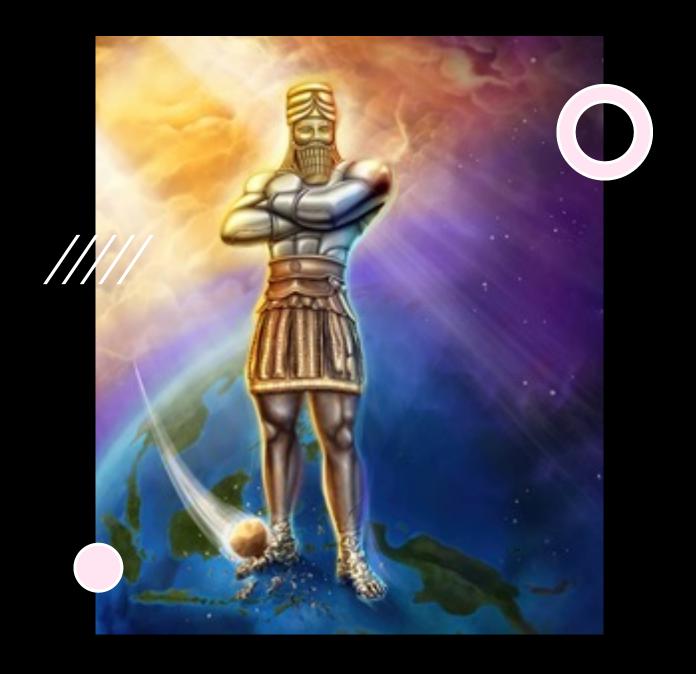
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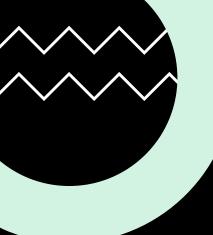




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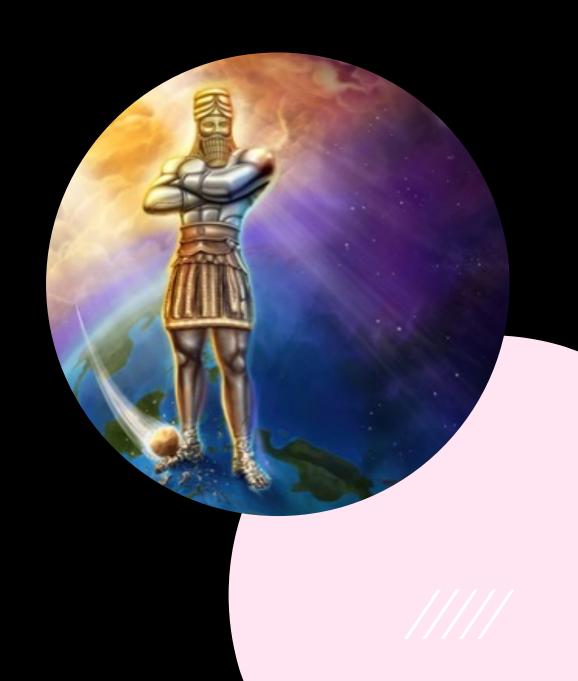
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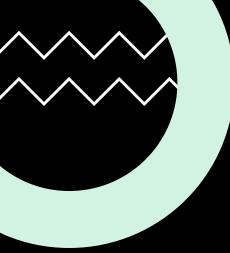




Why Daniel & Revelation

- "In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation." Acts of the Apostles p.g 585
- "The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied..." Gospel Workers p.g 148
- "When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart." Testimonies to Ministers p.g 114
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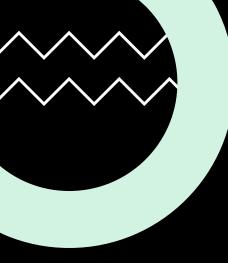




Daniel: Intro

- Daniel- "God is my Judge"
- The main theme of **Daniel 2** reveals to us that ultimately, Christ will set up His Kingdom and it shall endure forever. All earthly powers shall pass away.
- **Daniel 7-** Before Christ's Kingdom can be established, there must be a judgment.
- **Daniel 8/9-** That judgment will take place by the "cleansing of the Sanctuary" through "Messiah the Prince'.
- **Daniel 11/12** After the judgment is completed, probation closes, and Christ shall return.





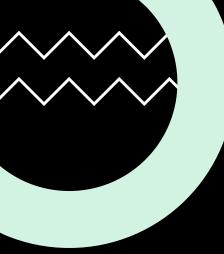
- Daniel 2:28-35
- Daniel goes before the King, to interpret the dream which the king was given.
- None of the king's sorcerers, magicians, soothsayers, etc, were able to interpret the dream. But God spoke through His Prophet for the time, revealing the dream and its interpretation.
- Read Amos 3:7
- **Daniel 2:28-** Daniel reveals the purpose of the dream to the king.
- "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."





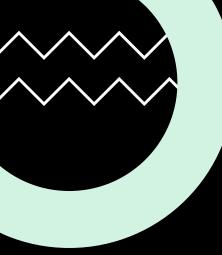
- Daniel 2:28-35
- Daniel continues to explain what the king saw in his dream.
- "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This
 great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you;
 and its form was awesome. This image's head was of fine
 gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of
 bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of
 clay." verse 31-33
- This image consisted of various metals, which <u>decreased in</u>
 <u>value but increased in strength</u> as it flowed from head to toe.
 From gold, to silver, to bronze, to iron and finally to iron mixed with clay.





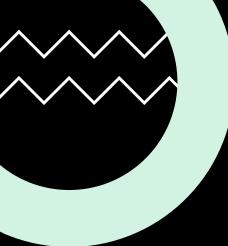
- Daniel 2:28-35
- "You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces." verse 34
- There appeared a Stone or a Rock, **cut without the hands of man**, thus implying that this Rock had a supernatural nature. It struck the image at its feet and toes and broke the entire image into pieces.
- Compare with Hebrews 9:11
- After being struck on the toes of iron & clay and breaking them into pieces, the entire statue eventually falls and is destroyed. All the metals are shattered and become like the dust or chaff.





- Daniel 2:28-35
- "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." verse 35
- This Stone eventually becomes a large **mountain** and fills the entire earth.





Daniel 2: Interpretation

- Daniel 2:36-45
- Daniel proceeds to interpret the dream which was revealed to him by God.
- "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; 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." verses 36-38
- Babylon-Head of Gold
- If the head of gold in the image represented **a kingdom**, what must the other metals of the image represent?





Babylonian Empire-Head of Gold

Ruled from 605BC-539 BC

• The first of the 4 kingdoms that King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream; the one in power in Daniel's time was represented by **the golden head of the statue**.

• Nebuchadnezzar was so certain that his kingdom would last forever, that he commanded that a statue made entirely of gold be built to be worshipped, **Daniel 3.** Through Daniel, God warned the king that his kingdom would indeed be overthrown by another which was less glorious than Babylon, **as silver is inferior to gold**. We see the fulfilment of this prophetic word in **Daniel 5:30-31.**





- Medo-Persian Empire-Arms & Chest of Silver
- Ruled from **539BC-331 BC**
- Immediately after the fall of the Kingdom of Babylon came the establishment of the Medes & the Persians. Two kingdom states, which united to form one Empire, with the Persians being the more dominant.
- On October 13, 539 BC, the Babylonian Empire came to its end.
- "That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old." Daniel 5:30-31 (2 Chron. 36:20)



Daniel 2: Interpretation

- Greek Empire-Belly & Thighs of Bronze
- Ruled from **331BC-168 BC**
- A new superpower ruled the then known world, but like the golden kingdom of Babylon that preceded it, the silver kingdom of the Medes and Persians, would not last forever.
- The brilliant young, Greek general, Alexander the Great, defeated Darius III at the battle of Arbela in 331 BC. At 23 years old, Alexander became ruler over the most extensive empire the world had known at that time.
- Daniel 8:2-8, 19-21





 What great empire came next to overthrow the Greeks? What nation would then rule during the life of Christ?

- Roman Empire-Legs of Iron
- Ruled from 168BC-476AD (Western)
- On **June 22, 168 BC**, at the battle of Pydna, the empire that Alexander the Great founded perished, 155 years after he died. The Roman Empire succeeded the Greeks, thus becoming the fourth World Empire as prophesied by Daniel. Rome was a ruthless nation that ruled with "great iron teeth."





- Her Caesars (Emperors) were worshipped as gods and demanded reverence and obedience from her subjects. Rome ruled the longest of the Empires seen in the king's dream and had the furthest dominion of the previous empires before it; but it too met its end, though not at the hands of a more powerful kingdom.
- Rome eventually broke up into smaller independent fragments in the West, while its Eastern portion continued for a few more centuries.
- Just as God had spoken through Daniel, no other world-wide empire, <u>directly affecting God's people</u>, succeeded Rome.
- This Empire ruled in the days of Christ's earthly ministry. Luke
 2:1; Luke 3:1; John 19:19-20





 "Hundreds of years before certain nations came upon the stage of action, the Omniscient One looked down the ages and predicted the rise and fall of the universal kingdoms. God declared to Nebuchadnezzar that the kingdom of Babylon should fall, and a second kingdom would arise, which also would have its period of trial. Failing to exalt the true God, its glory would fade, and a third kingdom would occupy its place. This also would pass away; and a fourth, strong as iron, would subdue the nations of the world." Prophet & Kings 501.1

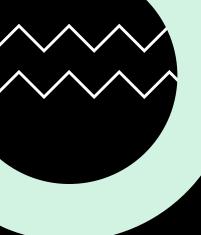


Daniel 2: Interpretation

"In the history of nations the student of God's word may behold the literal fulfillment of divine prophecy. Babylon, shattered and broken at last, passed away because in prosperity its rulers had regarded themselves as independent of God, and had ascribed the glory of their kingdom to human achievement. The Medo-Persian realm was visited by the wrath of Heaven because in it God's law had been trampled underfoot. The fear of the Lord had found no place in the hearts of the vast majority of the people. Wickedness, blasphemy, and corruption prevailed. The kingdoms that followed were even more base and corrupt; and these sank lower and still lower in the scale of moral worth."

• Ibid pg. 501.3

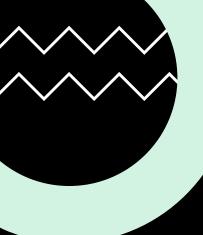




Daniel 2: Interpretation

- The Ten Toes-Iron Mixed with Clay
- These 10 toes are partly of iron and partly of miry clay, Daniel 2:41.
- Scripture shows that they will possess some elements of the Roman Power within them, however, they will be mixed with another element and that is clay, *miry or dirty clay*, KJV.
- "And 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." Daniel 2:41
- After the dissolution of the Roman Empire in Western Europe, it was divided into <u>10 different nations</u>. History has not seen another <u>global world power</u> since Romans;
- There have been many attempts to reunify a confederate Modern Roman Empire, but none have proved successful.

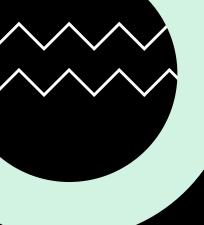




Daniel 2: Ten Toes

- Alemmani (modern Germany)
- Franks (modern France)
- Saxons (modern England)
- Visigoths (modern Spain)
- Burgundians (modern Switzerland)
- Lombards (modern Italy)
- Suevi (modern Portugal)
- Heruli (extinct)
- Vandals (extinct)
- Ostrogoths (extinct)

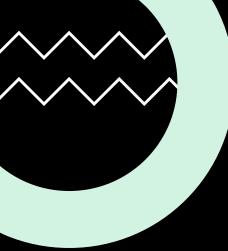




Daniel 2: Ten Toes

- These nations of Europe have tried to reunify themselves for generations since Rome fell but all attempts have failed.
- The Papacy, Charlemagne, King Louis XIV, Napoleon, Adolf Hitler, Kaiser Wilhelm, The European Union – all have tried and failed. <u>Why?</u>
- "And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And 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." verse 42-43

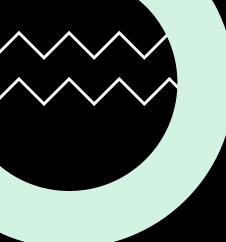




Daniel 2: The Clay?

- Clay in Scripture is used to represent:
- GOD'S PEOPLE/ THE CHURCH- Jeremiah 18:5-6; Job 33:6; Isaiah 64:8
- Note then that after the Roman Empire, the 10 divisions would be mixed with or have political affiliations with some sort of Christian entity, denoted by the clay.
- This Christian entity would be an **apostate one** as it is described as 'miry' or 'dirty', i.e., **not pure**; **apostate**.
- It is therefore in a sense a unification of the state power and the church, a church in apostasy.





Daniel 2: The Clay?

- Now history shows us that yes, the nations of Europe during the days after the fall of Rome, united with the Catholic Church for more than 1000 years; the prophecy however runs until the 2nd Coming of Christ.
- In the days of the rule of the Papacy (**538-1798**), there was a union of the apostate Church uniting itself with the secular nations of Western Europe; this unison, as we will see from the **Book of Revelation**, will again arise at the end of time.
- Revelation 17:1-3; 12-13
- The ten toes primarily represent the 10 literal nations mentioned earlier, but at the end of time these toes have a secondary fulfilment. **Ecclesiastes 1:9**
- **Prophecy always repeats itself**. What was in the past, repeats itself in future events. God never changes.



Daniel 2: 10 Toes/Horns

• 10 in Scripture can represent **something in its entirety**.

• 10 Commandments- Law of God

• **10** Virgins- Christian Church at the end of time

• **10** Silver Coins- all of humanity (Luke 15:8-10)

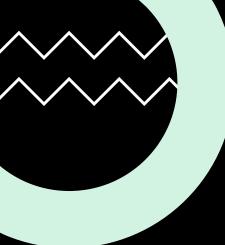
Likewise, the 10 Kings, show us a <u>global confederation</u> of <u>all</u> the nations of the world uniting with the apostate woman (harlot), to make war with God's people, a "United Nations" as it were. Revelation 17:1-3; 12-14

• A repetition of what we see in Daniel 2, but on a global scale.

• As it was in times past, Church and State shall again unite together just before the 2nd Coming of Christ. This point will becoming clearer as we proceed throughout the series.

• The **Harlot** shall ride **the beast**.

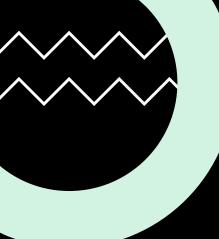




Daniel 2: The Stone

- "...that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands." Daniel 2:45
- This Stone, is the Chief Corner Stone, Jesus Christ Himself. 1
 Peter 2:4,6-8; Luke 20:17-18; Luke 18:2; Psalm 18:31
- "and **the stone** that smote the image became <u>a great</u> mountain and filled the whole earth." Daniel 2:35
- Mountain- God's Kingdom, New Jerusalem-Micah 4:1-2;
 Isaiah 2:2

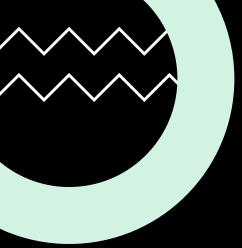




Daniel 2: The Stone

- "And 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.... the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."
 Daniel 2:44-45
- It is in the days of this global confederation of **Church and State (IRON & CLAY)**, the kings of the earth, that Christ shall come and destroy the wicked of this world and save His elect. All the kingdoms & governments of this world shall perish & <u>Christ and His Kingdom shall reign supreme</u>. **God's word is sure**.





Daniel 2: Closing

It is a kingdom given unto Jesus Christ, the Son of man, when He leaves **the mediatorial seat**, gives up the redeemed church to God the Father, and the mediatorship becomes subject to God. Christ having performed all the work which the Father gave Him to do as Mediator, **the mediatorial kingdom**, or **kingdom of** grace, is given up, and the kingdom of God set up, and Christ now sits on the throne of his father David, having put down all enemies, and all authority and power, against his rightful reign on earth, having dashed the kingdoms to pieces like a potter's vessel, burned up the wicked, cleansed the earth, and raised the saints. Then the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our LORD and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever. Then Jesus will be God blessed forevermore; and his kingdom will fill the whole earth, and His tabernacle will be with men, and he will dwell with them, and be their God, and they shall be his people. Revelation 21:1-3

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