

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD ~~IS COMING~~ HAS COME DANIEL: CHAPTER 2

### Chapter Summary: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream and Daniel's Interpretation of It

1	The dream of Nebuchadnezzar.
2-13	The king charges his wise men to interpret the dream. The wise men are unable to do so. He issues a decree to have them all put to death.
14-24	God reveals the dream and the interpretation of it to Daniel.
25-30	Daniel is brought before the king to interpret his dream.
31-35	Daniel reveals the dream.
36-45	Daniel gives the interpretation of the dream.
46-49	The king's response to the words of Daniel: He recognizes the LORD as God and appoints Daniel to be a ruler.

The Four Kingdoms are: **Babylon** (gold) 609 BC to 539 BC; then **Persia** (silver) 539 BC to 331 BC; then **Greece** (bronze) 331 BC to 168 BC; then **Rome** (iron) 168 BC to AD 70 (and AD 476). **The Feet and Ten Toes are a Mixture of Iron and Clay:** This represents the combination of Roman rule and apostate Israel rule in Palestine—36 BC to the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70. (Read John 19:14-15 for the mixture of Roman and Hebrew rule).

#### The Four Kingdoms:

1. Each successive kingdom is inferior in that each moves away from acknowledging the true God (see Daniel 4:37) – Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Alexander, Caesar.
2. Each successive kingdom is superior in that it gains more power and strength in terms of utility (gold, silver, bronze, iron).
3. The ten toes of the first century Roman Empire represent the actual ten imperial provinces of Rome (Italy, Achaia, Asia, Syria, Egypt, Africa, Spain, Gaul, Britain, Germany).
4. The statue represents a complete unit of time and there is no separation of the feet from the legs (particularly a 2,000 year period of time).

#### The Stone: Represents Jesus Christ and His Kingdom

1. It is common; accessible to everyone, as is the kingdom.
2. "Cut without hands" is a reference to the Old Covenant altar stone which typifies Christ (see Ex. 20:25; Deut. 27:5; Joshua 8:31).
3. The kingdom of the Rock of Ages is not of this world, but it conquers every worldly kingdom of men (John 18:36; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 21:42; Matt. 21:43-44; Rom. 9:32-33).
4. The kingdom of heaven (New Covenant) reverses the curse of Babel – "many languages". At Pentecost everyone understood in "his own language" (Acts 2:4-5).
5. The characteristics of the eternal kingdom are completely opposite of the characteristics of earthly kingdoms (love, service, generosity rather than power, control, selfishness).

## The Image of Daniel Chapter 2

### The Image: Daniel 2:31-33

"NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD DREAMS ... THE SECRET WAS REVEALED TO DANIEL ... [GOD] MADE KNOWN WHAT WILL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS."  
(Daniel 2:1,19,28)



**The head of gold =**  
Babylon  
(verses 36-38)

**Chest/arms of silver =**  
Persia  
(verse 32; Daniel 5:30-31)

**Belly of bronze =**  
Greece  
(Daniel 2:39; 8:21-22)

**Legs of iron =**  
Rome  
(Daniel 2:40)

**Feet and toes of iron/clay =**  
Rome/apostate Israel  
(Daniel 2:41-43)

**The Rock**  
destroys the Image:  
Daniel 2:34-35

**The Rock = Jesus**  
(Matthew 21:42-44)

**The mountain fills the earth =**  
The Kingdom of God  
(Daniel 2:44; Micah 4:1)