

PREPARING THE WAY
Failure of the Kingdoms of Men
Daniel 2:31-45

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“Thus the power of the heathen world, which was Satan’s visible kingdom, was raised to its greatest height. ... Now the heathen world was in its greatest glory for strength, wealth, and learning.” - Jonathan Edwards

**1. The great statue Nebuchadnezzar saw, depicts _____ dream of a glorious empire—
apart from God.**

**2. Man’s dream of paradise apart from God is destined
by God to _____.**

- a. God used _____ to judge Israel, and then destroyed them for their proud and sinful ways.
- b. God used _____ to destroy Babylon and to free Israel to return to their land, but He then destroyed Persia and its emphasis on the nation and its king as god.
- c. God used the _____ to quickly destroy Persia, but the Lord then destroyed the Greeks as they cruelly persecuted the Jews and profaned their worship.
- d. God used the _____ to destroy the Greeks. It was the strongest and most enduring of the four empires, though it too would ultimately fail.

e. Through the rise and fall of these world empires the Lord preserved and prepared _____ for the coming of the promised Christ.

**3. The failure of the kingdoms of men prepare the way
for the clearly superior kingdom of Christ.**

- a. It is by the person and work of _____ that took place during the Roman empire, that the kingdom of Christ was established.
- b. In contrast to the kingdoms of men, the kingdom of Christ will never be _____.
- c. In contrast to the kingdom of men, the kingdom of Christ will overcome all opposing kingdoms and gradually _____ until it fills the earth.
 - 1) The growth of the kingdom of Christ is gradual yet _____.
 - 2) The kingdom of Christ is a _____ kingdom through the power of the gospel.