

Evening Sermon Outline – August 11, 2019
“Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream” Daniel 2

- I. *God is able to get our / king’s attention – Daniel 2:1-13*
- II. *God will use His people as He answers prayer, even when others fail – Daniel 2:14-30*
- III. *God will accomplish His will on earth – Daniel 2:31-45*
 1. *The head of fine gold is representative of Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian empire – (612 – 539 BC)*

³¹ “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. ³² This image’s head was of fine gold, Daniel 2:31-32 A

³⁶ “This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ³⁷ You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; ³⁸ 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. Daniel 2:36-38
 2. *The chest and arms of the statue were silver, representing the Medo-Persian empire – (539 – 331 BC) Daniel was under King Darius ... Esther would be Queen with Ahasuerus*

³² ... its chest and arms of silver, Daniel 2:32 B

³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; Daniel 2:39 A

3. *The belly and thighs of bronze are representative of the Greek empire under Alexander the Great – (331 – 63 BC)*

³² ... its belly and thighs of bronze, Daniel 2:32 C

³⁹ ... then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. Daniel 2:39 B

4. *Legs of Iron & feet, partly iron, partly clay, these represent the Roman Empire (63 BC – 476 AD) plus - End times government ruled by the Anti-christ ...*

³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. Daniel 2:33

⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. Daniel 2:40-43

Note there is a deterioration of these kingdoms starting with gold and devolving to a clay / iron mixture ... probably picturing moral decline / and or a decline in glory –

However long these empires last their glory is fleeting –

²⁴ because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 1 Peter 1:24

5. *The Stone which struck and destroyed the statue, which eventually grew and become a Great Mountain is representative of Christ and the Kingdom of God -*

³⁴ 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. 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. Daniel 2:34-35

⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” Daniel 2:44-45

A. *The stone is Christ*

- *Cut without hands refers to His Supernatural origin*
- *Starts humble, Luke 2, a Babe in a manger*
- *Finally wins –*

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS Revelation 19:11-16

B. *The statue is man’s kingdoms*

- *Temporary*
- *Start glorious, end in nothing*

“Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I myself have founded empires; but upon what do these creations of our genius depend? Upon force.

Jesus alone founded His empire upon love; and to this very day millions would die for Him” Napoleon Bonaparte

The Image of Daniel Chapter 2

*“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 Image: Daniel 2:31-33

The head of gold =
Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon
(verses 36-38)

Chest and arms of silver = Medo-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 = Strong and weak governments of the Endtime
(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)

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