

DANIEL

HIS ENTIRE
PROPHECY

CHAPTER TWO



The
FBI CLASS

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Nebuchadnezzar was a new king, in a nearly-new empire.

His father, Nabopolassar, was the first king of the new Neo-Babylonian Empire.

Nabopolassar had defeated Pharaoh Necco with his Egyptian/Assyrian armies, then destroyed Nineveh.

Nineveh was the capital of the old Assyrian Empire.

Nineveh was the city that God sent Jonah to.

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams...

He couldn't sleep.

These were not ordinary dreams!

What was different about this dream?

- Did God make sure Nebuchadnezzar knew it was from a supernatural source?
- Did it take the form of a nightmare?
 - Was it simply overwhelming?

We DO know he couldn't let it go.

What do you do when you're the king of a huge empire, and you can't figure out what your dream meant?

You call in the experts!

2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

**Nebuchadnezzar took no chances...
He called in everyone who could help him.**

**MAGICIANS
ASTROLOGERS
SORCERERS
CHALDEANS**

Oracles were popular with kings at this time.

Remember the magicians who served Pharaoh



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**“Syriack” in the
KJV is
ARAMAIC**

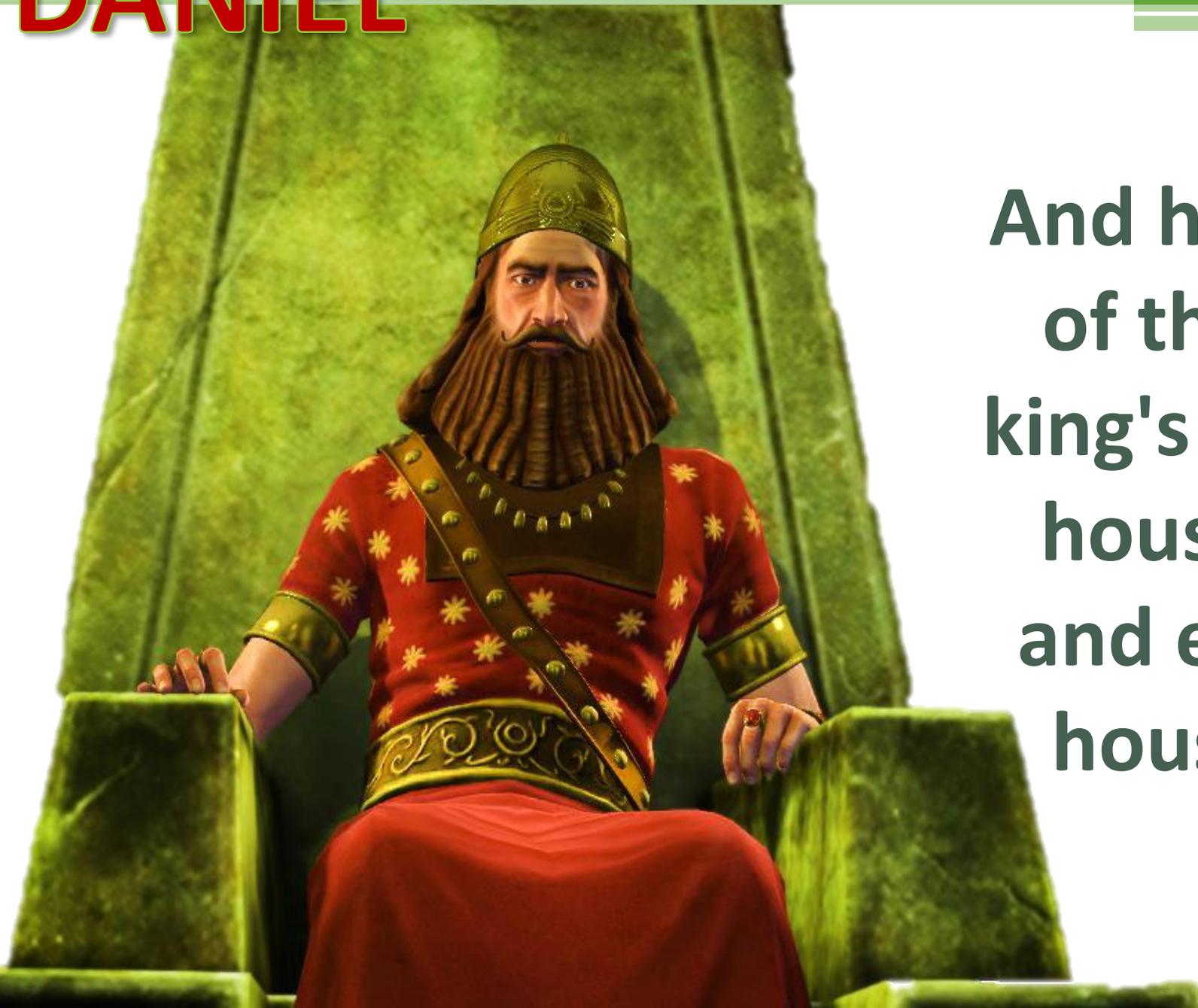
“EASY! Tell us the dream, and we’ll interpret it for you. This is what we do best!”







2 Kings 25:7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.



2 Kings 25:9

**And he burnt the house
of the LORD, and the
king's house, and all the
houses of Jerusalem,
and every great man's
house burnt he with
fire.**

THE “WISE MEN”
WERE PLAINLY STUPID.

THEY INFERRED THAT
NO GOOD KING
WOULD ASK FOR THIS.

**“WE AREN’T INCOMPETENT...
YOU’RE UNREASONABLE!”**

12 For this cause the king **was angry and very furious**, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

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**THE “WISE MEN”
did get one thing right:**

“.. it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

**THEY DID NOT KNOW “IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US.”
(Matthew 1:23)**

ARIOCH is the executioner.

**He begins his grisly business of killing
all the “wise men” of Babylon.**

He arrives at Daniel’s home...

14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

It's obvious that Daniel was caught by surprise.

This is all happening very quickly.

HASTY?

URGENT?

HARSH?

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17-18 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A POSITION WHERE,
IF GOD DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR PRAYER,
YOU WOULD DIE?**

THIS WAS DANIEL'S PREDICAMENT.

Psalms 70:1,5

Make haste, O LORD, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O LORD.

... But I am afflicted and needy:
make haste to help me, O God:
thou art my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not tarrying.

YOU

DID

IT!

Psalm 70:1,5

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O LORD.

... But I am poor and needy:
make haste unto me, O God:
thou art my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, make no tarrying.

Daniel 2:19-23

19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

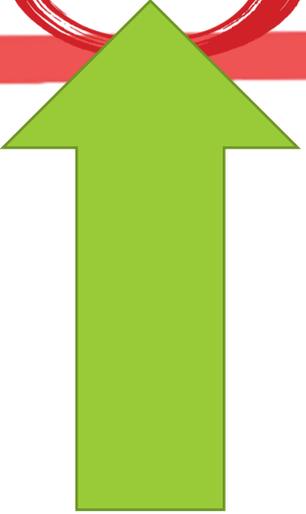
Daniel 2:19-23

21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Daniel 2:19-23

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast **now** made known unto us the king's matter.



24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man, one of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

OBVIOUS QUESTIONS!

1. Why did Arioch say, “I have found a man...?”
2. How did Arioch know Daniel would “.. make known unto the king the interpretation?”

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

Nebuchadnezzar didn't fool around.

“Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?”



27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

Daniel took credit for NOTHING.

**Instead, he used his time
with Nebuchadnezzar to glorify God.**



**“Your wise men
can’t do it.”**



**“Your
astrologers
can’t do it!”**



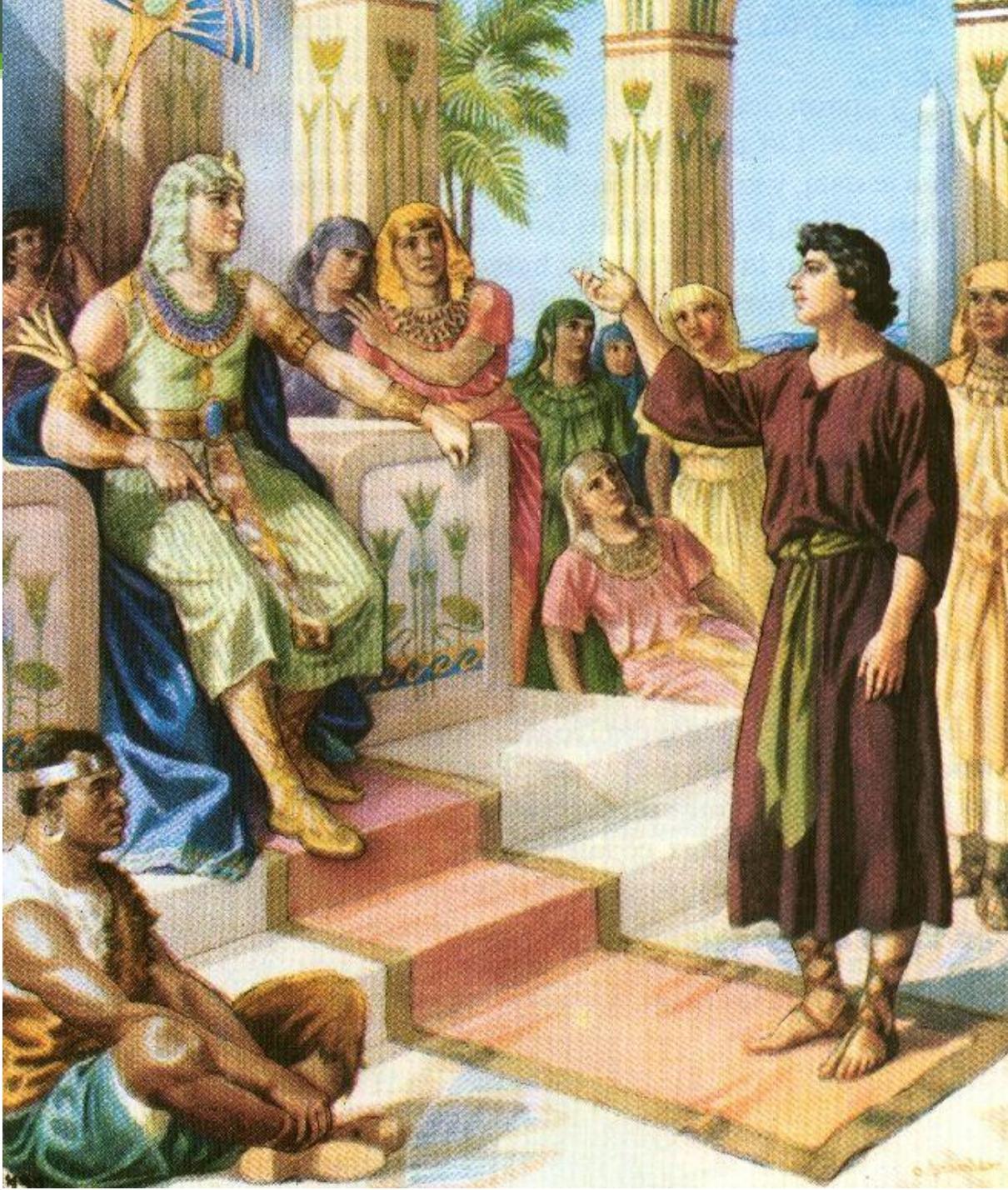
**“Your
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“Your fortune tellers can’t do it!”

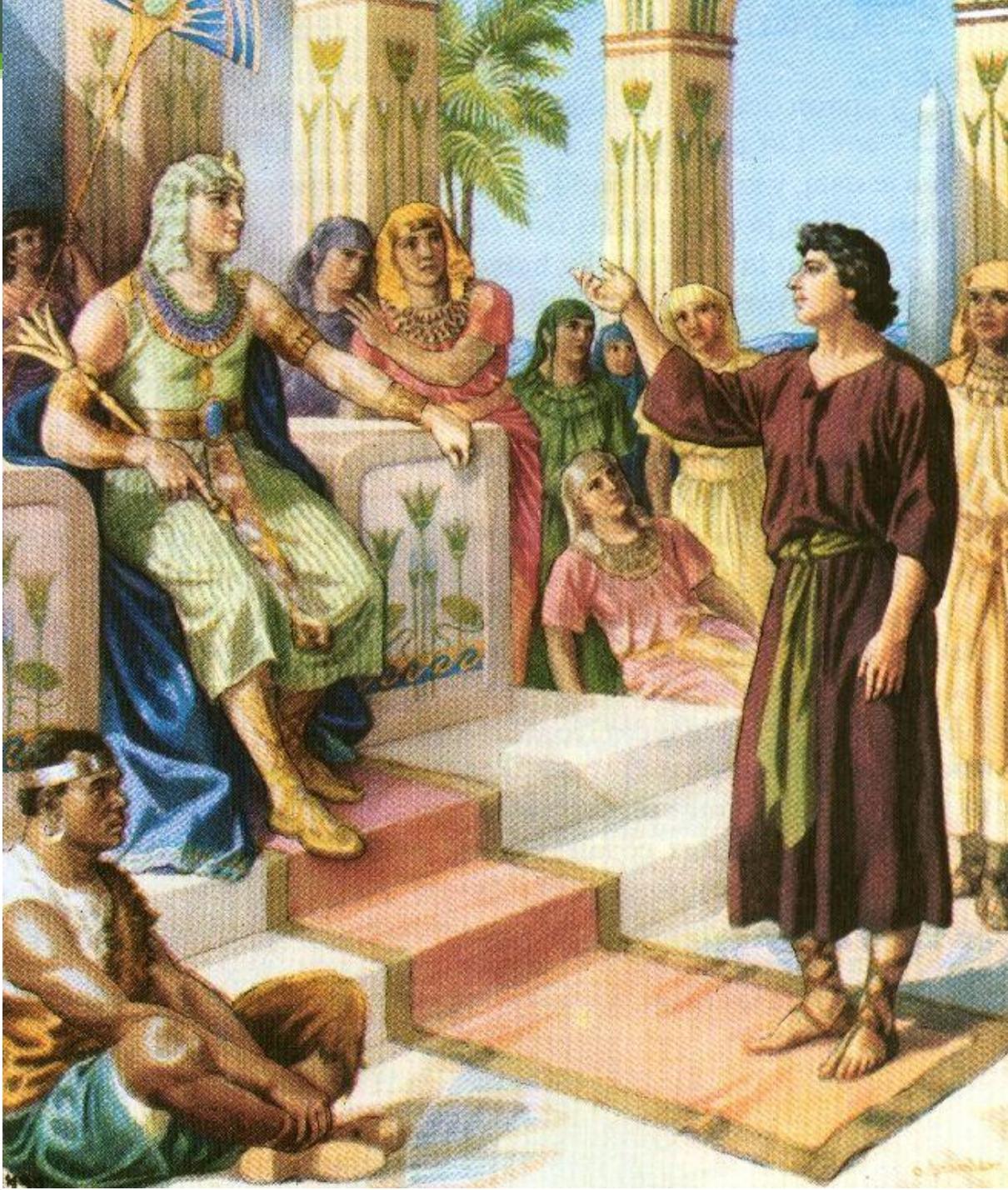


“But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.”



Genesis 41:15-16

“And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.



“And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”

Daniel starts by not only revealing the dream –
he tells Nebuchadnezzar what he was thinking
BEFORE he had the dream!

29 “As for thee, O king, **thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed**, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.”

That is our God!

Psalm 139:2-3

**“Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
thou understandest my thought afar off.
Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and
art acquainted with all my ways.”**

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and **that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.**

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST TO OTHERS

Evidently, Daniel did a pretty good job pointing Nebuchadnezzar to God.

Later on, Nebuchadnezzar writes his testimony in the fourth chapter of Daniel. He will say,



**“Now I
Nebuchadnezzar praise
and extol and honour
the King of heaven, all
whose works are truth,
and his ways judgment:
and those that walk in
pride he is able to
abase.”**

THE FIRST METALIC VISION



Daniel 2:31-33

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel 2:31-34

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was **terrible**.

ABSOLUTELY

AWESOME



32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.



34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.



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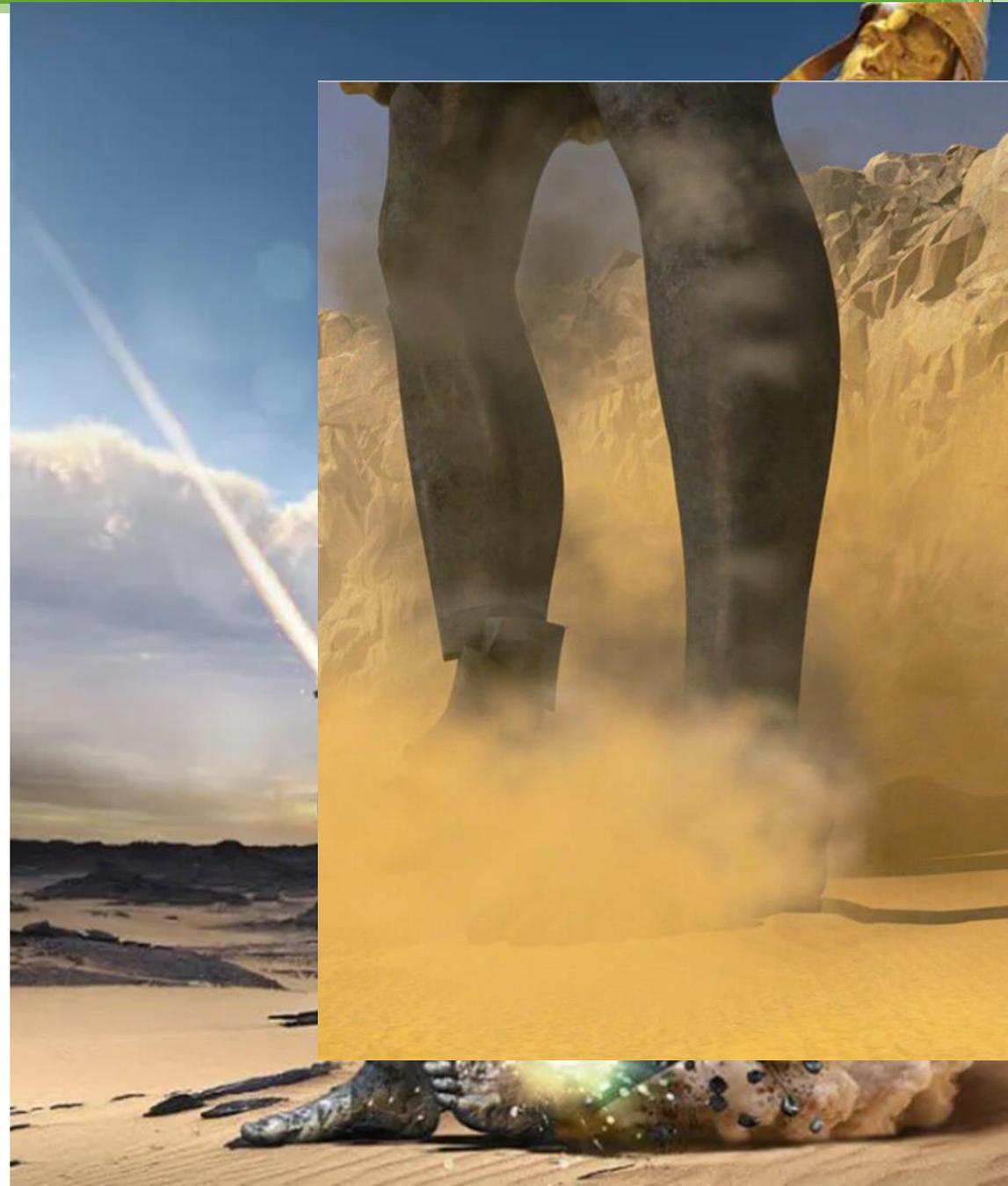
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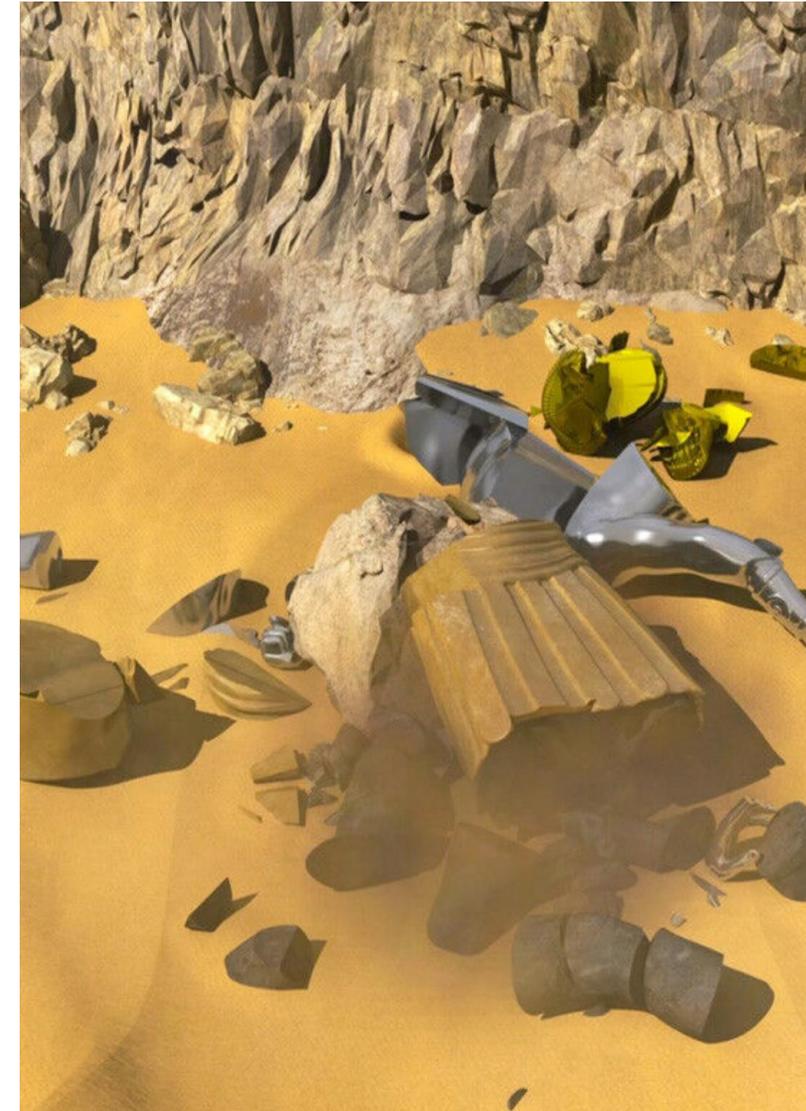
34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.



35a Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: ...



35b ... and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.



HERE'S WHAT WE SHOULD NOTICE:

The stone that Nebuchadnezzar watched being cut out was without hands.

We will see in verse 44 that this means that this rock is not of human origin, but rather it is from God and distinct from the other elements in this dream.



HERE'S WHAT WE SHOULD NOTICE:

The stone strikes the statue
on its feet, not its toes.



HERE'S WHAT WE SHOULD NOTICE:

The stone starts small,
then BECAME a great mountain
that filled the whole earth.



36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

**PHASE ONE COMPLETE.
PHASE TWO BEGINS!**



37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.



37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for **the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom,**

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**Daniel speaks of God's sovereignty.
God gave him his kingdom.
This is part of Daniel's witness, not
part of the interpretation.**



38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.



**A precedent is set here.
All the following empires will
have similar properties.**

**They must rule the
Mediterranean world.**



**A precedent is set here.
All the following empires will
have similar properties.**

**They must rule Israel's
territories.**



“Thou art this head of gold.”

**Sometimes “kings” and
“kingdoms” are used
interchangeably.**

Watch and see!



39a And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee...

(See how “king” and “kingdom” are synonymous?)



History is plain about what came next.

It was the Medo-Persian Empire.

Cyrus the Great was its most important leader.

208 years

539-331 BC



**Daniel was an old man
when Babylon was
conquered by Cyrus the
Great.**

**We'll see it happen in
Daniel, Chapter 5.**



Interesting factoid!

Cyrus the Great is the ruler that allowed the exiled Jews to return to Israel.



39b . . . and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.



We know for sure that this represents the kingdom of Greece.

Alexander the great conquered the entire known world, including the Medo-Persian Empire.



History declares it.

BUT!

Daniel Chapter Eight even
names the kingdom to be
Greece.



Daniel 8:20-21

20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of **Media and Persia**.

21 And the rough goat is the king of **Grecia**: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.



40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.



Without a doubt.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE.



When Daniel wrote this,
Rome was no more than an
insignificant village in Italy.

That makes this an amazing
prophecy.



**Bible critics refuse to
acknowledge this as Rome.**

Why?

**Because it PROVES the
accuracy of
Predictive Bible Prophecy.**





Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Image

NOW WE GET TO
A PLACE WHERE MANY
CONSERVATIVE BIBLE
SCHOLARS DISAGREE.

THE FEED AND THE TOES.



41 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.

42 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.

43 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.

FIRST, THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

1. THE FEET AND TOES ARE
PROBABLY PART OF THE ROMAN
EMPIRE.



FIRST, THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

2. ALTHOUGH IRON AND CLAY ARE
DIFFERENT, THEY ARE STILL PART OF
THE LEGS OF IRON.



FIRST, THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

3. THEY LIKELY REPRESENT A LATER
VERSION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.



HERE ARE THE THREE MAIN TAKES BIBLE STUDENTS HAVE ON THE FEET:

1. The feet and toes represent the final period of the Roman Empire. It is divided, weak, trying to hold itself together but failing.



HERE ARE THE THREE MAIN TAKES BIBLE STUDENTS HAVE ON THE FEET:

2. The feet and toes represent the final kingdom of the Antichrist in the last days. There are many variations of both of these views.



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3. The feet and toes represent a nephilim hybrid kingdom in the last days.

We will talk about that a little later.



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The part we have to figure out is
“mingle themselves with the seed of men.”

This is the same verse in the ESV:

“As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will **mix with one another in marriage**, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.”

Could it be referring to
arranged political marriages?

Consider the use of the same Hebrew word here,
where the meaning was clearly intermarriage:

Psalm 106:34-35

34 They did not destroy the peoples, as the
LORD commanded them,

35 but **they mixed with the nations** and learned
to do as they did.

**The meaning of “mingle” generates
lots of speculation.**

**That’s okay, because it’s as we think through
these prophetic lines, that God’s Holy Spirit is
able to teach us.**

This also highlights an error that many fall into.
Definitely an error that we want to avoid.

Here are two opposing words:

Exegesis

Eisegesis

Exegesis

This is the way to study the Scripture.

We **EX**tract from the text the original meaning.

“John bought the greatest car ever.”



Eisegeisis

This is NOT the way to study the Scripture.
We **IN**sert our preferred meaning into the text.

“John bought the greatest car ever.”

“John bought a 1961 Corvette.”



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“And he caused
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great, rich
mark in
heads:”



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Genesis

13:16

“And I will make a mark on their foreheads, and they shall not be destroyed when I visit the earth.”



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“And he caused all the earth to worship him, and great, rich and poor, free and slave, and all who dwell on earth, to receive a mark in their right hand or on their foreheads:”



Eisegeisis

Revelation 13:16

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to **receive a mark** in their right hand, or in their foreheads:”

“And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” Revelation 7:4

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“The 144,000 will be Jewish Evangelists, who will preach the Kingdom of Heaven around the world during the tribulation.”

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease . . .” Daniel 9:27

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Did it say,

“Antichrist will establish
a peace treaty with Israel.”

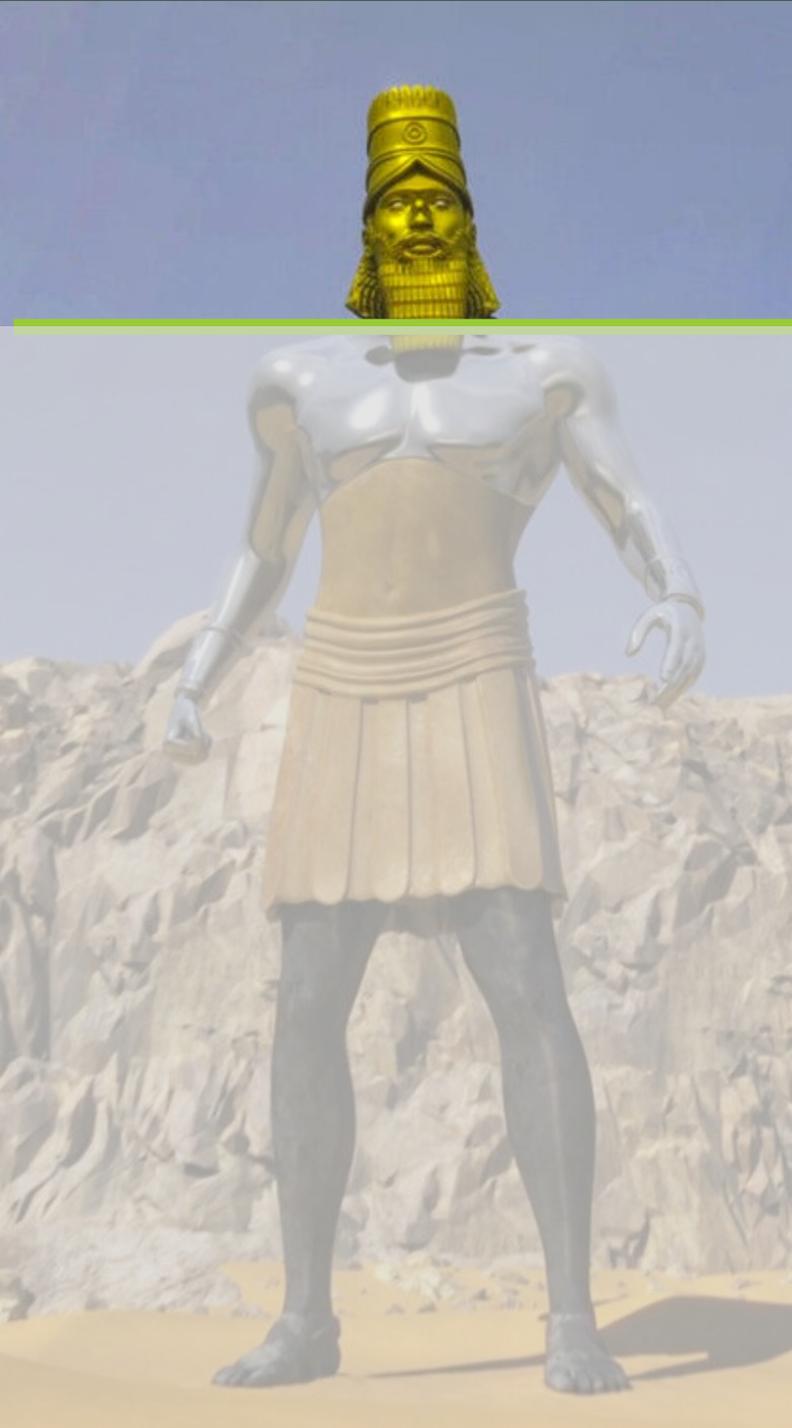
Eisegeisis

The next time you're
tempted to read
something into the
Scripture that it
doesn't say...





**How many divisions
are there in
Nebuchadnezzar's
image?**



Head of Gold

**“Thou are this
head of gold.”**

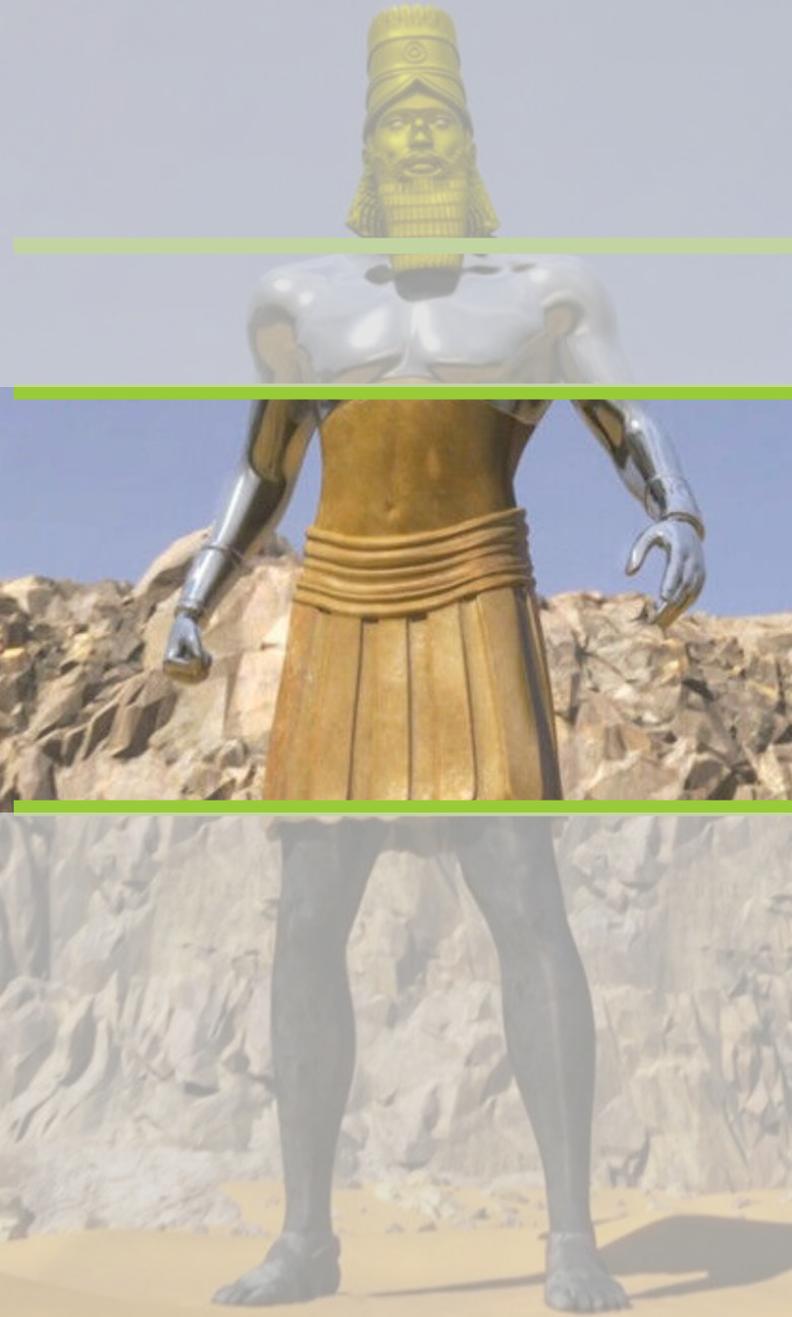
**This is
Nebuchadnezzar’s
Babylonian Empire**



Head of Gold Chest of Silver

The
Medo-Persian
Empire.

Cyrus conquered
Babylonia.



**Head of Gold
Chest of Silver**

Torso of Brass

**This is the
Grecian Empire,
under the
leadership of
Alexander the
Great.**



**Head of Gold
Chest of Silver**

Torso of Brass

Legs of Iron

ROME

**Strong as iron, the
empire that breaks
its enemies into
pieces.**

**It divides into the
Eastern and
Western Empires.**



**Head of Gold
Chest of Silver**

**The final stage of
mankind's
empires.**

Torso of Brass

**This is the empire
of Antichrist.**

Legs of Iron

Feet of Iron and Clay

The Final Empire

Let's review what we know so far:

- 1. Mixed iron and clay. Partly strong, partly weak.**
- 2. Built from the vestiges of the Roman Empire.**
- 3. It will be destroyed (along with all the rest) by a kingdom set up by the God of heaven.**

Daniel 2:42, 43, 44

The Kingdom of the God of Heaven

**This “Kingdom of God” is something
we must know more about.**

What do we know?

The “Kingdom set up by God”

- 1. It is set up by the God of Heaven.**
- 2. It will never be destroyed, and stand forever.**
- 3. It will not be ruled by other people.**
- 4. It will break in pieces all other kingdoms.**

To Nebuchadnezzar, the message is plain:

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

To M...ain:

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known to the king what
shall come to pass
hereafter!



Nebuchadnezzar's response is nothing less than truly amazing.

“Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.”

A FASCINATING PARALLEL

The historian Josephus records how Alexander the Great bowed before the high priest of the Jews.



A FASCINATING PARALLEL

When Parmenion, one of his generals, asked him why, when ordinarily all men would prostrate themselves before Alexander the Great, he had prostrated himself before the high priest of the Jews, Alexander replied, “It was not before him that I prostrated myself, but the God of whom he has the honor to be high priest.”

**Do you think Nebuchadnezzar
actually worshiped Daniel?**

**I think he probably regarded Daniel as a PRIEST of
the High God, and worshiped him in that sense.**

See what he does next . . .

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

**REMEMBER THE FRIENDS AND PEOPLE
THAT HELPED YOU.**

**49 Then Daniel requested of the king,
and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego, over the affairs of the
province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the
gate of the king.**