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Daniel's Prophecies

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)

In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, which was B.C. 602, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams. The king commanded all the magicians and the astrologers to tell him his dreams and interpret them, but no one was able to know his dream. All the magicians and astrologers were in danger of death. At this time, Daniel had revelation from God, so he told and interpreted the king's dream. Daniel proved the fact that God was He who governed and reigned over the world's history.

"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... And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." (Daniel, 2:31-35)

First, the head of gold represents the Kingdom of Babylon, explaining that its power was so great to rule over the whole world. This Kingdom of Babylon is the beast that is like a lion, which is in Daniel chapter 7. This represents how Babylon had power like a lion.

The chest and arms of silver represents the Kingdom of Mede and Persia; it is described as a bear that is raised up on one side, having three ribs in its mouth and devouring much flesh in chapter 7. One raised up side coincides with the description of the ram that is in chapter 8 that had two horns, one that came up last being higher (longer) than the other. Persia, which is represented by the higher horn, came up

later than Mede, which is represented by the shorter horn; but at last, Persia obtained the actual reign of the Kingdom. Historically, Mede, Persian Kingdom had the biggest territory out of the four kingdoms, fulfilling the word, "Arise, and devour much flesh!"

The belly and thighs of bronze represents the Kingdom of Greece, which defeated Persia and governed over the whole world. In chapter 7, it is described as a beast like a leopard, meaning how it would be as swift as a leopard, conquering the whole world. In actuality, Alexander the Great established a worldwide kingdom only in thirteen years, from B.C.336 to B.C.323.

The legs of iron represent Roman Empire. In chapter 7, this fourth nation is described as a "dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong beast," having "huge iron teeth, devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet." In history, Roman Empire was stronger than the four previous nations and with its destructive power, it conquered the world, killed many people, and cruelly trampled upon them.

The feet partly of iron and partly of clay represent how many strong and weak nations will come forth after the division of Roman Empire. Moreover, the "ten toes" of the image coincides with the "ten horns" of Daniel chapter 7 and Revelation chapter 13, representing how this Rome will have an unprecedented power. In this vision, among the ten horns, a little horn came up, with eyes like the eyes of human and a mouth speaking pompous words. This represents how the antichrist will come up in the resurrected Roman Empire, speaking blasphemous words against God, and rule over the whole world with strong power.

Lastly, "a stone was cut out without hands," struck the image on its feet partly of iron and partly of clay, broke them in pieces, and crushed the whole image. Then 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. This represents how Jesus, the living stone, will come in the future, break into pieces the antichrist and the world that will go against God like earthen vessels, and establish the kingdom of God that will never perish and will never lose its power to another nation.

"Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." (Daniel 7:27)

Fellowship



01. Let's match the related words together.

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| Ram | • | Greece | • one side raise up |
| Leopard | • | Babylon | • exceedingly dreadful and strong |
| Lion | • | Mede and Persia | • govern over the birds of the air |
| Bear | • | Roman Empire | • one horn higher than the other |
| Male goat | • | | • without touching the ground |
| Dreadful and terrible beast | • | | • fast in hunting for food |



02. Search for four or more verses about Alexander the Great in the Book Daniel and search in the world history record what happened to the Kingdom of Greece after he died.



03. Contrast the life of many great kings and emperors who reigned over the world with that of Jesus, who was born as a son of a poor carpenter and died on the cross and discuss about who your true king and lord is.

Memory Verse(s)

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. (Dan. 2:44)



{ Looking back }

Parent	Teacher

Today's prayer

Thankfulness/Repentance
/Earnest request

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Sunday sermon



Wednesday

Wednesday sermon