



# The Kingdom of God

## The Image of Daniel 2

Part 1

# **The events leading up to v.25.**

**v.1)** Nebuchadnezzar has a dream.

**v.2-3)** Nebuchadnezzar summons all the Magicians, Astrologers, Sorcerers and Chaldeans (wise men).

**v.4)** Nebuchanezzar says to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream."

**v.5)** Nebuchadnezzar refuses to tell them the dream but demands that they tell him his dream along with the interpretation or they and their family will be destroyed.

**v.6)** He promises that the one that can tell him his dream and gives its interpretation will be greatly rewarded.

**v.7-9)** The Chaldeans ask Nebuchadnezzar for the dream so they can interpret it but he remains firm.

**v.10-11)** The Chaldeans say, “There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has *ever* asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

**v.12-13)** Nebuchadnezzar becomes angry and orders the death of all the wise men of Babylon.

**v.14-18)** Daniel asks for some time to focus on the king's demands. Daniel and his 3 companions (Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah) take it to prayer.



**v.19)** Daniel receives the answer from God.  
Daniel is shown the dream and given its interpretation.

**v.20-23)** Daniel and his companions Praise God for His goodness.

**v.24)** Daniel asks Arioch to set an appointment so he can speak to the king.

## Daniel 2:25-49

25 Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?"



## **Daniel 2:25-49** (continued)

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.

28 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. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:

## **Daniel 2:25-49** (continued)

29 As for you, O king, thoughts came *to your mind while* on your bed, *about* what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.

30 But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

## **Daniel 2:25-49** (continued)

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, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

## **Daniel 2:25-49** (continued)

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.

36 "This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

## **Daniel 2:25-49** (continued)

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.

***The 1<sup>st</sup> Kingdom***= King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire (as the Head of Gold). Nebuchadnezzar reigned from 605BC to 562BC. This is the era when this story begins.

## **Daniel 2:25-49** (continued)

39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

***The 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingdom***= The Medeo-Persian Empire (the Chest and Arms of Silver). These rose during the time of Daniel and are spoken of in the book of Daniel.

- ***King Darius***= Medes
- ***King Cyrus***= Persian



***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingdom***= The Greek Empire (Belly and Thighs of Bronze).

## **Daniel 2:25-49** (continued)

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.

***The 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom***= The Roman Empire. This empire was described as Iron because of its military strength and cruelty.

## **Daniel 2:25-49 (continued)**

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.

# ***The 10 Provinces under Caesar Augustus:***

- 1. Achaëa (27BC)*
- 2. Hispania Tarraconensis (27BC)*
- 3. Galatia (27BC)*
- 4. Gaul (22BC)*
- 5. Raetia (15BC)*
- 6. Alpes Maritimae (14BC)*
- 7. Hispania Ulterior (13BC)*
- 8. Germania Magna (12BC)*
- 9. Judea (6BC)*

## **Daniel 2:25-49 (continued)**

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.

**The Kingdom that God sets up was established at the time of “these kings”.**

**Daniel 2:25-49 (continued)**

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."

*v.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 2:25-49 (continued)**

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him.

47 The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God *is* the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."

## Daniel 2:25-49 (continued)

48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

49 Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.



