

ZEROING IN ON THE PROPHECIES IN DANIEL

Pt 3 (Daniel 2:31-49)

I. GETTING THE BIG PICTURE

II. ZERO IN ON THE PROPHECIES IN DANIEL

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D. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream & Its Interpretation (2:31-49)

1. The Dream Disclosed (2:31-35)

- a. We noted last time that the *purpose* of the dream to Nebuchadnezzar was two fold:
 - 1) To *present* to Nebuchadnezzar a panorama of _____ by means of a _____ that he saw in his dream.
 - 2) To *introduce* to Nebuchadnezzar the person of _____ or the God of heaven & His _____ over all things (4:17)
- b. The image in his dream was *described* by Daniel as a great _____ whose splendor was _____, and whose form was _____!
- c. The make up of the statue was man-like and included a head of _____, the chest & arms of _____, its belly & thighs were of _____, its legs were of _____, & its feet were partly _____ & partly _____.
- d. Then a "Stone" _____ the image on its feet and _____ it in pieces to the point that the whole image _____ & was carried away by the wind so that no _____ of it remained. Then the Stone itself became a _____ (Kingdom) that filled the whole of earth.

2. The Dream's Interpretation (2:36-45)

- a. Daniel *courageously* tells Nebuchadnezzar straight out that his rise to greatness as Babylon's king over man & beast was because of the _____ of the God of heaven & not because of _____ (2:36-38)
- b. Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar that his _____ represents the head of _____ in this dream! (2:38)
- d. After you, shall arise another kingdom that will be _____ to yours represented by _____ it will be the _____ kingdom.
- d. After Medo-Persia a third kingdom shall rule the world represented by that of _____. It will be _____ under Alexander the Great.

e. Then a fourth kingdom will arise represented by _____ & it will _____ all previous kingdoms.

f. It should be noted that the image _____ in _____ from head to foot, from gold to iron yet _____ in tensile _____.

* What does this mean or indicate? 3 things: (Renald Showers)

1) The downward movement on the image represents not only the passage of _____, but also the longer man attempts to rule the earth apart from God & His word the more _____ that rule becomes.

2) The longer man attempts to rule the planet apart from God & His word the more that rule would be characterized by _____ & _____ (2:40)

3) God designed the image to portray the _____ or Gentile _____ over the Jews.

g. This Revived Roman Empire of the _____ is represented by the feet & ten toes partly of _____ & partly of _____.

h. In the days of these kings the God of heaven will _____ these kingdoms & _____ His own Kingdom which shall stand _____ (2:44)

i. The _____, the stone cut out without hands, (the stone of _____ origin) will return as the _____ Stone of scripture (1 Peter 2:2-8; footnote) & crush this image in _____ & then set up His own kingdom (the _____ rule of _____) that will never end. (Psalm 2)

j. Daniel concluded with the fact: that the dream is _____ (meaning its _____) & its interpretation is _____ (meaning its _____).

3. The Declaration of Nebuchadnezzar (2:46-49)

a. Nebuchadnezzar is so impressed with Daniel that he falls down _____ before him & _____ that Daniel's God is the _____ of gods, _____ of kings, & the _____ of secrets.

- What did all this do for Daniel's pride? (2:48-49)

b. Daniel had previously passed the test of _____ (Chp 1), now he had passed the test of _____.

- What have we learned from Daniel 2:31-49?