

Chapter 2

“The Great Image”

Summary

- Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar’s forgotten dream
- The dream contains a prophecy of four kingdoms

Outline

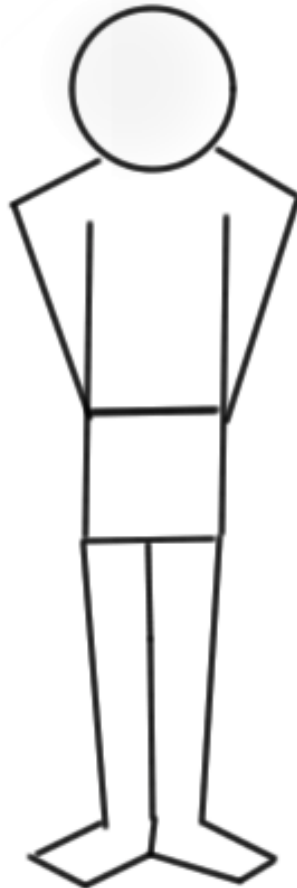
- I. The King’s Dream
 - A. Nebuchadnezzar dreams a dream - vs. 1
 - B. The impossible appeal - vs. 2-8
 - C. The fury against the wise men - vs. 9-12
- II. Daniel’s Action
 - A. Daniel approaches the problem - vs. 13-16
 - B. The prayer meeting - vs. 17-18
 - C. The dream revealed - vs. 19
 - D. Daniel’s praise - vs. 20-23
 - E. Daniel goes to the king - vs. 24-26
- III. Daniel’s Answer
 - A. The hopelessness of the case - vs. 27
 - B. The source of the answer - vs. 28-30
 - C. The dream - vs. 31-36
 - D. The interpretation - vs. 37-45
 1. Babylon - vs. 37-38
 2. Persia - vs. 39
 3. Greece - vs. 39
 4. Rome - vs. 40-43
 5. God’s Kingdom - vs. 44
- IV. The King’s Reaction
 - A. Honoring Daniel - vs. 46-47
 - B. Daniel’s promotion - vs. 48
 - C. Promoting his friends - vs. 49

Misc. Notes

- vs. 1 - 2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar’s sole reign and end of Daniel’s training - 603-602 B.C.
- vs. 8 - gain time - delay to make up something or hope king forgets about it.
- vs. 10-11 - They were right that no man could do it, but God could!
- vs. 14 - *Arioch* means “long, great, tall”. *Guard* = executioner, literally butcher
- vs. 30 - note Daniel’s humility
- vs. 47 - Nebuchadnezzar exalted God, but not exclusively. Many do the same today, but lifted up Christ’s name does not equal salvation.
- vs. 49 - Daniel does not forget his friends, whose prayers helped bring the answer
- vs. 49 - Daniel stayed at the Palace and let his friends handle day-to-day affairs

The Kingdoms of the Statue

- Babylon
 - Head of gold
 - 605-539 B.C.
- Persia
 - Chest of silver
 - 539-331 B.C.
- Greece
 - Thighs of brass
 - 331-168 B.C.
- Rome
 - Legs of iron
 - Roman Empire
 - 168 B.C. - 476 A.D.
 - Feet of Iron and Clay
 - Remnants of Roman Empire
 - 476 A.D. - END TIMES
- God's Kingdom
 - Stone not made with hands



Babylon	Head - Gold
Persia	Chest / Arms - Silver
Greece	Stomach / Thighs - Brass
Rome	Legs / Feet - Iron - Iron / Clay

Notes on the Statue

- There is a degradation in the kingdoms
 - Quality of material, position, divisions, etc.
- There is quite a bit of detail regarding the descriptions, placement, etc. that some find to describe these kingdoms
- This outline of kingdoms is centered around their control over Israel
- We will revisit this outline of kingdoms in Chapter 7

Rome and the End Times

- The Scripture is clear that a form of the Roman Empire plays a part in end times prophecy
- The coming Kingdom of Christ will destroy it
- It is marked by division (two legs, two feet, ten toes) - 2:41
- It is marked by strength and weakness (clay and iron) - 2:42
- It is clearly described as the final empire - 2:44
- Ten toes and ten kings - 2:42-44, 7:24, Revelation 17:12