

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series  
**Study # 5: Daniel 2-The Stone Kingdom**  
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**Trump says it will be hard to unify country without a ‘major event’**

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“I would love to be able to bring back our country into a great form of unity,” Trump said. “Without a major event where people pull together, that’s hard to do. But I would like to do it without that major event because usually that major event is not a good thing.”

Satan is trying to stir up fear, stress, and worry! Should God’s people be afraid and stressed out in this circus and corrupted world? NO. Should we be afraid of the present and the future? NO. Is this the time to get under a rock and hide? NO.

The Bible already told us that calamity and disasters will become increasingly worst, frequent, and intense as signs before the coming of Jesus Christ. Are you worried, stressed, and afraid? We need be ready for God’s major event, the second coming of Jesus. We are united with Christ now before He comes!

**Jesus says, John 14:1**

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Jesus says He is preparing a place for you in the Father house and He is coming again to take you back to live with Him for forever! Don’t be troubled but be prepared and ready actively sharing God’s everlasting gospel with zeal and furor. This is not the time to sleep, but to stay awake! Even though others in the world are uncertain and stressed out about the present and the future, God’s people are blessed and have a certainty because we know the end of the story! Jesus will reign forever and forever. Are you ready?

**What does Jesus promise the faithful in the midst of end-time chaos?**

**John 14:27**

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Peace (Greek) = tranquility and prosperity (in spiritual growth, truth, blessings)

Peace is a gift from God only if we abide in Christ daily. When you are worried and stress out about life and current events that is taking place in our world today it reveals your true spiritual condition.

**Isaiah 57:20-21**

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is **no peace**, saith my God, to the **wicked**.

Worry does not change your circumstances. Worry is like a rocking chair, you are doing something, but getting nowhere. You must stay connected to the one that can take you through that chaos, Jesus. Cut off the worldly distractions and stress and be faithful to the truth! Receive God gift of peace in the midst of end time troubles!

**Isaiah 26:3-4**

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

**We have the most POWERFUL book that NO other religion or belief has, the BIBLE! God has birthed YOU at this time in earth's history to share with others the end time messages of hope saying "Jesus is coming again, here is how to be ready!" Share the hope through Jesus and the end time prophecies!**

**Evangelism of TRUTH was the main purpose of Abraham.** He lived in UR, Babylon. God told him to leave UR. Abraham by faith left his post in UR and went north of Babylon to Haran and lived their several years and shared the love of God and seeds of truth to the people there. There were those who were once idol worshiper converted to the true God of heaven. Then God told him to leave Haran. So by faith Abraham leaves Haran and goes south to the land of Canaan. For several years Abraham sowed seeds of truth in the heathen land until his death.

**Years later God set up Israel in the land of Canaan as promised to Abraham with Jerusalem as its capital. Did you know that God strategically set up Israel to be a gateway of evangelism to the world? Israel was centrally located! They were the gateway of TRUTH, north, south, east and west that lead to the great populations of the world! Jesus earthly ministry made it reality! (show map)**

**God's evangelism plan is powerful and purposeful. God placed Daniel and his 3 friends in Babylon to give and demonstrate the everlasting gospel to the middle east. This was original place where Abraham was called to leave UR (Babylon). God's truth made full circle over the years to show the light of God's TRUTH in an evil land. Over 500 years later since Daniel captivity in Babylon, it was the wise men from the east who studied the book Daniel who knew about the birth of Jesus!** They traveled to the west into Israel to worship the King of kings, Jesus! This was the result of the those seeds grow and their was a remnant of truth in middle east. Jesus Christ Himself came and fulfilled his mission in Israel, the gateway of evangelism to the world! The NT testament church was also able to reach around the world from the gateway of evangelism in Israel.

**God's purpose for the remnant church of God has not changed. We are to be a gateway of truth in our communities in which we live! Time is extremely short! Let's continue our study in the prophetic book of Daniel. Today were are going to look at Daniel chapter 2.**

### **Daniel chapter 1: Review**

**What did God give Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah because faithfulness and boldness as new captives from Judah in the land of Babylon?**

#### **Daniel 1:17**

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

**Also they were found ten times smarter and more intelligent then all the wise men in Babylon.**

### **Daniel 2**

After Daniel's three years of training as a captive in Babylon he entered into service for the kings court along with Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Soon after they entered into service, God orchestrated events to shake up an idolatrous nation by revealing the power God and His everlasting kingdom. In Daniel 2 you will see Daniel gift of understanding visions and dreams come into action to glorify God and to reveal the future.

**What does God reveal to His people in Daniel 2. Let's learn some life lessons and how close we are to the second coming of Jesus Christ.**

There are great life lessons that we need to extract from Daniel 2, but it is the key prophetic chapter that UNLOCKS ALL the prophecies found in Daniel 7 – 12 and the book of Revelation. Daniel 2 gives us the outline and rest of the prophecies repeat and expand our understanding.

**At the time of Daniel Babylon was a new a powerful empire who defeated mighty nations of Egypt and Assyrians by king Nebuchadnezzar and his army! Judah in between Egypt and Assyria was also captured. King Nebuchadnezzar was the pride of his empire which demanded respect and praise. It's capital Babylon was known as the "golden city" with it beautiful hanging gardens. It was the crowning jewel of the middle east. (show on map – in the modern country of Iraq not far from Bagdad)**

**What did God do to "shake – up" the most powerful earthly king on the planet, king Nebuchadnezzar, the mighty king of Babylon?**

### **Daniel 2:1**

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his **spirit was troubled [had to peace & stressed]**, and his sleep brake **[unable to sleep]** from him.

In the first couple of years King Nebuchadnezzar co-reigned with his father Nabopolassar. In 605 BC Nebuchadnezzar's father died, which left the Babylonian throne to himself. Verse 1 reflects the second year of his sole reign without his father. This was the same year Daniel completed his three year training and begun his work in the royal courts.

Nebuchadnezzar means "may Nebo protect the crown." Nebo was a false god of the Babylonian's imagination. Nebuchadnezzar was about to find out that Nebo can't protect nothing and that the true God in Heaven is in charge!

***What did he ask his "wise" men to do?***

### **Daniel 2:2-3**

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.

***What was the "wise" men reaction?***

### **Daniel 2:4**

4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: **tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.**

***Was the King pleased?***

### **Daniel 2:5-6**

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me **the dream, with the interpretation** thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

**Verses 7 – 9 the wise men again made the same request and asked for more time. Nebuchadnezzar was wroth and begin to see through their scheming and lying!**

***What did the wise men admit?***

**Daniel 2:10-11**

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And 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.

The “wise men” of Babylon basically admitted that they were frauds and did not possess the powers that they advertised! Nebuchadnezzar felt deceived and was extremely upset and confused. He knew the dream was significant!

***Out of great frustration in the midst of his personal crisis, what did he do next?***

**Daniel 2:12-13**

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

13 And the **decree** went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

This was an official death decree to kill all the wise men of Babylon. As you know many of these wise men were frauds, but there were four wise men who were the true remnant of God in Babylon, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. These are the men that Satan really wanted to eliminate! Satan was working through Nebuchadnezzar to try to stop them from giving truth of the true God of heaven. This decree also demonstrates how quickly things can change for God's people in the last days!

**In the last days during the mark of the beast crisis will there also be a universal death decree to get rid of the truly wise remnant people of God who refuse to worship the beast and his image? Yes!!**

**Revelation 13:15**

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Like King Nebuchadnezzar's decree this universal death decree against God's faithful wise will also be given hastily during a time of great crisis!

**What was Daniel's reaction he was summons to be killed along with his 3 friends?**

**Daniel 2:14-18**

14 Then Daniel **answered** with **counsel and wisdom** to Arioch (“lion-like”) 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.

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.**

Why did the king give Daniel time and not the other men? Respect, 10 x smarter! Man of integrity and truth. God gave Daniel favor in Babylon. Daniel knew by faith that God will show him King Nebuchadnezzar's dream and it's interpretation. The door of TRUTH was opened wide and Daniel rose up to the occasion! He knew that God was about to be glorified and the truth revealed on a nation level.

***What did Daniel do next?***

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 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.

*What was God's response?*

**Daniel 2:19-22**

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

In a night vision while Daniel was in prayer meeting with his three friends God show Daniel King Nebuchadnezzar's dream and give its interpretation!

When Daniel came out of vision he praised the Lord and recognized where all wisdom and knowledge come from.

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

Who does God **reveal** His secrets to?

**Amos 3:7**

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

We must study the books of the prophets such as Daniel and Revelation to understand and apply the secrets of God revealed. They will never be revealed and remain a secret if you don't go to the prophet's books!

**When Daniel went before the king, what does God reveal concerning Nebuchadnezzar's dream that directly relates to us in our day?**

**Daniel 2:24-29**

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 of the captives of Judah, that will 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?

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;

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**.

God knows the beginning from the end! He is in charge! Whose side are you on? Nebuchadnezzar's dream reveals the future from the time of Babylon until the end of time! Daniel chapter 2 gives us history in advanced!

**Do you understand who is in charge?** Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. He knows the beginning from the end! He has revealed the END to His people who trust in Him! This is the reason why God's people need to study and understand Bible prophecy especially the books of Daniel and Revelation!

**Isaiah 46:9-10**

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

### **What was the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had which was reveal to Daniel by God?**

#### **Daniel 2:31-35**

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.

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.

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

### **What is the interpretation of the dream?**

#### **Daniel 2:36-39**

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

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

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.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

It is clear so far that the metals represent kingdoms or nations. The first kingdom is Babylon.

### **Who is the second kingdom that overthrew Babylonian?**

The Medes and Persian kingdom conquered the mighty Babylon in 539 BC. They represent the chest and arms of silver. The two arms is fitting because that the beginning of their rule it was a joint rulership between both kingdoms. Here is Bible confirmation!

### **The Fall of Babylon – handwriting on the wall.**

#### **Daniel 5:28, 30, 31**

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans (Babylon) slain.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

### **Who is the third kingdom that conquered the Medes and the Persians?**

In 331 BC Alexander the Great conquered the Medes and Persian kingdom. They represent the belly and thighs of brass on the image.

God prophesied about the Medes and Persian being overthrown by Greece in Daniel 8 by name!

### **Revealed in Daniel chapter 8 concerning the interpretation of the Ram and the He-Goat**

#### **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.

Verse 21 is a description of Greece and the great horn represent Alexander the Great the first king of Greece.

**Who does the fourth kingdom represent the legs of iron on the statue?**

**Daniel 2:40**

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.

History confirms that Rome conquered the Grecian Empire in 168 B.C. And of course the entire New Testament confirms this. Who was the empire that ruled over God's people, the children of Israel at the time of Jesus? The Roman Empire.

Historically, Rome was known as the "Iron Monarchy" or the "Iron Empire" not only for its durability and longevity, but also for the way they pulverized their enemies. When they conquered a city, village or nation, they were known to crush them mercilessly. The Roman Empire was known to rule with an iron fist, they oppressed many of the subjects, such as the Jewish nation at the time of Jesus Christ. So the Roman Empire accurately and symbolically represents the legs of iron on the prophetic statue in Daniel 2. The Latin word "**Rome**" means strength. Even though iron is cheaper than gold, silver, or brass, it is one of the most durable of all metals. Iron is also known for its strength and hardness. The Roman Empire was the most durable world superpower compared to Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece. They actually ruled longer than the previous three combined. Actually, the Roman Empire lasted for over 600 years! - From 168 B.C. to 476 A.D. And their empire covered the most land space than the previous three empires.

The symbolism of the two legs of iron is fitting because Rome was a nation of two divisions as it later geographically, became the Western and Eastern (Byzantine) empire as it declined.

**Who does the feet of part iron and part clay on the prophetic statue in Daniel 2 symbolically represent? Also is our day and time represented in the feet?**

**Daniel 2:41**

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.

The feet and toes of part iron and potter's clay represent divided modern Europe after the Roman Empire collapsed! Roman Empire was never conquered by one major empire like Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece was. The Roman Empire basically was divided and fell apart as a result of many things such as insurrection, internal strife and economic collapse. According to history the Roman Empire divided into exactly ten tribes or nations which currently make up most of modern Europe. This is interesting. These ten divisions match up perfectly with the ten toes on the feet of part iron and part clay described on the prophetic statue in Daniel 2. Who are these 10 divisions? Those 10 divisions of the ex-Roman Empire are the Saxons who are now modern England; the Franks who are now modern France; the Visigoths who are now modern Spain; the Suevi who are now modern Portugal; the Burgundians who are now modern Switzerland; the Alemanni who are now modern Germany; and the Lombards who are now modern Italy. Now the other three divisions the Vandals, the Heruli, and the Ostrogoths do not exist today. And this was actually prophesied in which we will learn in a later study in Daniel chapter 7.

**Daniel 2**

- 1- Head of Gold = Babylon
- 2- Arms and Breast of Silver = Medes and Persian
- 3-Belly and Thighs of Brass = Greece
- 4-Leg of Iron = Pagan Rome

5-Feet of part iron and clay = Divided Europe

**Who does the stone cut out of mountain without hands that destroyed the image?**

**Daniel 2:44-45**

- 44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.
- 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.

**Who is that stone?**

Jesus the chief cornerstone to set up His everlasting kingdom - Second coming of Jesus Christ.

**Isaiah 28:16**

- 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

**Psalms 118:22**

- 22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

**Acts 4:10-12**

- 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
- 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.
- 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Revelation 11:15**

- 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Daniel 2 reveals the rise and fall of kingdoms starting from Babylon to the everlasting kingdom!

In the second half of Daniel chapters 7 -12 many of these kingdoms are repeated but with more details. Also Daniel 7 – 12 give us details of 3 other kingdoms that corresponds with the feet and toes the image in Daniel 2.

**So where are we until the coming of Jesus and the establishment of His stone kingdom as described in Daniel 2?** All the kingdoms are gone! The seventh is almost completely formed. (more on that at a later study).

We are in the TOES of time!

**Let's go back to the feet of part iron and potter's clay.**

What is a main prophetic character about divided Europe since its beginning?

Dan 2:41 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.

Feet and toes = Part iron and clay.

### **What is a will happen to Europe in the end of time “toes” right before the coming of Jesus?**

Dan 2:42 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.

Focus in verse 42 is mainly the “toes of the feet” VERY end of time! Some of nations are strong but others are weak.

### **What is going to happen?**

**Dan 2:43** And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mingle (join) themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave (stick) one to another**, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

In the past centuries up to World War II dictators such as Napoleon and Hitler tried to unify Europe by force, but it failed.

Satan thought that he would defy Bible prophecy with the creation of the European Union (EU) that unifies many European countries. They thought joining other EU states would make Europe united and strong economically. No more border between border countries. One currency.

Started after WWII to avoid a WWIII. Powerhouse Europe nations such as France, England (UK), and Germany. After USSR dissolved many former USSR countries joined. In total 28!

**EU – Building designed like the unfinished tower of Babel.. A symbol of defiance! Like the original Babel. In the front a woman riding a beast! EU is mix with strong nations and weak nations economically and militarily.**

On June 23, 2016 the British citizens voted to exit from the EU – EU is crumbling as we speak. England exit is a major blow. Prophecy fulfilling right before our eyes! With great surprise, one of the great powerhouse England voted to leave the EU by its citizens 52% of the vote! This was majority.

### **What will shortly come to past according to Bible Prophecy?**

Daniel 2:44

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

The EU crumbling is a fulfillment of prophecy... in the days of these king(dom)s while EU is crumbling... God will set up His everlasting kingdom!

### **After Daniel told the king Nebuchadnezzar the dream and its interpretation what did the king do?**

#### **Daniel 2:46-49**

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

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 couldest 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.

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.