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Daniel 2:28,29 (ESV)

²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: ²⁹ To you, O king, ...came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.

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Daniel 2:30-32 (ESV)

³⁰ ...this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have...but [so the] interpretation may be made known to the king...³¹ "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze...

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Daniel 2:33-35 (ESV)

³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of ...and broke them in pieces.³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken...and became like the chaff of ...threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found.

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Daniel 2:35,36 (ESV)

But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶ This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.

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³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given...the children of man...making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

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Daniel 2:40-43 (ESV)

⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron...[It] shall break and crush all these. ⁴¹ And ... it shall be a divided kingdom ... ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed ...so they will mix ... in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.

Leader **Daniel 2:44,45 (ESV)**

⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold.

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Daniel 2:45-47 (ESV)

A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel...

⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.”

Leader Daniel 2:48-49 (ESV)

⁴⁸ Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

⁴⁹ Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.



Daniel 2:28-49

“Nebuchadnezzar’s Nightmare 2”

Babylonian Empire 606-536 BC



Theme:

- God in heaven has made known what will take place in the latter days.



There is a God in Heaven (2:28-30)

- “This was the dream in your mind on your bed, while thinking of the future.”
- He who reveals mysteries told you what will happen in the “latter days”.
- It wasn’t revealed for any superior wisdom in me.

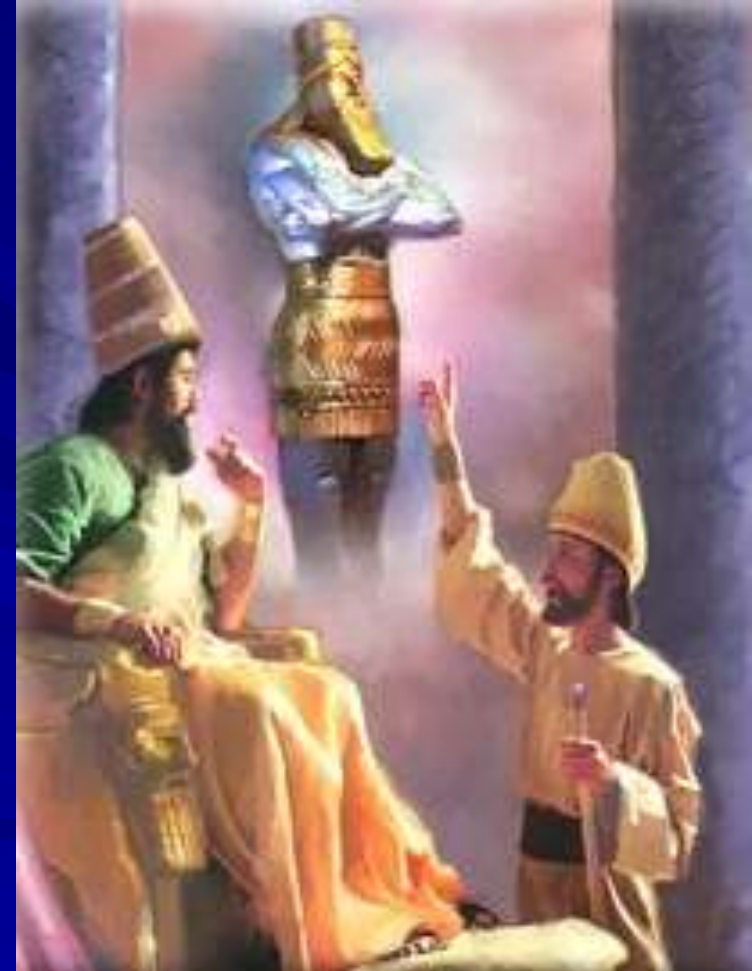


Dream (2:31-35)

■ You were looking; there was a statue.



- Head = gold
- Breast & arms = silver
- Belly & thighs = bronze
- Legs = iron
- Feet = iron + clay



Dream (2:31-35)

- A stone was cut out without hands (34)
- It struck the statue on its feet of iron & clay & crushed them into blowing chaff
- The stone became a great mountain & filled the earth. (35)

Interpretation (2:36-44)

- “...now the interpretation.”
- ³⁷ **You**...to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and...the children of man...are the **head of gold**.
- ³⁹ **Another** inferior to you shall arise and yet a **third** kingdom of **bronze**,
- **Fourth**, strong as iron...shall crush all ⁴¹ ...a divided kingdom ...

Interpretation (2:36-44)

- ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed...so they will mix ... in marriage, **but...not hold together**... iron does not mix with clay.
- ⁴⁴ **God...will set up** a kingdom that shall **never be destroyed**...It shall break ... all these...and it shall stand forever,

Interpretation (2:36-44)

- Gold = Babylon—autocratic rule
- Silver = Persia--aristocratic rule
- Brass = Greece—military rule
- Iron + clay = Rome--mixed rule
- Stone = Kingdom of God--endure



Reaction (2:46-49)

- “Truly, **your God is God of gods** and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries...”
- ⁴⁸ the king...**made him ruler** over...province of Babylon and...over all the wise men...⁴⁹
... the king...appointed Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego over the...province of Babylon.
- **Principles:** Sovereignty of God, degeneration of man’s rule & triumph of K.O.G.
- Which **kingdom** am I investing in most?