

DANIEL 2 vs 36

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In this first prophetic vision, Daniel has revealed the secret mystery that came to Nebuchadnezzar in a dream, for which he will be generously rewarded for his service... and Daniel now elaborates on what the king saw – Matthew Henry.

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

³⁷ You, O king, are a king of kings for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, and power and strength, and glory /

of this earthly kingdom... the kingdom that has continuously held Jerusalem captive; you are the first of other kings that would come. They were given a gift from Our Father in heaven. That God. And these kings starting with Nebuchadnezzar prove that God rules not only the heavens, but also earth; and they accomplish His purposes. It's one thing to have your friends help you accomplish your will, but what kind of power do you have to possess... to also have those who don't know who you are, yet they move world history!

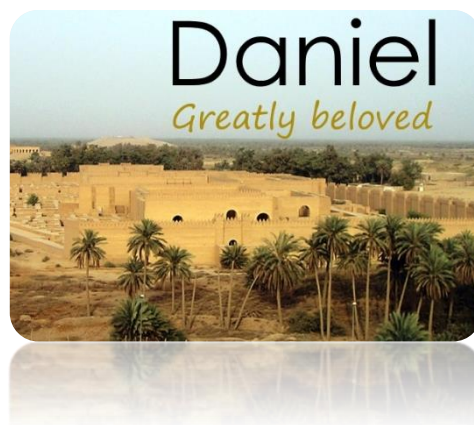
³⁸ And wherever the children of men dwell, and the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven, He has given into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all.

You are this head of gold / Nebuchadnezzar, the king of **Babylon**... is this head of gold.

³⁹ And after you will arise another kingdom inferior to you / after you stand up to leave; remember, this kingdom of the world is devolving; it's diminishing in earthly powers and splendor. This second kingdom that stood up following Babylon... that arose was the **Medo-Persia** kingdom -- **the chest and two arms of silver kingdom,**

and another, the third kingdom of brass will bear rule over all the earth / its belly and its thighs of brass. Following Medo-Persia was the **Grecian** kingdom... history tells us: Alexander the great wept because he thought there were no more kingdoms to conquer.

⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom will be hard as iron / following Greece, the Aramaic word for this ordinal number is only used 1 time in this chapter. In chapter 7, Daniel uses it **4 times**... always referring to the **4th final**, brutal kingdom. The last kingdom in the king's dream is: **the fourth kingdom**. In chapters 7 and 8, we read in great detail... of Daniel's visions; and always, the greatest detail is of the **4th kingdom**. Daniel tells us there are **only 4 great**, savage kingdoms in focus. **And the fourth kingdom will be hard as iron** / we know history is mostly written from Rome's perspective; and we know from history the **Roman** kingdom followed Greece; so the mystery is solved; the bible is interesting!



for as much as iron breaks in pieces, and subdues and ruins all things / for as much as iron ruins and destroys, and crushes: so this 4th kingdom will be smashing and crushing whatever gets in its way. That is what Rome's Caesars and soldiers did.

41 And now whereas you also saw the feet and toes; part of the potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom will be divided; we know toes... keep the delicate balance in the whole body, so you keep standing; and don't fall over! Remove a few toes, and you have to relearn how to balance.

Daniel describes the last govt, trying to keep all in delicate balance, including: all news and information, all sports and entertainment... all commerce and trade... all monetary markets... and of course, all the people, too. Part of this 4th roman kingdom, it did divide to west and east;

but there will be in it the strength of the iron to break in pieces and ruin; for as much as you saw the iron mixed with muddy clay / so whatever the division... it will still possess the characteristic of iron, subduing, crushing and smashing. Daniel says, you will be able to identify this govt's fingerprint: Notice: the iron is in position first: and added to it is clay -- potters clay is malleable, until it dries, but it does not mix well with iron.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron, and partly of clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong, and partly weak / trying to keep all in balance, not all iron; not all clay. Some of this 4th kingdom will be around **till the end**; part of its system **aiming on feet and toes, keeping things in balance**, some toes will be strong like iron; some will be easily shattered like clay.

And does this verse also take into consideration the Arabic nations... who also are children of Abraham? For 1400 years they have ruled that area. In essence, Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar the final iron kingdom will cook up a worldwide plan that will include breaking in pieces and ruining... while at the same time... attempting to keep it all in balance.

43 And whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they / the ten toes, will mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they will not cling one to another / the trace element distinguishing itself as roman; mixed with a muddy element.

In the 1800s, Dr. Moffat thought these words primarily indicated: They will intermarry, but they will not hold together well; which may be partly true, but that seems to miss the roman connection which will be present till the end; unless the romans have something to do with them, too. Definitely, the Arabic peoples mixed among the nations... through some fool's endless wars agenda disrupting Middle East nations and many other nations too; resulting in tragic emigration policies more so than at any other time, **but they will not cling one to another even as the iron is not mixed with clay.**

And we have to remember: Prophecy is like looking at a mountain range off in the distance. We see the peaks, but we don't see the valleys in between... until we get closer. Starting at the next verse is one of these valleys; one of these gaps... in the prophecy.

⁴⁴ **And in the last days of these kings** / in the last days of these leaders, these loosely united ten toes, ten realms, plus one; ten nations plus one, trying to keep all in balance Daniel says more later;

the God of heaven will set up a kingdom, which will never be destroyed; and the kingdom will not be left to other people,

but it will break in pieces all these kingdoms, and it will stand for ever / the last kingdom... not made with human hands: the one God sets up; will last forever; and that's a long time! Students of the Lord throughout the world in every generation have identified this as the Christ kingdom; the one Messiah will rule with a rod of iron.



⁴⁵ **And as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and how it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and even the gold;** / The rock; did it with no human effort... God made it happen; and don't we sing: He is our Rock?!

the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass in the future: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure. And we can add... HE made it known to us in the genius 21st century also. Its meaning is indisputable. Daniel says it will happen. From our vantage point, we can say, It did happen. We know that history.

⁴⁶ **Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and worshiped Daniel, and then commanded they should offer an oblation, and sweet odors unto him** / and we live in such a mindless generation that would yawn at this verse: what's that all about?!! I hope he didn't hurt himself! This fearless king Nebuchadnezzar...fell down in holy terror at the feet of a foreigner in his kingdom. He got up out of his throne, and with his nose to the ground, bowed before Daniel, and then ordered a sacrifice fill the room with sweet incense.

And having composed himself...

⁴⁷ **The king answered 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 mysteries, seeing you could reveal this mystery.**

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48 Then the king elevated Daniel, and giving him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief ruler of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 At the request of Daniel, the king also put Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon / over all the govt's business: but Daniel sat at the gate of the king. / Daniel remained in the king's court; Nebuchadnezzar might have been fierce; but he wasn't stupid.

➡ George Mueller in December 1881 visited Palestine and wrote the following: Jerusalem, when compared to the European cities, is only a small-town around which the traveler may walk in less than 50 minutes; containing a population of about 28,000 -- which includes the Jews, of which there are 8,000. At present, there is no indication of any gathering of Jews on an extensive scale from other countries to their own land.

➡ In 1920, Dr. Ironsides wrote: Revelation 18:11-19 It is a magnificent elegy [a song of death], and deserves more careful consideration than our limited time will permit. It shows the destruction of the great commercial system that men are building up with such painstaking care, and which some fondly look upon as the panacea for all the disturbances that have formed such distress among the nations.

How often was it said before the outbreak of the great world war that labor would not fight and that capital dare not. It was claimed that there was too much at stake; but how false have all such predictions proved.

We may however be assured for a time; a tremendous effort will be put forth to build up a financial system that will be world-embracing, and that will attempt to unite the nations in the bonds of commercial self-interest so securely, that the danger of such another world-conflict will be at an end.

➡ Dr. Ironsides continues... We know that all such schemes are doomed to disappoint, for the prophetic word has clearly foretold their failure. There can be no lasting peace until the Prince of Peace becomes the Governor among the nations.

We know the history. We see it concluding; it's in its final phase. The ten toes of iron and miry clay, they are still here: featured on the nightly news of Al Jazeera; and BBC; and CNN; and CCTV; and RT -- while the Americans are watching their favorite sit-com, goofy stuff!

And is this why history records, that by 450 AD, Babylon was chiefly a Hebrew city? With three Jewish universities in it, that produced the Babylon Talmud. Now, don't worry that we don't find Daniel's name in archaeology. We don't find any names of subordinates: no politicians, no intellectuals, no engineers, no architects named in archaeology. And whoever Daniel was... that isn't something that would interest him.

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