

The Dream

Daniel 2:28

28 "However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.

Your **gods** cannot reveal mysteries, your **gods** cannot even reveal dreams of man, much less all the other mysteries—all that is unknown to mankind.

However there is a God in heaven

This is one reason why the **world** hates God and hates the bible and hates Christianity.

On the one hand it is **EXCLUSIVE**---there is only one true God and only one way to this God—by means of Faith in JESUS CHRIST

But on the other hand it is **ALL INCLUSIVE**---whosoever will.

Today, Daniel would be called a 'bigot' thinking that only his God was the true God and that any thinking that did not line up with the Word of God was incorrect. He did have one advantage, and that was he was able to demonstrate this by telling the King his dream and its interpretation.

Question:

How about you?

Are you an exclusivist?

Do you believe that only the God of the Bible is the true God?

That He created the heavens and the earth?

Will, YOU, like Daniel,
Believe the **Infallible Word of God**.
You can use the book of Daniel to show others
that your God **can** and **does** tell the mysteries
of the past and foretells the future.

***EVERY TIME WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, WE, LIKE DANIEL,
SHOULD FOCUS ALL ATTENTION ON JESUS CHRIST, NOT ON OURSELVES***

And now Daniel tells him something about his dreams

God in heaven though He is omnipresent,
He has His throne in heaven **who reveals** covered **mysteries**
(secrets of the past, present and future)
and makes known to the King of these mysteries; at His choosing
...what will take place in **latter days**...NIV in **days to come**

This is remarkable—

Daniel not only is going to ⁽¹⁾ tell Nebuchadnezzar his dream and ⁽²⁾ its interpretation,
But, he also tells ⁽³⁾ the King **WHY** he dreamed this dream.

Nebuchadnezzar will make known the history of man
from his own time
to the Millennial Reign of JESUS CHRIST.

Such a God who reveals these mysteries is to be
Feared, Listened To and Worshiped!



Ok, think about this!

Is this not what we seek?

What is going to happen when I die?

When someone I love dies?

What is going to happen to this world?

Where did I come from? and Why?



Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

These are mysteries to which we all desire answers.

From the earliest of times, man has searched for his ORIGIN and DESTINY.

We are all given by God in our creation, the awareness of our immortality and the uncertainty of it! And through history man has devoted himself to religions; the stars, astrology, horoscopes to false gods and religions of all kinds.

And man has fabricated these false gods and man has fabricated what they have to say.	
Buddha	breaking the chain of births and rebirths to perfection
Islam	degrees in heaven---but centers on sexual fulfillment
Mormon	forever striving to be god!

It is amazing the number of people throughout the world who still search for these answers in tea leaves, palm reading even the formation of the stars.

But they do this because they have first rejected the True God.

But the True God of the universe—**creator of all things** tells us clearly about what

happens after death to **all who believe** in His Son and **all who do not believe**. Each person has to decide for himself/herself just who they are going to believe. But the God of the bible, the God of Israel, the true God, has answered all these questions. He has revealed Himself throughout history that those who search for Him can, like Nebuchadnezzar find Him, know that He is the True God, **the only God to be believed**, for He tells what is to come and where all came from and explains the past and interprets the future

Nebuchadnezzar Dream

Daniel begins to tell him his dream

29 "As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.

Purpose of the Dream: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To introduce the True God, Jehovah Elohim, the God of Israel 2. To introduce the person of JESUS CHRIST 3. To foretell the future events of history 	
verse 30	is yet more on Wisdom of Daniel for us all in time of disaster—do not miss the flow of this passage: (note your text)
verse 27	verse 27 the complete failure of the Kings staff
verse 28	verse 28 But there is a God---contrast of True God with idolatry
verse 29	verse 29 As for you
verse 30	verse 30 As for me wisdom of Daniel is to separate himself from the world when addressing Spiritual Truths.
More on the wisdom of Daniel	
1	He stood before the King and did not brag on himself

2	He pointed out the complete inability of man and man's wisdom
3	But here in wisdom, he does <u>not</u> praise himself but he praises his God —he used this opportunity to witness for his God.—since their false gods could not tell the dream and his God not only tells him the exact dream but interprets it for him...perhaps Nebuchadnezzar should consider stop believing in their false gods and believe in his true God.

Here in is the orientation that comes from
Walking and Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

It Is Not Us...

It Is God!

30 "But as for me, this *mystery* of your dreams has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man,

the *false gospel* always seeks to exalt mankind—

I invited,

I repented,

I confessed,

I made Him Lord,

I changed my way of living,

I am in the elect...

I, I, I

But not Daniel

in his wisdom and with grace orientation

He acknowledges that this is not because of any worth residing in him.

We need to take these words of Daniel

“not... for any wisdom residing in me, more than in any other living man”

In every aspect of our lives, beginning with our being here on earth, and then with the gospel.

OUR BEING and **OUR BEING SAVED** has nothing to do with our worthiness but solely with the

Grace of God

“whosoever” who believes in Him...we have no merit,

the merit is all in our God and His grace, His mercy and His Love.

but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

Why the dream and its interpretation is given to Daniel

1.	Why is the Bible given to man? That they might know God. Why is the Gospel given to man? That they might have an eternal fellowship with God
2.	The revelation is not given to Daniel because he earned or deserved to know the dream, any more than we deserve the Bible or the gospel.
3.	Daniel is given this dream and its interpretation as part of the gift of prophesy. And like all Spiritual Gifts – they are <u>not</u> given to edify self or promote self, but to serve others and glorify God. People often abuse spiritual gifts for glorification of self. Like using tongues as a valid prayer language because it edifies the individual. This is not the purpose of Spiritual Gifts; God does not give them to promote or edify a person; The Divine purpose of all spiritual gifts is to edify one another and to serve one another; not to serve self or promote self.
4.	We must understand that God revealed the dream to Daniel for service to Nebuchadnezzar. God caused the dream and revealed the dream and its interpretation to Daniel for the purpose of bringing Nebuchadnezzar to a saving Knowledge of God, Himself.
5.	All our blessings are for us to witness to others of our God and Savior JESUS CHRIST, not for personal glorification.

Nebuchadnezzar Dream 31-35

Statue of world powers
the Plan of God for human history in period of the Gentiles
God alone controls history
God alone reveals history

The Statue described here in verse 31, will be describe in Daniel 7 but there it will not be by a statue but by wild beast

In Daniel 7. Wild beast...here image of a man

In chapter 2 God reveals history of man from man's perspective

In chapter 7 God reveals history from God's perspective

Outline of human history from time of Daniel to the Second Coming of JESUS CHRIST; or an outline of the nations who will rule over Israel until the second coming of their Messiah-King and the wisdom of how the Jews were to live under these empires.

Learn from Daniel that all history is related to Israel

<i>From Abraham</i>	<i>2000 bc</i>	<i>to Moses</i>	<i>ca 1440</i>
<i>From Moses</i>	<i>ca 1440</i>	<i>to the first King</i>	<i>1051</i>
<i>From Saul</i>	<i>1051</i>	<i>To the destruction of Southern Kingdom</i>	<i>586</i>
<i>From the destruction of Southern Kingdom</i>	<i>586</i>	<i>To the Land</i>	<i>536</i>
<i>To the Land</i>	<i>536</i>	<i>To the destruction of Temple</i>	<i>AD 70</i>
<i>To the destruction of Temple</i>	<i>AD 70</i>	<i>to becoming a nation again</i>	<i>1948 AD</i>
<i>From becoming a nation again</i>	<i>1948 AD</i>	<i>Until the rapture of the church and the last 7 years promised Israel begins (Tribulation)</i>	

And this brief period ends with a violent hatred from the world drives nations to the battlefield of Armageddon and the King of Israel, JESUS CHRIST, returns and establishes His Millennial Kingdom

All history is related to Israel!

And there is a supernatural hatred of Israel through all these years.
And from its Babylonian captivity in 536
all history is seen in the Statue of Nebuchadnezzar dream.

As we read through verse 31,
please hear it in the ears of Nebuchadnezzar;
He has been dreaming this for some time.

He has told no one what his dream was,
and no one in his great cabinet was able to tell him his dream.
And now here is this 18 year old Jewish exile telling him exactly what he dreamed.

His amazement begins with the revealing of his dream and will continue through its
interpretation.

31 "You, O king, (HERE IS HIS DREAM) were looking and behold,

This occurred in the dreams of Nebuchadnezzar over a period of time. And each increasing
time he had this dream he became more and more disturbed.

there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of
extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its
appearance was awesome.

THE DREAM

Now we come to Nebuchadnezzar dreams.

A statue of a man!

In man's view of his history, he sees man ruling man, with no empire reaching the utopia that he dreams of, this utopia is found only in Christ, in His Millennial Kingdom.

Note the **introductory description of the Statue** –of Gentile history:

	Single great Statue	You can just see this Statue appear in your dreams—your first sight is of a single great Statue	
	Single	Not in the original but is used to describe the word <i>certain</i> simple, not complex as it will be seen in chapter 7; single is used to reveal its unity or oneness—as in the <i>fruit</i> of the Holy Spirit then nine or named. This Statue represents the kingdom of man! We will go through each part of this Statue but first grasp, the oneness, the single Statue presented...looking at time of the Gentiles	
	Great	In the Aramaic means great in size, immense so that it frightened Nebuchadnezzar	
	Statue	Image of a man	
	Large	NIV enormous huge	

All these words are how man views his importance in history

OF EXTRAORDINARY SPLENDOR –Aramaic—brightness, splendor

EXTRAORDINARY Aramaic Adjective describing something as excellent, outstanding, extraordinary

EXTRAORDINARY IN ITS SPLENDOR

Remember that at this time everything that Nebuchadnezzar built in his empire, he was seeking for the grandeur seen in this Statue.

Every building was to shine with extraordinary splendor and here all these splendors are seen in his dream.

Was standing in front of you, in each of his dreams

And its appearance was awesome

Awesome KJ **terrible** the Aramaic word has root meaning-to fear

as something you back away from or tremble in fear. It is in the Aramaic peal Passive. – intensifying! *Striking awe!*

Look how Darius uses this word in describing the greatness of the giver...God...

6:26 I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and **tremble** before the God of Daniel!

Verse 32 continues the revealing of Nebuchadnezzar dream

After introducing the singleness of the Statue, Daniel now observes the make-up of the parts of this Statue, and he describes them by metals.



32 "the head of that statue was made of fine gold, the Chaldean empire



... its breast and its arms of silver, in Daniel 8 this refers to Medo-Persian empire



...its belly and its thighs of bronze, Greek Macedonian empire; and in Daniel 8—prophesy of Alexander the Great—great only because of God—prophesied some 250 years before Alexander the Great ever came into history



33 ...its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron

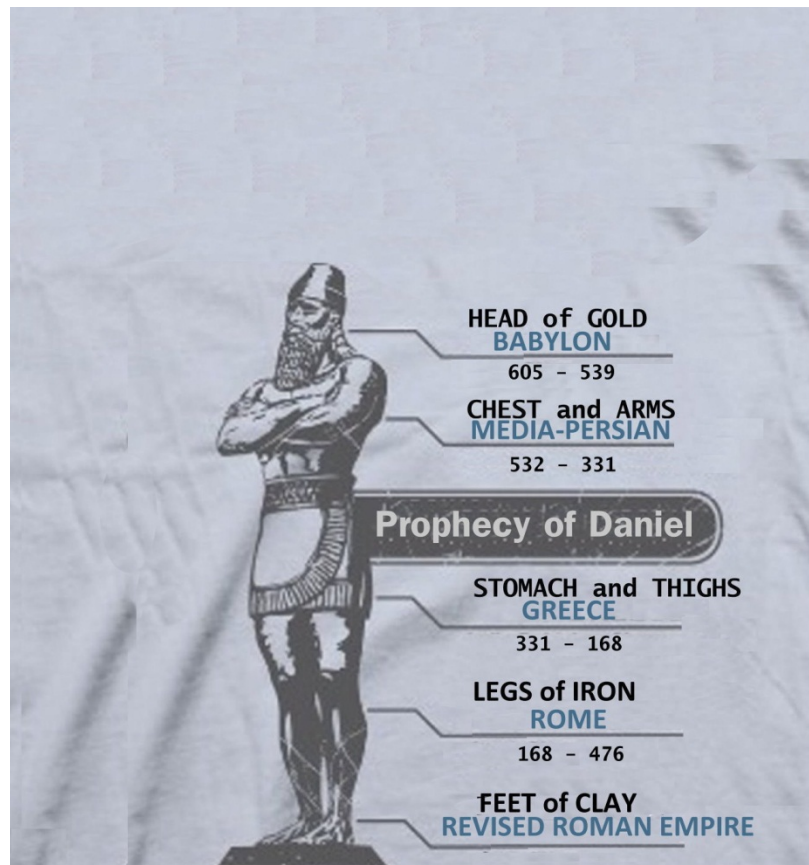
Two legs of iron and 10 toes---Rome;



33 ...feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

10 toes Rome to come the Revived Roman Empire

10 toes = 10 nations



Principle: 4 of the 5 Gentile powers of Dan’s Statue have already been fulfilled so we know that the remaining 5th is going to be fulfilled in Tribulation

10 toes part of the power of Revised Roman Empire
Clay—weakness and brutality of Revised Roman Empire

Observing the parts of the single Statue
(these have been observed by many commentators of Daniel)

1.	Each successive Gentile kingdom is describe in a material of	
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	descending order of value... from Gold to Clay	
2.	As you go down the Statue, you will notice that the metals increase in hardness and therefore brittleness, making them more easily broken.	
3.	The Statue is Top Heavy –meaning the beginning is heavier than the end; The top is heavier than the lower part of the statue.	
4.	It has also been pointed out that each section, representing respective kingdoms are represented by a homogenous metal. This is not seen in the last kingdom. We will see the importance of parts 3 and 4.	
5.	It has also been pointed out that the last kingdom is represented by a mixture of metal with pottery, which being the feet and toes gives a very unstable foundation to the entire Statue.	

Daniel 2:34 You continued looking
until a stone was cut out without hands



HEAD of GOLD
BABYLON

605 - 539

CHEST and ARMS
MEDIA-PERSIAN

532 - 331

Prophecy of Daniel

STOMACH and THIGHS
GREECE

331 - 168

LEGS of IRON
ROME

168 - 476

FEET of CLAY
REVISED ROMAN EMPIRE

Principle: mankind has and is becoming weaker, and worse yet – “weaker and weaker.”

If evolution were true, which it is not, **but if it were**, then man should be becoming better and better, finer, wiser, more moral than before, but such is not the case. One of the great arguments against evolution is in this very motif.

Take for example language

if evolution were correct we should have the richest most precise language today, but any study of languages will reveal that there has been a steady decline in language.

—USA today is becoming poorer and poorer in its language.

Our children (our youth) are weak, murderers, anti-authority; homosexual, no respect for self—their bodies or of others.

The USA is not in the picture in the Tribulation; not even one of the toes
The USA became visibly weak in the Korean war when Politicians started running things, and we did not win that war and there is still great trouble there--then politicians ran the Viet Nam war, no victory. Afghanistan, the middle East etc.

There has been a decline – a continual weakening of USA.

Decline in Military power,

Decline in Economic Power.

Decline in the Moral and Spiritual influence in the world—

USA will not be able to be a factor in Tribulation our political leaders are seeing to that.

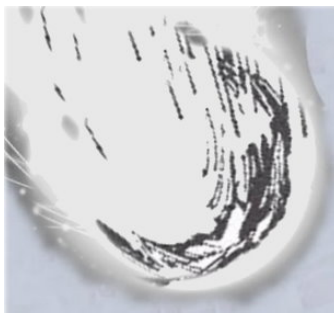
But our God controls history

and remember from the wisdom of Daniel

that OUR GOD Blesses Faithful Believers in times of disaster!

What is a Faithful believer? Galatians 5:22—*Fruit of Holy Spirit is Faithfulness—*

so a **Faithful Believer** is one who
walks in power of Holy Spirit by faith,
and
has no reason to be in fear!



Daniel 2:34 You continued looking
until a stone was cut out without hands

JESUS CHRIST is the Stone of Destruction of the Great Statue verses 34-35

The End of Human History

verses 34-35 must have been the crushing stone that put fear into **Nebuchadnezzar's** soul.

verse 34 is one of the great verses in the Bible; it is the **VERSE OF HOPE!**

verses 31-33 reveals the tribulation and suffering,
while verse 34-35 reveals **THE HOPE!**

verses 31-33 reveals the great suffering of the Jews and of all believers indeed, while verse 34-35 give the reason for living in Divine Wisdom in a hostile society.

Read 34-35

34 "You Nebuchadnezzar. continued looking both in his dream & as he contemplated –reflected upon his dream. **As he continued to think and try to understand his dream, it came to a sudden ending.** Here we have an important Aramaic preposition; *until*, introduces a complete change in the dream.

His dream ended abruptly!

And now we have what happened suddenly in his dream. **A stone was cut out without hands, this must have been frighteningly powerful in a dream. A stone was cut. The Aramaic is dramatic here, in that this Aramaic stem "was cut" is not seen as simple action of its own but as imperfect action, part of a whole event. "Was cut" here is God's sense of humor;** This word is chosen because while it means to cut, it is used of future events being cut out for fore telling by

soothsayers or astrologers who would foretell the future. **This is God's way of telling Nebuchadnezzar that while his own false soothsayers could not tell the future , the God of Daniel can foretell the future.**

The future is here described as a stone cut out for a specific purpose and this not by human hands or human design cut without hands meaning without human help, without human impute. Form of 'litotes' expressing an affirmative by negating its opposite, --not unhappy—meaning happy. Here, “cut without hands” means **by divine hands, by divine God's Plan and Power. Look at Daniel 8:25.**

“and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay,
and struck the lowest part of the image , destroying the last kingdom, Revised Roman Empire and ending the history of the Gentiles.

“and crushed them.”

The Aramaic verbal stem indicates causative action-

The stone was caused by God to directly hit and crush the statute. And viewed as part of an entire event – The fall of all Gentile human history. The whole event is the stone hitting the lowest part of the statute and causing the whole statute to fall and every part (gold –silver-bronze-iron and clay) crushed like chaff on a thrashing-floor. And crushed them as one, this will not be a process but will happen suddenly and completely; not one by one, but all at once will be crushed.

The Stone is Christ!

“the stone” of verse 34, “cut not by human hands” is **JESUS CHRIST**—He is the stone not cut by man, the stone that will end **Gentile rule**. End Satan’s rule. Not over a period of time but *suddenly*. The end of Gentile Power will not be slow but it will be sudden...

...by the power of one

Matt. 21: “⁴⁴ And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

This is reference to Armageddon... Revelation 19:11-21

End of whole kingdom of Gentiles

35 “Then... AT THE SECOND ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST ...the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold... **note the reverse order of the time of the Gentiles** ...were crushed all at the same time, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors...; Baptism of fire for all unbelievers, Jewish and Gentile, at the end of Tribulation and ...the wind... Judgment by JESUS CHRIST ...carried them away so that not a trace of them was found... Not found in the Millennial reign of JESUS CHRIST ...**But the stone... JESUS CHRIST** ...that struck the statue became a great mountain... THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST DURING THE MILLENNIAL and filled the whole earth. HE WILL RULE OVER THE WHOLE EARTH. The Kingdom of God is not the Church Age nor the Tribulation but in the Millennial period of history Jesus Christ will Himself, not man, establish the Kingdom of God.

Daniel's prophecy as seen in the Statute of **Nebuchadnezzar's dream** extends from the Babylon Empire in 6th century bc through the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ