

## #35 Daniel 2 – Nebuchadnezzar’s Image, Daniel 2:37-38 Babylon to Daniel 2:40 Rome

Our last discussion introduced the Seven Kingdoms and the Beast, the Eighth, of Revelation 17:9-11. We will return to that, but we first must have a long stretch of discussions and understandings about Nebuchadnezzar’s Image in Daniel 2. Let’s begin.

**Key Understanding:** *Nebuchadnezzar’s Image in Daniel 2. The kingdoms of Babylon, Media-Persia, Alexander the Great’s Greece, and Rome are respectively the first, second, third, and fourth kingdoms spoken of in the dream of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2.*

Daniel lived during this time, and in fact was taken captive by Babylon to Babylon, so the kingdoms represent the kingdom of Babylon that existed at that time, and then the chief kingdoms to come.

### THE DREAM

*Daniel 2:31-40 (KJV) 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 [Babylon], HIS BREAST AND HIS ARMS OF SILVER [Media-Persia], HIS BELLY AND HIS THIGHS OF BRASS [Alexander the Great’s Greece],*

*33 HIS LEGS OF IRON [Roman Empire], 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.*



Source of the picture of the image of Nebuchadnezzar:  
<http://www.bibleexplained.com/prophets/daniel/da2-img.jpg>

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### **THE INTERPRETATION**

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

*37 Thou, O king [Nebuchadnezzar], 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 [Babylon] ART THIS HEAD OF GOLD.***

*39 And after thee shall arise **ANOTHER KINGDOM INFERIOR TO THEE [Media-Persia]**, and another **THIRD KINGDOM OF BRASS [Alexander the Great’s Greece]**, which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

*40 And **THE FOURTH KINGDOM SHALL BE STRONG AS IRON [Roman Empire]**: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

Before we get to the **FEET** which are **PART OF IRON AND PART OF CLAY** [see Daniel 2:33 *above*], we must better understand the **LEGS OF IRON** [see also Daniel 2:33 *above*] of the Roman Empire.

[Note: Virtually all Bible scholars understand and agree that Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome fulfill the first, second, third, and fourth kingdoms *above*. However, they are all virtually entirely lost as to the true meaning of the passage *after* Daniel 2:40, and in most cases, also do not understand the significance of the legs of the Roman Empire. You will be able to understand it in full detail.]

Let’s head to #36 to begin to understand the **LEGS OF IRON**.

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