



Session 2:

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES, Pt.1

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

The book of Daniel contains information about the _____ and the _____ of the earth's last days.

The "Times of the Gentiles" (Lk. 21:24) refers to:

It began with the _____ and ends with the _____

The theme of Daniel 2 is:

The divine ideal for Israel is that the Messiah would come and reign in _____, but because of their _____, God chose to remove them from the land.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (Dan. 2:1-16).

Why doesn't the king tell the "spiritual advisors" his dream first?

Nebuchadnezzar's decree that all wise men in Babylon be executed includes _____.

"Latter days" (v.28) refers to:

According to the prophet in Daniel 2:29, Nebuchadnezzar's dream is to give a _____ of the _____.

A "great image" (v.31) refers to:

The image is comprised of various _____, in _____.

What do you notice about the metals as they progress from top to bottom?

The stone "cut out by no human hand" (vv.34-35) strikes the image, and all its metals the metals are broken and become like chaff. Biblically, what does chaff represent? _____

THE INTERPRETATION (Dan. 2:36-45).

Nebuchadnezzar's vision contained images symbolic of _____.

**BACKGROUND:
THE DIVIDED KINGDOM**

NORTHERN KINGDOM (ISRAEL)
Ten Tribes:
 -Zebulun -Naphtali
 -Issachar -Manasseh
 -Asher -Ephraim
 -Dan -Reuben
 -Gad
Capital City: Samaria (Shomron)
Conquered by: Assyria

SOUTHERN KINGDOM (JUDAH)
Tribes:
 -Judah -Benjamin
 -Remnant of 10 northern tribes faithful to the House of David
Capital City: Jerusalem
First conquered by: Babylon, 605 BC.

THE STATUE

Head: **Gold**
Chest and Arms: **Silver**
Belly and Thighs: **Bronze**
Legs: **Iron**
Feet: Partly **Iron** and partly **Clay**

Kingdom #1 (vv.36-38)

The Head of Gold: _____ (612-539 BC)

Personified in its ruler (v.38)

This demonstrates that God sovereignly grants _____ to earthly powers for His _____.

Kingdom #2 (v.39a)

The Chest and Arms of Silver: _____ (538-331 BC)

The prophet mentions this empire by name in Dan. 5:24-29, 8:20, and 11:2

The two arms represent the _____ between the Medes and Persians.

Kingdom #3 (v.39b)

The Belly and Thighs of Bronze: _____ (330-150 BC)

The prophet mentions this empire by name in Dan. 8:21 and 11:2.

Kingdom #4 (v.40)

This kingdom is divided into two parts...

The Legs of Iron: _____ (150 BC-5th Century AD)

We see another image of Rome in Daniel's vision in 7:7, 20-25.

The two legs represent the historic _____ of the Roman Empire (AD 286)

The Feet of Iron and Clay: _____

What do the ten toes represent?

What does the clay represent?

Kingdom #5 (vv.44-45)

The Stone Cut Without Human Hands: _____ (Ps. 95:1; Deu. 32:4; I Peter 2:4-8)

"No human hand" refers to Christ's _____

What dispensation is initiated in vv.44-45?

This kingdom will last _____. (Lk. 1:32-33)

In a _____ sense, believers are present subjects of a coming kingdom that will replace all previous, human kingdoms in a _____ sense. (Lk. 17:20-21; Matt. 19:28; Zech. 8:3)

Daniel 2:4-7:28 is all written in Aramaic. Why is that significant?

Hebrew is the language of the _____. Aramaic is the most common language of the ancient _____.

One reason God revealed this prophecy at the very *beginning* of the times of the Gentiles:

DANIEL 2: THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM:

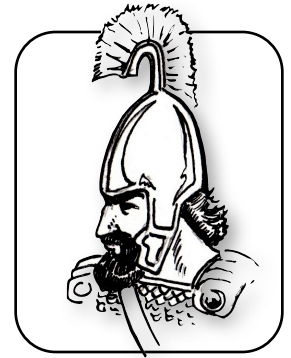
"THEY WILL FALL BY THE EDGE OF THE SWORD AND BE LED CAPTIVE AMONG ALL NATIONS, AND JERUSALEM WILL BE TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT UNTIL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES ARE FULFILLED."
- JESUS, LK. 21:24



HEAD of GOLD (Dan. 2:36-38):

Babylonian Empire

(612-539 BC); personified in King Nebuchadnezzar himself. (Dan. 2:38.)
Laid siege to Jerusalem in 605 BC.
In 597 BC, took Judah's treasures to Babylon, along w/ Ezekiel the Prophet.
"Times of the Gentiles" begin w/ Babylon.



CHEST/ARMS of SILVER (Dan. 2:39):

Medo-Persian Empire (538-331 BC);

Mentioned by name in Dan. 5:24-28.
Conquered Babylon in 539 BC.
Silver an inferior metal to gold, just as Persia was inferior to Babylon in grandeur.



BELLY/ THIGHS of BRONZE (Dan. 2:39):

Grecian Empire (330-150 BC);

Mentioned by name in Dan. 8:21 and 11:2.
Alexander the Great, the world's greatest conqueror, finally crushed Persia in 331 BC.
After Alexander's death, the Empire was divided among his four generals...



LEGS of IRON (Dan. 2:40):

Roman Empire

(150 BC- 5th Century AD);
Rome crushed opposition with an "iron heel."
2 legs symbolic of East and West of the Empire.
In the shadow of this empire, Jesus Christ was born.
Rome destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70.



FEET of IRON and CLAY:

Revived Roman Empire

It will rise during the Tribulation, under the leadership of the Antichrist;
Iron = Rome; Clay = ally nations;
Ten toes = future coalition of ten nations; unstable and fragile.
Antichrist identified with Rome because of Dan. 9:26.



STONE CUT Without HUMAN HANDS

(Dan. 2:44-45):

This is Christ Himself.

(Ps. 95:1; Deu. 32:4; I Pet. 2:4-8)
Utterly destroys worldly empires and sets up kingdom without end (Lk. 1:32-33)
The rock is supernaturally cut from a mountainside, as Christ supernaturally is from God.

