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Topics.

- Nebuchadnezzar has a dream that troubled him in his sleep.
- Nebuchadnezzar tells his enchanters and sorcerers to interpret his dream.
- Nebuchadnezzar's wise men cannot interpret his dream.
- Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
- Legs of iron and feet and toes of clay and iron.
- A stone cut from a mountain by no human hand.
- The stone broke in pieces the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold.
- The glory of the spiritual temple God is building in Christ.

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

DANIEL 2:1

Nebuchadnezzar is troubled in his Sleep.

- **Daniel 2:1:** In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

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Nebuchadnezzar reigned from 605 to 562 B.C therefore it is 603 B.C (the 2nd year) when he has the following dream.

DANIEL 2:2

Magicians, Enchanters and Sorcerers.

- **Daniel 2:2** Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

Magicians: originally the word magic meant the science of art of the Magi, the Persian priestly caste, who, like the Levites, were devoted to the practice of religion. With the wide extension of the term "magus," the word magic, too acquired broader significance. It came to mean all occult rituals or processes deigned to influence or control the course of nature, to dominate men or circumstances by the alliance, aid, or use of supernatural powers, and generally to tap and to employ the forces of an unseen world. Divination, the art of forecasting the future with a view to avoiding the perils and pitfalls, might be included under the same classification.

Enchanters: the word enchanters embrace soothsayers and sorcerer's they were people who observed times or used of any form of magic to charm or captivate somebody or to put a person under a spell.

Sorcerers: a sorcerer was a person who claimed to have super-natural power or knowledge and often used magic potions.

The Chaldeans: refers to the wise men of Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream.

- **Daniel 2:3-6:** And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream." ⁴Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." ⁵The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. ⁶But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation."

Ponder for a moment: the fear that would have fallen on the King's wise men, Nebuchadnezzar calls them all together and tells them to interpret his dream, so naturally they ask Nebuchadnezzar to tell them his dream, but to their horror he says no, you tell me the dream and its interpretation or I will have your houses destroyed and you cruelly and painfully killed.

NOTICE: God works through the spirit and dream of a heathen king, Nebuchadnezzar's dream is from God and is absolutely majestic in its beauty and prophetic message. The dream covers the entire history from the time of Babylon to the Second return of Christ.

DANIEL 2:7

Nebuchadnezzar's Wise Men plead with Him a Second Time.

- **Daniel 2:7:** They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation."

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Imagine the fear of the wise men, they know they cannot tell the king his dream; they are in panic mode for their lives and plead with him to tell them the dream, but Nebuchadnezzar being wise himself and believing they have supernatural powers expects them to tell him the dream so he will then know that their interpretation is correct and not invented by their own creative imagination to suit the events of the dream.

DANIEL 2:8-9

Nebuchadnezzar's reply to the Wise Men's Request.

- **Daniel 2:8-9:** The king answered and said, "I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm— ⁹if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation."

Nebuchadnezzar is not stupid, these wise men have given him interpretations to his dreams in the past, but they have been lying and corrupt interpretations because they did not come to pass. This particular dream has caused the king a lot of mental anxiety and loss of sleep (v1, 3) so there is no way he is going to risk the wise men giving him another interpretation invented by their own deceptive and creative imagination.

DANIEL 2:10-11

Nebuchadnezzar's Wise Men plead with Him a Third Time.

- **Daniel 2:10-11:** The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. ¹¹The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

The wise men know that no magician, enchanter or even the wisest man on earth can do what the king is asking, but they do believe that their gods know what the king's dream was, but they tell the king their gods do not communicate to humans.

NOTICE: if Babylon's wise men the magicians and enchanters believe that their gods do not communicate with humans, the only place they can be getting their interpretations of dreams from or any other counsel they give clothed in religious or spiritual language is from their own creative and deceptive imaginations, obviously Nebuchadnezzar has become aware of this and clearly the reason for his demand for them to tell him the dream.

DANIEL 2:12-13

Nebuchadnezzar's response to the Wise Men.

- **Daniel 2:12-13:** Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ¹³So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them. Nebuchadnezzar having trusted these wise men in the past now finds out from their own words that they cannot communicate with the gods and is furious so he orders them all to be killed. When Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were taken captive they were appointed as the king's counsellors and wise men so they are also included in the king's death sentence.

DANIEL 2:14-16

Daniel asks Nebuchadnezzar for Time to interpret the Dream.

- **Daniel 2:14-16:** Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁵He declared to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel. ¹⁶And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.

Daniel sees that Arioch the king's guard, has gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon and asks him why, Arioch explains the reasons Nebuchadnezzar has ordered him to slaughter all the wise men and Daniel immediately goes to the king to ask for time to interpret the Dream.

Ponder for a moment: this is a huge leap of faith for Daniel, he has no way of knowing at this stage that God is involved in Nebuchadnezzar's dream especially since the king honours and worships other gods and has looked to magicians, enchanters and sorcerers for counsel in the past.

DANIEL 2:17-19

Daniel tells Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

- **Daniel 2:17-19:** Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Mystery: in this context means a puzzling event that is considered to be beyond human understanding and can be made known only by divine revelation, in this context it is applied to Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

God reveals the mystery of Nebuchadnezzar's dream to him in a vision: a vision can relate to a spectacle gazed at by the eyes or a movie played out in the mind. In most cases God gives the picture or vision then the prophet speaks or writes it in their own words. Sometimes the same biblical event or experience is spoken of as an actual and real event, while at other times the same event maybe recorded as a vision (an image or mental experience within the mind). A biblical vision is always under God's control and can appear as a movie played out on the screen of the imagination of the mind (similar to a dream) or it may appear as a hologram appearing in the air that is actually seen by the eyes of the prophet or to whoever God chooses to give the vision to. The vision communicates the LORD'S will or future events to the prophet who then proceeds to tell the vision to the people, sometimes in their own words and at other times in the exact words the LORD has spoken to them in the vision.

DANIEL 2:20-23

Daniel honours and thanks God.

- **Daniel 2:20-23:** Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ²¹He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²²he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. ²³To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."

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Daniel praises God for revealing to him Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

Ponder for a moment: imagine the excitement Daniel would be feeling, not only is he about to save his friends from being put to death, but God has shown him the entire history from the time of Nebuchadnezzar to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, so this vision with God has not been a five minute experience.

NOTE: Daniel himself may not have fully understood the entire beauty and future fulfilment of the vision, but he certainly was given enough insight to understand the future history of Babylon and save his friends from certain death.

DANIEL 2:24-30

Daniel goes to Arioch who was Appointed to Kill the Wise Men.

- **Daniel 2:24-30:** Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him, "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation." ²⁵Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation." ²⁶The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" ²⁷Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, ²⁸but 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: ²⁹To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is

to be. ³⁰But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

Arioch the captain of the king's guard quick as he could took Daniel before the King. Obviously, he did not want the job of killing all the wise men of Babylon (he probably knew many of their families), but being Nebuchadnezzar's servant had to carry the king's orders out, imagine his joy when Daniel told him he could interpret the king's dream.

Belteshazzar: means, may Bel protect his life., it is the Babylonian name given to Daniel, one of the four princes (Azariah, Hananiah and Mishael) of Judah taken by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and committed to his steward (the eunuch) to be trained in the king's palace as counsellors to Nebuchadnezzar. These four had borne names containing the syllable (*el*) for God or (*iah*) for Jehovah, but the names were changed to honour gods of Babylon.

Astrology: (Astrologers) refers to the art practiced by astrologers seeking information especially of the future from the stars it was widely practiced from earliest times, but with all other forms of superstition was forbidden to God's people. Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar that the God in heaven has made known to him what will be in the near future and the latter days (v28).

Latter: means eventually, to happen afterward, the last event of all, it carries the sense of being continuous (i.e. the farthest or final place or time, the uttermost end).

How amazing is this: God gives a Babylonian King who worships other gods a dream that prophesies future events soon to happen and events that will take place in the latter days and then uses Daniel to interpret the dream. One might ask why God didn't simply give Daniel the dream and the interpretation rather than go through a Gentile King. Following are two reasons why this maybe:

1. Had God not gone through Nebuchadnezzar we would most likely not have the dream and its interpretation recorded today, it is only because Nebuchadnezzar was such a powerful and majestic king with enormous influence that the people of his day would have had the dream and its interpretation made known to them and the Jewish scribes in exile would have valued and stored the ancient scrolls so we have it made known to us today.
2. A second reason is found at the end of the next chapter. See the notes following (Daniel 3:28-30).

DANIEL 2:31-35

Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar his Dream.

- **Daniel 2:31-35:** "You (Nebuchadnezzar) saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³²The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Nebuchadnezzar in his dream saw a great bright and frightening image of a man made of various metals. The image was made of the following metals:

Head ----- Fine Gold.

Chest and Arms ----- Silver.

Middle and Thighs ----- Bronze.

Legs ----- Iron.

Feet ----- A mixture of Iron and Clay.

A stone was cut out without any human help, and struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke the feet in pieces. When the feet of iron and clay broke the entire image of iron, clay, bronze, silver and gold broke and became like dust, but the stone that broke the image became a great mountain filling the entire earth.

DANIEL 2:36-38

Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream.

- **Daniel 2:36-38:** "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold.

FIRST AND SECOND KINGDOM

DANIEL 2:39

1st Kingdom -- Nebuchadnezzar - Head ----- Fine Gold.

- **Daniel 2:39:** Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

2nd Kingdom ----- Media Persia ---- Chest and Arms ----- Silver.

THIRD AND FOURTH KINGDOM

DANIEL 2:40

3rd Kingdom ----- Greece ----- Middle and Thighs ---- Bronze.

- **Daniel 2:40:** And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.

4th Kingdom ----- Rome ----- Legs ----- Iron.

FIFTH KINGDOM

DANIEL 2:41-43

Feet and Toes of Clay and Iron (a Divided Kingdom).

- **Daniel 2:41-43:** And as you (Nebuchadnezzar) saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. ⁴²And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly

brittle. ⁴³As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.

5th Kingdom --- The final Empire --- Feet --- A mixture of Iron and Clay.

The feet and toes (the final kingdom) were made of clay and iron meaning some of the nations of this final kingdom will be strong and some weak.

They will mix with one another in marriage: means the weaker nations will mix with the stronger nations in a covenant together this covenant could be a financial agreement like the European Nations are agreeing to today, or a peace treaty etc., either way the world's final kingdom on earth before Christ returns will be made up of some powerful and strong nations and some who are not so powerful or strong.

They will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay: implies the marriage of the nations will be fragmented they will not have unity or cohesion in its full sense because of conflicting elements.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

DANIEL 2:44-45

The Kingdom of God.

- **Daniel 2:44-45:** 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, ⁴⁵just 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. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

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In the very days that God establishes these final kingdoms, He will also set up a Kingdom that will never be destroyed this indestructible Kingdom will destroy all the kingdoms made of clay and iron (i.e. the feet and toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image).

By no human hand: refers to this final kingdom being built supernaturally, Babylon and all other great kingdoms were built and established with stones by thousands of humans labouring to put them together, whereas this kingdom the stones are put together without human effort.

A stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand: refers to the Kingdom God is building in Christ (See the Commonwealth of Israel at the end of this chapter).

The stone broke in pieces the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold: refers to when Christ (the stone) returns he with God's help (i.e., hail stones etc.,) will destroy the entire world system as we know it today. For further information see the title:

- The Future Kingdom of God.

In, Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).

DANIEL 2:46

Nebuchadnezzar Pays Homage to Daniel.

- **Daniel 2:46:** Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. ⁴⁷The 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." ⁴⁸Then 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. ⁴⁹Daniel 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.

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gives Daniel a public show of reverence and respect due to a lord and proclaims Daniel's God is the God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries. Daniel is made ruler over the province of Babylon and appoints his three companions Shadrach (Hananiah) Meshach (Mishael) Abednego (Azariah).

THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL

It is important to understand that the promised seed of Abraham and David is Christ, all the promises to Israel are now fulfilled in Christ therefore they are not limited to Israel only but extend and embrace all those who belong to Christ because God is now creating one new nation in Christ made up of both Jew and Gentiles. (Gentiles are everyone who is not a Hebrew or Jew) this means that Jews and Gentiles become one new nation in Christ (also called, a new man, a new creation, the church, the body of Christ and the Kingdom of God).

The Apostle Paul said:

- Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision (Jews), which is made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember that you (Gentiles) were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the *COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL* and *STRANGERS* to the *COVENANTS* of *PROMISE*, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you (Gentiles) who once were far off (from God) have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our (Jews and Gentiles) peace, who has made us both *ONE* and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he (Jesus) might create in himself *ONE NEW MAN* (or Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles), so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us (Jews and Gentiles) both to God in *ONE BODY* through the cross, thereby killing the hostility (between the Jews and Gentiles). ¹⁷And he (Jesus) came and preached peace to you (Gentiles) who were far off (from God) and peace to those who were near (Jews). ¹⁸For through him (Jesus) we both (Jews and Gentiles) have access in *ONE SPIRIT* to the Father. ¹⁹So then you (Gentiles) are *NO LONGER* strangers and aliens, but you are *FELLOW CITIZENS* with the *SAINTS* (the Jews) and members of the *HOUSEHOLD* of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone ²¹in whom the *WHOLE STRUCTURE* being joined together (Jews and Gentiles) grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you (Jews and Gentiles) also are being built together into a *DWELLING PLACE* for *GOD* by the Spirit (Ephes. 2:11-22).

Gentiles were separated from Christ, alienated from the, Commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus they have been brought to God by the blood of Christ. Jesus has made Jews and Gentiles both one by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances so that Jesus might create in himself one new man (Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles). In Jesus both Jews and Gentiles are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Christ is the head of this new nation and its Jewish and Gentile citizens are now equal in status before God since in Christ we are all brothers and sisters in the same eternal family that God is now establishing in the Lord Jesus Christ throughout all nations of the world.

This new nation will become: the Kingdom that God will set up when the stone of Nebuchadnezzars dream that was cut from the mountain by no human hand, breaks in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold (the final world's kingdom and its economic and political system) and establishes an eternal kingdom that shall stand forever (Daniel 2:44-45). The practical application of what this means to those who belong to Christ is that all the future and eternal promises God made to Israel also apply to them. The book of Revelation states:

- When Christ returns in glory every eye will see him, even those who pierced him and all the tribes of the earth (Rev. 1:7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation (i.e., Jews and Gentiles) and he has made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:9-10).

THE GLORY OF THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE GOD IS BUILDING IN CHRIST

Jews and Gentiles are being united together as one body in Christ to be a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Believing Jews and Gentiles are being prepared by the prophets and apostles' teachings and by the influence of Christ and the Holy Spirit to become a majestic and glorious sacred temple in which God dwells for all eternity. When this majestic building is completed there will be nothing so worthy of reverence since God dwells in it; so ancient since the patriarchs and prophets laboured in building it; so solid since love cements it together; so closely united and indivisible since Christ is the corner stone; so exalted since it reaches as high as heaven and to God himself; so full of wisdom since its specifications are the word of God; so full of light since the Holy Spirit dispels every dark corner; so spacious since it is spread over the whole earth; so invincible and indestructible since it is being built by God, by Christ, by the Holy Spirit and by the influence of God's eternal word; so divine since it is a living, vibrant, dynamic temple inhabited by the Holy Spirit and so universal since all its unique stones though spread throughout the world are compacted together in Christ.

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God is the master builder of this majestic and glorious temple; Christ is the corner stone; faithful believers are the proper materials; the prophets and apostles are its foundation and the Gospel and love its pillars. Christ is the door and faith is the entrance into it. It is a spiritual building and through, faith and grace this living building is growing into an eternal house fit for the most Holy God to dwell in. It's beauty and radiance will surpass all temples that have ever gone before it since it will be adorned with a vast variety of rich colour made up of Jews and Gentiles of every age, country, sex, and condition: the mightiest of kings, the most renowned lawgivers, the most profound philosophers, the most eminent scholars and all those of whom the world was not worthy have formed this building.

Peter wrote:

- Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him Will not be put to shame (1 Pet. 2:6).

Every faithful brother and sister in Christ are represented as living stones that God is using to build this spiritual, majestic temple of eternal glory which will be manifested in splendour for all to see when:

- The Lord himself descends from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ are raised then we who are alive are caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:15-18).

Eight things to notice in this prophecy.

1. There is no mention: of Gog, the ten horned beast nations, the little horn, the false prophet or the false religious system known as mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations (Rev. 17:5).
2. The focus is the lead up to Christ's return and the Kingdom established forever The climax of this chapter is not about the world's false religious system as that has been destroyed by the Beast nations (see Rev 17:16-18) (Rev 18) Its focus is The defeat of the final ungodly worldly kings and their kings by Christ over a period of days or some length of time. There is no mention of any nation or kingdom entering Jerusalem or the land of Israel.
3. The enemy is the final worldly kings and the worlds entire system of mammon.
4. The location is not mentioned. It would seem that the victory is over a period of time and eventually encompasses the entire world. There is no mention of these nations entering Jerusalem or even the land of Israel.
5. It is clearly stated that the time frame is for the latter days.
6. The battle victory is Christ's Kingdom conquers.
7. There is no mention of Israel suffering or being involved, except perhaps in the symbol of the stone. The picture of the stone is an overall or collective view of all the battles leading up to the final battle that conquers all the worldly kingdoms by Christ and the resurrected saints, establishing God's Kingdom on earth.
8. Jesus is involved and is establishing God's Kingdom on the earth by defeating the final ungodly Beast nations.

DIAGRAM OF NEBUCHADNEZZARS DREAM

The following page has a diagram of Nebuchadnezzars dream that gives a visual picture that hopefully will help see at a glance the history and nations that the body of the man symbolises and Daniel's interpretation of the head of fine gold, the chest and arms of silver, the middle and thighs of bronze and the legs of iron and the feet of clay and iron.

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THE BEAST OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (DAN. 2:1-49)

The following is a picture of Daniel's vision of the Feet and Toes (Daniel 2:36-45). There is no mention of Gog, the false prophet or a little horn

The Entire history of the world as it affects Israel and God's future prophecy

NOTE: Daniel 2 is the same as John's vision in Revelation 17 except Daniel starts at Babylon and John starts at Egypt

Egypt	
Not identified in	(Dan. 2)
Not identified in	(Dan. 7)
Identified in as the first king fallen	(Rev. 17:10)

Assyria	
Not identified in	(Dan. 2)
Not identified in	(Dan. 7)
Identified in as the second king fallen	(Rev. 17:10)

Daniel's vision of (Dan 2:36-45) starts at Babylon

First head Babylon Gold (Dan. 2:38)	
Identified in as Gold	(Dan. 2:38)
Identified in as a Lion	(Dan. 7:4)
Identified in as the third king fallen	(Rev 17:10)

Second head Media Persia Silver (Dan. 2:38)	
Identified in as Silver	(Dan. 2:39)
Identified in as a Bear	(Dan. 7:5)
Identified in as the fourth king fallen	(Rev. 17:10)

Third head Greece Brass (Dan. 2:39)	
Identified in as Brass	(Dan. 2:9)
Identified in as a Leopard with Four Heads	(Dan. 7:6)
Identified in as the fifth king fallen	(Rev. 17:10)

This entire beast system is the Great Red Dragon Rev 12:3

Fourth head Rome Iron (Dan. 2:40)	
Identified as Iron	(Dan. 2:40)
Identified as a beast with iron teeth and ten toes	(Dan. 7:7, 23)
Identified in as the Seventh head or king	(Rev. 17:10)
The Feet and toes partly Iron and partly soft Clay ----- Dan. 2:41-43	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>A Stone Cut without Hands destroys the ten horned kingdoms (Daniel 2:44-45)</p> <p>In the days of these kings God will set up His kingdom and it shall destroy all the above kingdoms the iron, the brass the clay, the silver and the gold.</p>									

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