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**Daniel
Nebuchadnezzar
and
John's Visions**

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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF KING NEBUCHADNEZZARS DREAM

Following is a brief overview of Daniel prophetic interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon amazing dream in the Old Testament, which reveals things that would take place in the latter days (Dan. 2:27-30), and John's references to it in the New Testament book of Revelation. When these two visions are viewed together it beautifully highlights the unity that flows through all Scripture. Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar prophetic dream in the following way:

- **Daniel 2:31-35:** "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening.³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze,³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.³⁴ As 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.³⁵ Then 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.

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Concerning this image, we are told:

- **Its head was of fine gold:** signifying, the kingdom of Babylon.
- **Its chest and arms of silver:** signifying, the kingdom of Media Persia.
- **Its middle and thighs of bronze:** signifying, Greece.
- **Its legs of iron:** signifying, Rome.
- **Its feet partly of iron and partly of clay:** signifying, the final antichristian ten horned beast empire and all in league with them. The words partly of clay and partly of iron suggests they will be a mixture of strong nations and weak nations.

THE TWO LEGS OF DANIELS VISION

Those who limit the antichristian ten-horned beast to apply only to the ancient empire of Rome and Europe and limit it, to events that have already taken place are greatly limiting the wonder and beauty of Daniels amazing vision and prophecy. This is because the fourth kingdom in Daniels image has two legs not one, which represent the eastern as well

as the western empire. Added to this, the ten toes are not upon one foot (the west) as those who limit the interpretation to Europe require, but on both feet signifying the East and the West together. This means, even though theories that limit Daniels vision of the ten kingdoms to the West only, may have much truth, it is lacking the full scope of the vision.

DANIELS FOUR GREAT BEASTS

- **Daniel 7:2–3:** Daniel declared, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Daniel in a vision saw four great beasts, arising up from a stormy sea, signifying the commotions, turmoil, chaos, and disorders of the world. These four great beasts signify four great empires. Likewise, the beast John saw also rose-up out of the sea.

- Revelation 13:1: And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.

In chapter eleven we are told this beast ascended out of the abyss (or bottomless pit).

- **Revelation 11:7:** And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them,

Later, we are told that this beast will ascend out of the abyss, (or bottomless pit)

- **Revelation 17:8:** The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

And in chapter eleven this beast is said to ascend out of the sea. This means that the sea, the abyss, and the bottomless pit, in these verses carry the same idea. It is agreed by most that this beast embraces ancient pagan Rome, ancient and modern-day Papal Rome, and the final antichristian ten horned beast nations and all nations in league with them.

DANIELS FOUR BEASTS

Daniel in the following vision saw four beasts in succession:

1. A lion.
2. A bear.
3. A leopard.
4. A beast with iron teeth.

- **Daniel 7:3-7:** Four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. ⁵And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' ⁶After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with

four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Each of Daniels beasts not only succeed the other, but are also different from one another. In contrast to this Johns two beasts are in succession with each other and strongly resemble each other.

- I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. (Rev. 13:1).

The seven heads are the seven great kingdoms of the world:

1. Egypt.
2. Assyria.
3. Babylon.
4. Media Persia.
5. Greece.
6. Rome.
7. The final antichristian ten horned beast nations.

Added to these seven headed beasts, John saw a second beast:

- I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. (Rev. 13:11).

The beast here that speaks like a dragon, is a symbol of a powerful, false religious leader, we know this because he is said to have two horns, and though he is likened to a Lamb, but speaks like a dragon, mean he appears harmless, but speaks words of deception. He is also called the false prophet. Most suppose this second beast to be the final Pope, the head of the Roman Papal Church, and the Vatican with its cardinals, bishops, and clergy, including all religions that come under their umbrella.

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ALL KINGDOMS

In Daniel chapter two Daniel has a vision of an exceedingly bright and great image of a frightening iron man that king Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream. Daniel interprets this vision in the following way:

1. The head was of fine gold (Dan. 2:32), signifying Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon ruling over the entire world. (Dan. 2:36-38).
2. The chest and arms were of silver (Dan. 2:32), signifying a second kingdom inferior to Babylon that will arise after him (v39), which was Media Persia.
3. The middle and thighs were of bronze (Dan. 2:32), signifying a third kingdom that will rule over all the earth (Dan. 2:39), which was Greece.
4. The legs were partly of iron and partly of clay (Dan. 2:33), signifying a fourth kingdom as strong as iron that will break to pieces, crush, and shatter all previous kingdoms (Dan. 2:40), which was Rome.

Then we read:

- A stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, 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. (Dan. 2:34-35).

The feet of the image naturally have ten toes, these ten toes signify the ten horns which are ten kings spoken of in the book of Revelation. Daniel in his interpretation of his vision goes on to say that, "In the days of these ten kings the God of heaven will:

- Set up a Kingdom that will never be destroyed.
- Bring the ten kingdoms to an end.
- The Kingdom God will establish, will stand forever. (Dan. 2:44).

Babylon and Rome: Babylon the first kingdom of Daniels vision in Scripture became a symbol of:

- Worldliness.
- The worlds oppressive banking system of credit and interest.
- Materialism.
- Ungodly world power and authority.

While out of the ruin of Rome (the fourth kingdom mentioned), arose the Roman Papal Church signified by the prostitute woman clothed in scarlet spoken of in the book of Revelation. When used together Babylon signifies global worldliness, while Rome signifies global false religion.

THE GLORIOUS END FOR THOSE IN CHRIST

- **Daniel 2:34-38:** As 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.

The image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, signifies:

- All the kingdoms of the world.
- The world oppressive banking system of credit and interest.
- All corrupt rulers and governments, their lies, and deceptions.
- Oppression of the poor for one's own gain and profit.
- Worldliness, materialism, idolatry, and false religions.

The stone cut out by no human hand: signifies, the Lord Jesus Christ returning as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The stone struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces: signifies, Christ destroying all the kingdoms of the world.

Not a trace of them could be found: signifies, from the time of Christs return onward no worldly corrupt ruler or government will ever rise to gain power and rule over the world.

The stone became a great mountain and filled the whole earth: signifies, Christ establishing God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. This is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, and the glorious inheritance of all those in Christ who endure in faith to the end.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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