

Lesson Two



The Kingdoms of this World come and go, but...

The Kingdom of the God of heaven shall never be destroyed. It will stand forever. In the light of Daniel's prophecy, one must realize how close we are to the Rapture of the Church.

Overview of Lesson Two

I. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – Chapter 2:31-45

- *A Great Statue*
- *A Great Stone*
- *Its Interpretation*

II. Daniel's Dream – Chapter 7

- *Four Beasts*
- *Four Kingdoms*
- *Four Representatives*

III. Daniel's Vision – Chapter 8

- *A Ram*
- *A Goat*

Follow Along Outline

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM – An Earthly View – Chapter 2

King Neubchadnezzar had a troubling _____, and demanded that his wise men, (including Daniel and the three Hebrews), both describe and interpret it. Failure would result in death.

This called for a _____ meeting (*Daniel 2:18*) requesting that Daniel and his fellows should not _____ with the rest of the _____ men of Babylon.

THE DREAM (Daniel 2:31-35)

In his dream the king saw a great _____.

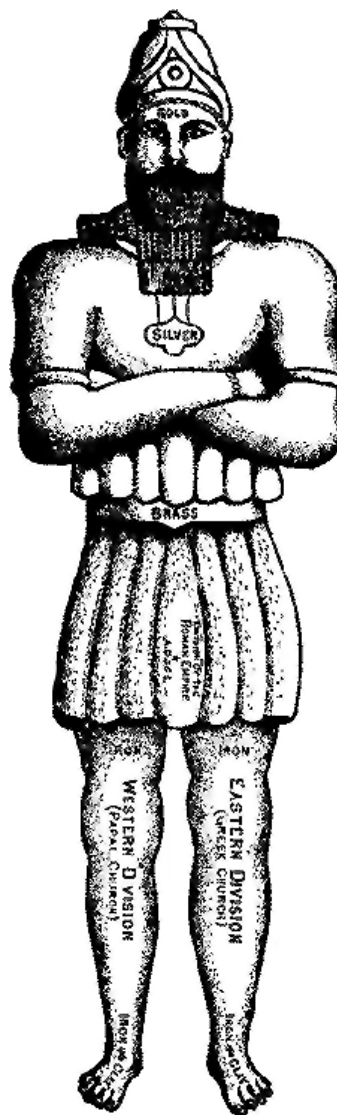
- ▶ The head was of fine _____.

- ▶ Its breast and arms were of _____.

- ▶ Its belly and thighs were of _____.

- ▶ Its legs were of _____.

- ▶ Its feet were part _____ and part _____.



The king also saw a great _____ struck the feet of the statue. The feet shattered and the whole statue crumbled and was carried away by the wind. The _____ that smote the _____ became a great _____ and filled the whole earth.

THE INTERPRETATION (2:36-45)

King Nebuchadnezzar is told that the _____ of heaven had given him a _____, _____ and _____ and _____. Daniel 2:37 Also see 4:17. God is in control.

Daniel begins to lay out before Nebuchadnezzar a _____ looking into the _____ for the Gentile world powers by telling him, *Thou art this head of gold*. Daniel 2:38 The times of the _____ began with the Babylonian captivity of the _____ people.

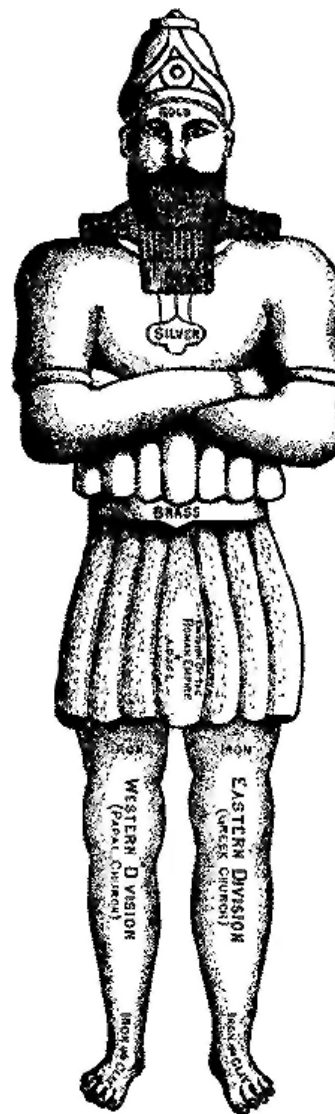
▶ The _____ Empire - *Daniel 2:38*

▶ The _____ Empire - *Daniel 2:39*

▶ The _____ Empire

▶ Two Divisions of the _____ Empire - *Daniel 2:40*

▶ A confederation of ten units forming the revival of the fourth kingdom - *Daniel 2:41-43*



The God of heaven will set up a _____ that shall never be destroyed, (*Daniel 2:44,45*). The stone cut of the mountain without hands would be _____ and His kingdom to bring an end to the _____ world powers at the end of the _____ period.

DANIEL'S DREAM – A Heavenly View – Chapter 7

Belshazzar, grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, has come to power. And Daniel has a dream of four _____ coming up out of the sea.

▶ First Beast - *Daniel 7:4*

- A _____ with eagle's wings.
- The _____ Empire whose main symbol was a winged lion.

▶ Second Beast - *Daniel 7:5*

- A _____ raised up on one side with three _____ in its mouth.
- The _____ Empire.
 - The three ribs possibly represent the Egyptian, Assyrian and Babylonian Empires.
 - Leaning on one side because the Medes were stronger than the _____.

▶ Third Beast - *Daniel 7:6*

- A _____ with four _____ and four _____.
- The _____ Empire
 - Swift and flying leopard - by age 32 _____ the Great had come to power over the entire world.
 - Four Heads - _____ died shortly thereafter and his kingdom was divided into four parts.

▶ Fourth Beast - *Daniel 7:7*

- *Dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth...and it had ten horns...*
- The _____ Empire
 - One horn becomes superior of all the horns, the leader of the original _____ Empire, the Revived _____ Empire and the little horn being the _____.

DANIEL'S VISION – Chapter 8

- ▶ During the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, Daniel was in Shushan, the capital of the _____ Empire. It was there that Daniel was given a vision from God.

- Daniel saw a ram that had two horns, One higher than the other. This is the _____ Empire. - *Daniel 8:3, 4, & 20*

- A goat came up and smote the ram. This is the _____ Empire. - *Daniel 8:21 - 22*

- The horn between the eyes of the goat is broken, and four notable horns come out.

- The description of the fourth kingdom matches the _____ Empire.

- The ten horns are ten _____ and another shall rise after them – the _____. - *Daniel 8:24*

EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE ROMAN EMPIRE

- 800 A.D. - CHARLEMAGNE NAMED "THE EMPEROR OF ROME."
- 962 A.D. - OTTO I ESTABLISHES THE "HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE."
- 1806 A.D. - NAPOLEON PROCLAIMS HIMSELF THE EMPEROR OF ROME. HE IS FOLLOWED BY BISMARCK, THE GERMAN IRON RULER, WILHELM I, AND HITLER.
- 1920S - WINSTON CHURCHILL SAID THERE MUST BE A "UNITED STATES OF EUROPE."
- 1921 - MUSSOLINI PROCLAIMS HIMSELF AS RULER OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.
- 1936 - MUSSOLINI CAPTURES ETHIOPIA. HITLER SAYS MUSSOLINI HAS ESTABLISHED THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE.
- 1957 - LEADERS OF SIX EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN ROME.
- 21ST CENTURY - THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS A POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY UNITY THROUGHOUT EUROPE. THIS MIRRORS THE STABILITY ROME GAVE TO THE SAME REGION.

CONCLUSION

ONE TRUTH Given by ONE GOD to TWO MEN through TWO DREAMS

Dream of Nebuchadnezzar	Gentile Power	Dream of Daniel
Head of Gold	Babylonian Empire	Lion with Eagle's Wings
Chest and Arms of Silver	Medo-Persian Empire	Bear with 3 Ribs in its Mouth
Waist and Thighs of Bronze	Greek Empire	Leopard with 4 Heads and 4 Wings
Legs of Iron	Roman Empire	Dreadful Beast with 10 Horns
Feet of Iron and Clay	Revived Roman Empire	The Little Horn

The Gentile Powers have and will come and go, but in the End Times, they will all be laid waste when the Jewish Messiah, the Prince of Peace, the King of kings and Lord of lords returns to set up His eternal kingdom.

Think About This!

1. What were the sections of the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?
2. What were the creatures in Daniel's dream?
3. What were the creatures in Daniel's vision?
4. What one truth were these three messages from God teaching?