

Daniel 2

Love

I. Tell Me the Dream

1 Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar **had dreams**; and his **spirit was so troubled** that his sleep left him.

- **2nd Year of his reign Nebuchadnezzar had dreams** [602bc?]
 1. **Spirit was troubled**
 - **Spirit:** heb. *Ruwach*: Wind, Breath, Mind
 - **Troubled:** heb. *pa`am* to thrust, impel, push, beat persistently

..his sleep left him

2 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to **tell the king his dreams...**

- King calls the wise men of Babylon: **4 Groups**
 1. **Magicians:** diviner/astrologer
 2. **Astrologers:** Communication with dead?
 3. **Sorcerers:** Use magical songs, to mutter. Drug use
 4. **Chaldeans:** Lit "cloud-breakers": Also use astrology. Astrologer/Priests
- **Commonality:** Un-godly methods of receiving knowledge: Condemned in Deut. 18
 1. Deep things of Satan

Revelation 2:24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine [Teaching of Jezebel] , who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

Romans 16:19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. 20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. [Let God deal with evil]

2. Satanic Spiritual gifting? Listening to Demons
- Nebuchadnezzar asks them all to...

"...tell me what my dreams were"

2b So they came and stood before the king. 3 And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream."

- **I need to know the dream. Two possibilities:**
 1. He forgot the dream?
 2. He was messing with them [Yes]
 - Making sure the interpretation correct by knowing dream

- 4 Groups stand before the king: **Wringing their hands**

NOTE: Daniel 2:4 to 7:28 written in Aramaic. The only section of Scripture in Aramaic

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation."

- Give us a hint. Tell the dream and we will interpret!

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not **make known the dream to me, and its interpretation**, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. 6 However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor.

- Here are your two choices:
 - 1. Fail to tell dream and interpretation**
 - Cut you in pieces
 - Your home will be a "dung" heap
 - 2. Tell me the dream and interpretation**
 - Gifts
 - Rewards
 - Great honor

Cut in Pieces: The victim was tied to four trees with a rope at each limb. The trees were bent inwards and tied together at the top; then the top rope was cut and the body was snapped into four pieces

6b... Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation."

- Best for you to tell me...

7 They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation."

- **Compromise:** Tell us the dream and we'll figure it out???

8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm: 9 if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation."

- You just want to keep talking until I change my mind; Decision is firm.

Dream and Interpretation or Cut into pieces and put under a dung hill

10 The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever

asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean.¹¹ It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

- This is beyond any humans power

“... like some modern ministers of our own day who spend their time studying philosophy, psychiatry, psychology, social science, political science, and then continue under the pretense of being God's messengers to men.” [Strauss]

- You are demanding something that cannot be done!
 1. It is Impossible.
 2. You are unreasonable...**sir.**

12 For this reason the king was **angry and very furious**, and gave the command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. 13 So the decree went out, and **they began killing the wise men**; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

- Door to door taking and killing wise men: Cutting in pieces?
- Moving toward Daniela and 3 friends also know as “wise men”

SUMMARY: Nebuchadnezzar's First Dream

II. Daniel Seeks God

14 Then with **counsel and wisdom** Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon...

- **Council:** Acquiring knowledge with help of others, sorting facts, Word of God
- **Wisdom:** Application of knowledge coming from council

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

Proverbs 19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.²¹ There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand.

- Daniels council came from the Lord
- **God's council found in His Word:**

Psalms 119:104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

- Daniel is calm as he trusts God

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God...

A crisis does not make a man...but reveals a man!

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

15 he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "**Why** is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

- **WHY...so** urgent
- **Arioch:**
 1. King is very troubled/anxious **making rash decisions**
 2. Urgent enough for the king to be killing off "his" wise men
 - Really inherited from his father. Maybe a chance to "Clean house"?

16 So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the **interpretation**.

- Daniel asks for time...and gets it?

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18 that they might **seek mercies from the God of heaven** concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

- Wise men falling all around them: **God's supernatural protection**

Psalm 91:7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.8 Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

- Supernatural protection from bad decisions of youth
- Boys feared God not man

Psalm 34:7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

- Sought the mercy of God to reveal the dream
- Mercy: God not giving us what we deserve for our sin
 1. No sin mentioned of Daniel or the three
 2. Later Daniel will ask forgiveness for himself and Nation [ch.9]
- Drawing near to God in Humility.
- Though we enter the Throne room of God boldly...we must enter humbly...

James 4:6 ... God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

SUMMARY: Daniel Seeks God to tell dream and spare him and friends

III. God Answers Daniel: The Dream

19 Then the **secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.**

- **Important:** Secret revealed *not* figured out:

Our job isn't to figure things out about God, but to understand what He has revealed to us. [Guzic]

- **God draws near to Daniel:**
 1. Dream revealed to Daniel
 2. Daniel blesses God:

Daniel's words reveal his intimate relationship with God

20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His.

- **Bless the Name off God forever:** All that the His Name encompasses:
 1. **All Wisdom:** Omniscient; i.e. All knowing
 2. **All Might:** Omnipotent; i.e. All Powerful

21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings...

- Changes Times/Seasons: Spins the world
- Removes kings and raises up:

Psalm 75:6 For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. 7 But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

21b He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Matthew 13:10 ...the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 **For whoever has, to him more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

- **No Spiritual Neutral:** Moving forward of backward
 1. If you want to know God/things of God He will give you more
 2. If not he what take what little knowledge you have from you

22 He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.

Psalm 139:12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the

day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

1 Timothy 6:15 He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light

Matthew 17:1 ...after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

1 Corinthians 4:6 ... it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- Our God is Life, Love and **Light**...we need to walk in the light.
- **If we know Him we will:**

1 John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

- God shined the light on what was already there...revealed it to Daniel

23 "I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might..."

- God of all Wisdom and Might "You have given me wisdom and might"
- **God give us His attributes:** Created in the image of God

Matthew 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

- Not ALL wisdom and might...but some.

23b...[You] have now made known to me what we asked of You, For You have made known to us the king's demand."

Maybe we don't have because we don't ask?

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

- Maybe we don't have because we doubt. James on wisdom...

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**God want the Glory. God is not glorified in answering faithless prayer!
Thus...He won't.**

Mark 6:5 [Jesus] could do no mighty work [in His home town], except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief.

- **Daniel:** Did not doubt his God
 1. Prayed
 - 2. Believed God**
 3. Received an answer

Hebrews 11:6 ...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- Daniel diligently sought God and was rewarded

24 Therefore Daniel went 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; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."

- Stop killing the wise guys: Daniel the Intercessor [also ch.9]
- **Take me to the King:** Confidence

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Proverbs 14:26 In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.

25 Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, "**I have found a man** of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation."

- **I got a guy...**

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?" **27** Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. **28** But **there is a God in heaven** who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what **will be in the latter days...**

- What comes next is from the God of Heaven: Not Marduk
- Secret is concerning the "**Latter Days**"

28b Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: **29** As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about **what would come to pass after this;** and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.

- This is concerning the future

Only the True God can reveal the future.

- So-called Prophets who were wrong in predictions in OT: **Stoned to death:**

Deuteronomy 18:20 ...the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' 21 And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?'— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, **if the thing does not happen or come to pass**, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

Daniel the Prophet

- Jesus calls him "**Daniel the Prophet**"

30 But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for **our sakes** who make known the interpretation to the king, **and that you may know** the thoughts of your heart.

- I am not "figuring this out with clues" like Sherlock Holms
- God knows the "thoughts of your heart"

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from **His sight**, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

31 "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose **splendor was excellent**, stood before you; and its form was awesome.

- **You king were watching/waiting:**
 1. Great Image came into view
 2. Splendor was excellent/Form was awesome

Awesome has lost its meaning: Telling coffee girl to keep the 2 cents change and her replying "awesome" says something about how the meaning of awesome has diminished

3. Image **stood** before you

32 This image's **head was of fine gold**, its **chest and arms of silver**, its **belly and thighs of bronze**, 33 its **legs of iron**, its **feet partly of iron and partly of clay**.

- **Statue of a man:** Daniel describes from head down
 1. **Head:** Gold

2. **Chest and Arms:** Silver
3. **Belly and Thighs:** Bronze
4. **Legs:** Iron
5. **Feet:** Iron and Clay

Lessening/Inferior in value, beauty, strength

34 You watched while a **stone was cut out without hands**, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

- Stone cut by not by man
 1. **Strikes feet of Iron/Clay** breaks into pieces

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found.

- Entire image crushed into dust like chaff; **No trace left of the Image...NOTHING!**

35b And the **stone** that struck the image **became a great mountain** and filled the whole earth.

- Stone [cut without hands] grows into Mountain as big as the earth!

SUMMARY: God Answers Daniel: Dream. Image/Statue made up of 5 sections digressing in value/splendor from head down. Stone cut but without human hands rolls toward the image and hits the feet of iron/bronze, continues rolling over the entire image crushing it to dust. **Stone becomes a Mountain!**

IV. God Answers Daniel: The Interpretation

36 "This is the dream. **Now we will tell the interpretation** of it before the king.

- That's the Dream here comes the interpretation: We will tell you?

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; 38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold.

- **Nebuchanezzar:** King of kings [earthly kings]
 1. God of heaven, my God, has made you king
 2. Power, strength, and glory come from Him
 3. You rule the entire earth

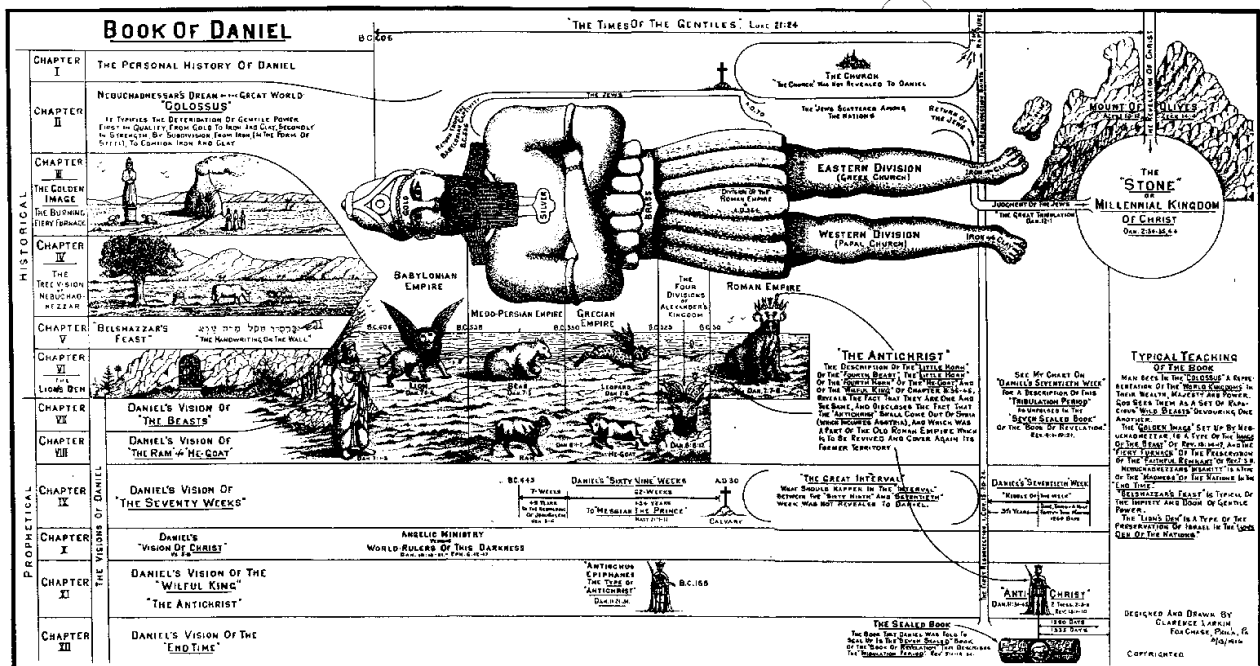
You are the head of Gold!

39 **But after you** shall arise another kingdom **inferior** to yours; then

another, a **third kingdom** of bronze, which shall **rule over all the earth**.
 40 And the **fourth kingdom** shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

▪ **4 Kingdoms described so far:**

1. Babylon [Gold]
2. Another inferior to Babylon [Silver]
3. Another inferior to that [Bronze]
4. Fourth Kingdom [Iron]
 - Destroy the previous 3
 - Only Iron will be left



41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

▪ **5th Kingdom** like the fourth but different and much further in future:

1. Iron mixed with clay
2. Divided: Partly strong/partly weak
3. Feet and Toes: Later speaks of 10 Kings

43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, **they will mingle with the seed of men**; but they **will not adhere to one another**, just as iron does

not mix with clay.

- **Future 5th Kingdom**
- Who are “they” in the text:
 1. **Clay:** Human
 2. **Iron:** Demonic
 - Mingle with the “seed of men”
 - Not adhering other each other

Luke 17:26 ... as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Genesis 6: 6 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. 3 And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” 4 There were giants on the earth in those days, **and also afterward**, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

- Nephilim: **And also afterward:**

Genesis 14 and 15 ...**Rephaim** in Ashteroth Karnaim, the **Zuzim** in Ham, the **Emim** in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

Deuteronomy 2:10 (The **Emim** had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the **Anakim**. 11 They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

Joshua 12:4 The other king was Og king of Bashan and his territory, who was of the remnant of the **giants**, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

Joshua 15:13 Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, namely, Kirjath Arba, which is Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak [kin]).

- **Genesis 6** angels “mingled with the seed of man” and then judgment

**5th Kingdom of AC, will fallen angels once again
“Mingle with the seed of men” leading to the final judgment?**

Revelation 9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 In those days **men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.**

- **Is a Nephilim “DNA upgrade” the Mark of the Beast**

Presumably some point after the rapture, humanity, in an effort to not be removed from the planet (like those taken) and to be able to evolve to be like the Beast (the supposed leader

of the “aliens”), will allow their DNA to be rewritten thus altering their image – that image that was in God’s image (though fallen) will therefore become genetically like the Beast and of course Satan and his angels. **The mark then would simply be the proof** (or perhaps the means by which) one has undergone the genetic transformation. This action of taking the mark will condemn them to hell forever because they will no longer be in the Image of God. How sad it is to realize that what man will trade his soul for God was willing to give for free. Man wants to augment himself with greater powers and to go on living forever – but without God. [Douglas Hamp]

- Mingle wit the seed of men?

44 And in the **days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom** which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall **stand forever.**

- **In the days of the Kings of 5th Kingdom [Iron/Clay] Coming AC kingdom:**
 1. God of Heaven [my God] will set up His Kingdom
 2. God’s Kingdom will be the last earthly Kingdom
 3. God’s Kingdom will consume ALL other kingdoms and the...

Last Kingdom will Stand Forever

Interpretation Summary and Historical Fulfillment



I. Babylon: Gold

- Absolute power, Absolute Monarch. Lesser in time but most powerful
- Lasted 66 years

II. Medo-Persia: Silver

- Nobles equal to the king
- Lesser influence than Babylon
- Lasted 208 years

III. Greece: Bronze

- Alexander the Great: "Rule over the whole earth" v39
- Lesser influence than Medo Persia
- Lasted 185 years

IV. Rome: Iron

- Lesser influence than Greece
- Lasted over 500 years

V. Revived Rome: Future Anti-Christ Kingdom

- How will people recognize this 5th Kingdom?
 1. It will begin with **10 Kings who will rise to power:**

Daniel 7:23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast [revived Rome] shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.24 The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.

- After these 10 Kings a different king will arise taking out 3 of the 10 leaving 7
- **He is the Anti-Christ: Beast**

Revelation 17:12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13 These are of one mind, and they will give their **power and authority to the beast.**[AC]

Alexis Tsipras? New Prime Minister of Greece Much of the criteria of the prophesied Antichrist



1. Took office as PM of Greece **January 26, 2015**

2. "Mystery man": Out of nowhere has taken rock-star control of Greece
3. Backed by George Soros?
4. Forming an Alliance with Russia
5. Talking with Pope Francis about a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians.
6. Atheist and a far left winger
7. His party in Greece is called SYRIZA
8. "He has appeared out of nowhere in the last couple of years, almost magically"
9. Greece is broken. People groping at almost anything to revive Europe?
10. All eyes are on this man.
11. Sept 17, 2014 Mr. Tsipras met with Pope Francis at the Vatican
12. First leader of a left-wing party that met head of the Roman-Catholic church-ever
13. Pope: Rabidly ecumenical, and very "Green", always talking about global warming and people harming the earth
14. Tsipras and the Pope get along famously, and are in one accord
15. One claims to be the head of the "faithful" on this earth, the other, a staunch atheist.

"We discussed the need for peace to return on earth, for the immediate cease of war interventions...asked him to take an international initiative for the termination of conflicts in the Middle East. Finally, we agreed that the dialogue between the Left and the Christian Church must go on. We may have different ideological starting points; however, we converge on common values, like solidarity, love for the fellow Human being, social justice, and our concern regarding world peace." [Alexis Tsipras]

16. He is youngest of all Greek PM candidates at 39 years of age
17. Un-married, cohabitated with HS girlfriend for twenty years
18. Has one child
19. Chose not to take a religious oath in ceremony while being sworn in
20. Broke from tradition when he decided to take a civil, rather than a biblical oath
21. The Pope and the new Greek leader also discussed climate change
22. Pope Francis: Open to everyone, well almost everyone. He embraces the Atheist, the Wiccan, really any beliefs are fine with him, as long as social justice is addressed and a common hatred of Capitalism is quite important.
23. Some believe Alexis Tsipras may be Jewish?

Daniel 11:37 He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

- **5th Kingdom is Anti-Christ's Kingdom:** "Human power" seemingly invincible...

It will be Completely Destroyed by Jesus Christ

Daniel 2:34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which 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 were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found.

- Jesus is the Stone cut without hands: He will set up His earthy Kingdom:

Zechariah 3:9... behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are

seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription, 'Says the Lord of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.10 In that day,' says the Lord of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.'"

- Jesus was tempted to by Satan to bypass the cross to begin this Kingdom:

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. **The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.**"

- **More details regarding the Stone Cut without Hands:**
 1. Cut out of a Mountain v 45
 2. Destroys Image v 35
 3. Afterward will again be a Mountain v 35b

Daniel 2:35b ...the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

- After Rapture, Tribulation, end of Millennium...things will be as they will be forever

1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted [not included]. 28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that **God may be all in all.**

John 17:5 ... O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the **glory which I had with You before the world was.**

V. Nebuchadnezzar Worships the True God: For a Time

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him.47 The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your **God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings**, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."

- **Nebuchadnezzar's first confession**

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48 Then the **king promoted Daniel** and gave him many great gifts; and he made him **ruler over the whole province of Babylon**, and **chief**

administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.

- Promoted Daniel: Already of high standing:
 1. Many Great Gifts
 2. Ruler over Babylon
 3. Boss of ALL the wise men of Babylon [Daniel a Jew]

49 Also **Daniel petitioned the king**, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

- Daniel petitioned the king: Strike while the iron's hot
 1. Give my friends a sweet position
- Daniel sat at the Gate of the King
 1. Seeing king everyday
 2. Friendship began

SUMMARY: God Answers Daniel: Dream/Interpretation extending past our present day!

- Daniel Prophecies 6 Kingdoms
 1. One during the time of this prophesy: Babylon
 2. Another who will take it's place while Daniel is still there: Medo-Persia
 3. Three more he will never see: Greece, Rome, Revived Rome [AC]
 4. The last Kingdom: Kingdom of Jesus Christ which we will enjoy with Daniel:

Daniel 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.³ Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness...

...Like the stars forever and ever.