

# The Book of Daniel-Chapter Two (Part Eleven)

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### Where We Were At With The Dream

**The head of gold** = Nebuchadnezzar's rule over the region and city of Babylon.

**The chest and arms of silver** = Cyrus's The Great's rule over the region and city of Babylon.

**The belly and thighs of bronze** = Alexander The Great's rule over the region and city of Babylon.

**The legs of iron** = Mithridates rule over the region and city of Babylon.

**Feet of iron and clay** = The kingdom of the conqueror (and his rulers) rule over the region and city of Babylon.



### Qualities of Babylon:

The region of Babylon includes the Euphrates and the Tigris, which is a central focus of commerce and trade for his region.

Each of these kingdoms had conquered Babylon from the other (except for the fifth kingdom).

Each of these kingdoms felt Babylon was important when it came to their kingdom.

This is important for *Babylonian* history (that parallels with Israelite history)

**Review From Previous Week:** We have almost come to the end of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. From looking closely at (and slowly through) the Aramaic and considering the culture and history it would seem that the kingdom of "iron and clay" is not a revived (or extended) Roman Empire (or any other kingdom), but it would appear to be the kingdom of the conqueror and his rulers that is detailed in the book of Revelation.

**The Question That We Must Continue To Ask Ourselves:** Are the conclusions that a person is coming to about an explanation of the Scripture using to the CLGH(C) method of explanation?

**Daniel 2:44 NASB95:** "...and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever..."

**"...that kingdom..."**

**וּמַלְכוּתָהּ**

- This Aramaic letter that is in italics (*waw*) combined with is word serves as a conjunction (i.e., "and").
- This word that is underlined is the Aramaic word *maliku*. Once more this is the same word that is Daniel 2:37, 39, 40, 41, & 42.
- This letter in blue is the Aramaic letter (*he*) at the beginning of this noun serves as the definite article.

**So, this could be translated without the word "that" and just write "and the kingdom..."**

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**Daniel's Explanation Continued:** This conjunction marks the continuation of the quality of this kingdom explained by Daniel in the previous statement. "The kingdom" refers to the kingdom the "God of heaven" will establish on the land.

Daniel's explanation is that this kingdom that "the God of Heaven" will establish will not be like a kingdom that is left for someone else for it to be passed to "other people" (either by nepotism, or a king to conqueror it outright).

שְׁבַק

šəḇaq/shebak

- This Aramaic word occurs five times in the Scriptures.
- This Aramaic word occurs four times in the book of Daniel.
- "Leave," "alone," "to be left."
- This word is in the *Hithpael* stem, which can either be reflective or *passive*.
- This Aramaic word is singular, and the state of the word is *determined*.

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Daniel says that this kingdom that the "God of Heaven" will set up will not be left for another but will "break to pieces" (קִרַּק/kekak) and end all these other kingdoms (that is those discussed). This also includes the *majesty, strength, and glory* these kingdoms have also.

Daniel described that kingdom that the "God in Heaven" established. The kingdom (and all the qualities that go with it) will endure forever.

**Cross references:** Daniel 2:4

עֲלָם

ʿālam/alam

- This Aramaic word occurs 20 times in the Scriptures.
- This Aramaic word occurs 18 times in the book of Daniel.
- This word corresponds to the Hebrew word עֹלָם/olam.
- This Aramaic word is written in the *determined* state and possesses a *definite article*.

**Recall the Determined state:** This form in Aramaic refers to a single item OR a collection of items all the same kind when written with a definite article.

**Cross references:** Daniel 2:20, 4:3, 4:14, 18, 7:27.

**Daniel 2:44 NASB95:** "...Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold..."

Daniel in this statement underscored the imagery of the stone, how it was cut (or quarried) without human hands and it "broke to pieces" all of the materials of the statue. Now Daniel does not mention the stone growing into a mountain and filling the whole earth. A supplemental question: *How come he doesn't mention this?*

**Answer:**

**He does not need to, because he already did!**

Since Daniel in the way that he communicated to Nebuchadnezzar connected the stone to the kingdom the "God of heaven" would establish, and since there is no other kingdom that will endure after it, this connected the rest of the details of the dream to Nebuchadnezzar.

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Kingdom	Materials	The Meaning of The Materials
The kingdom of the conqueror (and his kings)	Partly clay and part iron	A divided “or parted” kingdom (vs. 34, 41-42).
<p><b>Kingdom: The Kingdom of “the God of Heaven”</b>  <b>Materials: A stone not cut from human hands</b>  <b>Endures for “ages upon ages upon ages upon ages...”</b></p>		

### Some Last Thoughts

“I am convinced that this explanation I have presented concerning Daniel’s explanation makes the most sense. Here is why I am convinced it is so.

- All the prophecy has to do with the region of Babylon being the central focal point of history (i.e., Gentile history).
- This prophecy Daniel gave was in the native language of the people of Babylon to know about the “God of Heaven” (a completion of Jer. 10:11).
- Christ, at this point is **not** the central focal point of this prophecy (in fact, Christ is not even mentioned explicitly in this passage).
- This prophecy concerns the influence and power of these kingdoms in relation to Babylon. If the empire did not conqueror Babylon, the prophecy does not apply to them (i.e., Rome).
- This prophecy in chapter two concerns their (i.e., the Babylonian) history and destiny.
- This prophecy was given during the administration of Law (therefore all other kingdoms established after this economy are nullified concerning this prophecy).

#### What About the Islamic Empire?

- The Islamic empire began around 622 A.D. with the Islamic prophet Mohammed who had what is described as a “spiritual awakening” during this time.”
- The greatest expansion was in 750 AD.” The capital is Mecca, which is in Saudi Arabia, which is nowhere near Babylon.

**Once more this “empire” was established *after* the economy of grace. Additionally, Babylon is not the central focus of this empire.**

#### What About the Ottoman Empire?

- The Ottoman empire began around 1299 A.D. with the capital of the empire was Constantinople (Turkey).
- The Ottoman empire ended around 1922 more than 600 years with the defeat in WWI.

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#### What About the European Union?

- The European Union developed after WWII (May 8th, 1945). It is recorded that Europe planned to establish peace after the war.
- The steel and coal industry had agreed to run their resources under a common management system (known as the European Steel and Coal Community). This agreement was in 1952.
- The six countries that joined this community were: Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.
- This agreement expanded to economic sectors of these countries five years later with two more treaties: The European Economic Community (ECC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). This occurred in 1957.
- In 1973 the countries that agreed with these European treaties went from six counties to nine: Denmark, Ireland, and The UK.
- The country of Greece becomes the 10th country to join the European treaties in 1981. In 1986 Spain and Portugal join the treaties (1986).

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- Over the course of two decades 10 new countries agreed to the treaties of Europe. Some of these countries include Czechia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Hungary, and Poland, to name a few.

*The European Union is an agreement between countries concerning their economic and resources and that an independent country could not use their resources for war. This does not fit the criteria of a kingdom.*

*However, let us say for the sake of argument that the formation of the European Union was a kingdom (or empire). Once more this “empire” was established after the economy of grace. Additionally, Babylon is not the central focus of this empire.*

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## What About America?

- America’s government, ought to be a constitutional republic, not a kingdom.
- Presidents are to be representatives of the nation, they have no monarch, emperor, or “kingly” power or influence.
- Presidents are supposed to be voted into office by the citizens who believe they will honor or recognize the constitution.
- America fails to meet all the criteria for a kingdom (as this land has no king).
- For the sake of argument even if America was a kingdom, it was still established in this economy of grace, therefore it fails in this aspect.

**To Sum Up:** Daniel’s explanation has to do with Babylonian history and the kingdoms that would rise and take over the region during the time of its influence and strength. The five kingdoms that are established and how the kingdom of the God of Heaven will ultimately lay waste to all of these kingdoms and endure for an eternity.

**To Be Continued...**