

**Nebuchadnezzar's Dream  
Daniel 2:1-44**

**Cf.**

**Jer 25:11** And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

***Judah to be in captivity 70 years; Jer 29:10-12***

**Jer 29:10** For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

**11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

**12** Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

***After 70 years a remnant to return to the land; 2 Ch 36:21ff(21-23)***

**2Ch 36:21** To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

**22 ¶** Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

**23** Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

***Cyrus foretold: Is 44:28; 45:1***

***Isa 44:28*** That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

***Isa 45:1 ¶*** Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

***Daniel 2:1ff God is speaking in figurative language using symbols; Great Image, Head of Gold = Babylonian Empire, Breast Silver = Medo-Persian Empire, Belly Brass = Greek Empire under Alexander the Great. Foretold in Dan 8:21;10:20***

**Da 8:21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.**

**Da 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.**

***Legs of Iron = The Roman Empire. Feet of Iron & Clay = Romans intermarried with non-Romans but it did not unite the nations. In this age Christians & Non Christians live together in this world but are not united and will be separated when the Lord Jesus comes to separate the "sheep from the goats" Matt 25:31ff.***

**Da 2:1 ¶ And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.**

**2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.**

**3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.**

**4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.**

**5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.**

**6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.**

**7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.**

**8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.**

**9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak**

**before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.**

**10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.**

**11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.**

**12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.**

**13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.**

**14 ¶ Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:**

**15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.**

**16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.**

**17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:**

**18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.**

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

**20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:**

**21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:**

**22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.**

**23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's**

**matter.**

**24 ¶ Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.**

**25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.**

**26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?**

**27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;**

**28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;**

**29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.**

**30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.**

**31 ¶ Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.**

**32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,**

**33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.**

**34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.**

**35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great**

**mountain, and filled the whole earth.**

**36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.**

**37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.**

**38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.**

**39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.**

**40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.**

**41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.**

**42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.**

**43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.**

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

**45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.**

***Daniel 2:35, Stone strikes Image of the 4 Kingdoms & becomes a great mountain. What mountain? Cf: Is 2:1ff, The mountain of the Lord's house.***

**Isa 2:1 ¶ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.**

**2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.**

**3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

**4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

**5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

**6 ¶ Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.**

**7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:**

**8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:**

**9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.**

**10 ¶ Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.**

**11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

**12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:**

**13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,**

**14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,**

**15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,**

**16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.**

**17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the**

**haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

**18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.**

**19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.**

**20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;**

**21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.**

**22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?**

***Is 11:1-16;***

**Isa 11:1 ¶ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:**

**2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;**

**3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:**

**4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.**

**5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.**

**6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.**

**7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

**8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.**

**9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the**

**sea.**

**10 ¶ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.**

**11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.**

**12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.**

**13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.**

**14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.**

**15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.**

**16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.**

***Cf. Is 35:8-10***

**Isa 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.**

**9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:**

**10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

***What is the Stone? Cf. Is 8:13-14,***

**Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.**

**14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.**

**15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.**

***Is 28:11-16;(9-18)***

**Isa 28:9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.**

**10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:**

**11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.**

**12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.**

**13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.**

**14 ¶ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.**

**15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:**

**16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.**

**17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.**

**18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.**

***Ps 118:22,***

**Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.**

**23 This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

***Fulfillment cf. Matt 21:42-46,***

**Mt 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**

**43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.**

**Mt 8:12**

**44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.**

**45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.**

**46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.**

***Rom 9:32,(30-33)***

**Ro 9:30 ¶ What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.**

**31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.**

**32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;**

**33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

***Eph2:19-22,***

**Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**

**20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

**21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

**22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

***Acts 4:9-12,***

**Ac 4:9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;**

**10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.**

**11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.**

**12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

***Who are Priests?***

***1 Pet 2:1-9.***

**1Pe 2:1 ¶ Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,**

**2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

**3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**

**4 ¶ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,**

**5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

**6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.**

**7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,**

**8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.**

**9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

***What sacrifices does God desire in the Christian age? Cf. Romans 12:1-2.***

**Ro 12:1 ¶ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto**

**God, which is your reasonable service.**

**2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

***The Mercies of God is tied to an everlasting covenant promised to King David.***

**Isa 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.**

***The sure mercies of David tied to the Gospel, tied to the New Testament.***

**Ac 13:34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David**