



THE ABC'S of PROPHECY

HERES WHAT'S COMING!

MAN'S INSUFFICIENCY REQUIRES GOD'S SUFFICIENCY DANIEL 2:31-45

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 All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. • When Pastor Joe's commentary is added, God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with commentary in the smaller faced text. • Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets.
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“Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone;
 Dare to have a purpose firm, Dare to make it known.”

-Phillip Paul Bliss, *Dare to be a Daniel*, (Circa 1873).

STUDY SECTION

THE STATUE IN NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

Daniel 2:32–34, NASB95 -³² *“The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.³⁴ “You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.*

A HISTORY OF WORLD POWERS

1. The HEAD was made of fine _____.

Gold represented King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire. Dates: 605-539 BC. Scripture: Daniel 3:32, 36-38. Metal: Nebo built with gold.

2. The CHEST and ARMS were made of _____.

Silver represented Cyrus the Great, of the Medo-Persian Empire, who

conquered the Babylonians just outside modern Baghdad. Daniel was still alive. This kingdom lasted almost 200 years. Israel flourished during this time. Date: 539-331 BC. Scripture: Daniel 2:39a. Metal: The Persians required all nations to bring an offering to their gods—paid only in silver.

3. The BELLY and THIGHS were made of _____.

BRONZE represented the Grecian Empire, known most for a leader named Alexander the Great who finally destroyed the Persian Empire. Historians said Alexander “wept” when he realized there were no more kingdoms to conquer. Dates: 331-63 BC. Scripture: Daniel 2:39b. Metal: Greek armies used bronze in their shields, helmets, and weapons.

4. The LEGS were made of _____.

Iron represented the Roman Empire whose army rumbled across the Mediterranean world like iron tanks and crushed everything in its path. A fact about this part of the statue (legs) may symbolize the division of the Romans Empire into East and West. Date: 63BC-approx 400 AD). Scriptures: Daniel 2:40 (and poss. vv. 41ff). Metal: Romans armies strengthened their weapons by using iron. Thought: The Romans were never conquered—they crumbled from within. (Why did they fall?)

5. The TOES were made of _____ and _____.

Iron and Clay (Roman Civilization influencing “many nations”) may represent the 10 league of nations or the *numerous nations* of today—the *day in which we live*. Date: 400AD to present. Scriptures: Dan. 2:42-43).

6. A _____ came and crushed the statue.

The Stone, “cut out without hands,” came from the sky and destroyed the statue. It hit the feet and toes and the statue crumbled. The Stone represents Jesus coming again to the earth to end this life as we know it.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS “DREAM?”

- A. The Bible is Correct.
- B. God is in Control.
- C. Jesus* is Coming.

Acts 4:11–12, NASB95 -¹¹ *“He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.¹² “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”*

* The Stone of Salvation • The Rock of Power • The Pillar of Authority

Answers: 1. Gold, 2. Silver, 3. Bronze, 4. Iron, 5. Iron and Clay, 6. Stone (Jesus)