

FEELING ANXIOUS ABOUT THE FUTURE

Daniel 2 Sept 9th

Reveals the Times of the Gentiles as such chapter 2:4 through chapter 7 is written in Aramaic not Hebrew.

See Hab 1:12 Chaldeans raised up to punish Israel. and Jer 36:23 Bible thrown into fire

What concerns you about the future? Why should I not be anxious about the future?

I. DISCUSS WHAT'S COMING

Dan. 2:1-11, 16-19, 26-29

Chap 2 is a transfer of power from Jew to Gentile.

Vs. 1-3 2nd year of reign may have been flash back or more probably in ancient times a kings 1st year of reign was his accession year and reign not actually counted until 2nd year. Therefore Daniel and others would have graduated their 3 year school.

Troubled same word as used about Pharaoh's dream in Gen 41:8.

Sorcery and other acts of the occult were strictly forbidden Ex 22:18; Deut 18:10; Isa 47:9, 12-14

Not a wise man on earth can reveal the dream see **1 Cor 2:14 see 2 Pet 2:9**
Dream great large beast look at what man has done.

Vs. 16-19 God just may have given Daniel the same dream. Note that Daniel went into the king and asked for more time, when the astrologers asked for more time king Neb issued a death order. The first thing he does is go to best friends and has a prayer meeting.

Vs. 20-23 This brief "psalm" gives insight into Daniel's spiritual life. It begins by expressing absolute confidence in God's control over the world: Daniel clung to such faith even while living in an enemy nation that had just destroyed God's temple in Jerusalem. Also, the prayer shows Daniel's spirit of humility and praise in the midst of crisis: he paused to give God credit before rushing to the king to interpret his dream.¹

Arioch takes all the credit when actually Daniel found him Vs 25 and Daniel gives all the credit to God vs. 27.

Vs 28 dream reveals what will take place in the latter days (KJV)

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QUESTIONS:

1. What could have caused Daniel insecurity and worry?
2. Why would God reveal a dream to a pagan king and why reveal a dream that no man could know and interpret? See 1 Cor 25:27-29.

II. SEE WHAT WON'T LAST

Dan. 2:31-43

Look at how many times "then" is used

Vs. 34 stone not cut with human hands is reference to Christ, who is the chief corner stone Ex 17:5-6 Moses strikes rock for water; stone becomes mountain that fills the whole earth Mt 24:15 See Ps 118:22; Mt 21:42; Rom 9:33; Isa 28:16; Mt 16:18; 1 Cor 3:11; 1 Pet 2:4-8

World Empires:

The Babylonian Empire was not the first the Egyptian and Assyria preceded these

1. Babylon head of Gold (Sp. Gr. 19.3)
2. Medes/Persians 2 arms see 5:28, 8:20 Silver (Sp. Gr. 10.5) 539-331 BC. Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon in 539 BC
3. Greek see 8:21 Bronze (Sp. Gr. 8.5) 331-146 BC
4. Roman two legs Roman empire two man divisions then 10 states (toes) Iron (Sp. Gr. 7.6 Clay Sp. Gr. 1.9). The Roman Empire lasted longer and had more territory than any of its predecessors. Kingdom divided Eastern and Western with Rome and Constantinople the capitols, Eastern Kingdom ended in 1453, Western 456.
Toes partly broken

Neb would not have had power if God had not given it to him. Jer. 27:5-7 Rom 13:1 2 Tim 3:13

QUESTIONS:

1. Why then were the Kingdoms going down in value? Decline of moral values. According to Daniel world kingdoms will not move toward Utopia but in the opposite direction.
2. Is society improving or deteriorating? Play D. Jeremiah's CD Track 11 toward the end of it.

III. GOD'S KINGDOM IS FOREVER

Dan. 2:44

See **Rev 11:15, 20:4-6; Heb 12:22-29** Rev 11:15 is inscribed on the High Altar in Westminster Abbey, where all the kings and queens of Britain are crowned.

QUESTIONS:

1. **W**hen does God's kingdom destroy the other kingdoms by striking Rome. **Mt. 4:17** thy kingdom is at hand, thy kingdom come **6:10 and 24:27** ultimate fulfillment.
2. As a kingdom citizen what is our responsibility to plan and prepare for the future? What must we leave to God?