

God Interprets the King's Dream (Daniel 2:1-49)

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (2:1-16).

- Without the Lord people look for guidance in crazy places (2:1-4).
- Without the Lord there is no hope for reliable guidance (2:5-11).
- With the Lord guidance can be found and disaster avoided (2:12-16).

Only the Lord is a reliable source of guidance and peace.

Thriving in Babylon: See and confess the bankruptcy of your own efforts.

Daniel's Prayer (2:17-30).

- God's people seek Him in troubling times (2:17-18).
- God's people praise him for his provisions and protection (2:19-23).
- God's people know that God alone controls and reveals history (2:24-30).

Prayer and praise is the right response to our need and God's provision.

Thriving in Babylon: Look to God for wisdom and praise Him when He gives it.

Daniel's Interpretation (2:31-49).

- God reveals the fragility of human kingdoms (2:31-35).
- A succession of kingdoms will rise and fall until God's eternal kingdom comes (2:36-45).
- YHWH is the God of God and Lord of Kings who reveals His plans and promotes His people (2:46-49).

The culmination of history is the eternal kingdom of God.

Thriving in Babylon: Keep your eyes on Jesus who is the King of the king of kings.

*God's people can look to Him for guidance and praise Him
as the source of power and wisdom, which brings peace,
because He will establish His eternal kingdom.*

DANIEL 2:1-49

GOLD

NEO-BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

(605BC-539BC)

MOST VALUABLE METAL

LEAST DURABLE METAL

ONE SINGLE UNIT

(vv. 32, 37-38)

SILVER

MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

(539BC-331BC)

LESS VALUABLE METAL

MORE DURABLE METAL

ONE UNIT WITH TWO PARTS

(vv. 32, 39)

BRONZE

GREEK EMPIRE

(331BC-27BC)

LESS VALUABLE METAL

MORE DURABLE METAL

ONE UNIT WITH TWO DIFFERENT PARTS

(vv. 32, 39)

IRON

ROMAN EMPIRE

(27BC-AD 476)

LEAST VALUABLE METAL

MOST DURABLE METAL

TWO PARTS

(vv. 33, 40)

STONE

KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST

(4BC-AD33 AND ???)

NON-HUMAN ORIGIN

STONE BECOMES MOUNTAIN

ETERNAL KINGDOM FILLS EARTH

(vv. 34-35, 44-45)



IRON AND CLAY

FUTURE EMPIRE BEFORE SECOND COMING

(???)

LEAST VALUABLE MIXTURE

MIXTURE OF DURABLE METAL AND BRITTLE CLAY

TWO PARTS & TEN SEGMENTS

(vv. 33, 41-43)

