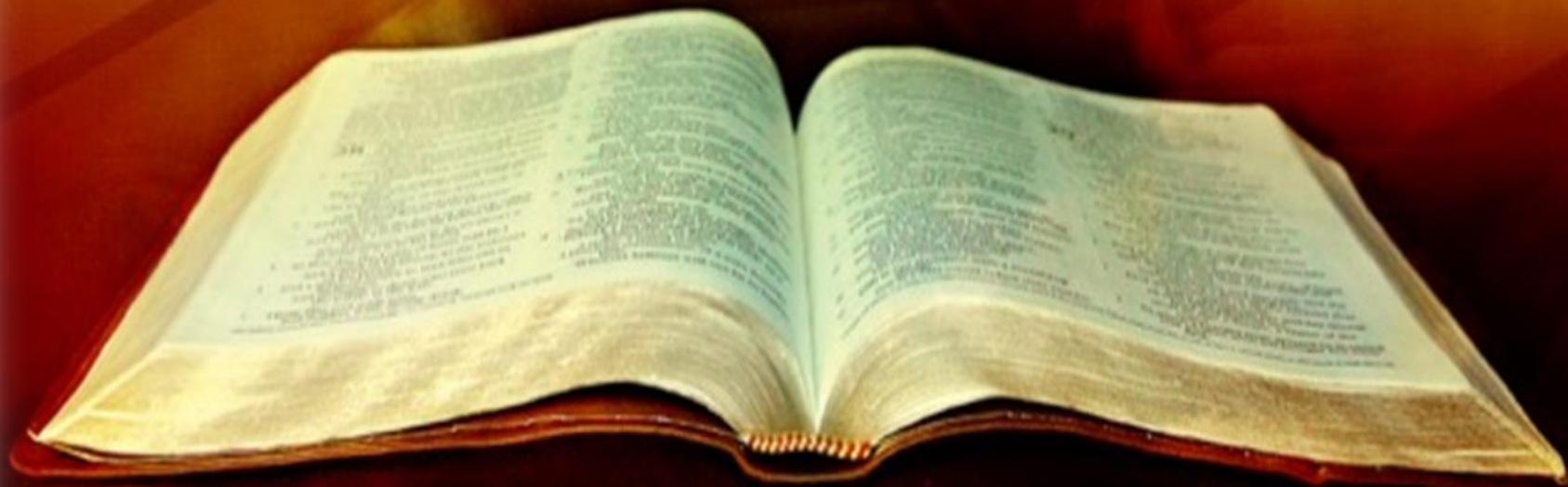


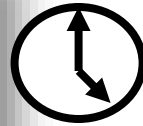
DANIEL

----- *A Study* -----

Of Gods Provision



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Dan 2:1 Now in the *second year of the reign* of Nebuchadnezzar, *Nebuchadnezzar had dreams*; and his spirit was troubled & his sleep left him.

Babylonians counted the rule:

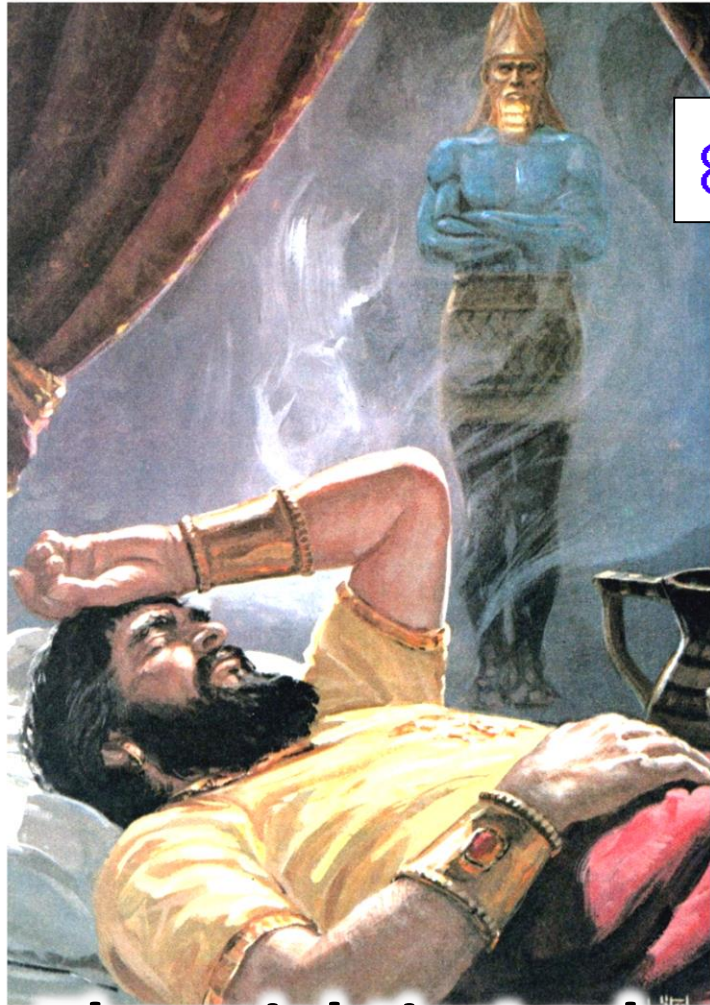
#1 Year of “*ascension*”;

#2 The *first* year of the reign

#3 The *second* year of the reign

Hence Daniel finished 3 years of training (1:18)..
it is now 3 yrs later & yet just “2nd of Neb’s reign!”

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v.1b Nebuchadnezzar had dreams and his spirit was troubled..

(Prov 21:1) *The king's heart* is in the hand of the Lord and He turns it wherever He wishes. ❤️

God controls this king and the kings of all future nations

The mightiest ruler on earth & God can trouble him with something so insubstantial *as a dream*.

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Dan 2:2 Then the king gave *orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers & the Chaldeans*, to tell the king his dreams.

Magicians: Priests, using incantations, muttered to idolatrous gods.

Conjurers: mediums claiming to call up dead.

Sorcerer: to whisper spells, and control spirits.

Chaldeans: astrologers from SE of Babylonia.



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Dan 2:2b *So they came in & stood before the king.*

v3 And the king said to them, "*I had a dream*, & my spirit is anxious to understand the dream.



Babylonians were noted for their use of the *omen-interpreter Astrologers*. (Isa 47:13)

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Dan 2:4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in **Aramaic**

*The text is in **Aramaic** from this point in Dan 2:4 to 7:28.*

*Chapters 2-7 deal primarily with foreign world powers & written in **Aramaic** so they could read it*

***“O king live forever”** (Dan 2:4) Typical Oriental greeting to a ruler by Hebrew & Gentile alike.*

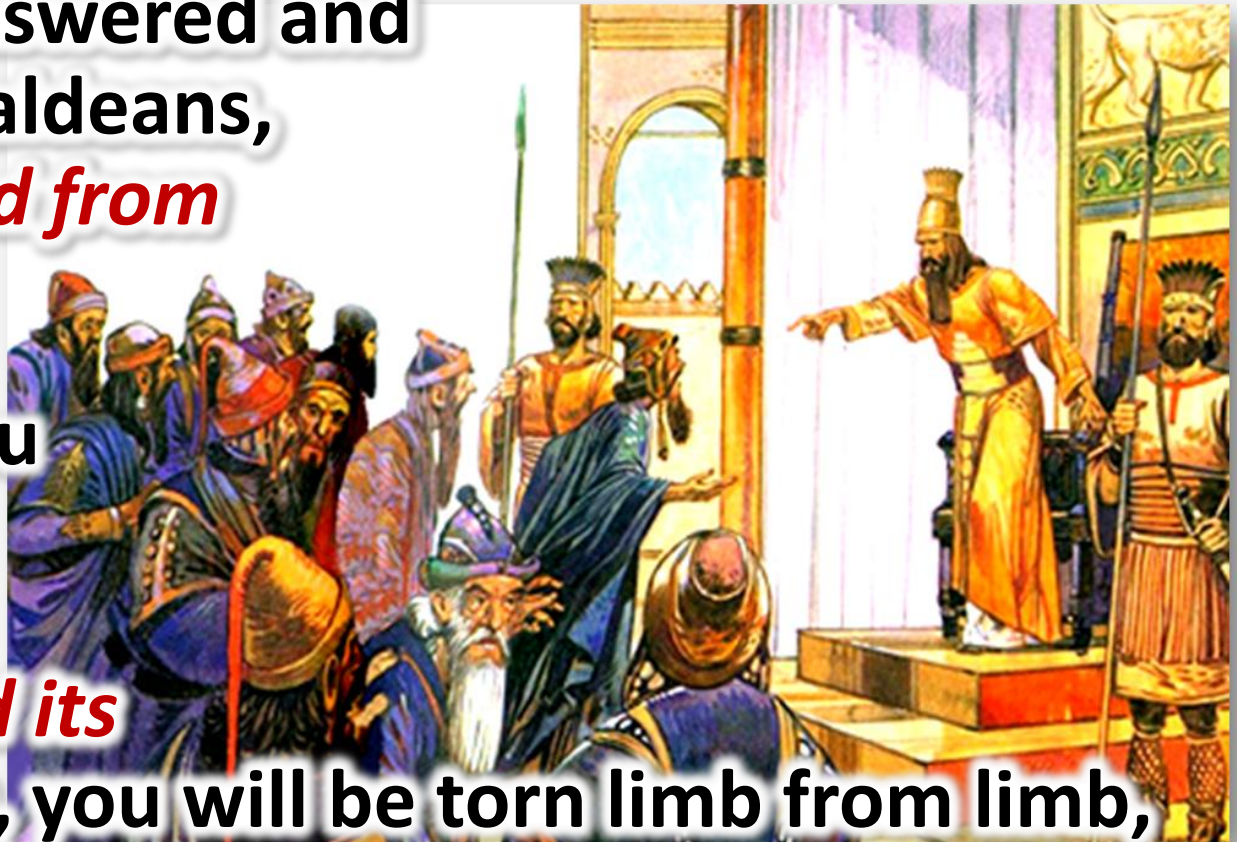
Also said to Artaxerxes & Darius (Neh 1:2; Dan 6:21)

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Dan 2:4 *Tell the dream to your servants*, and we will declare the interpretation.

v5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "*The command from me is firm!*"

Dan 2:5 "If you do not make known to me *the dream and its interpretation*, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be made a rubbish heap."



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*Nebuchadnezzar is tired of supporting a bunch of **snake oil wizards uttering mumbo-jumbo.***

He would have proof this time!

*2:6 Offers them **Gifts, reward and great honor** if tell dream + interpretation.*

*2:7-8 They try to **bargain for time**, for king to tell they dream and they'll fake an interpretation.*

*2:9 Nebuchadnezzar knows they **have conspired to speak lying words.***

Nebuchadnezzar assembled the “worlds best” but the ‘Psychic hotline’ was as fraudulent then as now!



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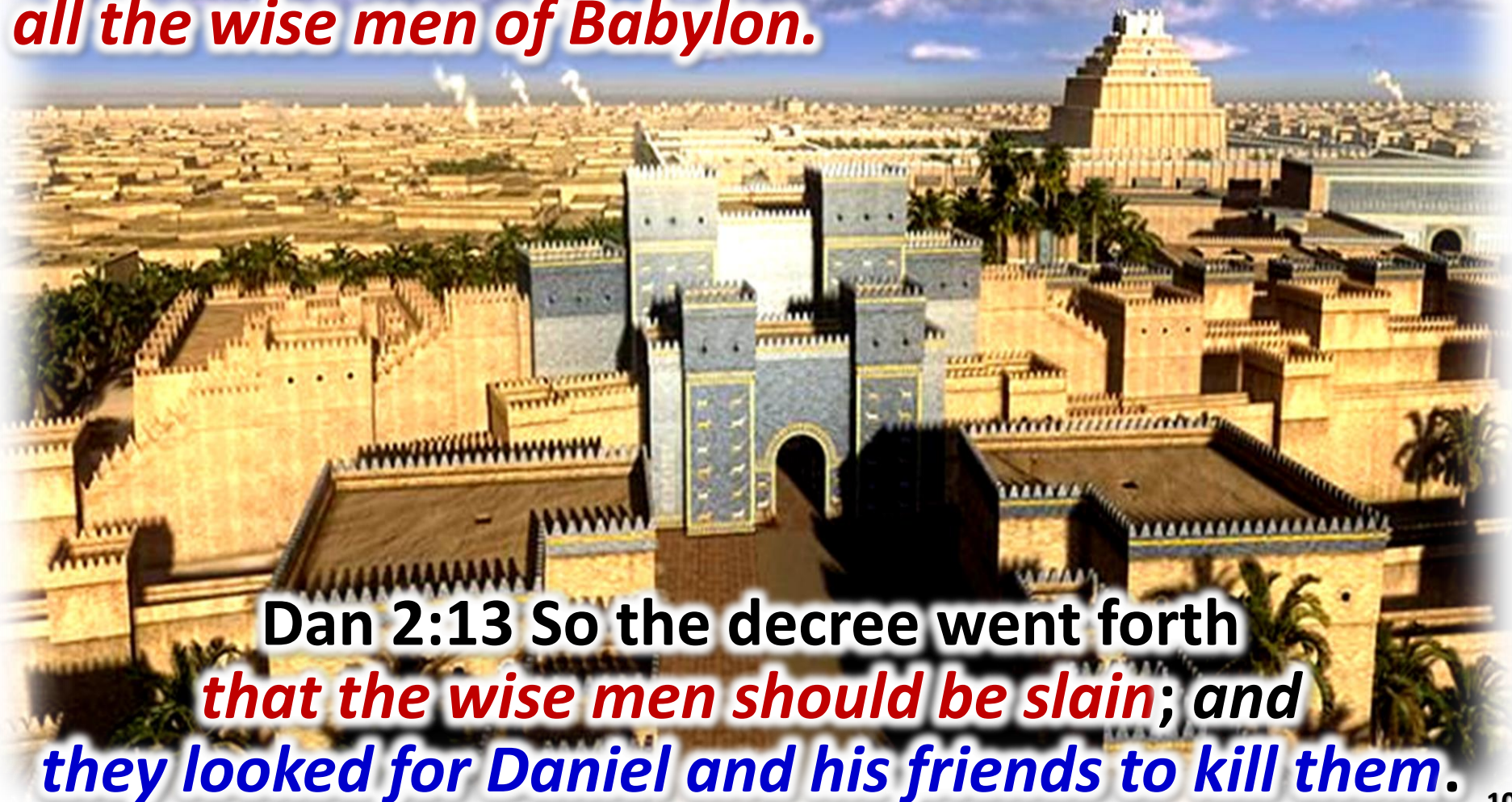
Dan 2:10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "*There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter* for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.



Dan 2:11 "Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and *there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh.*"

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Dan 2:12 Because of this the king became indignant and very furious, and gave orders to *destroy all the wise men of Babylon.*



Dan 2:13 So the decree went forth *that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them.*

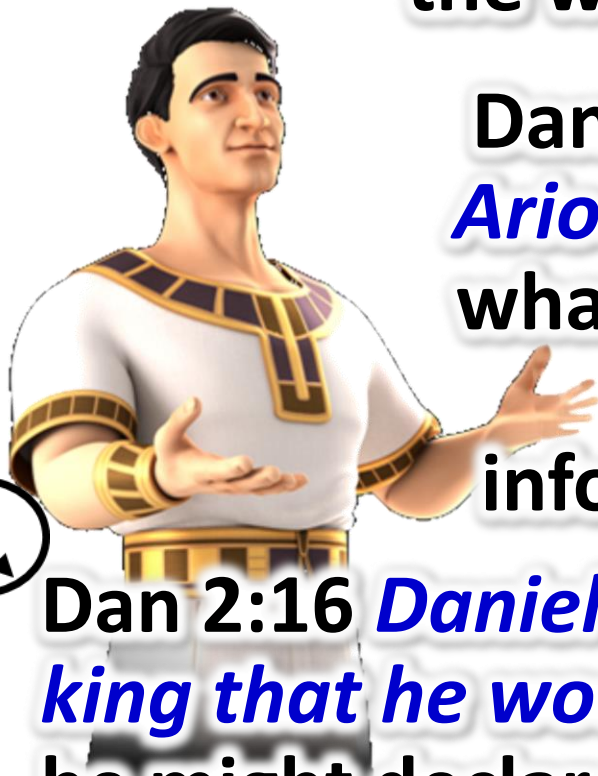
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Dan 2:14 "Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon."

Dan 2:15 He answered and said to Arioch, the king's commander, "For what reason is the decree from the king **so urgent**?" Then Ario

ch informed Daniel about the matter.

Dan 2:16 *Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time*, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.



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Question: “**HOW**” did Daniel go in and make request of the king? Dan 2:16



① **IF** he spoke personally to the king at this point why is he **later** introduced to the king in detail by Arioch? (Dan 2:25)

PERHAPS he went to the palace & made request by the mediation of a **court official**, who had access to the king.

② Why did the king grant Daniel time? Daniel will give the interpretation (v.16) & the dream (v.31)

Fakes wanted time for king to change **QUESTION**..
Daniel wanted time to ask God for the **ANSWER**.

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Dan 2:17 Then Daniel *went to his house and informed his friends,* Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah, about the matter..



18 in order *that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery,*

(LFL) so that Daniel and his friends might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

What if we gathered our friends more often to pray?

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Dan 2:19 Then the mystery was revealed to



Daniel *in a night vision*. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven

VISION: what is “seen” while yet awake. (Dan 1:17)

Repeated use: Gen 15:1 Abram; Lk 1:22 Zacharias; Act 9:10 Ananias; Acts 10:10, 17 Peter; John Rev 9:17.

v20-23 Daniel thanks God. How about us? (Eph 5:20)

v.20 Let His Name be blessed for ***wisdom & power*** !

v.21 ***Providence***: Removes Kings.. Gives Wisdom.

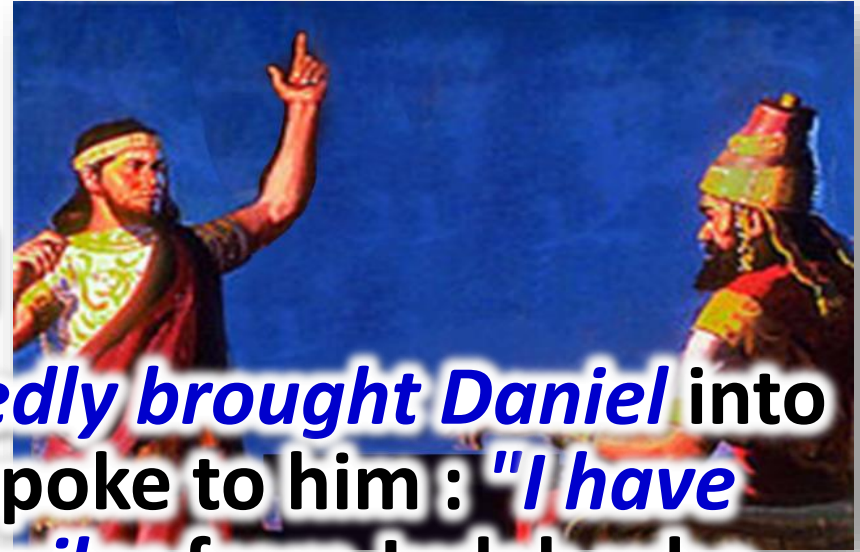
v.22 ***Omniscience***: Reveals hidden things.. He knows

v.23 ***Answers prayer***: “O God of my fathers, I give thanks. You have made known the king’s matter.”

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Proper protocol (Dan 2:24)

Daniel asks Arioch for an audience with the King.
[You can't barge in Est 4:11]



Dan 2:25 *Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel* into the king's presence and spoke to him : "*I have found a man among the exiles* from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!"

Dan 2:27 "*Neither wise men, conjurers, magicians,* nor diviners are able to declare it to the king. 28 "*However, there is a God in heaven who reveals* mysteries, and He has made known to King .. *what will take place in the latter days.*

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Dan 2:28 However, there *is a God in heaven* who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will *take place in the latter days.*

Other instances of phrase:
(Jas 5:3) It is in the *last days*.
(Acts 2:16-17) In *latter days*
(Heb 1:1-2) In these *last days*

Last phase of Jewish history (Dan 10:14) “What will happen to your people in the *latter days*.”

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Dan 2:31-35 Daniel Reveals the **Actual Dream**.

- 1st (2:36-38) Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon. **Head of Gold**
- 2nd (Dan2:39a) Medo-Persia
(Dan 5:30-31; 6:8, 15) **Silver**
- 3rd (Dan2:39b) Alexander's Greece
(Dan 8:5-7, 20-21) **Bronze**
- 4th (Dan2:40 -43) Imperial Rome
(Luke 2:1) Iron and **clay**



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Dan 2:44 *"And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, 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.**"*

Dan 2:45b the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the ***dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy.**"*

Dan 2:46 *King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face & did homage to Daniel,* & gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense.