

END TIME EVENTS

THE IMAGE OF THE LAST KINGDOMS

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Daniel 2

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Introduction: a quick history of King Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel. 1:1-2. Jehoiakim rejected God and burned the scroll Jeremiah 36. He was placed in power by Pharaoh of Egypt. Once Egypt was defeated and subdued King Nebuchadnezzar returned and captured Jerusalem and placed Zedekiah as king.

THE MAKING OF FOUR WISEMEN Daniel 1:3-21

1. Qualities of the young men picked, v.4
2. Three years of training, v.5 to become chaldeans.
3. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were to serve before the king, vs. 5-6
4. They ask the chief of the eunuchs for a different diet. Then asked Melzar to test them for ten days, 1:8-16
5. V.17 God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
6. When examined by the King they were found to be 10 times better than the magicians and astrologers who were in the realm vs. 18-21. Note: this was before the training was up. See Dan. 1:5; 2:1; Jer. 25:1

THE WISEMEN'S DILEMA 2:1-30

1. The Chaldeans were probably the professors.
2. They spoke in Aramaic. The original language of Daniel 2:4b through 7:28.
3. King Nebuchadnezzar's demand, vs. 4-13
4. Daniel's reaction, vs. 14-30
 - a. Daniel and 3 friend's prayer, v.18
 - b. Their blessing of God, vs. 19-23
 - c. Daniel always sought out the proper authority see v.14, 16, 17, v.24, 25, 28
 - d. V.28 God revealing the latter days.
 - e. V. 30 Gives credit to the three friends as well

THE DREAM REVEALED 2: 31-45

1. The king was watching, v. 31
2. Description of the image, 32-35
3. The interpretation of the image, vs.36-45
 - a. Babylonian Kingdom the head of gold, v. 38
 - b. Medes/Persian Kingdom the upper torso of silver
 - c. Greek Kingdom bronze, v. 39 are the belly and thighs
 - d. The fourth Kingdom iron – Romans, v.40 are the legs.
 - e. The fifth Kingdom the revised Roman Kingdom which is the feet and partly iron and partly clay, vs. 41-43. This kingdom is forming up quickly before our very eyes.

Last Words: The last kingdom that wipes out all other kingdoms and lasts for ever; which is our kingdom, if you know Christ