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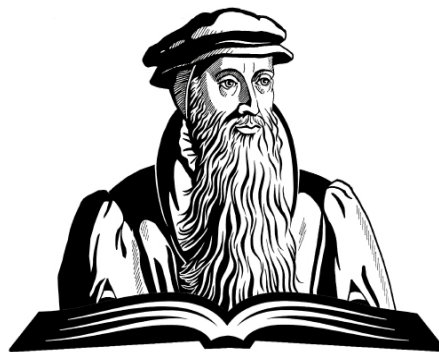
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Nebuchadnezzar's Forgotten Dream

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The Book of Daniel, chapter 2

Memory Verse

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed.”—Daniel 2:44

A Forgotten Dream

In Daniel 2, we find the mighty King Nebuchadnezzar upon his throne, looking very troubled. He had dreamed a very strange dream. He still remembered the vivid impression, but forgot what he actually saw. All the magicians, astrologers, and other wise men were called to come to his aid. However, to his shock, none of these men who were supposedly in contact with the spirit world, were able to help him! The frustrated king threatened the wise men. When the magicians and astrologers hinted that the king was being unreasonable, he became enraged and ordered every one of them to be killed immediately.

Daniel's Request

When Daniel heard what was happening, he told the king that he might be able to tell him the dream tomorrow, and received some more time. That evening, Daniel and his friends bowed their knees and “desired mercies of the God of heaven concerning the secret.” That night, God showed him the dream! Daniel broke out into joyful thanksgiving, praising God for answering their prayers.

Retelling the Dream

Shortly afterward, Daniel stood before the great monarch. Daniel bluntly told the king that no human could ever know such a thing as the king requested but , “There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets.” Then Daniel began to explain what the king had seen in his dream. It was a huge image, made up of different metals. The head was of gold, the chest and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, the legs of iron, and the feet part of iron and part of clay. Suddenly from the mountain behind the image, a stone was cut out without hands, and it began to roll down, and struck the image with terrific force, toppling it, and crushing it so thoroughly that only some dust remained, which blew away. Then the rock grew and became a great mountain which filled the whole earth.

Interpreting the Dream

Then Daniel began to interpret the dream. “Thou art that head of gold,” he said, pointing at the king. Nebuchadnezzar was the most powerful monarch of the world at this time. His empire was huge and immensely rich. However, what Nebuchadnezzar had worried about in his bed the night before, would take place. Another empire would arise and conquer his. This was the chest of silver. It would be conquered by a third empire of brass. Then a fourth empire would arise, strong as iron. However, it would fall apart into separate nations, some strong and some weak, just as the feet were made of iron and clay. The stone which crushed the image would be the final and greatest kingdom set up by the Lord God himself. It would be an eternal kingdom. King Nebuchadnezzar was so impressed that he fell on his face and worshipped Daniel! Then he said, “Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings!” The thankful king richly rewarded Daniel and also his friends. Daniel was made ruler over the whole province of Babylon!

Fulfilling the Dream

Looking back in time, we see how Daniel’s prophecy has been fulfilled. The Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Persians (silver), who in turn were conquered by the Greeks led by Alexander the Great (bronze). The Greeks were conquered by the powerful Roman Empire (iron), which was broken up into many separate nations, some stronger and some weaker (iron and clay). And what of the stone? In Luke 20:17, the Lord Jesus clearly points to himself as being that stone, “the stone which the builders rejected,” which will become “the head of the corner.” “On whomsoever it will fall, it will grind him to powder.” The stone was cut out without human hands. The Lord Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, not by a man, but by the power of the Highest overshadowing her. This kingdom grows every time a person is taken from the kingdom of darkness and grafted into the kingdom of Christ (Romans 11:24), as living stones added to the spiritual Temple (1 Peter 2:5). The final fulfillment of the king’s dream has not taken place yet. On the last day, all world powers will be overthrown once and for all. The Lord Jesus shall return “with power and great glory” (Luke 21:27). Then, “the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever” (Revelation 11:15). Then all God’s people will enter into the eternal rest. Will you enter too? Have you already despaired of your own efforts, and put your trust in Christ? Paul says, in Hebrews 4:1, “Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.”

Review Questions

1. Who did Nebuchadnezzar not call? (circle one)
 - a. Magicians
 - b. Sorcerers
 - c. Astrologers
 - d. Prophets

2. What two things did King Nebuchadnezzar ask his wise men to do?

3. What did Nebuchadnezzar threaten the wise man with?

- a. Exile
- b. Slavery
- c. Death
- d. Imprisonment

4. Number the following events in the order in which they happened.

- _____ The Lord revealed the dream to Daniel
- _____ Daniel called his friends
- _____ Daniel thanked and praised God
- _____ Daniel asked for more time
- _____ They prayed to God for mercies

5. How did Daniel address God when he thanked and praised God?

- a. God of heaven and earth
- b. Lord of hosts
- c. God of my fathers
- d. Lord GOD

6. What were the different sections of the statue made of?

- Head _____
- Chest and arms _____
- Belly and thighs _____
- Legs _____
- Feet _____

7. What did the different metals mean? _____

8. What did the stone mean? _____

Discussion Questions

1. In what two ways did the Lord bless Daniel and his friends in this chapter? What can we learn from this today?

2. Find and copy from 1 Corinthians 10:20, 21, 31

But I say, that the things which the _____, they sacrifice to _____, and not to _____: and I would not that ye should have _____ with _____.

Ye cannot _____ the _____ of the _____, and the cup of _____: ye cannot be _____ of the Lord's _____, and of the _____ of devils. Whether therefore ye _____, or _____, or whatsoever ye do, do _____ to the _____ of _____.

3. What is the point which Paul is making here about food and eating?
