

Daniel 2: 44- 49

The Divine Kingdom
Daniel Promoted

Then will come the 5th and final... **The Stone** that will crush the entire Statue,

Kingdom of God with JESUS CHRIST as its King.

—Millennial Reign of JESUS CHRIST—



Fall of Greek Empire and Rise of Rome

Legs of Iron

It can be argued that the most important empire is the fourth empire, for the Bible spends more verses on the Roman Empire—the legs of Iron.

Note in verse 40 how it is described.

40 "Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; This will be Rome inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces

The Iron legs represent **Rome 1** at its most powerful period.

It will be **Rome** who will crush our Savior on the cross!

But the feet
—made of part iron and part clay—
are used to reveal its weakness and division, in AD 325.

10 toes – yet to come

41 - 44 describe what is to occur in the future

41 "and in that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay.

The mixture of iron and clay will be the weakest of all, no cohesiveness in this kingdom

Rome will remain strong until it became so weakened that it split into two separate kingdoms in 325 AD—Eastern part ruled from Constantinople and Western part from Rome.

Both of these parts will become so weak and fall in 476 AD to invaders from the north.

During all this time period, the Jews had forgotten the lessons from God in the Babylonian captivity, and they ignored the wisdom of Daniel to the point that in AD 70 Rome invaded and destroyed both the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, putting all the Jews into diaspora.

The 10 Toes of clay

42 *“As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.*

The **10 toes**

—yet to appear in history—

but since all the others have come true we know this will come to be in history in the period of the **Tribulation** or the last seven years of the 390 years promised to Israel.

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43 and in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

From a study of the increased inter-marriage of Jews with Gentiles and a study Ezra, this refers to the extreme inter-marriage of cultures and races, which always weakens these cultures and races.

It is so interesting that if we speak of this, we are called racist, but the Muslims who extremely prohibit intermarriage is accepted, just another way Satan seeks to break down this nation and usher in the final nation of the times of the Gentiles.

The Final Kingdom of JESUS CHRIST

The Final Kingdom of the Jews

44 “[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.

This verse is so full of information for us today.

First:

we have to determine **when** this will take place.

Nebuchadnezzar statute starts with him in the 6th century bc and will go through the remainder of history through the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. This verse describes the Second coming of Jesus Christ where He will destroy all the kingdoms of the Gentiles at the end of the Tribulation.

Next:

Which Kingdoms are referred to
it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms
?

This is a reference to all the kingdoms of the time of the Gentiles...
the entire statue.

Remember that IT is described as a single Statue.

There are several references to this event:

Daniel 2: 34- 35

³⁴ You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands,
and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were
crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer
threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace
of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a
great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 4: 3

³ "How great are His signs
And how mighty are His wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom
And His dominion is from generation to generation.

Daniel 4: 34

³⁴ "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my
eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the
Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;
For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

Daniel 6: 26

²⁶ I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men
are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel;
For He is the living God and enduring forever,
And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed,
And His dominion *will be* forever.

Daniel 7: 14

¹⁴ "And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.

Psalms 2: 8-9

⁸ 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the *very* ends of the earth as Your possession.
⁹ 'You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware.'

Psalms 110: 5

⁵ The Lord is at Your right hand;
He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.

Psalms 145: 13

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.

Isai ah 2: 2- 4

² Now it will come about that

In the last days

The mountain of the house of the LORD

Will be established as the chief of the mountains,

And will be raised above the hills;

And all the nations will stream to it.

³ And many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

To the house of the God of Jacob;

That He may teach us concerning His ways

And that we may walk in His paths.”

For the law will go forth from Zion

And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ And He will judge between the nations,

And will render decisions for many peoples;

And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears
into pruning hooks.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation,

And never again will they learn war.

Isai ah 9: 6- 7

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace,
On the throne of David and over his kingdom,
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness
From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Isai ah 11: 13

¹³ Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart,
And those who harass Judah will be cut off;
Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,
And Judah will not harass Ephraim.

Mi cah 4: 7

⁷ "I will make the lame a remnant
And the outcasts a strong nation,
And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion
From now on and forever.

Haggai 2: 22

²² I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of
the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and
their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone
by the sword of another.'

Matthew 24: 14

¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Mark 11: 10

¹⁰ Blessed *is* the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!”

Luke 1: 32

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

John 18: 36

³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom *is* not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”

Revelation 11: 15

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

“The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”

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Verse 45 further describes the Kingdom of JESUS CHRIST from verse 44

Stone cut without hands

44 “In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, (in contrast with all the Kingdoms throughout history of man) and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; (as has been the course of history it future kingdom of God, the 5th Kingdom) will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

45 “Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, 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.”

45 “Inasmuch as you saw that a stone (JESUS CHRIST) was cut out (design and purpose) of the mountain (of heaven) without hands (by God)

cut without hands this phrase is used twice to emphasize it’s significance.

Cut without hands

1 Lets get right to it...look at Daniel 8:25...but he will be broken without human agency.

What is going to happen to all the Gentile nations
will not be by man
but by God Himself.

2 The Principle is found in Ex. 20:25

‘If you make an altar of stone for Me, you shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it.

Religions of the world would (—still do—)cut beautiful stones for the altars of their gods –wood, granite even gold,

But when the Israelites made an altar to God, they were not to cut with hands, they were to take the rocks as they were found and not cut or smooth the stones with tools in their hands, but simple stack them as God created them.

God is not to be worshiped with man's works!

It is amazing how this doctrine

“that God does not want the works of man”

Is all through the bible

beginning with Cain offering God works of his hands

Man insists on offering God the works of his hands

for Salvation,

for +Righteousness,

for Spirituality,

for Blessings.

Yet over and over God insists

it will not be by the works of our hands

that He saves or blesses.

This is why it is **ALWAYS BY FAITH,**

for FAITH relies completely on the works of God's hands.

Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain

without hands (by God Himself) and that it (the stone,

JESUS CHRIST) crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the

gold,

This time the statute is described from bottom to top

The crushing stone is JESUS CHRIST



What is left of the history of man—it may seem as you read history that it is just the same story over and over—rise of nations, fall of nations, but history is headed to the predesigned Plan of God.

This crushing by Stone has not yet occurred, but **IT WILL OCCUR** after the Church Age--and at end of Tribulation, JESUS CHRIST our Lord and Savior will return to earth, not born in a manger, but as a crushing stone —that will end all the Gentile Nations of history. —

JESUS CHRIST the Stone, the Rock of Ages

1 JESUS CHRIST is called the Rock of our Salvation Deuteronomy 32:15

¹⁵“But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—
You are grown fat, thick, and sleek—
Then he forsook God who made him,
And scorned the Rock of his salvation.

2 JESUS CHRIST is the everlasting Rock Isaiah 26:4 *Rock of Ages*

⁴“Trust in the LORD forever,
For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.

3 JESUS CHRIST is the cornerstone of Israel

Isaiah 28:16

¹⁶Therefore thus says the Lord GOD,
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone,
A costly cornerstone *for* the foundation, firmly placed.
He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.

4 JESUS CHRIST is the cornerstone the builders rejected

Psalms 118:22

²²The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief corner stone

Mark 12:10

¹⁰Have you not even read this Scripture:
‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;

5 He is the Rock to stumble over

Isaiah 8:14

¹⁴“Then He shall become a sanctuary;
But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over,
And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

It should be noted that throughout history man has rejected and stumbled over Jesus the Christ, striving to find some other way to God other than through JESUS CHRIST

6 He is the Stone of 7 eyes—perfect God who sees all Zechariah 3:9

⁹For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes.
Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,’ declares the LORD of hosts,
‘and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

7 He is the rock or foundation of the Church

1 Corinthians 3:11

¹¹For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Mathew. 16:18

¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build My church;
and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Ephesians 2:20-22

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,
²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together,
is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

8 He is the crushing stone who destroys all Gentile nations at the Second Advent

Daniel 2:35

³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time
and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors;
and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found.
But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2: 45

⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands
and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold,
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.”

The great God we have God the Father and JESUS CHRIST

Here in this one verse JESUS CHRIST is the coming Stone
and God the Father is here described as the Great God

The only issue for every person is how to be Saved Eternally
that is how to possess the +R (Perfect Righteousness) of God
—not by works but by FAITH in JESUS CHRIST; —

and after salvation

How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit

—then to grow in the Knowledge of the Word of God—

—grow in Knowledge of the great God and of the Stone, JESUS CHRIST—

Here in Daniel

-God of Heaven---1:19; 2:18, 37, and 44

-God of my fathers –Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob 2:23

and now *the great* God

this is an Arabic adjective and it conveys more than great—

The Absolute God

think about what Daniel is saying to Nebuchadnezzar;

Nebuchadnezzar has many so-called gods in his pantheon;

they have failed at this crisis of Nebuchadnezzar's dream,

but here is the TRUE and ONLY ABSOLUTE GOD

Free of Imperfection, Free of Any Challenge,

He is the Outright God, He is Unmitigated God;

Free of Any Restraint (including what a man dreams) and

Free in His Control of All History

Over and over, throughout Daniel, God reveals Himself as the

Absolute God

The word carries with it the positive side of our God;

It Is Unquestionable that He Controls All History

45 “The Great God,

The Unquestionable God has made known to the king
what will take place in the future;

So the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

The more we can just settle in our souls the reality
that our God is the unquestionable God
there would be no SADNESS, STRESS, ANXIETY in our lives,
there would be no anger, no complaints!

So introduces conclusions about God being the Absolute God

the dream is true CERTAIN!

and its interpretation is TRUSTWORTHY

Here is a God you can trust:

The only God of heaven

The absolute God

The God who controls all history—rise and fall of nations
The God who loves the world and sent His Son to make all +R

Read verses 44 – 45

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Dispensational Overview

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| 1 | Age of Gentiles:
Creation of Adam, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and
...the exodus out of Egypt. |
| 2 | Age of Israel:
...to Birth of JESUS CHRIST |
| 3 | Age of JESUS CHRIST:
... Birth, Life, Death, Burial, Ascension and Session of
JESUS CHRIST and Pentecost |
| 4 | Church Age:
...to the Rapture of the Church |
| 5 | Tribulation:
...to the Second Advent of JESUS CHRIST |
| 6 | Millennium:
...to End of Time and Great White Throne Judgment |

Issues in Each Dispensation

(Isaiah 43:12)

¹² “It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed,
And there was no strange *god* among you;
So you are My witnesses,” declares the LORD,
“And I am God.

1. Age of Gentiles who can make the Righteousness out of the unRighteousness? (10 questions of Job)
2. Age of Israel God declares “I can, I will, and I will do it alone”
3. Age of JESUS CHRIST God <i>saves</i> , God establishes the only way of making the unRighteous, Righteous by FAITH ALONE in CHRIST ALONE
4. Church Age God <i>proclaims</i> that He has accomplished it and He did it alone
5. Tribulation God is faithful to Israel
6. Millennium Christ receives all glory

Immediate results

Nebuchadnezzar. praises the God of Daniel 2:46-47

God promotes in a hostile country verses 48-49

Nebuchadnezzar praises the God of Daniel

¹² “Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face

This is first said of Abram in Genesis 17:3 ³ Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

Then of Joseph in Genesis 50:1 ¹ Then Joseph fell on his father’s face, and wept over him and kissed him.

Then of Moses in Numbers 16:4 ⁴ When Moses heard *this*, he fell on his face;

Then of Joshua in Joshua 7:6 ⁶ Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, *both* he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

and did homage This Arabic verbal stem reveals intensity! You can only imagine what is going on in Nebuchadnezzar. at this time...he has had this horrible, terrifying dream now for sometime and his brilliant staff could not even reveal it, he had reached the point where he was ready to kill them all,

then comes this young Hebrew 17 year old boy who not only tells him his dream but the interpretation of it

...Nebuchadnezzar is awe struck...and he falls down and pays homage.

(note that he does not fall down and pay homage not to the God of Daniel) but to Daniel himself.)

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did homage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense. We know from verse 30 that Daniel took no credit to himself.

Things that Nebuchadnezzar learned about the God of Daniel

47 The king answered Daniel and said, “Surely your God is a
1 God of gods and
2 a Lord of kings and
3 a revealer of mysteries,
since you have been able to reveal this mystery.”

But Nebuchadnezzar did not receive JESUS CHRIST as Savior at this time

Verses 48-49

God promotes in hostility!

48 Then the king promoted Daniel and
1 gave him many great gifts, and
2 he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and
3 chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

Look back at verse 6 and you will see that Nebuchadnezzar kept his word,
to anyone who told the dream and it's interpretation

Daniel shares testing and Daniel shares prosperity

We saw that Daniel went to his 3 friends in time of trouble in Daniel 2:17
and they prayed to God together,

Well, now Daniel shares his prosperity with his three friends.

Daniel's wisdom is seen in his relationship with his 3 friends
They shared adversity,
They shared in prayers to God, and
They shared in prosperity.

You cannot choose your family but you can choose your friends

Grow with them in the Word,
Pray for them,
Pray with them

Serve One Another in love

49 And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel *was* at the king's court.

**Spiritual Love in action—Job made request of God for his friends
JESUS CHRIST made request of God for all who follow Him**

**DANIEL'S WISDOM
GOD PROMOTES IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY
JESUS CHRIST IS COMING TO RULE THE WORLD**