

The Book of Daniel
Chapter 2

Verse 1a

1. The events of chapter 2 come after chapter 1. Why is it the **SECOND** year of Nebuchadnezzar? The Hebrews used inclusive reckoning when they figured their dates. Part of a calendar year + 1 full calendar year + part of a calendar year = 3 years. The Babylonians did not start to count the first partial calendar year that a king was in office as his first year. It was in Nebuchadnezzar's second year as king, in the third calendar year of the boys' education that chapter 2 took place.

Verses 1b-13

2. In the middle of verse 4, the written language of Daniel changes from Hebrew to **SYRIAC**, or Aramaic.
3. Why wasn't Daniel part of these wise men who stood before the king? He was **YOUNG**, he had only a short time of seniority.

Verses 14-30

4. God is directly involved in the affairs of this world. He **REMOVES** kings, and **SETS** up kings.

Verses 31-43

5. The great image was an image of a **MAN**.
6. A man made of materials of differing **VALUES**, differing **STRENGTHS** and differing **LUSTER**.
7. This image portrays how man's **KINGDOMS** are seen by man.
8. Daniel, Chapter 7, shows how these same kingdoms are seen by **GOD**.
9. This prophecy is written to and about the nation of **ISRAEL**. (Daniel 9:24)
10. This prophecy concerns five Gentile kingdoms who would rule over Israel. This prophecy only covers the time when Israel is an actual, physical nation. This dream coincides with Daniel's dream in Chapter 7. The world can gauge "what time it is" by observing the nation of Israel.
11. **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** is represented by the head of gold. Verse 39 goes on to say "another kingdom" and a "third kingdom". We see here an important point in biblical prophecy. A **KING** and his **KINGDOM** are interchangeable in prophecy.
12. The second kingdom, represented by the arms & chest of silver, is **MEDO-PERSIA**.

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13. The third kingdom, represented by the belly and thighs of brass, is **GREECE**.
14. The fourth kingdom, represented by iron legs, is **ROME**.
15. Between verse 40 & 41 is a gap, from 70 AD to **1948 AD**, when Israel became a nation, again.
16. Verse 41 speaks of a 5th kingdom. It is a mixture of materials, part **IRON**, part **CLAY**.
17. We are coming to the point in history, and the part of this image of the **TEN** toes.
18. The ten toes are ten **KINGS**. We see that in verse 44. We see it in Daniel 7:7,8,24. We see it in Revelation 13:1; 17:12.
19. In the last **DAYS** the world government will divide the world into 10 areas, to be ruled by 10 “kings”.

Verses 44-49

20. In the days of these **KINGS**, these 10 rulers during the tribulation, Christ will return and destroy them, and set up His everlasting kingdom.
21. The stone, cut out of the mountain without hands, is **JESUS CHRIST**. Jesus quotes this verse in Matthew 21:42-44.
22. Did Daniel receive this worship? No. We see that between verses 46 and 47, Daniel said something to the king, because “the king answered unto Daniel”. Whatever Daniel said changed the king’s tune, because now the king is praising **GOD**