

DANIEL Chapter 2

In Daniel chapter 2, the True and Sovereign God of the universe makes Himself known in a quite extraordinary and unique way to the proud and most powerful man on earth at the time, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. You must remember, that during ancient times right up through today, imperial kings and pharaohs were **priest-“god”-kings** that held the official office and title of **Pontifex Maximus**, that compels worship from their subjects.

However, marvelously the True God humiliated and completely annulled all misconception of who was the True God and who was the false, by giving King Nebuchadnezzar an awesomely impressive dream that proved to be even more traumatic and frustrating to his pride, because after awaking, no matter how hard he tried, he could not remember the dream.

To make matters even worse for the whole counterfeit **Pontifex Maximus god-king** religious system of worship, the Babylonian king had for his “divining” services, magicians, sorcerers and astrologers, men who took great pride and boasted of their superb wisdom and ability to divine the future, but when called upon by the King to make his dream and its interpretation known, even when they and all their families were faced with the death penalty, could not, absolutely could not, provide for the King an answer.

The **Pontifex Maximus** religious system was proven to be an imposter system then, and still is today, and hates all servants of the True God who expose it. What all the great and wise men within the King’s realm had not the slightest capability of performing, the True God, through His servant Daniel, accomplished wonderfully to the amazement, relief and gratitude of the King.

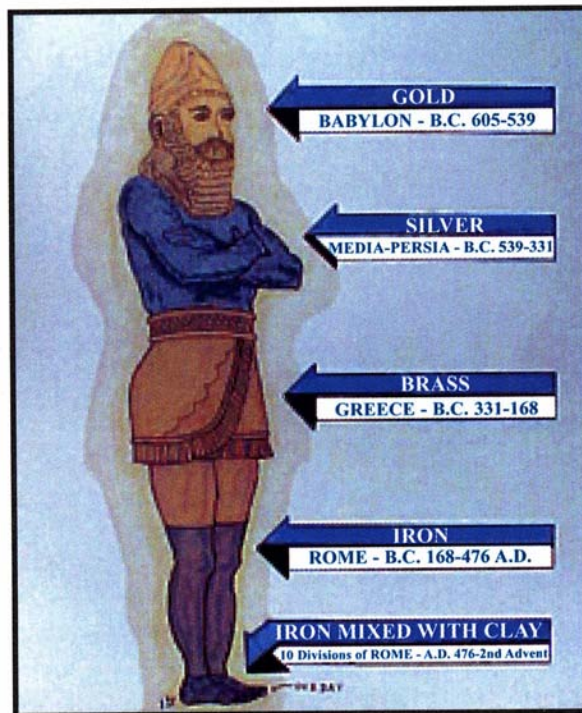
But as impressive as the method that the True God used to make a crystal clear distinction between True worship and the false system of worship, that resulted in the threat of executing all of Babylon’s wise men, which thoroughly got the full attention of the whole Babylonian realm — truly can not be compared to what the True God wanted to make known in the first place.

Imagine! For the first time in history, the True God reveals to mankind the precise amount of man made world kingdoms that would rise and fall, during the specific time that God would allot to him. Honestly now, it’s almost too absurd to ask, but what other religious system has, even remotely, that capability?

But what is so devastating to the haughtiness of man, is the utter contempt that the True God holds for these corruptible kingdoms that man has established for his own memorials, that defiantly usurps the very prerogatives of God. And fittingly to emphasize the corruption and frailty of these “man made kingdoms”, God represented them as an image of a “man”. For the True God of heaven made known to the king of Babylon, that including his own kingdom of Babylon, there would only be four man made world kingdoms on earth, after which, God Himself would set up His own Kingdom. But at that time, God’s eternal Kingdom would grind up all of mankind’s kingdoms, in pieces, so small the wind would carry them away, to be found no more.

When really thinking about it, this dream was not the ordinary dream that all people get from time to time. This dream was quite special, in that God planted it first in the mind of King Nebuchadnezzar, and then took it away, so that he couldn't remember it. Then this same God, planted this same dream into the mind of Daniel, for the purpose of him telling it before the King, to so astonish King Nebuchadnezzar into readily admitting that the God of Daniel was a God above all other gods.

Whatever else it was about this dream that made such an indelible impression on the King's mind, Daniel also described it as a metallic great image of a man standing before the King whose brightness was excellent, and the form thereof was "terrible". Daniel went on to say, that the image had a head of gold, which was declared to represent King Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom of Babylon. Its breast and arms were of silver, which represented the next world kingdom in sequence, which was Media-Persia: its belly and thighs were of brass, which represented Greece: its legs were of iron, which represented Rome: and its feet and ten toes were part iron and part clay, which still represented Rome, but the divisions of the Roman empire after it collapsed.



King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

To reemphasize a previous statement, that history really wants to keep silent about, is the fact that "all" historical world kingdoms or empires that have ever arose on earth had as their rulers the same **priest-"god"-king** system, whether they called their rulers pharaoh or **Pontifex Maximus**, they considered themselves gods who demanded worship.

Instantly, this must be seen as an ingredient that produces a fierce struggle and to cause bitter hatred. Roman caesars were also the **Pontifex Maximus**. Certainly, most everyone can recall Roman history when early Christians were fed to the lions for the entertainment of the citizens of Rome. Why? Merely because true Christians refused to give recognition of worship to caesar as God. The **Pontifex Maximus** false religious system hates the worship of the True God, and hates true Christianity.

In reality, this is what Daniel chapter 2 is all about. It is appealing to the “intelligent” mind to consider what should be quite obvious. To give worship to the True God who is the Creator of all things, who can foresee the future into thousands of years and beyond, as if it had already happened — or the absurd, to give worship to a mere impostor of a man who only pretends to be god, that can not see one minute into the future, and certainly can not create life into anything, including himself, who will surely die just like all other frail men.

So preposterous is this false **Pontifex Maximus** religious system of worship, that has successfully deceived the whole world into believing that it is something holy, that the True God has predicted and promised a day of reckoning. Notice that in the interpretation of the King’s dream, Daniel declares that in the time of the toes and feet of the image, God would obliterate the whole image by striking it at the feet by a “stone” cut out without hands.

This Stone, dear reader, is none other than the Stone that Jesus Christ spoke of as Himself. For example: “Jesus saith unto them, did ye never read in the Scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner.” (Matthew 21:42) “Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.” (Ephesians 2:20) “And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall it will grind him to powder.” (Matthew 21:44) This is the second coming of Jesus Christ appearing in all His glory and power, known also as the dreadful and terrible Day of the Lord — to set the record straight unto all the world. A dreadful and terrible Day unto all those who choose to reject the sovereignty and salvation of the True God, but a Day of solemn joy for those who have waited and watched for His coming.



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