

Living Prophecy

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Daniel 2 - A king had a dream which he could not remember. After failing to learn the dream and its meaning, he took his frustration out on those whom he paid to know everything he didn't. Without answers, his wise men were condemned to death for their lack of knowledge. One of the wise men named Daniel, whom we would consider today as a faithful Christian, prayed with his friends to the God of wonders. God gave Daniel a vision which revealed all he needed to know to give a correct answer to the king. Daniel compared the wise men of the world with the followers of God and revealed the dream to the king. In the dream, Daniel showed his present time and the future of the world in the symbol of a multi-material image. The interpretation shows that we today are at the end of the vision, waiting for Christ to come as the stone cut out without hands.

Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and divided Rome are the nations represented by the metals of the image. We are living past the divisions of Rome and are looking forward to the fulfillment of many other incredible prophecies!

Revelation 5:6 shows Christ, the Lamb, as He has been slain (that was during the time of the cross). That same Lamb opened the 1st seal in 6:1—starting when He had been slain. The 6th seal was opened right before the coming of Christ! Therefore, the seals *must* represent a span of time.

- **Joel 2:31** - "The **sun** shall be turned into darkness, and the **moon** into blood, Before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come."
- **Matthew 24:29** - "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the **sun** be darkened, and the **moon** shall not give her light, and the **stars** shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken."
- **Luke 21:25** - "And there shall be signs in the **sun**, and in the **moon**, and in the **stars**; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring."
- **Revelation 6:12-14** - "I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the **sun** became black as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon** became as blood; And the **stars** of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places."
- A day of supernatural darkness was on May 19, 1780. It was not an eclipse. Timothy Dwight says, "The 19th of May, 1780, was a remarkable dark day. Candles were lighted in many houses the birds were silent and disappeared, and the fowls retired to roost. ...A very general opinion prevailed, that the day of judgment was at hand." Quoted in Connecticut Historical Collections, compiled by John Warner Barber (2nd ed. New Haven: Durrie & Peck and J.W. Barber, 1836) p. 403.
- The moon became as red as blood on the night of the "dark day," May 19, 1780. Milo Bostick in Stone's History of Massachusetts says, "The moon which was at its full, had the appearance of blood."
- The great star shower took place on the night of November 13, 1833. It was so bright that a newspaper could be read on the street. One writer says, "For nearly four hours the sky was literally ablaze." Men thought the end of the world had come. Look into this. It is most fascinating, and a sign of Christ's soon coming. (Peter A. Millman, "The Falling of the Stars," The Telescope, 7 (May-June, 1940) 57)

Daniel 12:4 - “O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the **time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

Comments on **Matthew 24:1-15**.