

Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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The World History

The Bible has accurately prophesied the succession of empires, past and present. Jesus revealed the course of his life and death to his disciples, saying; "And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe" John 14:29. And 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that the holy scriptures "are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Prophecy is meant for instruction, correction, reproof and doctrine. This study will explore one biblical prophecy of many.

Opening prayer: Wise and Holy Father, reveal to us through Your word, those things that were foretold in Daniel's day and through the prophets of old. We ask for spiritual minds to understand and believe Your words to us, Your people. You are not a secretive God; and bring us always what we need for wisdom and faith. We pray in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What had God foretold and revealed to his servants?

1. *Daniel 2:1-3* "And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed _____ wherewith his spirit was _____ and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to ____ the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king."

Reading on (Daniel 2: 4-49) we see that the king's men were unable to interpret the dream. The king decreed that the wise men should be slain. Daniel, a believer in God, was a captive in the king's service at the time. When he learned of the decree, he asked to assist the king by interpreting the dream. When Nebuchadnezzar agreed, Daniel requested a little time. Daniel and his friends spent time in prayer, asking God to reveal to them the meaning of the dream.

2. *Daniel 2:28* "But there is a ___ in heaven that _____ secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the _____ days."

3. *Daniel 2:31* "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great _____. This great image, whose brightness was _____, stood before thee; and the form thereof was _____."

Daniel repeated the dream to the King, Daniel 2:32-35. Then he proceeded to interpret the dream to the king as God had revealed it to him, Daniel 2:36-45

4. *Daniel 2:32-35* "This image's head was of fine _____, his breast and his arms of _____, his belly and his thighs of _____, His legs of _____, his feet _____ of iron and part of _____. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out _____ hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and _____ them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the _____ of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place

was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great _____, and filled the whole earth.”

5. *Daniel 2:38* “Thou art this head of _____.”

6. *Daniel 2:39* “And after thee shall arise another kingdom _____ to thee, and another _____ kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be _____ as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ _____, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be _____; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be _____ strong, and partly _____. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not _____ one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.”

History defines these kingdoms: Babylon, head of gold, 612-539 B.C. | Medo-Persia, breast and thighs of silver, 539-331 B.C. | Greece, belly and thighs of brass, 331-168 B.C. | Rome, legs of iron, 168 B.C. – A.D. 476. The Divided Empire, feet of iron and clay, no single power has ruled since AD 476.

7. *Daniel 2:44 -45* “And in the days of these kings shall the ___ of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall _____ be destroyed and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and _____ all these kingdoms, and it shall _____ for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without _____, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made _____ to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is _____, and the interpretation thereof sure.”

The final universal kingdom will be the kingdom of heaven, set up by God himself.

8. *Matthew 25:31-34* “When the ___ of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the _____ of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all _____: and he shall _____ them one from another, as a _____ divideth his sheep from the goats:”

From God’s word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the world’s _____ from specified dates in the _____, the rise and fall of _____, and the chronological succession of _____ down to the setting up of God’s everlasting _____, are outlined in numerous great chains of prophecy; and that these prophecies are now ___ fulfilled except the _____ scenes.

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Closing prayer: Wise and loving Father, we see Your hand through history. Using prophecy to grow our faith, to instruct and reprove, to protect us. Thank You for opening our eyes to a larger picture, the longsuffering that you have endured for us. We want to grow in the knowledge and wisdom You provide. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the messages You have had for us down through the ages. Your prophets are as relevant now as they were then. Thank You, gracious Father, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, amen.

Answers: 1. dreams, troubled, shew 2. God, revealeth, latter 3. image, excellent, Terrible 4. gold, silver, brass, iron, part, clay, without, brake, chaff, mountain 5. gold 6. inferior, third, strong, clay, divided, partly, broken, cleave 7. God, never, consume, stand, hands, known, certain 8. Son, throne, nations separate, shepherd