



THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

*"The Indestructible
Kingdom"*

DANIEL 2:1-49

"The Indestructible Kingdom"

BABYLONIAN
EMPIRE

Dark Days For Judah ...

- The northern tribes had experienced captivity beginning in 721 B.C. because of their unfaithfulness
- In 605 B.C., Judah, as God had stated through Jeremiah, had found itself un Babylonian control.
- The first wave of captives are carried away to Babylon - including Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.
- 603 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the Great Image (Daniel 2:1; cf. 1:1, 5)

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**Nebuchadnezzar's Vision -
Daniel 2:1-49**



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Daniel 2:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was *so* troubled that his sleep left him. ² Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. ³ And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream."

The dream and decree of Nebuchadnezzar (vs. 1-16).

- Nebuchadnezzar has a troubling dream - sometime in late 604 or early 603 B.C.
- The magicians and astrologers are called - those acquainted with the occult arts (Genesis 41:8, 24; Exodus 7:11, 22; 8:7, 18, 19; 9:11).
- Nebuchadnezzar desperately wanted to know what it meant — (1,3)

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Daniel 2:4–6 (NKJV)

⁴ Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation." ⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. ⁶ However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation."

The dream and decree of Nebuchadnezzar (vs. 1-16).

- Nebuchadnezzar's strange, but reasonable demand — the consequences of failure & reward if success — (5,6)
- The severity of this punishment and the urgency with which it was to be administered speak to the character of the King who decreed it (Jeremiah 39:5–6; 52:9–11; Daniel 3:19, 30)

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The dream and decree of Nebuchadnezzar (vs. 1-16).

- The Chaldeans plead for the king to tell them the dream — vs. 7
- ⁹ "if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! ... Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation."
- The Chaldeans plead "no man can do this" — 10,11

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Daniel 2:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

¹³ So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise *men*; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill *them*.

The dream and decree of Nebuchadnezzar (vs. 1-16).

- This incident reveals the kind of man Nebuchadnezzar was—stern, harsh and sometimes rash and impulsive.
- Daniel and his companions having just completed their training were inadvertently caught in the sweeping displeasure of the king.

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Daniel 2:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. ¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

The dream and decree of Nebuchadnezzar (vs. 1-16).

- Daniel asks for an appointment with the King at which time he will appear and tell the dream and its interpretation. What faith! — 14-16
- Daniel informs Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, seeking God's mercy that they not perish — 17,18

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Daniel 2:19–20 (NKJV)

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Daniel gives glory to God for revealing the dream (17-30)

- God reveals the dream & meaning in a NIGHT vision — (Daniel 7:7, 13; cf. Gen 46:2; Job 4:13; 20:8; 33:15).
- Daniel thanks God for answering their prayer — acknowledging the goodness & greatness of Jehovah God of Israel (Philippians 4:6; Psalm 9:10; 18:3; 34:17, 106:1, etc.)

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- **HE CHANGES THE TIMES AND SEASONS** — History lies in the hands of God (Dan 7:25; cf. 4:17; Acts 17:26; Deut 32:8; 1 Thes. 5:1; Job 12:18; Jer 27:5)
- **HE REMOVES & RAISES KINGS** (Dan 4:31, 35; Job 12:13-25; Ps 75:1–10; Jer. 27:5-7).
- **LIGHT DWELLS WITH HIM.** — God's omniscience & wisdom (Dan 5:11, 14; cf. Job 12:22).

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- **YOU HAVE GIVEN ME WISDOM AND MIGHT.** — God revealed his purpose to Daniel — they were ALSO given power over the kingdom of Babylon (Daniel 2:48–49).
- Nebuchadnezzar's demand was for Daniel to tell both the dream & the meaning (2:5). It is this which God made known to Daniel and follows in the text (Daniel 2:28)

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Daniel 2:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation."

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- Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king — 25
- The king asks Daniel "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?" — 26
- Daniel did what the Chaldeans could not do - made known God's revelation — 27-28
- In the LATTER days — (from now till then) — 28

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Daniel 2:31-45 (NKJV)

³¹ “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor *was* excellent, stood before you; and its form *was* awesome. ³² This image’s head *was* of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

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Daniel 2:31-45 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶

“This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ³⁷ You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

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Daniel 2:31-45 (NKJV)

³⁸ and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold. ³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

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Daniel 2:31-45 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

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Daniel 2:31-45 (NKJV)

⁴² And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

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Daniel 2:31-45 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

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Kingdom Would Be Established

Head of Gold

Breast and arms
of silver

Belly and Thighs
of brass

Legs iron & feet of
clay & iron mixed



Babylonian Empire
605 B.C. - 536 B.C.

Medo-Persian Empire
536 B.C. - 330 B.C.

Grecian Empire
330 B.C. - 30 B.C.

Roman Empire
30 B.C. - 337 A.D.

“The days of these kings,” Daniel 2:44

a stone was cut out without hands

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NATURE OF THE "KINGDOM"

Luke 17:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

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John 18:33-37 (NKJV)

³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world.

If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the

Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." ³⁷

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"

Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

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FOUR PERSPECTIVES OF THE KINGDOM

OT Prophecy

GOD WILL:

Gen. 49:10

2 Sam. 7:12-16

Dan. 2:44;
7:13-14

Isa. 9:7

Ezek. 21:25-27

Zech. 9:9

NT Imminence

AT HAND / NIGH

Angels - Luke
1:32-33

J.B. - Mt. 3:2

Apostles - Mt.
10:7; Lk. 9:2

70 disciples -
Luke 10:9

Jesus - Mt. 4:17,
23; 5:1-7:21; 9:35;
13:11-52; 16:19,
28; Mark 9:1; Etc, -

NT Presence

**Acts 8:12; 19:8;
20:25; 28:23, 31**

Called "**into
kingdom**" by the
gospel (2 Thess.
2:14; 1 Thess. 2:12).

"**translated into
kingdom**" —
(Col. 1:13).

"**in the...
kingdom...of Jesus
Christ**" (Rev. 1:9).

Future Glory

1 Cor. 15:24-25
(NKJV)

²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

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■ When:

- ☉ Days of Roman kings – Dan. 2:44
- ☉ “At hand” in Jesus’ day – Mt. 4:17
- ☉ In Jesus’ generation – Mk. 9:1

■ Where:

- ☉ Law going from Jerusalem – Isa. 2:3
- ☉ King coming to Jerusalem – Zec. 9:9
- ☉ Tarry in Jerusalem – Lk. 24:49
- ☉ Not depart from Jerusalem – Ac. 1:4

NT Presence

Established

First Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Acts 2

The right time & place

After Acts 2 the language changes from “AT HAND” to “The kingdom is preached”

David prophesied God “would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne” (Acts 2:25-31).

“This Jesus God has raised up...being exalted...has made this Jesus...Lord” (2:32-36)

The **KINGDOM** *& The Church*

THE TERMS USED INTERCHANGEABLY

Matthew 16:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you **the keys of the kingdom** of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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THE TERMS USED INTERCHANGEABLY

- Jesus built His “ecclesia” by adding saved people to His body — Acts 2:38-41, 47; 1 Cor. 12:13
- By means of the preaching of the gospel, the doors into the kingdom were opened - people came under the authority of Jesus - (Acts 2:36, 38, 39; 3:16-20; 4:12; 10:34-43; Col. 1:13).



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THE KINGDOM & THE CHURCH

- SAME BEGINNING **PLACE** — Isa 2:3; Lk 24:44-49; Ac 2:14-47
- SAME BEGINNING **TIME** — Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; Mat 16:18,19; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 2:14-47
- SAME **AUTHORITY** — Acts 2:36-38; Col. 1:13,18; Eph. 1:22,23
- **PURCHASED** WITH THE SAME THING (the blood of Christ) — Rev. 5:9-10; Acts 20:28.
- BOTH HAVE THE SAME **MEMORIAL**:
 - The Lord's table in the kingdom ... Matt. 26:29.
 - But the Lord's Table in the church ... I Cor. 11:20-27.

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■ THE SAME **MEMBERSHIP**:

- The Colossians were in Christ...Col. 1:2, which is equal to being in the church... Rom. 6:4 ; Gal.3:27 ; 1 Cor. 12:13.
- The Colossians had been translated into the kingdom of Christ ... Col. 1:13; as have all who are in His body.

■ THE SAME TERMS of **ENTRANCE**:

- Born of water and the Spirit - John 3:3-5
- By one Spirit baptized into one body, (the church) — 1 Cor. 12:13; Titus 3:5; Gal. 3:26,27; Acts 2:36-41,47

The KINGDOM & The Church

• JESUS

Luke. 1:32-33 ;
Eph. 1:18-23 ;
Matt. 28:18 ;
I Tim. 6:15 ;
I Peter 3:22

A King

• GOSPEL

John 12:48 ; 17:8 ;
Mat. 28:18,19
I Cor. 9:21 ;
I John 4:6 ;
James 1:25

A Law

Acts 2:36-47
Col. 1:13-18
Rev. 1:9; 5:10

Subjects
/ Citizens

Territory

Matthew 28:19-20
Mark 16:15,16
Acts 10:34

• CHRISTIANS

• From
Heaven –
To EARTH

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- The kingdom was prophesied for thousands of years — Gen. 49:10; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Dan. 2:44; 7:13-14; Isa. 9:7; Ezek. 21:25-27; Zech. 9:9
- The kingdom was established on Pentecost in Acts 2
- There is one kingdom in existence today w/ one King — Acts 2:36; 1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 19:16
- The kingdom will be delivered to the Father in the end — 1 Cor. 15:24-26;

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ARE YOU IN THE KINGDOM

- “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot ENTER the kingdom of God” (John 3:3-5).
- To be born of the Spirit means to be born of the teachings of the Spirit... I Cor. 12:13 ; James 1:18 ; I Peter 1:2 ; I Cor. 4:15.
- To be born of the water is to be buried in baptism ... Rom. 6:4 ; Gal. 3:26-27 ,29.

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- “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall ENTER the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matt. 7:21).

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Acts 2:34–41 (NKJV)

³⁴ “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “*Sit at My right hand,* ³⁵ *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.*” ’ ³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:34–41 (NKJV)

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.