

**World Empires in Preview
(The King's Dream)
Daniel 2**

Will break and destroy all earthly kingdoms
It will stand forever

I. Sovereign God & Pagan King - 2:1-13

1. God disturbs King's sleep with a dream - 1
Nebuchadnezzar's dreams troubled him
2. God discredits King's wise-men - 2-11
Must tell king dream & interpretation - 2-6
Either he forgot the dream or is testing them
Offers rewards or threatens with death - 5, 6
Think king's demands are unreasonable – 7-11
No king ever expects such from his wise-men
King refuses to change his demands - 8, 9
3. King decrees wise-men be killed - 12,13
Daniel & friends are included in this decree

II. Sovereign God spares Daniel – 2:14-30

1. Daniel asks for, granted more time - 14-16
2. Daniel & friends seek God in prayer – 17-18
3. God reveals it to Daniel in a dream - 19
4. Daniel praises & worships God - 20-23
Thanks God for answer to unknown dream
Acknowledges God's wisdom & sovereignty
5. Daniel gives king the answer - 24-30
Daniel intercedes for all wise-men - 24
Presented as one with answer to dream - 25
Gives God glory, it His revelation – 26-30

III. Sovereign God reveals future - 31-45

1. Dream is retold to the King - 31-35
Great statue, brilliant appearance, awesome
Head of fine gold
Breast & arms of silver
Thighs of brass
Legs of iron, Feet part iron & part clay
Quality of material declines from top to bottom
Stone, cut out without hands, smites feet of statue
Statue crumbles and is blown away by the wind
Crushing stone becomes a mountain, fills earth
2. Dream interpreted for the king - 36-45
Head of gold: Babylon; Nebuchadnezzar - 36-38
Sovereign God has given him power to rule
Breast & arms of Silver – Media/Persia - 39
Inferior kingdom that will follow Babylon
Belly & Thighs of Bronze - Greek Empire - 39
Wide-spread rule under Alexander the Great
Legs of Iron- Feet, iron & clay- Rome - 40-43
Strong as iron in its rule - will break and destroy
2 legs may hint division of empire - east & west
Feet - latter phase; mixed with weakness of clay
Further division & lack of unity in this final phase
Smiting Stone - Eternal Kingdom of God - 44-45

IV. Sovereign God exalts Daniel - 46-49

1. Daniel praised by king & his men - 46
They bowed before him
2. His God acknowledged as true God - 47
He is Lord over kings and revealer of secrets
3. Promoted as ruler over wise-men - 48
Rewarded with gifts,
Elevated to high rank, ruler over Babylon
4. Daniel intercedes for his friends - 49
They are promoted over areas in Babylon
Daniel sits in the king's gate

