

## **Daniel 2: Dream of the Great Image**

In 606 B.C. Judah, two tribes of Israel, were captured by Babylon, Satan's kingdom. (The other ten tribes were already in captivity in Assyria.) Jerusalem lay in ruins and would remain so for 70 years. Daniel was a captive in the king's palace.

**Dan 2: 1-35** God troubled the king with a dream that he was unable to remember. The king called in the astrologers, etc., (Satan's agents) to tell the dream. They failed. Daniel (God's agent) told the dream and thus acquainted Babylon's king with the power and wisdom of Israel's God.

**Dan 2:36-38** Head of gold is Babylon. 606-538 B.C.

**Dan 2:39** An inferior nation, of silver, would conquer Babylon.

**Isa 44:28** 113 years before Cyrus was born and 106 years before Jews were captured, God said Cyrus would allow Jerusalem's temple to be rebuilt.

**Isa 45:1-5** God would loose the loins of kings before Cyrus and open the 2-leaved gates of Babylon that Israel might be released and that Cyrus might learn of the true God.

**Dan 5:1-7, 21-31** God loosed Belshazzar's loins by the handwriting on the wall, and caused the two-leaved gates across the Euphrates river in Babylon to be open on the night Cyrus, the Persian, after turning the course of the river into a lake, entered under the walls into the river bed, and thus into the city of Babylon to slay the king. His uncle, Darius, the Median, was given the throne in 538 B.C. Cyrus went on in warfare.

**Dan 2:39** Breast and arms of silver was Medo-Persia, 538-331 B.C.

**Ezra 1:1-3** In 536 B.C. Darius died and Cyrus came to the throne in time to release the Jews just 70 years after they were captured in 606. God's word never fails.

(Isa 46:9,10, Isa 45:21, 2 Pe 1: 19,21)

**Dan 2:39** Third kingdom of brass is Grecia. 331-168 B.C.

**Dan 2:40** Iron legs of fourth kingdom is Rome. 168 B.C.- 476 AD .

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"The kingdom of Greece was followed by the universal authority of Rome." "History of Rome"  
By Theodor Mommsen, Book 3, Ch. 10.

**Dan 2:41,42** Rome was divided between 351-476 A.D. into 10 European nations corresponding to the 10 toes. Some were weak and some were strong.

**Dan 2:43** These nations will never stick together again. Intermarriage, Napoleon, even Hitler could not weld it together.

**Dan 2:44,45** While these nations still exist, Christ, the Stone, (Acts 4:10,11) will come and destroy the nations BEFORE setting up His everlasting kingdom.

Thus Daniel preached the gospel in Babylon, the story of Jesus, the Stone, and His kingdom. By some means, God gets the story to all nations, even if He has to allow captivity to come to His people.

In the warfare between Christ and His people and Satan and his followers, Israel failed to keep and neglected to teach the law and the gospel to the nations. They were sent into the captivity to punish them and to acquaint Babylon with the true God and His way of life.

Thus Satan's seeming victory was turned into victory for God. He can turn our defeats into victory if we will allow Him to aid us.