

PEACE Bible studies –

STUDY: Daniel 2 – Kingdoms of the world (DAN)

Purpose of study: To show that prophecy in the Bible is true and that God has shown in prophecy the rise and fall of kingdoms.

Central theme of study: Prophecy is to make us believe in Him who knows the end from the beginning. God won't do anything unless He has already shown us.

1 – Can we understand Prophecy?

2 Peter 1:19-20

- We are called to take heed of the prophecies.
- It's a light shining in a dark place.
- No prophecy is of private interpretation...

2 – What is the purpose of prophecy?

John 14:29

- To cause us to believe
- Prophecy is the foretelling of what is to take place before it does with certainty.

3 – Is there a prophecy which has foretold what would take place before it has happened?

Daniel 2:1

- Nebuchadnezzar has dreams and this troubled him.

4 – What was the dream to reveal?

Daniel 2:29

- What is going to happen AFTER.

5 – Did Nebuchadnezzar understand his dream?

Daniel 2:2-11

- Nebuchadnezzar didn't understand the dream and wanted to know the interpretation.
- He called for 4 groups of people, Magicians, Astrologers, Sorcerers, Chaldeans.
- If they couldn't give the interpretation Nebuchadnezzar would kill them via a death decree.
- Even the 'Wise-men' admitted only the 'gods whose dwelling is not with flesh could interpret the dream.

6 – Obviously it was impossible for them to interpret the dream, did he start the death decree?

Daniel 2:13

- The death decree began.

7 – Even Daniel was going to be killed, how did Daniel deal with the situation?

Daniel 2:14-19

- Daniel spoke to Arioch the king's captain with counsel and wisdom.
- Desired to have some time.
- Spoke to his companions about the situation.
- They all prayed and sought God.

8 – What was the outcome of praying for the interpretation?

Daniel 2:19-23

- The secret was revealed to Daniel.
- He blessed the name of God.
- God can change time, kings and is the revealer of wisdom and deep and secret things.
- Light dwells with God. (2 Peter 1:19-20)
- God answered Daniel's prayer. We are to A.S.K. – Ask – Seek – Knock

9 – What was the dream about?

Daniel 2:28

- It was revealing what was to happen in the latter days.

10 – The big question... What was the dream?

Daniel 2:31-35

- Great Image.
- Head of gold.
- Chest and arms of silver.
- Belly and thighs of brass.
- Legs of iron.
- Feet part of iron and part of clay.
- Stone smashed the image and became a great mountain and filled the Earth

11 – What did these represent?

Daniel 2:36-45

- These represented kingdoms.
- **Gold – Babylon – 605-539 B.C.**
- **Silver – Medes & Persians – 539-331 B.C. (Daniel 5:31)**
- **Brass – Greece – 331-168 B.C. Alexander the great**
- **Iron – Rome – 168-476 A.D. (Luke 2:1-4)**
 - o The historian Gibbon says: “The arms of the republic, sometimes vanquished in battle, always victorious in war, advanced with rapid steps to the Euphrates, the Danube, the Rhine, and Ocean; and the images of gold, or silver, or brass, that might serve to represent the nations and their kings, were successively broken by the IRON monarchy of rome” – Edward Gibbon, Decline and fall, Vol 3, p. 161.
- **Feet of clay and iron – 476 A.D. – Present.** Rome was divided from within and Europe today still remains divided.

12 – What did the stone represent?

Daniel 2:44-45

- In the days of these kings... In the present time that we are living in God Himself is going to set up His kingdom which shall never pass away.

13 – What must take place before Christ' Kingdom is set up?

Matthew 24:14

- Gospel must be preached to the whole world.

- APPEAL -

14 – Do you want to be prepared for Christ' kingdom if so how?

Titus 2:11-14

- Accept the grace of God.
- Live a right life.
- Look for His soon appearing.
- Be zealously spreading the Gospel.