

2. Through what agents does God communicate His secrets to mankind? *Amos 3:7.*

The Bible Says: _____

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER OF DANIEL 2. IN THIS DREAM GOD OUTLINED THE FUTURE TO AN ANCIENT KING. DANIEL 2:29. NOTICE HOW GOD USED DANIEL.

3. Why should this dream be of special interest to us? *Daniel 2:28.*

The Bible Says: "God . . . maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be _____."

4. Who revealed the dream to Daniel? *Daniel 2:27, 28.*

The Bible Says: _____

5. What had the king seen in his dream? *Daniel 2:31-35.*

The Bible Says: "Thou, O King, sawest, and behold _____."

Note: In this dream God outlined the history of this world from the days of Nebuchadnezzar to its very end. By the use of different metals in the image He revealed that there would be four world empires in the succeeding years. History reveals that these empires were Babylon (head of gold), Medo-Persia (chest and arms of silver), Greece (thighs of brass), and Rome (legs of iron). By this image He showed that the fourth world empire would be divided, represented by feet composed of iron and clay.

6. What was represented by the head of gold? *Daniel 2:37, 38.*

The Bible Says: _____

Note: Babylon, with its magnificent display of wealth, was one of the wonders of the ancient world. Its beautiful buildings were interspersed with luxuriant gardens. Indeed it was the capital city of a golden kingdom.

7. How would the second kingdom, Medo-Persia, compare with Babylon? *Daniel 2:39.*

The Bible Says: _____

Note: God, through the prophet Daniel, told Belshazzar that the Babylonians were to be succeeded by the Medo-Persians. *Daniel 5:25-31.*

8. What part of the metal man represented the third kingdom of Greece? *Daniel 2:39.*

The Bible Says: _____

Note: "The battles of Granicus B.C. 331, Issus in the following year, and Arbela in B.C. 331, settled the fate of the Persian Empire, and established the wide dominion of the Greeks." H. Grattan Guinness, *The Divine Programme of the World's History*, page 308.

9. What part of the image represents the fourth world empire, Rome? *Daniel 2:40.*

The Bible Says: _____

Note: "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, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, chap. 38, General Observations at end of chapter, par. 1.

10. As the feet, part iron and part clay, represented a divided condition, what was to happen to the iron kingdom of Rome? *Daniel 2:41.*

The Bible Says: _____

Note: Between A.D. 351 and 476 a series of invasions by barbaric tribes from Europe completely overran the Western Roman Empire and brought it to its end. These tribes included: Saxons (English), Franks (French), Alemanni (German), Burgundians (Swiss), Lombards (Italians), Visigoths (Spanish), Suevi (Portuguese), Vandals, Ostrogoths, and Heruli.

11. What statement of seven words shows that the Old World powers would never be welded back into one great kingdom? *Daniel 2:43.*

The Bible Says: "They shall not _____."

12. At the end of earth's history, what will God set up? *Daniel 2:44.*

The Bible Says: _____

13. What event will mark the setting up of the kingdom? *Matthew 25:31-34.*

The Bible Says: _____

In every age man has looked for a better life in a land where the miseries and troubles of this world will be no more. Whether it be called Utopia, Heaven, or Paradise, man has longed for a place and a time when all sickness, sorrow, and death will end.

In God's plan there is just such a heaven for the faithful. The Bible says that Abraham, the father of the faithful, looked for that type of home. In Hebrews 11:16, speaking of the saints of old, we read: "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city."

We will learn about that city in another lesson. It will answer the longing of every heart and settle the problems of every sincere child of God.

As Christ was dying on the cross of Calvary, there was one bright spot in His hour of agony. The dying thief turned to Him for salvation. From the depths of his contrite heart he cried out, "Lord, remember