

In His divine wisdom, God took a few who were trained in the fear of the Lord, placed them in the heathen court, brought them into favor with the ruler of the world, so making Himself known to the heathen king. He revealed Himself to the king, and used Daniel and his friends to prove that the wisdom of God excelled the wisdom of the Chaldeans.

Their parents have exalted true education in their homes and God honoured them by putting Daniel and his companions at the head of that vast empire that the knowledge of the God of heaven might go to the ends of the earth. What Israel, its church leaders, its kings have failed to do, is accomplished by the three Hebrew boys.

COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE

The history of the city of Babylon is put on record because it is God's object lesson first to modern Israel, the church and to the world. The book of Revelation, which is the complement of the book of Daniel, frequently uses the name Babylon, applying it to the modern churches. The relation of the Jews to the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar is the same as that sustained by the remnant church, the true Israel, to the churches which, having known the truth, have rejected it. The sins of ancient Babylon are being repeated today. Her educational system is the one now generally accepted; her government, with its excessive taxes, its exaltation of the rich and the oppression of the poor, its pride, arrogance, love of display, its choice of the artificial in place of the natural, and the exaltation of the God of science instead of the God of heaven, is the one toward which the world of today is hastening.

As God called Abraham out of the idolatry of Chaldea, and made him the father of the Hebrew nation; as he delivered to that people a form of government that would exalt God; as he gave them commandment so to teach their children that the Jewish nation might become the teacher of nations and might be an everlasting kingdom,

so today He calls forth a people from modern Babylon.

He has entrusted to them principles of healthful living which will make them mentally and physically a wonder to the world. He has given them educational principles, which, if followed, will make them the teachers of the world, and finally bring them into the kingdom of God. And to them He has delivered the principles of true government, which recognize the equal rights of all men, and which in the church organization bind all together, one body in Christ Jesus.

But, alas! Only a few mothers were true to these principles and God has honoured them. Four out of thousands of youths were true to these principles in the days of Daniel and so it is and shall it be even in this day. Dear mothers, fathers and youths, where do you stand?

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Four universal
Kingdoms
shall exist to the end of time

Daniel 2, part 2

The book of Daniel shows that the God of heaven holds the future of both nations and individuals. That which alone can make them great or strong depends on their stand towards God. They themselves, by their attitude toward His purpose, decide their own destiny.

THE GREAT IMAGE

DANIEL 2	DANIEL 2 & 7
GOLD	BABYLON Dan. 1:1, 2:38, Jer. 51:1
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA Dan. 5:28; 10:20; Jer. 51:11.
BRASS	GREECE Dan. 8:5, 7, 21; Jer. 51:28
IRON	ROME Luke 2:1
IRON AND CLAY	EUROPE Dan. 2:41, 42
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	2ND COMING OF CHRIST
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	KINGDOM OF GLORY

The king saw a great image whose form was terrible. The image's head was of gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. The king saw a stone, cut out without hands which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

The iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broke into pieces together and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them. The stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth (Dan. 2:31-36).

THE INTERPRETATION

"Thou art this head of gold," Daniel said. "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron," but, Daniel said, it shall break in pieces and bruise (Dan. 2:38).

The great image of Nebuchadnezzar was a comprehensive outline of the world's history. The "glory of kingdoms" formed the head of gold, all following kingdoms deteriorated from Babylon as shown by the grade of metals forming the image. First gold, then silver, brass, and iron.

In the latter part of the world's history, a marked change was revealed by the iron being mixed with miry clay. There were to be no more universal kingdoms ruled by men; when the power of the fourth kingdom was broken, it was to remain divided until the end. In place of one kingdom there would be ten.

DIVIDED KINGDOM

The feet and toes of partly clay and partly iron symbolize a divided kingdom. "The kingdom shall be divided...so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken" said Daniel (Dan. 2:42).

As iron is mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. (Dan. 2:43).

THE KINGDOM OF GLORY

The dream was shown to Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon. His kingdom is represented by gold. Medo-Persia, whose kingdom is represented by silver, took the place of Babylon. The third kingdom which conquered that of Medo-Persia and is represented by brass, is Greece. Rome, represented by iron, conquered Greece to be-

come the fourth kingdom. Rome, the fourth kingdom, was to be broken into ten parts, which were to remain until the setting up of God's kingdom represented by a stone cut out without hands which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

In the days of the ten kings represented by the ten toes the God of heaven would set up a kingdom which would never be destroyed nor conquered by any other people; it would break in pieces and consume all former kingdoms, and stand forever. (Dan. 2:44),

UNITY OF CHURCH AND STATE

Religion was the basis of government in the heathen nations and there was no separation of the church and state. Although Christianity is to unite with the state, each remains distinct as the miry clay is separate from iron. This union continues until the stone smites the image upon the feet. The very fact that the "stone was cut out of the mountain without hands," shows that the last kingdoms on earth will not be overthrown by an earthly power, but that the God of heaven will bring upon them final destruction by giving them to the burning flames.

The vision had deeply affected the king, and when the meaning was given, he fell upon his face before Daniel in wonder and humility, and said, "Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret." (Dan. 2:47).

AN OBJECT LESSON

It was in the providence of God that His people should carry the light of truth to all the heathen nations in a way somewhat humiliating. What they failed to do in the time of peace, they must do in time of trouble. They rejected the warnings sent to them by the prophets, they neglected the education of their children and as a result they failed to let their light shine.