Kids' Prophecy Corner

Daniel 2

Welcome to Kids 'Prophecy Corner.

Today we will look at Daniel 2 through a present truth prophetic lens. This study is the first of a series on Daniel and Revelation and their connection to Daniel 11:40.

For about two years, God has been revealing light on the correct way to study the Bible. He has introduced Parable teaching as a methodology. This methodology has brought a lot of clarity to our message.

There are different tools in the parable methodology. Some include: Compare and Contrast; Juxtaposition; Repeat and enlarge; Prophetic chiasm; Natural and Spiritual; Alpha and Omega. Natural and Spiritual, or Alpha and Omega will be used in our study.

When we look at the great controversy, you see an alpha and an omega history.

In Daniel 2 God illustrates the history of the world from its beginning to its end. This history will be finished when the stone's kingdom comes and hits the feet of the statue.

In Daniel 2: 44-45, we see a repetition and enlargement.

We read:

2: 44 And in the days of **these kings** shall the **God of heaven** set up a **kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] **it shall break in pieces** and **consume** all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the **stone was cut out of the mountain without hands**, and that **it brake in pieces** the **iron**, **the brass**, **the clay**, **the silver**, **and the gold**; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream [is] certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Verses 44 and 45 are a repeat and enlarge. A new kingdom is set up by God and its purpose is to break or consume the kingdoms of the world.

A king is a kingdom according to Daniel 2: 38: Thou [art] this head of gold. As a result, "these kingdoms" is interchangeable with "these kings".

Now let us break down the verses:

God of Heaven	Kingdom	break in pieces	these kingdoms (these
			Kings)
Cut out without	stone	brake in pieces	iron, brass, clay, silver,
Hands			gold

These two sentences can be paraphrased as follows: In the days of these kings, the God of Heaven is the one who cuts out. He sets up a kingdom – a stone – which breaks in pieces these kingdoms of iron, brass, clay, silver, and gold.

When the stone hits the feet, it **hits and breaks the whole statue.** The whole image collapses. So, by a repeat and enlarge we see that these kings are **NOT** the 10 toes but the whole statue.

As a second witness we can go to verses 34 and 35 of that same chapter which describe what will happen to the kingdoms. We are told:

34 Thou sawest till that **a stone** was **cut out without hands**, which smote the image upon his feet [that were] of **iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.**

35 Then was **the iron**, **the clay**, **the brass**, **the silver**, **and the gold**, **broken to pieces together**, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found

for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Cut without hands stone broken to pieces together iron and clay,brass, silver and gold

We can see the same pattern and description which confirms that although the stone breaks the feet first, **the whole image collapses**. This reinforces the fact that the 10 toes **are not** the only kingdoms that are destroyed.

So, We need to find out who these kingdoms are. We see the four kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. Rome has two parts - the legs of iron and the feet of iron and clay. The legs are pagan Rome, the feet are papal Rome in a primary sense.

Question: when the stone hits the feet, is Babylon ruling, is Medo-Persia ruling, is Greece ruling, or is Pagan Rome ruling? Obviously, they are not alive. Those kingdoms are not literally alive today. So, should Daniel have mentioned the 10 toes instead?

How do we balance this discrepancy? Because those nations are not alive today neither can they live at the same time. For a kingdom to be the supreme ruler of the world, it must destroy or conquer the previous kingdom. When the stone comes, who will be ruling?

Chapters 7,8 and 11 repeat and enlarge on Daniel 2. We can go to these chapters to find an answer.

We are told in Daniel 7:11-12

7: 11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld [even] till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

We can see according to verse 12, that their dominions are taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

The dominions are a representation of the kingdoms which are removed. However elements of them are present at the end when the stone hits. We can use the following analogy to understand what this means. If a king rules for 70 years and his kingdom is taken away, he may go to captivity; but his life is spared and prolonged.

We can <u>compare</u> this analogy to Daniel 2. When the stone hits the feet the dominions of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece are taken away but their lives are prolonged. So, at the end of the world characteristics of Babylon, Medo-Persia Greece and Rome are present in the feet.

There is another principle that we need to lay out. The feet of Iron and clay are a representation of Papal Rome. In Revelation 17:5, we are told:

And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

So, Babylon is the first kingdom, and Papal Rome is referred as mystery Babylon. It contains mysterious things such as spiritualism. Something that is hidden in the word is spiritual. Therefore, mystery Babylon can be also referred to spiritual Babylon.

Papal Rome = Mystery Babylon = Spiritual Babylon

We see literal Babylon at the beginning of the statue, and we see spiritual Babylon at the end of the statue. We can deduce that if the lives of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome are prolonged, at the end of the statue we see not only spiritual Babylon but spiritual Medo-persia, spiritual Greece and spiritual Rome also.

Through these two principles (Daniel 7:12 and Revelation 17:5), we can solve the discrepancy of Daniel. The feet are not the 10 toes but a representation of all the kingdoms of the statue. They are spiritual at the end of the world.

Question: If the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome are spiritual at the end of the world, how are they destroyed by the stone?

We can use **the rule of first mention** to answer this question. We will look at the first time the words Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece ad Rome are found in the Bible.

Babylon

Babylon is found for the first time in Genesis 11:9 and the context is found in verses 4 and 5 (see pic).

The people want to build a city and a tower to reach Heaven. A city is a symbol of a state. A tower is a symbol of a church. So **Babylon** at the end of the world is a kingdom that **brings together church and State**. So, when the stone hits the feet at the end of the world, we are going to see a nation that would have brought church and state together. But this is against God.

The King of the North (the papacy in the general sense) is a counterfeit of the true king of the north (God). With the papacy it is the church who controls the state. Whereas for the true king of the north there is equality between the two entities. The church is equal to the state. We can also add the king of the South where we see the state rules over the church. This is how Russia rules today. (see pic).

Medo Persia

Medo Persia is found in the book of Daniel. Its characteristics are:

- According to Daniel 2: the body part has 2 arms
- According to Daniel 7: the bear as two shoulders
- According to Daniel 8: the ram has two horns
- According to Rev.13: the beast coming out of the land has two horns.

So, Medo-Persia is a nation that has two parts. Therefore the nation that the stone is going to hit is going to have dual characteristics.

Greece

In Daniel 2:39 we are told: And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

The two characteristics about Greece are given as:

- It rising as the third kingdom and is inferior to the first
- It bears rule over the earth.

Natural Greece ruled all the earth. Therefore spiritual Greece will also bear rule over all the earth.

In Daniel 2:35 we are told that the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

We have already established in Daniel 2: 44-45 that the stone is God's kingdom. When it smites the image it becomes a great mountain and filled the whole earth. Two kingdoms cannot reign or fill the whole earth at the same time. The stone has to overturn or destroy the other kingdom. That is why when the stone hits the feet, not only does it destroy the feet, but it destroys the whole image as the stone fills the earth.

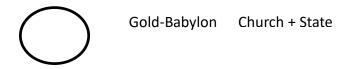
Rome

According to Daniel 2 Rome is represented by Iron which is the strongest material.

- It breaks everything.
- It does not need assistance to break. It does so on its own.
- It is a singular power.

A nation that rules singularly is a unilateral nation that is characterized by dictatorship.

According to Daniel 7 and 8, the dictatorship is portrayed by the dreadful beast who dictates and persecutions.





We can conclude this study by saying that Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece are spiritualized in the form of a nation that combines church and state, which is a dual power, which bears rule over all the earth, and is a dictatorship. Today we see the rise of many unilateral countries including the United States. We see many countries having a church and state relationship or state and church relationship. And this church does not have to be Christian. As long as you believe in a god it is considered church and state. This is why the whole earth has to be destroyed. The King of the North from head to toe has this unilateral and church and state relationship.