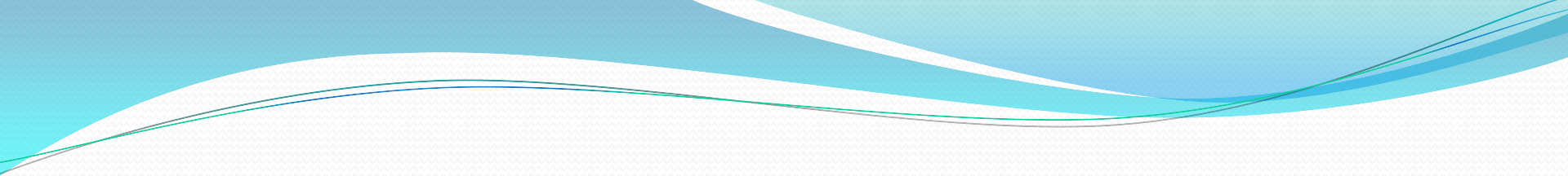


Daniel, The Calendar Prophet!

Observation

- God spoke through prophets in the Old Testament about Christ, who would eventually come to the earth and change our lives
- The other prophets in their prophecies about The Messiah wrote about **Who** He was, **Where** He would be born, and how He would live and die. Daniel wrote about **When** Christ would be born
- The book of Daniel is not just about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, “the writing on the wall,” and Daniel surviving in the Lion’s den
- It contains 3 separate and powerful announcements of **When** Jesus was to come and about His kingdom or church

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- The first had to do with a dream that the king of Babylon had (Nebuchadnezzar) that troubled him
 - He was so troubled that he summoned his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers to tell him what he dreamt and what it meant
 - They couldn't, of course, but Daniel could

The King Had Seen An Odd Statue In His Dream

The statue had

A head of gold

Chest and arms

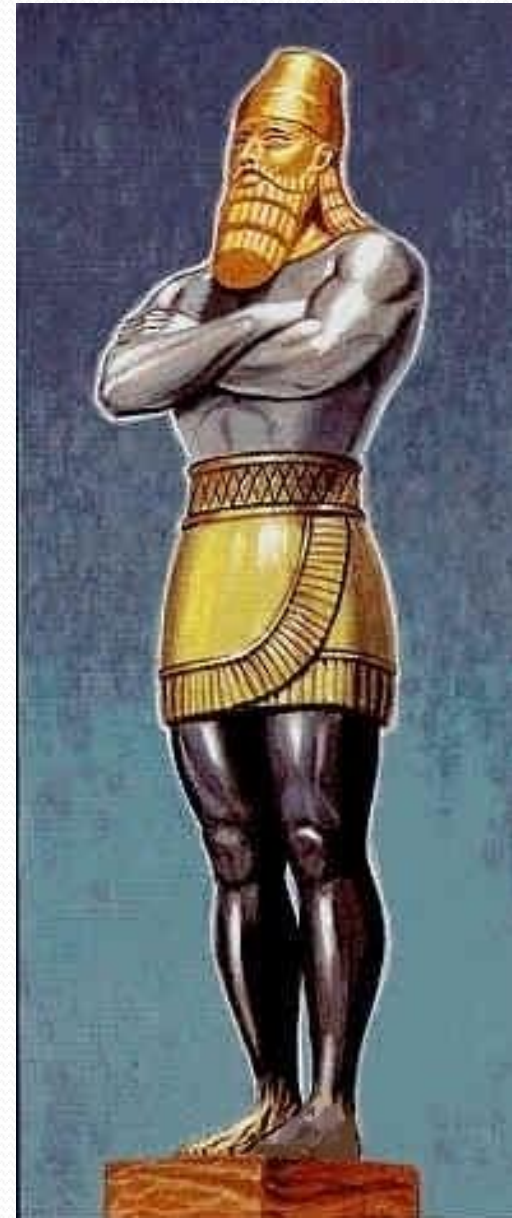
Of silver

Mid-section and


Thighs were made of bronze

Legs of iron and feet of

Iron and clay



The Interpretation: Babylon and 3 Other Empires



GOLD	Babylonian Empire 606 B.C.
SILVER	Media-Persia 536 B.C.
BRONZE	Greek Empire 330 B.C.
IRON	Roman Empire 27 B.C.
IRON / CLAY	Endtimes

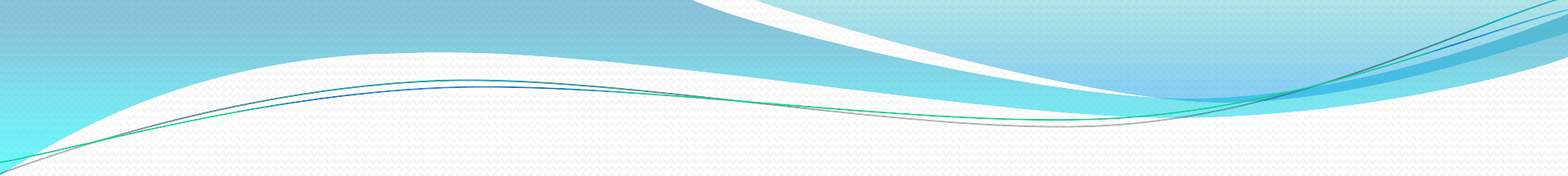
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During The Reign Of Rome This Would Happen

“You watched while a stone was cut out without hands which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them into pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors;.....”

Daniel 2:34-35



...the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”

Daniel 2:34-35

Daniel Then Explained The Significance Of The Stone That Became A Mountain

“And in the days of these kings the God in heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break into pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”

Daniel 2:44

*The Four Parts Of The Statue Can Be Understood,
But What Could That Stone Possibly Represent?*

JESUS!

The Apostle Peter Describes Jesus As Stone

*“If indeed, you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
Coming to Him(Christ) as to a living stone,
rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and
precious..” 1 Peter 2:3-4*

Continuing The “Stone Analogy” in 1Peter 2:7-8

Peter says, *“Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,*

*The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone,”*

“A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed” (so they meet a fate planned for them).

- Jesus was the stone that would break up the statue. He would make all men stumble and fall before Him.
- When you disobey God’s word consistently, you will fall not just stumble as Christians do. (1Corinthians 10: 12, Psalms 37:23-25)

- Now we are told that Christ's Kingdom would grow into a great mountain that would fill the whole earth. What then is Christ Kingdom?

WE ARE!

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.” Colossians 1:13

- Once we become Christians we become part of that kingdom that was to fill the whole earth
- ***And “the gates of hell will not prevail against us”***

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38