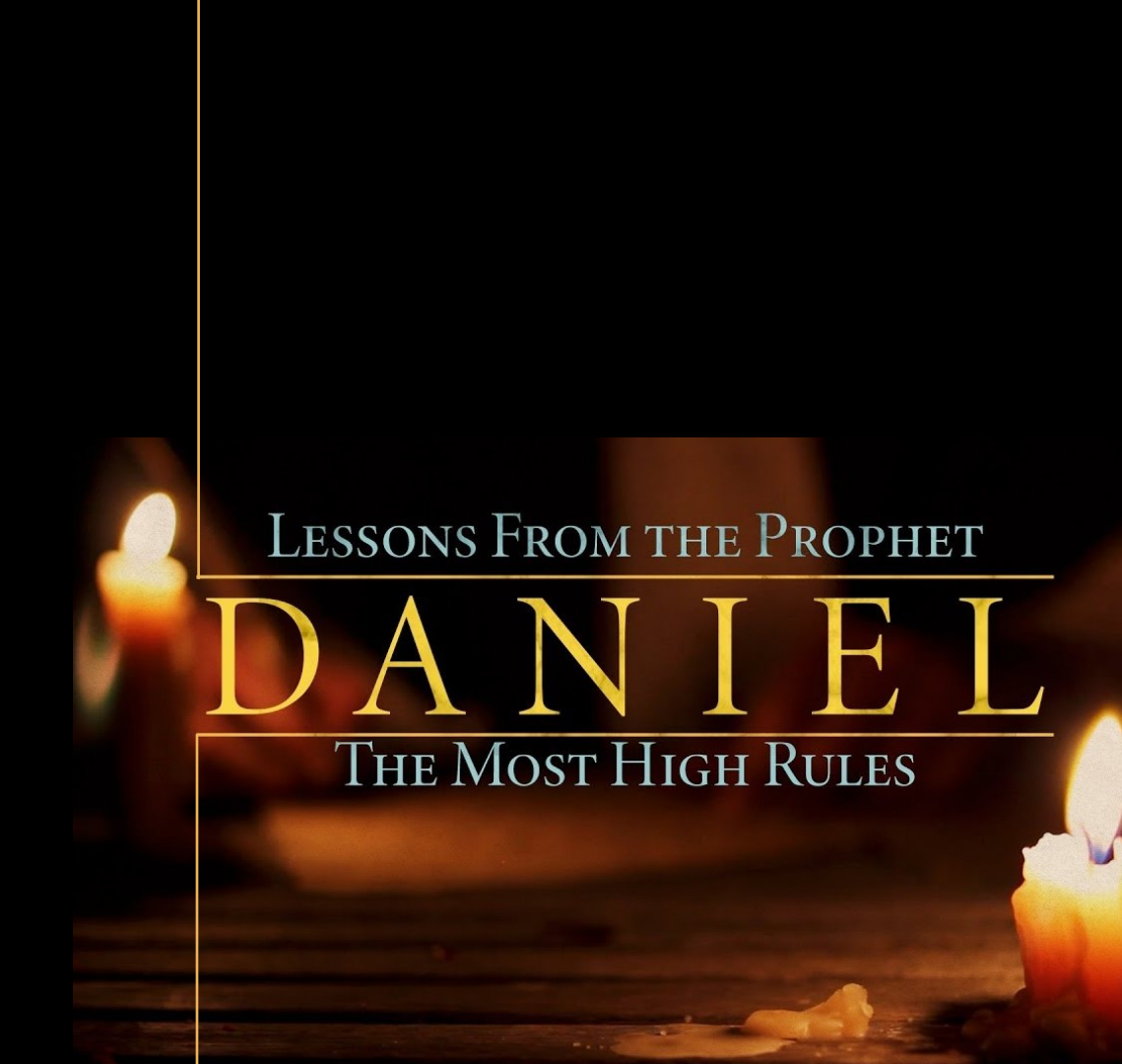




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**07**

**DANIEL REVEALS THE DREAM**

# Study & Meditate

Daniel Chapter 2:1-49 | Key Verses, Daniel 2:19-23



Study



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*Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding. It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, for You have made known to us the king's matter."*

# DANIEL'S VISION

Before Daniel interpreted the king's dream, he requested that he retreat to pray to the God of Judah with his friends to ask God for the interpretation. The king released him to do so. Daniel reclined for the night after discussing and praying with Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego. Before he slept, Daniel had a vision that not only matched the king's dream, which Daniel had not heard from the king's mouth, but the Lord revealed to Daniel the specific meaning of each detail.



# FIVE EMPIRES OF DANIEL'S VISION



**1. King Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon:** The head of pure gold represented Babylon: "You are this head of gold" (Daniel 2:37–38).

**2. The Medo-Persian Empire:** With its two arms, the chest of silver represented the Medo-Persian Empire, which conquered Babylon in 539 B.C. and remained in power for approximately two hundred years (Daniel 2:39; 5:28).

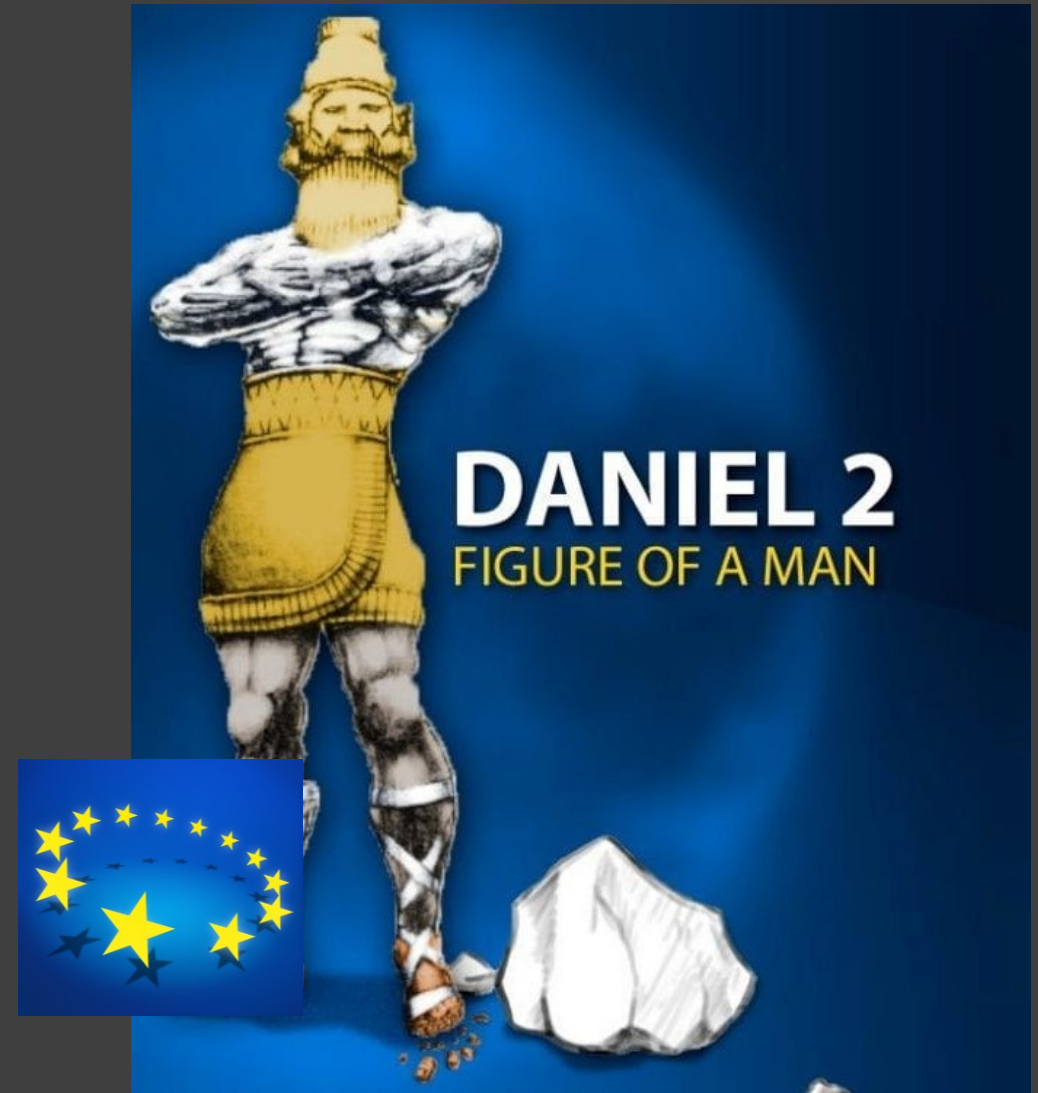
**3. The Grecian Empire:** The stomach and thighs of bronze depicted the next stage of world history, Alexander the Great's Greek empire (Daniel 2:39; 8:21).

**4. The Roman Empire:** The statue's iron legs predicted the Roman Empire. When Greece fell to Rome, the "iron legions of Rome" assimilated Greece's lands and peoples (Daniel 2:40).

**5. A Future Reign of The Antichrist - the European Coalition:** The feet and toes of the statue point to a world empire that will arise in the Last Days. Since the fall of Rome, no single nation or empire has dominated the world. According to Daniel, a future confederation of ten kingdoms or leaders will make one more attempt at a one-world government. It will be short-lived and present on the earth when God sets up His earthly kingdom (Daniel 2:41-43).

# KINGDOMS TO COME

We have seen four of the five earthly kingdoms come to the past within world history. One of the two kingdoms yet to materialize is detached from the statue image Nebuchadnezzar saw. The rock-cut from the mountain is this final Kingdom - a rock that struck the statue, toppling it and breaking it into pieces. The rock transformed into a mountain so large it covered the earth. The stone is the One who will establish a global kingdom, marked by righteousness and peace, led and ruled by Jesus Christ.



# THE GOLDEN HEAD OF BABYLON



I HAD A  
DREAM



The king let the glory of the statute go to his head; primarily, the head of this image, which was himself. With his pride getting out of control, he built this statue's head from pure gold. It was massive – sixty cubits (90 ft.) by six cubits (9 ft.). He places it in the center of Babylon. He then calls the officials of Babylon to come and dedicate it in Nebuchadnezzar's name. Worst yet, he mandated that all who heard the king's horn, stop what they were doing, fell before the statute, and worship the image. To add to that debauchery, he proclaimed that any resistor would be thrown into the fiery furnace and burn alive.

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# IN CONCLUSION

Before Daniel had a chance to hear the king's dream, God provided a night vision that revealed all the details of the king's dream. Daniel had the support of his friends, Babylonian supervisor, and God Himself. This single action of God cemented the evidence Nebuchadnezzar needed to hear. While the king couldn't understand the kingdoms to come, he knew that this young Hebrew was the wisest in Babylon. The evidence of this is disclosed in Nebuchadnezzar building an idol unto himself. However, the trust the king had in Daniel set the stage for Daniel to live to see all four kings grouped under the golden head of Babylon.

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COMING UP NEXT

## #8 Daniel Saves The Day

Since the king put forth a mandate to have all the wise men killed, including Daniel and his friends, if his dream was not interpreted correctly before dawn, God intervenes. In Daniel's meeting with the king, he pleads for the lives of the other wise men – requesting if he interpreted the dream, would the king save the lives of all wise men. The king agrees.



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