



THE BOOK OF
DANIEL
A TALE OF FOUR KINGS



LESSONS FROM THE PROPHET

DANIEL

THE MOST HIGH RULES

+ Greetings, and Welcome.

The Book of Daniel is most remarkable. It is packed with prophecies that flow into modern culture. Like Daniel, it is unique and supernatural in nature. It records for us the course of the history of the nations from Daniel's day until the end, as stated in the Revelation's book. **Our study is real, raw, & relevant.**

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09 THE SPLENDOR OF WISDOM

Study & Meditate

Daniel Chapter 3:1-30 | Key Verses, Daniel 3:1-3



Study



Meditate



Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent word to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

THE BACK STORY OF NIMROD

Nimrod was the initiator of the civilizations of Assyria and Babylon (Gen. 10:6-12). These two civilizations are responsible for destroying God's kingdoms – Israel and Judah in 605 BC. Judah was the southern kingdom, where Daniel lived during the hostile takeover. As our story reveals, Daniel and his friends were taken to the palace of the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar.



THE GOLDEN HEAD

Nebuchadnezzar built the most famous capital city the world has seen to date. At the time, it encompassed over two thousand acres. Folks that is a massive city. What Nimrod attempted to build upward; Nebuchadnezzar built horizontally. The walls around this fortress were 56 miles in length, 320 feet tall, and so broad that a four-horse chariot could comfortably walk on top of the wall. This city was considered impenetrable.

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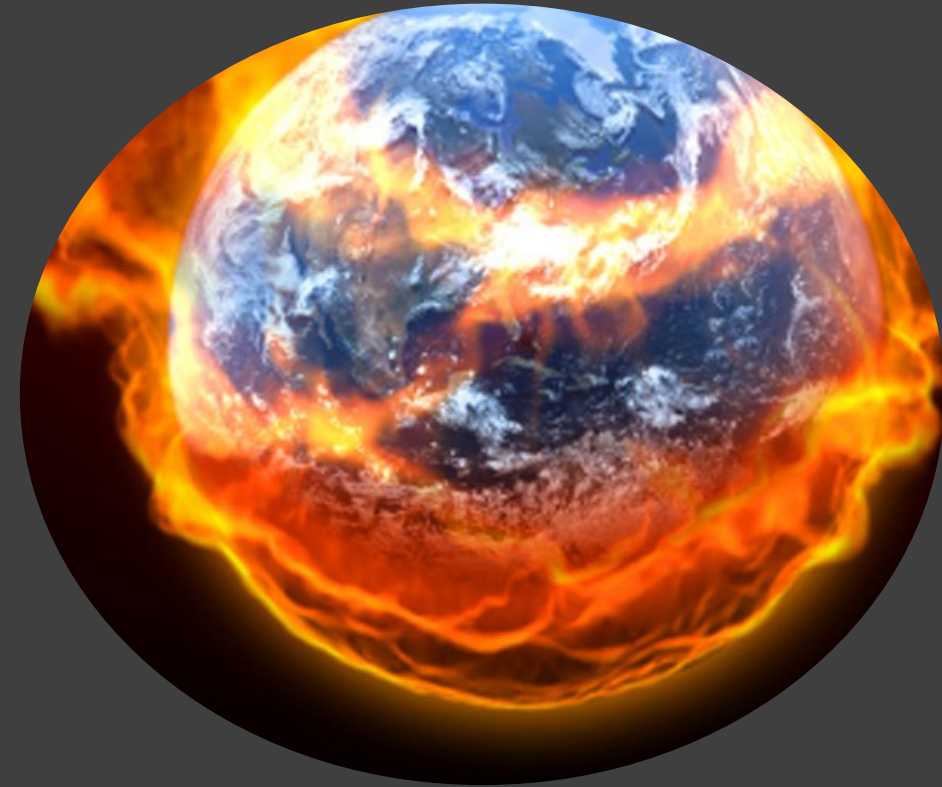


GLOBALIZATION



BROKEN UP

God never tolerates globalization. Back in the days of Nimrod, God broke up this demonic governing system by confusing the languages. As we see in our Daniel story, Nebuchadnezzar's global empire will soon be destroyed. The arms & chest of the statue were made of silver – the Persian empire. This, too, was destroyed. The stomach & thighs of bronze was the Greek empire. Also destroyed by God. The legs of iron, the Roman empire, rose and were destroyed as God promised. However, the final empire, the feet & toes made of iron & clay, is the final global empire established by the Antichrist stated in Revelation's book. As you might know, this empire of globalization is destroyed personally by Jesus Christ.



NEBUCHADNEZZAR LET IT GO TO HIS HEAD

After interpreting the king's dream, Nebuchadnezzar does something rather stupid within a couple of years. He builds yet another monument unto himself. He crafted an image of himself, sixty cubits by six cubits. It was massive in size. Not only that, but he also required all, every nation, to worship him by bowing and praying unto the golden head of Nebuchadnezzar.





IN CONCLUSION

As we study the book of Daniel, God reveals there's a predetermined outcome of the king's dream. A predestined plan that ends with the Second Coming of Jesus. Every day we see events leading up to humanity's final empire. We are not to panic. All these empires must go through the process of failure and destruction. We cannot enjoy the Kingdom of God coming down from Heaven until all empires and their inhabitants are put in their place – the pit of Hell. However, all those who endured to the end and kept to a devoted life in Christ Jesus will partake in this glorious empire, called the Kingdom of God.

#10 THE FIERY FURNACE

Nebuchadnezzar always seemed to be enraged about something. He blew a gasket when he heard that Daniel and the Jews would not worship this graven image of himself. He fired up the furnace seven times hotter and threw Daniel and his friends into the fiery furnace. In our next episode, we will detail how this tragic event unfolded and what became of these four Hebrew servants.

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