RECAPPING **STRUCTURE CHART**

Four Historic-Prophetic Outlines of Earthly Kingdoms in the Book of Daniel

The "Symbols" of Daniel 2, 7, and 8 (Image, Beasts, and Horns) and the "Literal" Kings of Daniel 11 Consistently Refer to the Progression of Persecuting Kingdoms Surrounding God's People.

Daniel 2 Symbolic

Daniel 7 Symbolic

Daniel 8 Symbolic

Daniel 11-12:4 Literal

Vision 1 - Prophetic Outline 1

Vision 2 - Prophetic Outline 2

Vision 3 - Prophetic Outline 3

Vision 4 - Prophetic Outline 4



DAN 2:38

Gold Head

Kingdom #1 BABYLON 606 — 538 BC



DAN 2:39

Silver Breast & Arms

Kingdom #2 MEDO-PERSIA 538 — 331 BC



DAN 2:39

Brass Belly & Thighs

Kingdom #3 GREECE 331 — 168 BC



Kingdom #4 ROME (Pagan Imperial) 168 BC — AD 476

Iron Legs

DAN 2:40

DAN 2:41

Feet **Part of Iron** Kingdom #5

Kingdom #6

DAN 2:41

Feet Part of Clay

Kingdom #7



DAN 2:42-43

Toes of **Iron & Clay**

This chart shows the recapping of kingdoms in a "vertical" format. See page 13 for definition of recapping.

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CHAPTER 2

HEAVENLY SCENE VISION ONE

(Symbolic Image of Metals and Clay)

Nebuchadnezzar — King of Babylon Receives an Heavenly Vision Through a Dream

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Introduction: See The Structure of Daniel Chart on page 47 for Vision One. The first Heavenly Scene in Daniel's Book is given to King Nebuchadnezzar in a dream, although he could not recall any of it. In Daniel 2:19 the same Heavenly Scene was given to Daniel during the night. *This Heavenly Scene is not revealed (to the reader) until verses 31-36*, where Daniel describes the vision to the king and then reveals that there are four earthly kingdoms in the Historic-Prophetic Outline. Beginning in verse 36, Daniel gives the interpretation of the dream that extends from 606 BC to the Stone Kingdom at the Second Coming of Christ. (In datable time, this Outline extends as far as AD 476.) The remaining three visions in Daniel's Book, recap and build upon this First Vision extending datable time forward in each vision. Note: The Recapping Structure Chart on page 28 will build with each additional vision.



King Nebuchadnezzar is Given an Heavenly Vision in the Form of a Night Dream

Verse 1

Note: Kings and Pharaohs of all ages had dreams (believed to be from their gods), for which they wanted interpretations. Also, their sleep was disturbed by these troubling dreams. Some examples from the Bible are:

"<u>his spirit was troubled</u>"

GEN 41:8 And it came to pass in the morning that <u>his</u> [Pharaoh of Egypt] spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

Ex 7:11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

"his sleep brake from him"

EST 6:1 On that night <u>could not the king [Ahasuerus] sleep</u>, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.



HEAVENLY SCENE

DAN 2:1, 19

GOLD HEAD

SILVER BREAST & ARMS

BRASS BELLY & THIGHS

IRON LEGS

CLAY & IRON —

FEET & TOES

Note: Only God pulls back the curtain of time to reveal future events. The https://doi.org/10.10/ do pull each step in the vision following the "Structure" guide given on page 47. Page 46 gives helpful information on how the Structure Chart is set up according to the way Daniel wrote his Book.

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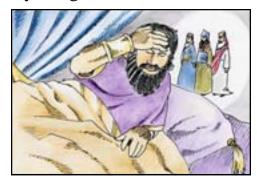
Prophetic Keys #15-16

The vision the king had in his dream was of a *symbolic* image — something that was not real. Later, in Daniel 4, the king had a dream that was *literal*, of which he could recall every detail, but the application to him was not known.

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King Nebuchadnezzar Asks the Chaldeans to Interpret his Dream

- 2 Then the king commanded to call the <u>magicians</u>, and the <u>astrologers</u>, and the <u>sorcerers</u>, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.
- 3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was <u>troubled</u> to know the dream.
- 4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in <u>Syriack</u>, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
- 5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The <u>thing</u> [prophetic vision] is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
- 6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.
- 7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.



King Nebuchadnezzar Decides to Call the Chaldeans to Show him the Dream

Verse 2

Strong's Concordance Definitions

"<u>magicians</u>" — OT#2748 <u>a horoscopist</u> (as drawing magical lines or circles): KJV - magician.

"<u>astrologers</u>" — OT#825 to lisp, i.e. <u>practice enchantment</u>; a conjurer: KJV - astrologer. (DEUT 18:10; JER 27:9)

"<u>sorcerers</u>" — OT#3784 to whisper a spell, i.e. to inchant or <u>practise</u> magic: KJV - sorcerer, use witch craft. (EX 7:ll; 22:18; MAL 3:5)

Thought Questions

- Who are the magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers of today?
- Has this system of societies traveled down through time from Ancient Babylon to modern Spiritual Babylon?
- Do world leaders of today investigate similar plans of strategy?
- Is this the source of true wisdom and knowledge?

Verses 3-5

Strong's Concordance Definitions

" $\underline{troubled}$ " — OT#6470 to tap, i.e. beat regularly; hence to impel or $\underline{agitate}$: KJV - move, trouble.

"Syriack" — OT#762 KJV - in the Syrian language (tongue), in Syriac.

"thing" — OT#4406 a word, command, discourse, or subject: KJV - commandment, matter, thing. word. (In this case, the prophecy itself.)



The Chaldeans Ask the King to tell Them the Unknown Dream

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The King Becomes
Frustrated
With the Chaldeans

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing [subject matter of the prophetic vision] is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

The Chaldeans Could Not Interpret the Dream

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

A Death Decree Goes Forth From the King

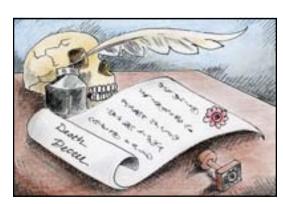
12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

Verses 8-12



The Chaldeans Seek a Way to Gain Some Time to Prepare an Interpretation

GEN 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD?



The Second Death Decree in Daniel's Book was for ALL the Wise Men of Babylon

PROV 28:15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people.

Daniel 2	Petition	Persons Involved	2 nd Death Decree	Deliverance
Ruling Kingdom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon	ALL wise men were commissioned to tell the king's dream and the interpretation thereof.	Wise men of Babylon, Daniel, and his three Hebrew friends.	Those that could not give the dream and the interpretation were to be slain.	God revealed the interpretation to Daniel and ALL the wise men were delivered from the death decree.

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Daniel and his Friends Face a Death Decree

13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:

15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

Daniel and his Friends Ask God for Help

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this <u>secret</u>; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Verses 13-17

Note: Daniel and his friends were classified as "wise men" of Babylon. Therefore, they were included in the death decree of King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah desired the mercies of the God of Heaven that they should not perish.

In the latter days, just before Jesus comes, God's righteous people will find themselves under accusations and death penalties and will face the final confrontation of a death decree. Prayer is the only resource at such a time. (Note the following Scriptures.)

God's People Face Death Decrees

MATT 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you.

DAN 3:20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the <u>burning fiery furnace</u>.

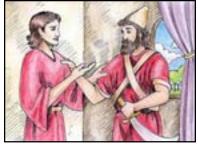
DAN 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the <u>den of lions</u>.

EST 3:13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day.

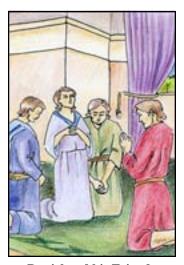
REV 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast <u>should be</u> killed.

Verse 18

"<u>secret</u>" — Strong's OT#7328 meaning to attenuate, i.e. hide; <u>a</u> mystery: KJV - secret.



"Why is the decree so hasty?"



Daniel and his Friends Petition the Mercies of God

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Daniel Receives an Answer From God

19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel Praises God

- 20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:
- 21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
- 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
- 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

- 24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.
- 25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

Verse 19

JOB 33:15-16 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; 16 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction.

NUM 12:6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

Verse 20

Ps 115:18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

Verse 21

JOB12:18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

Ps 75:6-7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

JER 27:5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

JAMES 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

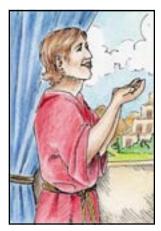
Verse 22

Ps 25:14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

JAMES 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father.

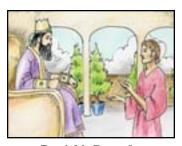
Verse 23

AMOS 3:7 Surely the LORD GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.



Daniel Gives
Praise and Thanks
to the God of Heaven

Note: Through a night vision, Daniel received the Heavenly Vision and the Interpretation from God.



Daniel is Brought Before the King

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INTERLUDE QUESTION VISION ONE

"What is the Secret of the Dream?"

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the [secret] interpretation thereof?

Daniel Gives God the Credit

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

Reminder: See **The Structure of Daniel** Chart on page 47. Vision One is now moving from the **Heavenly Scene** to the **Interlude Question.** The **Interlude** is an interruption between the **Heavenly Scene** and the **Historic-Prophetic Outline.** This **Interlude Question** is addressed in Daniel 2:26 — "What is the secret of the dream?" The answer to this question will be given after the Historic-Prophetic Outline.

INTERLUDE QUESTION

DAN 2:26

WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE DREAM?

Note: The Interlude Question always breaks the Heavenly Scene from the interpretation presented in the Outline. King Nebuchadnezzar's question is answered at the end of the Outline. Review the information on page 46.



GEN 40:8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, <u>Do not interpretations belong to God?</u> tell me them, I pray you.

AMOS 4:13 For, lo, he ... declareth unto man what is his thought ... The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.



Daniel Informs the King that the Thoughts in his Head Came Through a Dream From the God in Heaven



HEAVENLY SCENE
DAN 2:1, 19
GOLD HEAD
SILVER BREAST & ARMS
BRASS BELLY & THIGHS
IRON LEGS
CLAY & IRON —
FEET & TOES

DAN 2:26
WHAT IS THE
SECRET OF
THE DREAM?

INTERLUDE QUESTION

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Daniel Reveals the Heavenly Vision Given to Nebuchadnezzar in a Dream

- 31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.
- 32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,
- 33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.
- 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.

Verses 31-35



Prophetic Key #16
The description of this image is given in "symbolic language."
This image was a symbol of a "word picture" that was NOT real.



Daniel Describes the Vision



Prophetic Key #14 Daniel explains the Heavenly Scene to the King. The image was symbolic, containing different metals and clay. The Bible established the interpretation for the first kingdom. Secular history will confirm the interpretation of the reamining components.

Prophetic Key #7 Prophecy is "history written in advance." As time moves forward, the different parts of the image are explained through an application to historical events.

Verse 35

ISA 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

ISA 57:13 When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

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HISTORIC-PROPHETIC OUTLINE VISION ONE

The Dream Interpreted the First Historic-Prophetic Outline Begins

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

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Prophetic Key #10 Verses 38-40 are kept in order which establishes the order of the earthly kingdoms for the First Historic-Prophetic Outline.

Reminder: See **The Structure of Daniel** Chart on page 47. Following the **Interlude Question**, Daniel 2:36 begins the **Historic-Prophetic Outline** of the First Vision. The interpretation of the **Heavenly Scene** is given in this **Historic-Prophetic Outline** which reveals the first four (historic) earthly kingdoms surrounding God's people. This Outline extends the time of earthly kingdoms from 606 BC to AD 476. The vision closes with the Second Coming of Jesus and His heavenly kingdom.

HISTORIC-PROPHETIC OUTLINE

DAN 2:36-43

BABYLON
MEDO-PERSIA
GREECE

ROME (PAGAN IMPERIAL)
OUTLINE EXTENDS TO:
AD 476

Verses 36-40

Note: Daniel begins to give the Historic-Prophetic interpretation for the Heavenly Scene that was given to King Nebuchadnezzar in a dream. See the following page for the interpretation of the symbolic image.

Verse 38



Prophetic Key #17

SYMBOL: ... image's head was of fine gold. (vs 32)



DECODING: Thou [King Nebuchadnezzar] art this head of gold. (vs 38)

APPLICATION: The **gold head** represents the First Kingdom of **Babylon**.

HEAVENLY SCENE DAN 2:1, 19

GOLD HEAD
SILVER BREAST & ARMS
BRASS BELLY & THIGHS

IRON LEGS
CLAY & IRON —
FEET & TOES

INTERLUDE QUESTION

DAN 2:26

WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE DREAM?

HISTORIC-PROPHETIC OUTLINE

DAN 2:36-43

BABYLON

MEDO-PERSIA GREECE

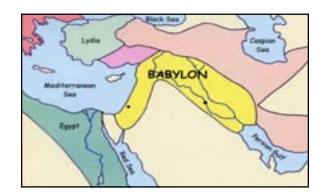
ROME (PAGAN IMPERIAL)
OUTLINE EXTENDS TO:
AD 476

Note:

- Through the Bible, <u>Vision One reveals only the first earthly kingdom</u> in the Book of Daniel. Secular history and the following visions will add the next kingdoms to this Prophetic Outline using Prophetic Key #13.
- Jesus lived and died during the reign of the fourth earthly kingdom
 Pagan Imperial Rome.



1st KINGDOM Gold Head — BABYLON 606-538 BC



2nd KINGDOM Silver Breast & Arms — MEDO-PERSIA 538-331 BC





3rd KINGDOM
Brass Belly
& Thighs —
GREECE
331-168 BC





4th KINGDOM
Iron Legs —
ROME
(Pagan Imperial)
168 BC-AD 476

Prophetic Key #11 Daniel reveals Babylon as the first earthly kingdom. Secular history reveals Medo-Persia, Greece, and Pagan Imperial Rome as the next three earthly kingdoms. These kingdoms align with the order of secular historical events following the decoding process through the use of **Prophetic Key #17.**



Prophetic Key #12 Each part of the Outline of earthly kingdoms has <u>moved forward in</u> time.

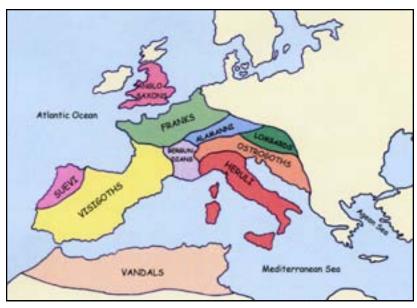
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Rome is Broken Up by Ten Barbarous Tribes (AD 476)

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

Verse 41

"<u>the kingdom shall be divided</u>" — By AD 476, the *iron kingdom* of Pagan Imperial Rome was broken up into ten divisions by the surrounding barbarous tribes as noted on the following map.



The Ten Divisions of Pagan Imperial Rome by AD 476 (The Outline of four earthly kingdoms stops at the above date. The following visions extend prophecy beyond this date.)

Note: These ten divisions of Pagan Imperial Rome were the tools God used for the transition from the Fourth to the Fifth Kingdom in the Second Vision of Daniel 7. Just as the Fourth Kingdom was diverse (DAN 7:7), the fifth earthly kingdom is also diverse (DAN 7:24) from the preceding four kingdoms.



Feet - part of "iron."

Note: In the First Vision of Daniel 2, only the first four kingdoms are revealed and given specific mention.

Daniel 7 will introduce the fifth earthly kingdom which aligns with the *iron* in the feet.



Feet - part of "clay."

Daniel 8 will introduce the sixth earthly kingdom and explain how it attempts to align with the *clay* in the feet.

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The "Toes" Just Before the Establishment of the Stone Kingdom of Jesus Christ

- 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.
- 43 And whereas thou sawest iron 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).

Verses 42-43

Note: These verses address the *toes* which are the last part of the image — designating the very "end of time" just before the Stone Kingdom of Jesus Christ is established.



Toes — part of "iron" and part of "clay."

Note:

The "iron and clay" in the <u>toes</u> symbolize the very end of time. Daniel 11 and Revelation 17 will interpret the fuller significance for endtime events.



Interesting Notes About the Image

- The order of the metals in the image went from "most valuable" to "least valuable." Clay is of the "earth" as the metals are, but has <u>little</u> value and is very weak.
- Daniel 2:38 mentions that the following rising kingdoms after Babylon would be inferior.
- Each succeeding kingdom grew larger and extended further west in an effort to be a ruling "world kingdom."
- None of the kingdoms addressed in Daniel's Book are "world empires." They were only earthly kingdoms that ruled over God's people. Often God's people endured severe persecution from these earthly kingdoms.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION

("What is the Secret of the Dream?")

VISION ONE

"God of Heaven Consumes All These Kingdoms!"

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.

Reminder: See **The Structure of Daniel** Chart on page 47. Following the **Historic-Prophetic Outline** of the First Vision is the **Answer** given in Daniel 2:44 to the **Interlude Question** of Daniel 2:26. The answer to the "secret of the dream" is that the "God of heaven will consume all the former kingdoms."

Answer to Question Dan 2:44

GOD OF HEAVEN CONSUMES ALL THESE KINGDOMS!

ENDTIME EVENT DAN 2:45

"STONE KINGDOM"
SECOND COMING OF JESUS

Verse 44

The iron kingdom in verse 40 extends the Historic-Prophetic Outline to AD 476. In this chapter, Daniel does not specifically mention any future kingdoms. Between verses 40 and 44 there is a large gap of time where no information is given for the time period from AD 476 to the Stone Kingdom of Jesus' Second Coming. The next three visions will add all the needed information that occurs during this gap of time.

"<u>these kings</u>" — information will be given in Daniel 11 and Revelation 17 regarding who "these kings" are and the proper timeframe.



Prophetic Key #7 As time moves forward, prophecy unfolds and is clearly revealed.

Prophetic Key #13 The following prophetic visions in Daniel 7-12 will reveal information on future kingdoms. Dates will be established from secular historical data.



HEAVENLY SCENE

DAN 2:1, 19

GOLD HEAD SILVER BREAST & ARMS BRASS BELLY & THIGHS

IRON LEGS

CLAY & IRON — FEET & TOES

INTERLUDE QUESTION

DAN 2:26

WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE DREAM?

HISTORIC-PROPHETIC OUTLINE

DAN 2:36-43

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MEDO-PERSIA
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ENDTIME EVENT

DAN 2:45

"STONE KINGDOM"
SECOND COMING OF JESUS

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ENDTIME EVENT VISION ONE

God Will Set Up An Heavenly Kingdom Through **Jesus Christ** That Lasts Forever

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.

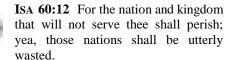
The **End** of the First Historic-Prophetic Outline

Reminder: (Continued) The **Endtime Event** is the establishment of the Heavenly Kingdom of Jesus through the arrival of the Stone Kingdom. This is when God's plan to save His people will be fully realized. (Each section in the thumbnail, as seen on page 40, has been completed in an orderly manner following the sequence of verses in Daniel 2.)



Verse 45

<u>ALL the kings</u> of the earth (from verse 44) will be destroyed by the Stone Kingdom. Revelation 17 will provide further details. Consider the following Scriptures:



Ps 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

ISA 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains.



Prophetic Key #29 The Historic-Prophetic Outline of earthly kingdoms ends with the establishment of Christ's kingdom. No indication as to the day and hour of this great event is given.

MATT 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

General Review and Theme of Vision One: "Christ our King"

• Daniel 2 reviewed the rise and fall of nations and reached its climax with the Second Coming of Jesus represented by the Stone Kingdom.

CHAPTER 2 The Story of the Rise and Fall of Earthly Kingdoms

"Tidy-Up" Verses for Vision One

46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

King Nebuchadnezzar Praises the God of Heaven

47 The king answered unto Daniel, 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.

King Nebuchadnezzar Honors Daniel

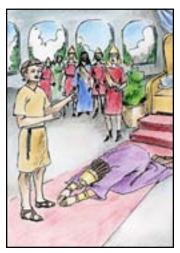
48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

Verses 46-47



Prophetic Key #30 The last four verses of this chapter are noted as "tidy-up" verses. These verses indicate that the Historic-Prophetic Outline is completely finished and there is nothing more to be added.



The King Worships Daniel

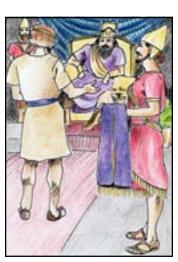
Verses 48-49

GEN 41:40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

DAN 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to right-eousness as the stars for ever and ever.



Prophetic Key #1 Prophetic interpretation is an exact science. "Hermeneutic" rules and principles must be used carefully and consistently for the correct interpretation of all prophecy.



The King Honors Daniel and his Friends

"<u>Hermeneutics</u>" — The science of discovering and stating the rules which govern Bible study to determine the meaning that God intends for us to know.

A Biblical Hermeneutic Principle

Bible Prophecy Focuses Around the People of God

Until the time of Christ, Bible prophecy centered on Israel. Since the ascension of Christ, prophecy revolves around worldwide Christianity, and God's remnant people defined by Revelation 12:17.

Review: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Pagan Imperial Rome were <u>not</u> "World" or "Universal" kingdoms; but rather, were kingdoms dominating Israel's region of the old world affecting the work and well-being of God's people during their appointed time in history.

Helpful Points to Understand the Structure of Prophecy

(The following points on this page will be helpful for understanding the

general review of Outline One on the next two pages.) 1. Every vision will <u>reveal and describe kingdoms</u> that affect God's people. 2. Every vision <u>moves forward in time</u> within the context of verses. 3. Every vision (after Vision One) will give additional information either about "persecutors" of God's people, or "timelines" that affect God's people. 4. Every vision is given within one major line of prophecy from 606 BC to the establishment of Christ's Kingdom. 5. Every vision extends to the establishment of Christ's kingdom OR to the very eve of Christ's Second Coming. 6. After Vision One, the Historic-Prophetic Outline in the following three visions consistently extends time further towards the establishment of Christ's kingdom. 7. In every vision, the Historic-Prophetic Outline is written using either "symbolic language" or "literal language." **Prophetic Keys** (#22 to #27 on pages 20-21) give an understanding for interpreting any timelines that may be given within the Historic-Prophetic Outline. Timelines given within "symbolic prophetic outlines" must be interpreted from symbolic to literal time, using the Year-day Computation Principal provided in Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. Timelines within "literal prophetic outlines" do not need any conversion for a proper understanding of the timeline. These concepts will be explained in each individual vision.

Daniel 2 — Review of the Historic-Prophetic Outline in Vision 1

- 1. Vision 1 uses some symbolic language to introduce a Symbolic Image of Metals and Clay which are from the earth.
- 2. Vision 1 describes and reveals **Four earthly kingdoms** surrounding God's people.
- 3. Vision 1 extends from 606 BC to the Establishment of Christ's kingdom in One Major Line of Prophecy.
- 4. Vision 1 begins with a basic, simple Historic-Prophetic Outline. By the end of the Fourth Vision, content becomes more complex, focused, and established.
- 5. The symbols in Vision 1 must begin with a Biblical interpretation for at least the first symbol, because the "Bible is its own Interpreter." e.g. Daniel 2:38 "Thou art this head of gold" designates that Babylon was the First Kingdom. This principle establishes the interpretation for the other metals and clay of the statue.
- 6. The Outline of Vision 1 is decoded according to the same principles of Biblical interpretation and confirmed by secular history. With the aid of secular history, this vision begins the alignment of kingdoms for the following three visions.

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1^{st} Kingdom = Gold Head = BABYLON (606 — 538 BC)
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2nd Kingdom = Silver Arms = MEDO-PERSIA (538 — 331 BC)

 3^{rd} Kingdom = Brass Belly = GREECE (331 — 168 BC)

4th Kingdom = Iron Legs = ROME (Pagan Imperial) (168 BC — AD 476)

By AD 476 Rome had crumbled into ten Barbarous Divisions.

(The ten Barbarous Divisions are identified and verified in Daniel 7 as ten Horns.) (Vision 1 does not contain any timelines within the Historic-Prophetic Outline.)

Note: The "toes" will also link to the ten "kings" in Revelation 17:12.

- 7. <u>Datable Time</u>: Vision 1 only extends to AD 476 in datable time. Secular history confirms this information. <u>THEN</u> there is a <u>large gap</u> of time (from AD 476 to the Stone Kingdom) with no information given in this vision. The following visions will supply the missing information. Note: Each kingdom has <u>moved forward in time</u> a concept that cannot be violated in prophecy.
- 8. <u>Emphasis in Vision 1</u> has been on <u>ROME</u>. This is represented by iron as the hardest metal in the Image. Rome is also the longest reigning and most severe persecuting kingdom that ever surrounded God's people.
- 9. **Vision 1 Tidy-up Verses:** The Daniel 2:46-49 verses tell us that the Historic-Prophetic Outline is complete.
- 10. **Endtime Event:** All visions end with something to do with the Second Coming. In Vision 1 the Stone Kingdom is set up.



Prophetic Key #6 The First Vision presents the <u>structure</u> that Daniel uses throughout each individual vision. The chart on page 45 provides the <u>structure</u> for the first Historic-Prophetic Outline in Daniel.

THE STRUCTURE OF DANIEL'S FIRST OUTLINE

The Rise and Fall of Earthly Kingdoms Surrounding God's People

One Major Line of Prophecy From 606 BC — to the Establishment of Christ's Kingdom

DANIEL 2 (Vision 1 uses some Symbolic language for the following Historic-Prophetic Outline.) The **Symbolic IMAGE** with its Metal and Clay components represent the Literal Kingdoms in the Outline.



GOLD HEAD

DAN 2:38

#1 BABYLON

606 - 538 BC



SILVER ARMS

DAN 2:39

#2 MEDO-PERSIA

538 — 331 BC



BRASS BELLY

DAN 2:39

#3 GREECE

331 — 168 BC



IRON LEGS

DAN 2:40

#4 ROME (Pagan Imperial)

168 BC — AD 476

Vision One Time extends from 606 BC — AD 476

> No Timelines in this Vision.



10 Divisions of Rome by AD 476

- Anglo-Saxons 6.
- Visigoths
- Franks
- Burgundians 7.
- Alamanni
- Heruli 8.
- Lombards 5. Seuvi
- Ostrogoths
- 10. Vandals



IRON & CLAY

DAN 2:41-44

FEET & TOES Future Kingdoms and Kings

"Stone Kingdom" of Jesus' **Second Coming** Dan 2:44-45

VISION #

Understanding the Chart: The Structure of Daniel

Introduction

The first section of "The Structure of **Daniel" Chart** is found on page 47. In each vision, the Structure Chart will be the "roadmap" giving guidance and clarity while studying the four Heavenly Visions and their Outlines. Along with the Prophetic Keys, this chart is another important KEY to understanding the structure of the visions that Daniel was given. Each vision reveals God's plan to save His people from earthly persecuting rulers, and ultimately from this sinful earth at the end of time. All visions follow the Structure Chart in a systematic way, beginning first with the Heavenly Scene. Next, the Scriptures will address an Interlude Question. The Interlude is an "interruption" (or a "break") between the Heavenly Scene and the Historic-Prophetic Outline that follows. A Question is asked in the Interlude section, but the Answer is not given until the earthly kingdoms in the Outline are addressed. In the third box, the Historic-Prophetic Outline gives the order of literal earthly kingdoms that had dominion over God's people. The last box has two components: 1) The Answer to the Interlude Question and, 2) The Endtime Event that ushers in the Heavenly Kingdom. Each vision progressively adds more kingdoms and information to the Outline.

All four visions follow the exact same structure. Once this simple structure is understood, it will be easy to recognize the true interpretation of all the visions and the correct placement of all the timelines. Daniel's Structure also gives the foundational knowledge for understanding Revelation.

A large part of this structure is based on a very simple concept taught in the first years of elementary school — called "patterns and sequencing" or "recapping." This manuscript uses the word "recapping." (**Note:** The Book of Revelation has its own unique structure.)

VISION 1-DAN 2



HEAVENLY SCENE

INTERLUDE QUESTION

HISTORIC-PROPHETIC OUTLINE

OUTLINE EXTENDS TO: AD 476

ANSWER TO QUESTION

ENDTIME EVENT

Every vision is introduced with its own unique picture or Heavenly Scene. The Heavenly Scene is the beginning introduction to the Historic-Prophetic Outline. For example: the image in Vision One is made up of different metals. Each component represents a kingdom in the Historic-Prophetic Outline. Even though the Heavenly Scene may NOT be explained in the first verse(s) of the chapter, the picture still depicts the real heavenly vision given in detail later in Daniel 2.

The Heavenly Scene box gives a visual description of the vision either in "symbolic" or "literal" language. For the symbolic visions, a description of the vision is <u>always</u> given before the interpretation of the vision in the <u>Historic-Prophetic Outline</u>.

The Interlude Question box <u>always</u> interrupts the <u>Heavenly Scene</u> from the <u>Historic-Prophetic Outline</u> with a Question. The Answer is <u>always</u> given just before the coming Endtime Event of the Kingdom of God and the deliverance of His people at the return of Jesus Christ.

The Historic-Prophetic Outline is the section that gives the interpretation of the Heavenly Scene. Each of Daniel's four Historic-Prophetic Outlines review and add more information to the previous Outline. The Outline will always give information on literal earthly kingdoms. All of the visions bring the Outline to a point of time in history that can be dated. Example: In Vision One, the Fourth Kingdom extends to AD 476. The vision gives no further details until the Stone Kingdom and the Second Coming of Jesus.

The last box has the Answer to the Interlude Question. This is God's answer of how He is going to save His people for the kingdom of heaven. Every vision ends with an Endtime Event addressing the divine outcome. Prophecies are "history written in advance" with total accuracy. Therefore, the hope of the Second Coming of Jesus will also be sure and real.

THE STRUCTURE OF DANIEL

FOUR VISIONS REVEAL GOD'S PLAN TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE

One Major Line of Prophecy From 606 BC — to the Establishment of Christ's Kingdom

VISION 1 - DAN 2	Vision 2 - Dan 7	VISION 3 - DAN 8	VISION 4 - DAN 10-12
HEAVENLY SCENE			
DAN 2:1, 19 GOLD HEAD SILVER BREAST & ARMS BRASS BELLY & THIGHS IRON LEGS IRON & CLAY — FEET & TOES			
INTERLUDE QUESTION			
DAN 2:26 WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THE DREAM?			
HISTORIC-PROPHETIC OUTLINE			
DAN 2:36-43 BABYLON			
MEDO-PERSIA GREECE ROME (PAGAN IMPERIAL)			
ROWE (LAGAN IMPERIAL)			
OUTLINE EXTENDS TO: AD 476			
Answer to Question			
DAN 2:44 GOD OF HEAVEN CONSUMES ALL THESE KINGDOMS!			
ENDTIME EVENT DAN 2:45			
"STONE KINGDOM" SECOND COMING OF JESUS			