

1. All of the 'world empires' will come to an end. The kingdom is God's
2. The future Kingdom is both set up by God and revealed by God
3. The account found in the Bible is accurate
4. Do you think that this story could help people gain confidence in other parts of the Bible account?

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 3

DANIEL 2

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path"

Psalms 119:105

1. The Bible gives guidance to Christians

"And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts"

2 Peter 1:19

1. It is a good idea to follow the guidance given in prophecy
2. Prophecy gives us light and helps us understand where we are in time.
3. Have you ever felt the need of guidance from outside your family and friends?

"Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plan to his servants the prophets."

Amos 3:7

1. God doesn't keep secrets, He tells us His business through His servants the Prophets
2. How could you find out God's plans for yourself?

Read Daniel 2:1-11 and then verses 14-19 followed by verses 31-35

Daniel asks God for guidance – and God provides this advice for us

"But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind are these.."

Daniel 2:28

1. The book of Daniel describes the latter days – the time just before the end of the world

"This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. You, O King, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory.... After you another kingdom will rise inferior to yours. Next a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. Finally there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron ... it will crush and break all others. Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle .. The people will be a mixture and will not remain united. In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed."

Excerpts from Daniel 2:36-45

1. King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream but he couldn't remember it

2. Daniel revealed the dream – an image of a man with a gold head, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, feet part iron and part clay. A stone cut without hands smote the image on the feet.

3. Daniel interpreted the dream

a) Babylon was the power described as a head of gold

b) 3 powers followed the Babylonian Empire - each inferior to its predecessor

c) The Medo-Persian Empire 539-331 BC

d) The Grecian Empire 331-168 BC

e) The Roman Empire 168 BC – AD 476

Since 476 BC there have been various world powers – partly strong, partly weak but all have been divided in some form.

"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands--a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy."

Daniel 2:44,45

