

## **Adventures in Truth:**

### **03: Bible Numbers and Our Choices**

Daniel 2: The King's Dream

Unfolds The Future

This is a very exciting chapter; not only does it reveal the world's most amazing prophecy, but it exposes the occult sciences as the frauds they really are. It also shows us a very good view of the great controversy between the Creator and the adversary, Satan; Truth vs Falsehood. We see how those on God's side of the situation were concerned for the lives of the false prophets etc. and not only for their own selves, but later in Daniel, even though Daniel and his friends had saved their lives, we see these same occult practitioners trying and scheming to get rid of those who served the true God.

**“And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.” Daniel 2:1.** “Dreamed dreams.” The Babylonians attached great importance to dreams, especially when given to a king. He was Pontifex Maximus, Great Bridge Builder; the leading priest of the gods of Babylon.

**“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.” Daniel 2:29.** “Thy thoughts of what should come to pass hereafter.” “You were thinking of the future.” (Moffatt's Version).

A TEST OF RELIGIONS: The Babylonians had boasted that their gods were superior. Their victory over Israel had proved this, they figured. But God had sent Israel to Babylon as a witness for Him. Daniel 2:1 “Nebuchadnezzar was troubled.” He had troubled Israel, now God troubles him.

**“Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.” Daniel 2: 2-4.**

Daniel 2:2, 3 The scholars of the University of Babylon fail. “Mediaeval magic and witchcraft were, mostly, an unchanged inheritance from Chaldea.” Myer's General History, page 46.

Daniel 2:4 “Syriack.” “In Aramaic.” Fenton. From this verse to the end of chapter seven, Daniel wrote in Aramaic. This prophecy regarding world powers was given in the language of the world power.

**“The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing 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. 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. They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it. The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.” Daniel 2:5-**

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The noose tightens and a battle develops between a disillusioned king and the cunning crafty "wise men". The scholars are caught in a web of their own devices. They were faced with the contest of Truth versus Error. The worldly wise, with their philosophy, had a religion of mere human endeavor.

**"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 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. 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." Daniel 2:9-11.**

Their forced confession reveals their false claims to know all secrets and be in connection with the gods. Now they admit of their gods, "Whose dwelling is not with flesh." Their religion ruled out divine powers and left man alone and helpless.

**"For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain." Daniel 2:12-13.**

Here these magicians were to hear of a God who does dwell with flesh. Later Nebuchadnezzar's grandson was to be told, **"There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods;" Daniel 5:11.**

Our God dwells **"With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." Isaiah 57:15. "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1 Timothy 3:16. "Abide in Me and I in you." John 15:4, 5. "Christ in you the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27.** Babylon's religion is only faith in falsehood. Truth has Christ in the heart and life.

Babylon's religion, originated with Satan, and down through Cain, the first sun worshipper and was developed by Nimrod. **"Nimrod was a mighty rebel before the Lord." Genesis 10:8-10.** Ancient Jewish Commentary. "Nimrod was mighty in sin, lying in wait to catch and overthrow men, and draw them away from the worship of the true God." Jewish Torgum.

Nimrod, the first king, was deified at his death, and became the "father of gods" and was worshipped under many names. Ninnus, Tammuz, Bel, Baal, Ammon-Ra, Marduk, Nebo, Jupiter etc. He was thought to be linked with the sun and thus the chief god of all pagan times. Heroes at death became lesser gods, and were represented by the planets.

Semiramis, Nimrod's wife, became the Moon goddess, or "Queen of heaven", the Great Mother. She too was worshipped under many names; Ishtar, Ashtoreth. Where we get the name 'Easter'. "Diana", Venus. etc. Babylon built artificial mountains, "high places" and towers, to worship these false gods. Well known examples are "Tower of Babel", and the temple of the Moon-goddess of Ur.

**“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: 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. Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Daniel 2:14-18. [Praying friends are good friends.]**

Daniel gives thanks. **“Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: 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: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. 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 2:19-23.**

In the darkest hours truth shines the brightest. Note the praise to God is recorded, but not the prayer. May we be thankful. All too often we seem to think it is God's job to serve us! We think that God is only around to help us. We have a great utility God, they think. You pray, and He does this! You pray, and He does that! You pray, and He sends you money. You pray, and He gets you out of a jam. He's not somebody you worship in speechless adoration, someone you reverently obey, but He's a servant to us, a utility God! We need to get rid of that idea, Yes God wants us to ask and He does want to help us, but it is as the Great Father and Creator of the universe and our attitude must reflect this!

**“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. 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. 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 interpretation thereof? 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; 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;” Daniel 2:24-28.**

“There is a God in heaven that makes known. “He reveals secrets.” Our religion came by revelation of God, and not by man's wisdom, it is not from scholars, theologians or this world's wise men. The “wise men's” lives were saved because Daniel was there, He was the “salt of the earth.” Like what God did for Paul in a shipwreck: **“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.” Acts 27:23.**

What does the Lord say about these magicians? **“Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy**

**counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it. Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.” Isaiah 47:13-15.**

Astrology failed and will fail. “The astrologers none shall save thee.” But God’s “revelation” was no sham or forgery.

**“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. 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.” Daniel 2:29, 30.**

Daniel was humble, in contrast to the magicians, he was not boastful nor did he take any honor to himself.

**“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. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 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. 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.” Daniel 2:31-35**

Note Daniel did not ask, but stated with certainty, “Thou sawest. When God reveals a thing, it is sure.

THE NEXT EVENT: The image was like all the things of this world, the farther it goes the less it’s of value. Youth is golden, old age is half clay. Many have a head of gold, but feet of clay they know their duty, but do not do it. The Human body illustrates human history. The body deteriorates in value from head to foot. The head is the most valuable and important. It directs and governs all. The second section of the body contains the heart, and lungs, then lower the trunk legs and feet.

The image began with gold, the king of metals, and ends in miry clay = mire and mud. It is a fit symbol of human history. Here is God’s answer to the popular question “is the world getting better?”

**“This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 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.” Daniel 2:36-38.**

“This is the dream.” What a breathless silence! The troubled king. The awed soldiers, the wise

men awaiting in fearful silence of hope or doom. The priests of Babylon's gods stand pale and trembling under their sentence of death. The servant of God alone is calm. Like John the Baptist before Herod, and Paul before Felix, Daniel was "Unawed by the human, because he had looked upon the divine. He could stand fearless in the presence of earthly monarchs, because with trembling he had bowed before the King of kings." 8 Testimonies, page 332.

Daniel 2:36 Here in eight short verses is the world's history for over 2500 years. In 213 words the history of nations for two and a half millenniums. The form of a man was appropriate to represent the kingdoms of men. It covered "Man's day."

Daniel 2:37 "The God of heaven has given thee a kingdom. It was not due to his power or skill, or the favor of his gods. "King of kings" This title was applied to Nebuchadnezzar as indicated by archaeology.

Daniel 2:38 "Thou art this head of God." The head represents the head or chief part of man. Gold - the king of metals. Babylon was a golden kingdom in a golden age. The Scriptures refer to Babylon as "the glory of kingdoms", "the lady of kingdoms", "the golden city", and "the beauty of the Chaldean's excellence". Babylon was impregnable. It was built to stand forever. Nebuchadnezzar had written in his tablets, now unearthed, "Babylon the city which is the delight of my eyes, and which I have glorified; May it last forever." It was founded by Nimrod 1500 years before and was at its pinnacle of glory and power in the reign of Nebuchadnezzar.

Babylon was the birth place and incubator of idolatry. It was the breeding place of every false and counterfeit doctrine. It took the courage and grace of God to give the truth to a proud king. The message of the true prophet is seldom smooth and pleasing. False prophets please and flatter people.

**"And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth." Daniel 2:39.**

The Rule of Babylon as a universal monarchy lasted for only 70 years. It was the shortest of any world empire. Daniel lived to see the rise, reign and the ruin of Babylon.

"Another Kingdom inferior to thee." This was an unwelcome message. It was contrary to the king's expectations. From a human viewpoint it was impossible that Babylon would be overthrown, but God said it would. The breast and arms of silver was a fit symbol of the Medo-Persian Empire. The scriptures clearly state that the kingdom that followed Babylon was that of the Medes and Persians The last king of Babylon was told that his "kingdom was given to the Medes and Persians".

Belshazzar the last king was told: **"Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." Daniel 5:28.** Scripture refers in a later prophecy to "the kings of Media and Persia". Daniel 8:20. The Medes revolted first against the rule of Babylon. They became the aggressors in the war. They were joined later by the Persians. The combined armies were under the leadership of Cyrus, the Persian general. Cyrus was the nephew of Darius the Median king. Darius was one year older than Cyrus. They were practically joint-rulers until the death of Darius two years after the fall of Babylon. This left Cyrus the sole ruler of the new world empire. The Medo-Persian kingdom continued for 200 years, before going down before the Greeks.

THE THIRD KINGDOM OF BRASS: The kingdom that followed Medo-Persia is clearly stated to be

Greece. (Daniel 8:20, 21; 10:20; 11:1-3) While the world praises the age of Greece, it is worth noting that God represents it as an age of brass. "An age of glare and flare, and assigns to it only the briefest place in His holy records." Paul spoke of the days of boasted Greek knowledge as "the times of this ignorance." "The wisdom of the world is foolishness with God." It is claimed that the early Greek soldiers wore brass armor and were called "the brazen-coated" Greeks.

**"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."**  
**Daniel 2:40.**

"The Iron Monarchy of Rome." It is very easy to show the amazing accuracy of Bible Prophecy using only infidel writers to show their exact fulfillment. Gibbon, in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" Volume 3, chapter 38, states: "The arms of the Republic, sometimes vanquished in battle, always victorious in war, advanced with rapid strides to the Euphrates, the Danube and the Rhine and the ocean; and the images of gold or silver or brass that might serve to represent the nations and their kings were successively broken by the iron monarchy of Rome." Like many unbelievers Gibbon uses the same imagery as Scripture. However, no one would accuse Gibbon of writing to prove the Bible true.

Truly history proves the Bible true. It has been well called "His-Story." Prophecy bears witness, sure and certain, that the living and true God speaks in Holy Scripture. **"Before it came to pass I showed it thee: lest thou should say, mine idol hath done them."** **Isaiah 48:5.** Our merciful and loving God desires to save men, and so our Lord has piled evidence upon evidence in His Word to convince our stubborn hearts that we have a living God, who is Author of this Book, and that Jesus of the Bible is the living loving Lord and Savior of men. There is no other book like this Book, and there is no other Savior than the One it reveals. **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."** **Acts 4:12.**

THE LEGS OF IRON: **"That all the world should be taxed."** **Luke 2:1.** Caesar Augustus could tax all the world, because all the world was under Rome. In the words of Gibbon "But the empire of the Romans filled the world, and when that empire fell into the hands of a single person, the world became a safe and dreary prison for his enemies. To resist was fatal, and it was impossible to fly." Gibbon's Roman Empire. Volume 1, chapter 3, page 133.

When the Roman armies invaded the British Isles, the Scottish chieftain Galgacus said: "These ravagers of the world, after all the earth has been too narrow for their ambition, have ransacked the sea also. If their enemy is rich, they are covetous; if poor, they are ambitious. The East cannot satiate them, no more can the West. To plunder, to murder, to rob, is their delight. Violence they call dominion: and wherever they can make a dreary solitude they call it peace."

In Daniel 11:14 The Romans are called "the robbers of the people." They conquered, robbed and crushed the world under their iron heel.

**"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. 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."** **Daniel 2:41, 42.**

“The Kingdom shall be divided.” The nation that broke other nations in pieces, was destined to be broken to pieces. This is the unchanging rule among nations and individuals. What they sow they reap. This is not evolution. It is devolution. Beginning with gold, human history and earthly kingdoms end in “miry clay” or mud. “Muddy clay”. Moffatt.

THE TEN TOES = TEN KINGDOMS: Daniel 7:24 “The ten horns out of this kingdom, are ten kings that shall arise.” Today these kingdoms of divided Rome are the powers of Europe, some strong as iron and some weak as clay. How did Daniel know there would be no other world empire? Why just four and the Fourth, divided into ten? Humanly he did not, only God could know.

**“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.” Daniel 2:43.** “They shall intermarry.” Moffatt.

Queen Victoria of England was called The Grandmother of Europe. In 1914 King George V had 40 cousins among the crowned heads of Europe. Force was used to unite Europe by Charlemagne, Charles V, Louis XIV, Napoleon, Kaiser, and Hitler. Napoleon said after his coronation: “There will be no repose in Europe until it is under one head. In five years I shall be master of the world.” Taine’s “Modern Regime,” Volume 1, page 36. Napoleon left 3,000,000 slain. The snowflakes of Russia and the raindrops at Waterloo ended his days as a prisoner.

Kaiser in WW1, “From childhood I have been under the influence of five men, Alexander, Julius Caesar, Theodoric II, Frederick the Great, and Napoleon. Each of these dreamed a dream of world empire they failed. I am dreaming a dream of German world empire, and my mailed fist shall succeed.

THE DREAM IS CERTAIN AND SURE: “In 1939 I was in the midst of an evangelistic campaign in the heart of Launceston, Tasmania. When the German army broke through, and France, Belgium, Denmark, and Holland collapsed and the British army was surrounded at Dunkirk. I discarded the handbill I had prepared, and advertised I would speak on “Why Herr Hitler will never march his storm troopers across a conquered Europe. Bible Prophecy Knows. It does not guess. That night, it was not a matter of every seat taken, every square inch was taken. People were standing on every square inch up to the platform, they were on the platform jammed in the isles, doorway and down the stairs, to the street. I preached on Daniel 2. Many said “We hope you are right, but it looks as though prophecy will fail this time. The following months and years proved afresh that “there is a God in Heaven that makes known what shall be.” “The dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure.” God’s Tell-a-Vision is sure.” Ps. Youlden.

“They shall not cleave” is the Iron Curtain of prophecy, dictators cannot break through it.

**“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. 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.” Daniel 2:44, 45.**

The final Kingdom is to be very different; We see “a stone cut out of the mountain, without

hands.” This kingdom is not set up by human intervention, Jesus is cutting out a ‘stone’ from His glorious holy mountain, which will finally bring the degenerate kingdoms of this world to their end. This kingdom is being prepared by God through the Holy Spirit and finally will climax with the coming of Jesus for His redeemed children. Happy are all who know this coming King as their Savior from sin.

**KINGDOM OF GRACE AND GLORY:** The ‘Gospel’ is the ‘Good News’ of the Kingdom. First it is the kingdom of grace, set up by Jesus as He came to earth to ransom sinners.

**“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.” Mark 1:14, 15.** [The ‘time’ that is fulfilled here is part of the great time prophecy of Daniel]

**“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Matthew 3:1-3.**

**“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 4:17.**

**“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:” Colossians 1:13, 14.** We are now invited by Jesus into this kingdom.

**“And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” Luke 17:20, 21.** This kingdom comes without “outward show” in it Christ is king of the heart and life.

**“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16.** “The throne of grace.” “Throne” indicates a kingdom. Now we are in the Kingdom of Grace. The ministry and sacrifice of Jesus our Saviour has made available “Mercy” and “grace.”

The Kingdom of Glory begins at the Second coming of Jesus. THEN shall He sit on the throne of His GLORY. The throne of His Glory indicates the Kingdom of Glory. **“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:” Matthew 25:31, 32.**

Jesus made it clear to Pilate that His kingdom is not of this world. **“Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.” John 18:36.**

**A FALSE TEACHING LEADS TO TRAGEDY:** St. Augustine (died 430 AD) taught that the Stone Kingdom was the Roman Church. This “Stone” of Daniel 2 was the first advent. The smashing of the image was therefore the work of the Roman Church. Thus Augustine’s writings became “the Bible of the Inquisition” resulting in horrible persecution of God’s people. Augustine favored a

forced religion. He also taught that there were many repeated fulfillments. This blurred the original and true fulfillment of prophecy. The Bible was emptied of its significance. The “first resurrection” of Revelation 20 takes place in this life and is spiritual. The “second resurrection” is the resurrection of the body. Augustine greatly influenced Luther and Calvin and they followed him in the belief of “original sin”, immaculate conception, etc. Augustine has been well called “The founder of the Papacy”, and his false teachings on the Kingdom of God laid the foundation for the persecution of the dark ages.

“Error is never harmless. It never sanctifies, but always brings confusion and dissension. It is always dangerous. The enemy has great power over minds that are not thoroughly fortified by prayer and established in Bible truth.” 5 Testimonies, page 292. **“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” Proverbs 23:23.** Many sell it for popularity, position, or praise.

This Stone Kingdom cannot be the Kingdom of grace set up by the Gospel, as it follows the dividing of Rome. It destroys all earthly kingdoms. This was not so of the preaching of the Gospel. The Gospel does not destroy nations. Daniel 2:35 Here is complete destruction of all earthly kingdoms. So complete that they are likened to “chaff” blown away by the wind.

**“Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. 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 couldst reveal this secret.” Daniel 2:46, 47.** “Your God is a revealer of secrets.” What God reveals, we can depend on. It is “Certain” and “Sure.” God does dwell “with flesh”.

**“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Colossians 1:27.** The “mystery” is the Gospel. “The riches of the Glory of this mystery.” “It is Christ in you, the hope of Glory”.

**“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” Revelation 21:3.** The climax of the coming Kingdom is “God is with men and He will dwell with them.”

Daniel 2:11 Babylon’s “scholars” said His “dwelling is not with flesh”. The “Scripture of Truth” says: He will be “With men”, and “all flesh shall come up to worship Him on the Sabbath for eternity.

Daniel 2:46 If God’s revelation of the future, before any had been fulfilled had such an effect on a heathen, what effect should it have on us when we have seen it nearly all fulfilled. Surely we too should bow before the God of gods. What a privilege to serve such a God! What a joy to live when the final event will soon be enacted!