## "God's Dream For The Ages" Part 2 <u>Daniel 2: 31-49</u>



## <u>Verse 31 - 35</u> How fallen man views himself

#### Man views himself with: grandeur > hubris > arrogance

#### God's view: Daniel 7 (BEASTS)

# Tony Garland calls this "the deification of man"

#### Satan to Eve: "You will be like God" Genesis 3: 5

The result of self-deification: Scripture reveals that man's degeneracy reaches such a degree that instead of reflecting his unique created stature, "the image of God", he descends to the level of the beasts over which he was made to rule

#### **NEVER FORGET THIS:**

The statue represents man's kingdoms present and future, controlled by the god of this age - *Satan* 

A STONE *(Jesus)* will crush the final Satanic kingdom - <u>verse 34</u>

Jesus crushes the anti-christ kingdom and it becomes like chaff

There is not a trace left to contaminate Jesus' Messianic Kingdom

A closer look at the image: Arnold Fruchtenbaum: The metals increase in strength, but decrease in value

## Verse 36 - 43 The Four Kingdoms are clarified

Nebuchadnezzar is the greatest earthly king ever - *king of kings -*<u>Ezekiel 26: 7</u>

#### Followed by Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome

The following is excerpted from Arnold Fruchtenbaum "Footsteps of the Messiah" The fourth empire continues until today - Rome with 5 phases: 1) The united stage - Rome and its grandeur 2) The two-division stage presently 3) One world government - on the horizon, won't work future

The fourth empire continues until today - Rome with 5 phases (cont.):
4) The ten-kingdom stage broken into by anti-christ - future

5) The anti-christ stage - A ONE WORLD RULER - future

#### THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM (kingdom of the stone crushes anti-christ):

#### <u>Important</u>:

The two-division stage continues to today - an east and west block

The centers of power may shift, but it will remain essentially an east-west balance until the third stage - the one world government Daniel 7: 23-24

# This will break into 10 ruling nations:

part clay and part iron
the combination is fragile

#### This allows the anti-christ to assume control by force -<u>Daniel 7: 24</u>

# A one-world, global, imperial government will be established

Anti-christ will demand worship and allegiance (mark of the beast) <u>Revelation 13: 15</u>

#### <u>Verse 44 - 45</u>

### Jesus Christ - *King of Kings and* Lord of Lords rules!!!

The fifth empire -<u>JESUS MESSIAH</u> - will crush anti-christ and Jesus' kingdom will stand forever!

#### **SUMMARY**:

- Daniel saw Babylon fall, lived in the Persian empire, prophesized about Greece and Rome

- God is at the helm, steering the ship
- A one-world government will arise; it will fail

- A ten nation confederation will arise

- Anti-christ will usurp power and establish his imperial worldwide kingdom

 Jesus Christ will crush and pulverize anti-christ's kingdom, and will establish His thousandyear kingdom, followed by the eternal order

> **EVERYTHING IS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE!!**

#### <u>Verse 46 - 49</u>

#### Nebuchadnezzar's response

# Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and recognized the TRUE GOD!!

#### <u>CONCLUSION</u>: God's Dream For The Ages

We are living in a unique time known as the last days - the last of the last days!

Keep studying, keep watching - *the King is coming!!* 

At a time when you least expect it, Jesus is coming to establish His Kingdom!!

## MARANATHA!! EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS!!