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The World Empire of the END Conquered

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Daniel 2:41-45 *Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42) And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43) As you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44) And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to another people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45) Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain and the interpretation is sure. (NKJV)*

BEHOLD, ONE LIKE THE SON OF MAN, COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN! HE CAME TO THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, AND THEY BROUGHT HIM NEAR BEFORE HIM. THEN TO HIM WAS GIVEN DOMINION AND GLORY AND A KINGDOM, THAT ALL PEOPLES, NATIONS AND LANGUAGES SHOULD SERVE HIM. HIS DOMINION IS AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, WHICH SHALL NOT PASS AWAY, AND HIS KINGDOM THE ONE WHICH SHALL NOT BE DESTROYED.
DANIEL 7:13-14

Why does Daniel continually remind the king of what he saw in his dream? How could Daniel most strongly emphasize the divided nature of the feet and toes? Was this just any kind of clay? Did the feet or the toes get mentioned twice? What is “the seed of men” referring to? What are the three things that the iron and clay describe? Who are the kings ruling when the God of Heaven will set up His kingdom? What is the most significant thing about this kingdom? Who is the king of that final kingdom and how is He introduced? What five things characterize this kingdom? Did this let the king know all the rest of the future? How accurate was Daniel’s message?

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES AND EVENTS:

- JUNE 15-17: DANIEL 2:46-49 *DANIEL EXALTED & HE EXALTS HIS FRIENDS*
- SEPTEMBER 9: LIFT-DELTAVILLE *THE LEGISLATIVE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT*

Little did Nebuchadnezzar know that when he captured Jerusalem and took Daniel and his friends captive that he had ushered in the times of the Gentiles. Never again would the royal seed of David sit upon the throne of Israel as the sovereign king until Jesus Christ, the King of kings would come. The fire which had been lit by God on the altar at the temple would go out with the final captivity in 586 BC and only profane fire would be used when they returned. The Israelites were taken captive and dispersed throughout the empire and they would continue to be dispersed throughout the world thereafter. The lack of a Temple caused a general cessation of the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament until they returned and rebuilt the temple. The cessation of the Temple also caused the rise of the Synagogues and thus multiple copies of the Scriptures were needed throughout the empire. The Jewish dispersion also required the first translation of the Scriptures into the common tongue (LXX). Most importantly, with the lack of ability to serve their own God as they were taught and the imposing of idolatry all around them, for the first time Israel as a nation rejected idolatry once and for all the time to come!

BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY @ 8:30 AM –BIBLE STUDY – FREDERICKSBURG – 106 CARTER ST & NOON – FAIRFAX – DENNY’S, 10473 FAIRFAX BLVD.
THURSDAY @ 8:00 AM –BIBLE STUDY – RICHMOND – SHONEY’S, 9963 HULL STREET ROAD (LOCATED AT HULL & COURTHOUSE)
FRIDAY @ 7:00 AM –BIBLE STUDY – SUFFOLK – VILLAGE INN, 6116 COLLEGE DRIVE, NEAR HAMPTON ROADS CROSSING

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"WHAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR MIND SHALL NEVER BE, WHEN YOU SAY, 'WE WILL BE LIKE THE GENTILES, LIKE THE FAMILIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, SERVING WOOD AND STONE.'" EZEKIEL 20:32

I. THE CONDITION

DANIEL 2:41-42

Daniel had previously described the fourth kingdom initially as "legs of iron" (v. 33), explaining that it is strong and breaks in pieces and shatters everything (v. 40). Then, almost as if the feet and toes were a separate entity, they are described in their weakness as "partly of potter's clay and partly of iron." This weakness is emphasized so strongly that the word "iron" is used seven times and the word "clay" is used six times. This weakness is remembered three of the four times Daniel reminds the king what he "saw." First it pointed to the fact that this kingdom was "divided" (v. 41). Second, that it was "fragile" (v. 42). This combination becomes mysterious as it is described as both strong with the iron and fragile with the clay. This is particularly the mysterious weakness of the two times that the toes are described. What is causing this mysteriously incurable weakness of iron and clay?

"FOR THEY HAVE TAKEN SOME OF THEIR DAUGHTERS AS WIVES FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR SONS, SO THAT THE HOLY SEED IS MIXED WITH THE PEOPLES OF THOSE LANDS. INDEED, THE HAND OF THE LEADERS AND RULERS HAS BEEN FOREMOST IN THIS TRESPASS." EZRA 9:2

II. THE CAUSE

DANIEL 2:43

The foundation of the statue where strength was most needed it was the weakest. This continual and incurable weakness was because of the mixing of two elements that would not cleave to one another, the potter's clay and the iron. It was the result of the mixing of seed that caused this inability to cleave together and thus be divided and

fragile. All of the commentaries found this verse difficult to understand and thus explain. Some thought that it referred to a mixing of different nations and peoples through intermarriage to strengthen the political ties. Others thought that it was to bring different groups of people together. A literal rendering of the Aramaic seems to be: "As you saw the iron mixed with the miry clay, so they will (for themselves) mix (with sterility) the seed of men. And they will (continually) not cleave together, this with this; Behold as iron does not mix with clay." This mysterious phrase and action involved seems to call for God's judgement.

THE WORD ... MEANING "TO MIX," AND REFERS TO SOMETHING WHICH "MIXES ITSELF." LEON WOOD

III. THE CRUSHING

DANIEL 2:44-45

The precise timing is given first: "And in the days of those kings" with its closest antecedent being the "toes" (v. 42). Since the image is of a man, it is appropriate to assume that with the fourth kingdom of iron, there are ten toes which would correspond to the ten horns of fourth beast of Daniel 7:7, 20, 24 (also Revelation 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16). God now acts without any help from man: "the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to another people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." This is God's kingdom, the final kingdom which is eternal. This is the kingdom which fulfills Psalm 2, "I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel. Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling ... Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him." What a privilege-Nebuchadnezzar saw the kingdom of God here!

Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Do you serve the God of heaven or trust the false gods of this world?
- 2) Are you prepared for that final kingdom of God which will crush all worldly kingdoms?
- 3) Have you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and are you among the Blessed who put their trust in Him?