

## **GOD RULES OVER GENTILE WORLD POWERS**

(Daniel 2:24-49)

### **I. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAMS A DREAM**

**A. Nebuchadnezzar sought the INTERPRETATION of the dream from the WISE MEN of Babylon (2:1-13)**

**B. Daniel and his friends sought the INTERPRETATION of the dream from the GOD of Judah (2:14-23)**

**C. Daniel's APPEARANCE before the King (2:24-30)**

1. Daniel declared that not only did the God in heaven have the answer to the dream, but it was He who had \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to the king. (v. 28-29)
2. Humbly Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ to take any credit for the revelation. (v. 30)

**D. The CONTENT of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (2:31-35)**

1. Daniel described the metallic character of the great image that the king had dreamt...
  - a. its head was of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. its chest and arms were of \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. the image's abdomen and thighs were of \_\_\_\_\_ (*or brass*)
  - d. while its legs were made of \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. finally the image's feet were a mixture of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*or pottery*)
2. In the dream there appeared a "*stone cut without hands*" which \_\_\_\_\_ the great image and \_\_\_\_\_ it, so that the remains blew away with the wind. (vv. 34-35)

\* What most likely prevented Nebuchadnezzar from stopping Daniel right here and congratulating him on figuring out what he had dreamt?

**E. The INTERPRETATION of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (2:36-45)**

1. Daniel transitioned smoothly from relating the dream and then moved on into the actual interpretation.
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ were considered the first kingdom (vv. 37-38)
  - b. The second empire was the combination of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 39a)
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ made up the third kingdom (v. 39b)
  - d. Out of these, the fourth empire was the most significant, that being \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 40)
  
2. Nothing in the image describes the time period between Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Advent and the present, thus " \_\_\_\_\_ " portion of the image must represent the \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 41-43)
  
3. The fifth empire is where Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ all other nations, and He will \_\_\_\_\_ set up His earthly kingdom, and it shall stand forever. (v. 44)

**F. The King's RESPONSE (2:46-49)**

1. Daniel had done what nobody else could do, as a result the king was so overwhelmed, he fell down to \_\_\_\_\_ him and offer a \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 46)  
  
\* Why didn't Daniel immediately reject this adulation?
  
2. In a matter of minutes Daniel was made very \_\_\_\_\_, and was promoted to a place of honor and \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 48-49)  
  
\* How can you apply these truths in your own life?