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DANIEL 2:24-35
A PROPHETIC NIGHTMARE

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Daniel received the interpretation of the dream from God. This is one of the ways God spoke to His people before Christ Jesus came. See [Hebrews 1:1-3](#).

“Nebuchadnezzar’s dream covers the prophetic panorama of Gentile history from his time till the forthcoming subjugation of Gentile powers to Israel’s Messiah. This time period is called ‘the times of the Gentiles’ ([Luke 21:24](#)).” *J. Dwight Pentecost*

Daniel disclaimed any personal ability to interpret the dream. He publicly gave God all the glory. This is a good principle by which to live.

Take note of Daniel’s concern for others not just himself. Do not execute the wisemen!

Daniel humbly gives God all the credit for the interpretation of the dream. Only God knows for certain what tomorrow holds. By means of the book of Daniel, God has given mankind a glimpse of the future.

“A rock cut without hands. The rock was hurled by some unknown unspecified force. The target was the feet made of strong iron mingled with baked clay. It falls to earth pulverized as it collapses. The wind blows the dust away. The rock was supernaturally cut, had extraordinary power, and a scope that was worldwide in the end. Daniel identified the great rock as the coming kingdom of God which is of universal dominion.” Gleaned from, *Stephen R. Miller*

Images in ch. 2 Kingdoms Represented

Head of gold, Babylon.

Chest and arms of silver, Medo-Persian.

Belly and thighs of bronze, Greece.

Legs of iron, feet of iron and clay, Rome.

Stone that became a great mountain, Kingdom of God.

Application:

As we watch the world daily slipping deeper and deeper into chaos let us take comfort in knowing that the Lord God has a plan. In our passage today we read of God using a pagan to reveal that plan! As we make our way through this prophetic journey be sure to keep in mind that it deals with governments, with the times of the Gentiles, God’s people, and it gives believers a wealth of knowledge about the end times. It is important to bear in mind that only God knows for certain what tomorrow holds. We do not know the day and hour in which He will return.

Meditate on this, “Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#) ESV.

As you live from day to day follow Daniel’s example: walk in your integrity, be concerned for the welfare of others, serve God with your whole heart, and always give glory to God for great things He has done!