

## Week 44 Daniel 2, 7-12

God does not waste any words. What that means is that the messages of the ancient prophets applied in part to the people to whom they were preaching, but many of these prophecies also refer to a future time when God will intervene in the affairs of mankind—a time that is yet to occur. Sometimes his word pertains to more than one event which is the case in the prophecy in Daniel. Some of the prophecies of Daniel have already been fulfilled and they are history to us. Some of the prophecies can be applied to both history as we now know it and to the future. We will look at the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar and compare it with Daniel's visions.

### Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)/Daniel's Visions (Daniel 7 & 8)

1. Head of \_\_\_\_\_ . A \_\_\_\_\_ with eagle's wings.

Both of these represent the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ (636BC to 539 BC).

Babylon's rulers: Nebuchadnezzar, Evil-Merodach, Nergal-sharezer, Labashi-marduk, Nabonidus, Belshazzar. As you learned in last week's lesson five, the Babylonian empire came to an end thus fulfilling the prophecy concerning the head of fine gold.

- II. Chest and arms of \_\_\_\_\_ . A \_\_\_\_\_ raised on one side with three ribs in its mouth (Daniel 7:5). A \_\_\_\_\_ with two horns, one higher than the other (Daniel 8:3). The kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ (539 BC to 330 BC). The higher horn representing \_\_\_\_\_ and the lower horn \_\_\_\_\_.

Scholars are not agreed on the meaning of the three ribs, but many consider it to represent Lydia, Egypt, & Babylon, the three nations conquered by this empire. The Medo-Persian rulers: Astyages, Cyrus, Darius the Mede, Cambyses, Cyaxares (Ahaseurus), Artaxerses [Nehemiah was his cupbearer], Darius Hystaspes, Ahaseurus (Xerxes 1), & Artaxerses Longimanus.

- III. Belly & thighs of \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 2:32). A \_\_\_\_\_ with four \_\_\_\_\_ & four \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 7:6) . An \_\_\_\_\_ with one horn (Daniel 8:5 one very large horn) that became broken; four horns took its place. This is the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ (330 BC to 63 BC). The wings represent the swiftness with which Alexander the Great conquered the lands. After his untimely death at age 33 without a successor, his kingdom was divided into four parts (Daniel 8:8). Palestine & Egypt were under the rule of Ptolemy 1; Syria was under the rule of Seleucus; Thrace & Asia Minor were assigned to Lysimachus; and Macedon & Greece were ruled by Antipater & Cassander.

## Seleucid Dynasty (kings of the North) Daniel 11

Daniel 11:3	Seleucus I Nicator (312-281 BC)
Not in Daniel	Antiochus I Soter (281-262 BC)
Daniel 11:6	Antiochus II Theos (262-246 BC)
Daniel 11:7-9	Seleucus II Callinicus (246-227 BC)
Daniel 11:10	Seleucus III Soter (227-223 BC)
Daniel 11:10-11, 13, 15-19	Antiochus III the Great (223-187 BC) not only conquered Egypt & Sidon, but also the glorious land of Palestine Daniel 11:16
Daniel 11:20	Seleucus IV Philopater (187-176 BC) (He oppressed the Jewish people by raising taxes so he could pay tribute to Rome. Shortly after he sent his treasurer Heliodorus to plunder the Jewish temple, he suddenly died fulfilling v. 20)
Daniel 11:21-32	Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163 BC)

## Ptolemaic Dynasty (kings of the South) Daniel 11

Daniel 11:5	Ptolemy I Soter (323-283 BC)
Daniel 11:6	Ptolemy II Philadelphus (became co-regent in 289)
In order to make an alliance between the two kingdoms, Ptolemy demanded that Antiochus II divorce his wife Laodice in order to marry his daughter Berenice. Ptolemy died after 2 years. Laodice had Berenice, her son, & Antiochus II murdered and her son Seleucus II became king.	
Daniel 11:7-9	Ptolemy III Euergetes
Daniel 11:10-19	Ptolemy IV Philopater
	Ptolemy V Epiphanes (Antiochus the Great offered to negotiate with the Egyptian leaders & to marry his daughter Cleopatra I to Ptolemy V who was 7 years old at the time. The scheme backfired as she was loyal to her husband & did not undermine the Egyptian government.

The eighth ruler of the Seleucid's was Antiochus Epiphanes, the little horn (Daniel 8:9). He ruled Syria from 175 to 163 BC & was one of the cruelest tyrants in history. A future fulfillment of this prophecy will occur with the coming of Antichrist. Daniel 8:23-27 relates to the end of the age when Antichrist will appear on the world scene. All the evil of Antiochus Epiphanes just foreshadows the evil to come with the appearance of Antichrist at the time of the end. Compare Daniel 8:9-14 with 8:23-27 to see how the characteristics of Antiochus Epiphanes parallel those of Antichrist.

IV. Legs of \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 2:40-43). This kingdom is also represented as the fourth beast of Daniel's dream, terrifying, dreadful & very strong (Daniel 7:6). This represents the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire (63 BC to 475 AD). The feet of iron & clay with ten toes (ten kings Daniel 2:41-44) is represented in Daniel's dream as ten horns (Daniel 7:24). The ten horns in Revelation 17:12-14 are presented as ten kings not yet risen to power, but they will go to war against Christ and be defeated. Some writers call this Rome II.

V. \_\_\_\_\_ cut out, not by human hands (Daniel 2:34) represents the \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom 2:44