

Daniel 2  
part 3

## The Great Image

James 1:26

Wednesday  
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v 28 *in the latter days* (11x - all OT) Num 24:14 Deu 4:30 & 31:29  
Jer 23:20, 30:24, 48:47, 49:39  
Eze 38:16 Dan 2:28 & 10:14 Hos 3:5

v 29 *hereafter* (14x : 4 OT, 10 NT) Isa 41:23 Eze 20:39 Dan 2:29 & 45  
Matt 26:64 Mark 11:14 Luke 22:69 John 1:51  
Rev 1:19 & 4:1

### The Interpretation

- I. The Head of Gold : Babylonian Empire** 606 - 536 BC  
v 32, 37-38,  
Scripture: Nebuchadnezzar ; Evil-Merodach; Bel-Shazzar  
2 K 25:27, Jer 52:31 Dan 5:1  
Form of Rule : Absolute Monarchy (autocracy)
- II. The Breast and Arms of Silver : Medo-Persian Empire** 536 - 330 BC  
v 32, 39, 5:28  
Scripture: Darius the Median; Cyrus the Persian;  
Form of Rule : Oligarchy (aristocracy) Dan 6:1-3
- III. The Belly and Thighs of Brass : Grecian Empire** 330 - 30 BC  
v 32, 39, 8:3-5  
History: Alexander the Great; the Empire divided after his death  
Form of Rule : stratocracy (initially), then democracy
- IV. A. The Legs of Iron : Roman Empire** 30 BC - 364 AD  
v 33, 40, 9:26-27  
Form of Rule : Republic (initially), then Imperial Autocracy
- B. Feet/Toes - part of iron / part of clay : Revived Roman Empire** Lord's 2nd coming  
Final Form: Ten Federated Kingdoms whose head is : *the Antichrist*, 1 John 2:18
- V. The Stone : Millennial Kingdom of Christ**  
v 34-35 v 44-45  
Form of Rule : THEOCRACY  
Scripture : 1 Peter 2:8, Romans 9:31-32, Matthew 21:44

Supplement:

## Daniel 2 - the iron & the clay

This is the only chapter in the Holy Bible where **both words** occur in the **same verse**.

They are found in verses : 33, 34, 35, 41, 42, 43, 45 = 7 verses

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3 Old Testament references contain: **iron & Egypt**

But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the **iron** furnace, even out of **Egypt**, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day. **Deu 4:20**

For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of **Egypt**, from the midst of the furnace of **iron**: **I Kings 8:51**

... I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of **Egypt**, from the **iron** furnace, saying, Obey my voice . . . according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: **Jer 11:4**

**Doctrinal:** Egypt represents the first birth. It is a type of the flesh, the *carnal* nature.

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5 Old Testament references contain: **clay & potter**

[cf Isa 29:16, 41:25 // NT Rom 9:21]

And the vessel that he made of **clay** was marred in the hand of the **potter**: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the **potter** to make it. **Jer 18:4**

O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this **potter**? saith the LORD. Behold, as the **clay** is in the **potter's** hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. **Jer 18:6**

But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the **clay**, and thou our **potter**; and we all are the work of thy hand. **Isa 64:8**

**Doctrinal:** the clay = Israel the physical offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

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## Conclusion

Daniel is revealing that in that last days there will come a time when the nation Israel will join together with the Gentile nations (i.e. lost men in their first birth). cf - **Daniel 9:27**

This is a violation of **Numbers 23:9**.

<u>Metal</u>	<u>specific gravity</u>	<u>monetary value</u>	
gold	19	\$1,750	per ounce
silver	11	\$ 19	per ounce
brass	8	\$ 1.90	per pound (12 cents / ounce)
iron	5	\$ 140	per ton (7 cents / pound)

Specific Gravity (or Relative Density) - is the ratio of the density of a substance to water.  
 [ water's density = 1.0 kg per liter ]

the Great Image (a Colossus) = lost men's dream (wishful thinking)

This image comes from man's imagination that his world will improve, get better, progress, evolve, advance . . . until he brings in utopia.

But :

God's word says man's ways are *corrupt* **Genesis 6:11-12, Deuteronomy 4:16**  
**2 Peter 2:12**

The image displays the decreasing worth of each successive world empire.  
 They will war and kill each other during *the times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:24).  
 There will be no lasting peace until Jesus Christ, *the Prince of Peace*, returns.