

(Dan 2:31) You, O king, were seeing. And, behold, a certain **great image**! That great image stood before you with a brilliant brightness, and its form *was* dreadful.

Nebuchadnezzar had a mysterious dream about a great image ... a giant statue ... but he did not know what it meant.

(Dan 2:32) The **head** of this image *was* of fine **gold**, its **breast and its arms** *were* of **silver**, its **belly and its thighs** *were* of **bronze**,

1 - The image/statue was divided into 4 sections. The Head was of Gold.

2 - Breast and Arms of Silver.

3 - Belly and Thighs of Bronze.

(Dan 2:33) its **legs** *were* of **iron**, its **feet** *were* partly of **iron** and partly of **clay**.

4 - Leg of Iron.

4 - Feet of Iron and Clay.

But note that the “toes” and “feet” were both part of the 4th Kingdom ... NOT separate Kingdoms ... i.e., the “feet” were not part of the 4th Kingdom and the “toes” some 5th Kingdom.

(Dan 2:34) You continued until a **stone** was cut out **without hands**, which **struck the image on its feet** of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces.

This “stone” was the 5th Kingdom mentioned in Daniel's passage.

(Dan 2:35) Then the **iron**, the **clay**, the **bronze**, the **silver**, and the **gold** were together **broken to pieces**, and *they* became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. And the wind carried them away so that no place was found for them. And the **stone** that struck the image became a **great mountain** and filled the whole earth.

Notice that all the “metals” were broken by the “stone”. The “clay” was mixed in with the “iron” ... so when the iron was broken, so was the clay.

Notice that what started as a little “stone” became a great stone ... a “mountain” of stone.

(Dan 2:37) You O king **are** the **king** of kings. For the God of Heaven has given you the **kingdom**, the power, and the strength, and the honor.

King is head of his Kingdom ... and reference to King is understood to also refer to the Kingdom ruled by the King. Thus the reference to the King (Nebuchadnezzar) is also a reference to his Kingdom (Babylonian Empire).

- King and Kingdom are being used to refer to the same thing. If the text says “King”, then it also refers to his “Kingdom”.
- This does not mean this would necessarily apply everywhere else in Scripture, but that is how it is used in this passage in Daniel.
- This is very important to the understanding of Nebuchadnezzar's vision.
- This is also important to consider when reading Rev 17.

(Dan 2:39) And in your place shall arise **another kingdom** lower than yours, and another **third kingdom** of bronze, which shall rule in all the earth.

2nd Kingdom
(Medo-Persia)

3rd Kingdom
(Greece)

(Dan 2:40) And the **fourth kingdom** shall be as strong as iron. Inasmuch as iron crushes and smashes all things, and as the iron that shatters all these, it will crush and shatter.

4th Kingdom
(Roman Empire)

How many Kingdoms are mentioned in Dan 2:37-40?

- ☐ 4 ☐ 6 ☐ 10
☐ 5 ☐ 7

(Dan 2:41) And as to that you saw, the feet and the **toes** **were** partly of potters' clay and partly of iron, **the kingdom** shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of iron, because you saw the iron mixed with clay of the potter.

(Dan 2:42) And **as** the **toes** of the feet **were** partly of iron and partly of clay, **so** the **kingdom** shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

Kingdom is divided ... but still just a single Kingdom.
Nothing said about toes being ANOTHER Kingdom that comes AFTER this Kingdom.
Toes are a PART of this Kingdom, not separate from it.
This Kingdom is the Roman Empire, thus "toes" were a part of the Roman Empire.

Are the "toes" a part of the 4th Kingdom or separate from the 4th Kingdom?

- ☐ Part of 4th ☐ Separate from 4th

If you think the "toes" are separate from the 4th Kingdom, then which Kingdom are they?

- ☐ 1 ☐ 3 ☐ 5
☐ 2 ☐ 4

If you believe that the "toes" are the 5th Kingdom, then do you find the word "five" or "fifth" mentioned in the text?

- ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you think the “toes” refer to a 5th Kingdom that comes after the Roman Empire (4th Kingdom), then what is your reason?

An empire that succeeded the Roman Republic during the time of Augustus, who ruled from 27 b.c. to a.d. 14. At its greatest extent it encompassed territories stretching from Britain and Germany to North Africa and the Persian Gulf. After 395 it was split into the Byzantine Empire and the Western Roman Empire, which rapidly sank into anarchy under the onslaught of barbarian invaders from the north and east. The last emperor of the West, Romulus Augustulus (born c. 461), was deposed by Goths in 476, the traditional date for the end of the empire.

<http://www.bartleby.com/61/29/R0292900.html>

The traditional date for the end of the Roman Empire is given as 476 A.D.

If you think the “toes” are a part of the 4th Kingdom (Roman Empire), then since the traditional date for end of the Roman Empire is given as 476 A.D., why do you think the date of the “toes” is 2005 or later?

(Dan 2:44) And in the **days** of these **kings**, the God of Heaven shall set up a **kingdom** which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom shall not be left to other people. It shall break in pieces and destroy all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Kings and Kingdoms are synonyms

This Kingdom is separate from the “4” Kings/Kingdoms ... and since God sets it up, this Kingdom must be ***Spiritual*** in some sense.

3 of these 4 Kingdoms were *long gone* ... so how destroy Kingdom that no longer *Existed*?

These 4 Kingdoms are in some way linked to one another ... and God sets up His Kingdom during the time of these 4 Kingdoms ... not thousands of years afterward.

(Col 1:13) who delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and translated *us* into the **kingdom** of the Son of His love,

Christians are in a Kingdom **now** ... a Spiritual Kingdom **set up at the time of Christ** ... that is, set up at the time of the Roman Empire

Is a Kingdom mentioned in Col 1:13?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Who set up the Kingdom mentioned in Col 1:13?

☐ God

☐ Satan

☐ Man

When was the Kingdom in Col 1:13 set up?

☐ Christ's First Coming

☐ Christ's Second Coming

(Dan 2:37) You O **king** **are** the king of kings. For the God of Heaven has given you the **kingdom**, the power, and the strength, and the honor.

(Rev 17:9) Here **is** the mind having wisdom: the **seven heads** are **seven mountains**, where the woman sits on them.

7 Heads are 7 Mountains which are 7 Kings which are 7 Kingdoms ... all represent the same thing

#1 is Egypt
#2 is Assyria

(Dan 2:39) And in your place shall arise **another kingdom** lower than yours, and another **third kingdom** of bronze, which shall rule in all the earth.

#3 is Babylonian Empire
#4 is Medo-Persia
#5 is Greece

(Rev 17:10) And the **kings** are **seven**. The **five** fell, and the **one is, and** the **other** has not yet come. And when he does come, he must remain a little.

"one is" is Roman Empire

Yet Future Kingdom (Europe?)

(Dan 2:40) And the **fourth kingdom** shall be **as** strong as iron. Inasmuch as iron crushes and smashes all things, and as the iron that shatters all these, it will crush and shatter.

(Rev 17:11) And the **beast** which was, and is not, even he is the **eighth**, and **is of the seven**, and goes to perdition.

Satan's Last Stand

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