

DANIEL THE PROPHET

Summary & Quiz Book

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Chapter 2: "THE MYSTERIOUS IMAGE"

Soon after Daniel's appointment to the royal staff, strife broke out in the palace. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, which seemed to contain evil omens. He called anxiously for his magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans to explain the dream to him. "Tell your servants the dream and we will show the interpretation," replied the wise men. But the king had either forgotten his dream or wanted to test these "prophets". "Tell me what I saw in the dream and give me the meaning," he demanded. The astrologers were stunned. "Impossible!" "Unreasonable!" they protested. "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation."

QUESTION 1 (Daniel 2:1-9)

His anger rising, what threat did Nebuchadnezzar make?

"If ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be _____, and your houses shall be made a _____." (Verse 5)

QUESTION 2 (Daniel 2:10,11)

What admission did the frightened magicians make about their inability to reveal the unknown?

"There is not a _____ upon the _____ that can shew the king's matter." (Verse 10)

QUESTION 3 (Daniel 2:12,13)

Nebuchadnezzar was furious! The Babylonian wise men claimed to have supernatural insights into the unknown, and they had failed him. What decree did he issue?

For answer choose: (a), (b), or (c)

- (a) A death decree upon all the wise men of Babylon
- (b) A decree to implore special help from his god, Marduk
- (c) A decree to destroy all his advisers except Daniel

QUESTION 4 (Daniel 2:13-16)

When Daniel learned that his life and the lives of all the wise men were in peril, he went straight to the king. What request did he put before him? (Verse 16)

ANSWER: Daniel went in, and desired of the _____ that he would give him _____.

QUESTION 5 (Daniel 2:17-18)

On returning to his house after his encounter with Nebuchadnezzar, what did Daniel do?

For answer circle: (a), (b), (c), or (d)

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- (a) Tried to think of a plan to escape from the city
- (b) Blamed God for the trouble he and his friends were in
- (c) Suffered a nervous breakdown
- (d) Organized a prayer group to seek help from God

QUESTION 6 (Daniel 2:19)

How did God answer the prayers of the four Hebrews?

"Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night _____."

Then what did Daniel say to God? "I _____ Thee, and _____ Thee, O thou God of my fathers!" (Verse 23)

QUESTION 7 (Daniel 2:24-31)

When brought before the king again, who did Daniel tell him was the author of the dream? (Verse 28) "There is a _____ in _____ that revealeth _____."

What was the dream's purpose?

"(God) maketh known to King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the _____."

WHAT HAD THE KING SEEN? (Verse 31) A _____.

QUESTION 8 (Daniel 2:31-35)

After reading these verses, can you name the various metals of the image?

HEAD _____
CHEST AND ARMS _____
BELLY AND THIGHS _____
LEGS _____
FEET _____

QUESTION 9

Who was represented by the gold head? (verse 37)

ANSWER: King _____

Over which empire was he ruler? (Daniel 1:1)

ANSWER: _____

So the head of gold represented Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, Babylon (605-538 BC).

QUESTION 10

Notice the other parts of the image. Daniel 2:39, 40

THE CHEST AND ARMS OF _____.

THE BELLY AND THIGHS OF _____.

THE LEGS OF _____.

Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that these three metals represented three kingdoms that would follow Babylon. According to history, which three kingdoms were they?

THE SILVER: MEDO-PERSIA Conquered Babylon, 538 BC

THE BRONZE: GREECE Defeated Medo-Persia, 331 BC

THE IRON: ROME Overcame Greece by 168 BC

QUESTION 11 (Daniel 2:33; 41-43)

Next look at the feet. Of what odd mixture were the feet and toes made up?

" Part of _____ and part of _____ ." (Verse 33)

What did Daniel say the mixture of iron and clay meant? "The kingdom shall be _____ ." (Verse 41)

The break up of the Roman Empire took place in western Rome between the fourth and sixth centuries AD, when distant barbarian tribes overran the empire. In time, their descendants developed into various nations in Europe. Eastern Rome continued until the fall of Constantinople to the Turks in 1453.

QUESTION 12 (Daniel 2:43)

What did Daniel predict about future attempts to unite these divided nations?

"They will not _____ one to another."

"Even as iron is not _____ with clay."

Many attempts have been made throughout history to reunite the Roman Empire, only to fail.

FACTS ABOUT PAGAN ROME'S BREAK UP AND ATTEMPTS TO REUNITE EUROPE

FACTS ABOUT ROME'S BREAK-UP

Between AD350 and 650, western Rome was overrun by successive waves of Germanic invaders. Boundaries fluctuated so rapidly that no single map could give an accurate picture at any one time of the disintegrating empire. Eastern Rome fell to the Turks in 1453.

The following chart lists the European kingdoms which resulted from the overthrow of the west.

Anglo-Saxons.....	England	Visigoths	Spain
Franks	France	Suevi	Portugal
Alemanni	Germany	Ostrogoths	disappeared from history
Burgundians	Switzerland	Vandals	disappeared from history
Lombards.....	Italy	Heruli	disappeared from history

ATTEMPTS TO REBUILD A UNITED EUROPE

The Roman Empire has been named "History's Humpty Dumpty". Since its downfall in AD476, "all the king's horses and all the king's men" have failed to "put Humpty together again". Six notable rulers who tried to unite Europe by military force were:

Charlemagne (of the Franks)	8th century	Napoleon (of France)	19th century
Charles V (of Spain)	16th century	Kaiser Wilhelm (of Germany)	20th century
Louis XIV (of France)	18th century	Adolf Hitler (of Germany)	20th century

Peace-pacts, trade agreements, and inter-marriage between ruling families, especially in the period between 1850 and 1914, also failed. The fragments have not "adhered".

Says historian Charles Downer Hazen: "Europe has always refused to be dominated by a single nation or a single man. It has run the risk several times in its history of passing under such a yoke, but it always, in the end, succeeded in escaping it."
 (Modern European History, page 229)

From the head of gold to the feet of iron and clay, the image prophecy has been fulfilled to the very letter. 2,500 years of history have proved Daniel totally accurate.

QUESTION 13 (Daniel 2:34)

What happened to the image in the closing scene of the vision?

"Thou sawest till that a _____ was cut out without hands, which smote the _____ upon his _____ that were of iron and clay, and _____ them to pieces."

QUESTION 14 (Daniel 2:44)



"And in the days of these kings shall the _____ of heaven set up a _____, which shall never be destroyed.

QUESTION 15 (Daniel 2:19-23, 26-28, 36-45)

Who was the real interpreter of the king's dream? Please read these verses carefully before answering. Also read 2 Peter 1:20. Mark the correct statements below.

- Daniel conjured up the dream and its interpretation out of his own mind.
- God revealed some of the details to Daniel but left him to work out the rest.
- Daniel had inborn psychic powers by which he forecast these coming events.
- Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that he had no more wisdom within him to reveal the future than any other person living.
- Every part of the dream and the interpretation were revealed by God.

THE IMAGE INTERPRETED

<u>SYMBOL</u>		<u>MEANING</u>
HEAD OF _____		_____ (BC605-538)
BREAST OF _____		_____ (BC538-331)
THIGHS OF _____		_____ (BC331-168)
LEGS OF _____		_____ (BC168-AD476)
FEET OF _____		_____ (AD476-)
AND _____		_____
THE _____		_____
"CUT OUT WITHOUT HANDS"		_____

Write the names of the metals in the left column and the names of the kingdoms they represent in the right column.