

The Bible and Prophecy!

Subject: Bible/Prophecy/Advent
 Objective: To show that what the Bible prophesies will come to pass.
 Main Text: Daniel: 2:45

Attention

2Peter 1:19 We have also a more **sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

- I. The Bible is the only book that predicts correctly what will happen in the future.
 - i. The Koran does not.
 - ii. Books on prediction cannot.
 - iii. The Newspapers will not.
 - iv. The psychics do not.
- b. God is the only person who knows what will happen tomorrow and He has written it down in the Holy Book.
- c. Here is an amazing promise from the Holy Word of God. Amos 3:7
- II. The Bible clearly gives us hope for our tomorrow. Evil will not exist forever! There is hope for the man, woman, boy or girl who places confidence in the Holy Word of God.

NEED AND SATISFACTION

- I. The Bible reveals God's future plans for this world in an ancient King's dream.
- II. **King Nebuchadnezzar's Experience**
 - a. The king's spirit is troubled by a particular dream and he suffers from insomnia (Daniel 2:1)
 - b. He demands an interpretation from his obeah men. (Daniel 2:2-4)
 - c. The death decree. Hot with anger the King shouted, "Execute Them!" (Daniel 2:12)
 - d. God's man to the rescue. Daniel and his three friends were listed among the wise men of Babylon and were also subject to the King's decree. (Daniel 2:16)
- III. **The Dream**
 - a. Daniel in haste went to his place of aboard and urged his three friends to pray with him that God might reveal the dream to them. (Daniel 2:17, 18)

- b. God now shows to Nebuchadnezzar who truly controls history by revealing the dream to Daniel. (Daniel 2:19)
 - i. This dream will reveal how the history of the world was outlined 2,500 years in advance.
- c. Daniel makes mockery of the wise men of Babylon before revealing the dream. (Daniel 2:26, 27)
- d. He gives credit where credit is due. (Daniel 2:28)
- e. With confidence he tells the King not what he thinks he saw, but what he actually saw. (Daniel 31-35)
- f. In 8 short verses, God sketched the main course of history from Babylon's day to the climax of Earth's history.
- g. Indeed God reveals his secrets to His servants and it is the "Sure Word of Prophecy".

IV. The interpretation

- a. The image was composed of base metals and common clay representing world kingdoms. (Daniel 2:38-42)
- b. All his life Nebuchadnezzar worshiped gods of gold, silver, iron clay and stone but never had he known of one in which all the materials and metals are combined
- c. Human history and earthly kingdoms begin with gold and end in miry clay.
- d. The interpretation of the dream proves that human dominion and rulership deteriorate instead of improve.

The four world empires that Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar saw:

1. Gold	Babylon	606-538 B.C.
2. Silver	Medo-Persia	553-331 B.C.
3. Brass	Greece	331-168 B.C.
4. Iron	Rome	168 B.C. – 476 A.D.

- e. Rome was the longest and most extensive of the four world empires. It was during the reign of the Roman Empire that Christ was born and eventually crucified.
- f. His Resurrection is full proof that the stone that Daniel saw will still fly. God is still in charge of history.
- g. Please note in verse 41 of Daniel 2 the pattern of the prophecy changes. No world empire is predicted to succeed Rome.
- h. And if the Bible says it no one can change it!
 - i. Charlemagne 8th century tried and failed
 - ii. Charles V 16th century tried and failed
 - iii. Louis XIV 17th-18th century tried and failed
 - iv. Napoleon 19th century tried and failed
 - v. Hitler 20th century tried and failed

- vi. Bush and other American presidents will try to unite Europe but they too will fail
- vii. The invention of the EURO dollar, no matter how stable it is will not unite Europe. WHY? (Daniel 2:43)

VISUALIZATION

I. The Culmination of the Prophecy

- a. The falling stone destroys the Kingdoms of this world (Daniel 2:45)
- b. The Stone represents the coming of Christ. GOOD NEWS!
- c. The next great event on the stage of human history is not:
 - i. Destruction of Osama Bin laden
 - ii. Killing Saddam Husein
 - iii. Peace in the holy land between Arabs and Jews
 - iv. The next great event is the coming of Jesus Christ.
- d. If you have spiritual eyes and can see, the stone is on its way.
- e. With the stone comes:
 - i. Peace
 - ii. Joy
 - iii. Righteousness
 - iv. Redemption
 - v. Restoration
- f. The stone will come, because the Bible says it will. HALLELUJAH!
Who is the stone? Jesus is the "Living Stone" *1Pe 2:4 For having been drawn to Him, a living Stone, indeed rejected by men, but elect, precious with God;*
- g. The new kingdom, represented by the stone cut out with out hands, is a kingdom founded not by the hands of men but by the mighty hands of God.
- h. And it will last forever. (Daniel 2:44) (Revelation 11:15)
- i. Is the Holy Bible a book of prophecy? Can the Holy Word of God be trusted? **O YES!** (Daniel 2:45 last part)

APPEAL

- I. God unveiled the future by giving Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel a prophetic dream. The four kingdoms have all passed into history. Where are we today? We are living in the toe nail of time.
- II. The Kingdom of Christ is coming soon! And as we look at the signs in the Holy Book, they tell us that we are living on the edge of tomorrow.
- III. Tonight are you willing to do what Nebuchadnezzar did after he heard the will of God revealed. (Daniel 2:46)
- IV. He worshipped Daniel but Daniel was only God's vessel.
 - a. Is it your desire to worship the true God who knows the future?

- b. Do you agree that we should worship Him in Spirit and in truth?
- c. The dream reveals that Jesus will come. Is it your desire to worship him tonight so that you can enjoy the blessings of the new kingdom?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The 10 Kingdoms of Western Europe:

a.	Anglo-Saxons	Great Britain
b.	Franks	French
c.	Alemanni	Germany
d.	Burgundians	Switzerland
e.	Lombards	Italy
f.	Visigoths	Spain
h.	Suevi	Portugal
g.	Ostrogoths	Destroyed
i.	Vandals	Destroyed
j.	Heruli	Destroyed