

King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream about a Statue

In the book of Daniel in the Bible, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream one night that disturbed him so badly he woke up. But he couldn't remember what the dream was. He threatened all the people of his court with death if they couldn't tell him what the dream had been and what it had meant.

Daniel and his friends would have been killed also. So they asked for time to inquire of their God. God was faithful and provided the dream and its meaning.

The King's dream was about an enormous, dazzling statue with a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, legs of iron and feet and toes of iron and clay mixed. God was telling about world-dominating nations, which would be coming in the future.



Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar his Babylonian kingdom represented the Head of Gold. History showed us the chest and arms of silver were the Medo-Persians under Cyrus and Darius. Belly and thighs of bronze was Greece under Alexander the Great. The legs of iron represented Rome under the Caesars.

The legs of the statue were formed in 284 A.D. when Diocletian divided Europe into two parts when it grew too large to manage. He divided the Roman Empire into the Roman and Byzantine Empires.

But until now, there was no other world-dominating entity representing the feet and toes of iron and clay with a tie back to Rome, as represented by the iron.