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## CHAPTER 2 • What about Dreams?

During the Babylonian captivity, four Judeans were chosen above all the wise men in Nebuchadnezzar's court. In discerning dreams and visions, the Jew Daniel had an outstanding gift.

One night the king had disturbing dreams. He called his wise men to reveal and interpret his dream or be slain, but they said it wasn't possible for them to know what he dreamed. Furious, he sent a decree to kill them all, but the chief guard told Daniel the king's command, so he went to the king to request a meeting and returned home to pray with his friends; then God showed him the dream. Saving others from the edge of the sword, he said,

<sup>31</sup> "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. <sup>32</sup> This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, <sup>33</sup> its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. <sup>34</sup> You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. <sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

<sup>36</sup> "This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. <sup>37</sup> You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; <sup>38</sup> and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them—all—you *are* this head of gold. <sup>39</sup> But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. <sup>40</sup> And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others. <sup>41</sup> Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as

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you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. <sup>44</sup> 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 consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. <sup>45</sup> Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” (Daniel 2:31-45 NKJV)

### Just One Stone

Throughout the analogy, the metals represent empires. Like its metal, each was inferior in splendor to the one it overtook, but each was stronger than its predecessor until its feet. Its bronze thighs and iron legs were divided kingdoms. Even more divided were its feet and toes; partly strong and partly frail, each came out of an iron leg and each was divided within itself; yet the feet and toes, though many kings, were one kingdom (in 2:41-42).

David slew Goliath with just one stone, a perfect fit for the young man’s sling. (1 Sam. 17:50) But another Stone fells a greater giant than Goliath: *it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms* [all of the above], *and it shall stand forever.* (2:44c) When all nations unite against her, the Rock of Israel turns their union to ashes: *And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.* (Mat. 21:44; cf. Is. 8:12-15) Her Cornerstone King crushes them together as one (in 2:35).

### The Image

King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a great idol. Its gold head was the illustrious king himself. (Dan. 2:31) The Sovereign God had created its king to rule Babylon. (2:37) Isaiah had condemned the worship of gold idols (in Is. 46:5-7; cf. Deut. 5:7-8). But like kings before him, Nebuchadnezzar demanded worship from the city that rose out of the infamous Tower of Babel. (pp. 55-58.)

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Egypt and Assyria preceded Babylon as Israel's enemies but aren't in the dream. Why? Isaiah's words are fulfilled at the end:

<sup>23</sup> On that day there will be a road from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt, and the Egyptians into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

<sup>24</sup> On that day Israel will be the third *party* to Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, <sup>25</sup> whom the LORD of armies has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." (Is. 19:23-25 NASB)

When Daniel praised Nebuchadnezzar as its gold head, pride inflated his mind. In chapter 3, his goldsmiths and sculptors built a monumental gold statue, and the king commanded his people to worship it. Outside of the palace, Daniel's friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, refused to bow to the image and were thrust into a blazing furnace. When its flames had no effect on them, nor on a fourth in its fire, the king's next edict prohibited speech against Israel's God, yet he was unchanged.

In Daniel 4, the king wrote the testimony of his salvation. He described a dream he had of a tree, which Daniel had interpreted as a prophetic warning before the king lost his mind by exalting himself. He said his pride drove him mad so that he ate grass in the wild like a beast till he confessed, "God alone is Sovereign."

Roaming the wilderness for months enlightened the king to humility, and he returned to reality. He said God is greater than all kings and humbles the proud. He awoke to faith and ordered Babylon to worship the God of Israel. The people obeyed his law but, unchanged by God, returned to idolatry at his death. Even so, as their prefect, Daniel left a lasting impression on the wise men, the magi from the East, for centuries to come.

In 562 BC Nebuchadnezzar died. When his descendant Belshazzar became the coregent [king] with his father, Nabonidus, he held a feast.<sup>85</sup> Drinking from Jerusalem's temple goblets, he praised his gods of gold, stone, and wood. That hour Belshazzar saw a man's fingers writing cryptic words on the plaster wall. Visibly shaken, he called for Daniel to interpret the vision, promising him the third place in his father's kingdom. Daniel's interpretation was true: that night the Medes slew the ruler, and Darius took his place for Cyrus of Persia in 539 BC.<sup>86</sup>

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In chapter 6 Darius planned to promote Daniel as head of the kingdom. This disturbed Daniel's enemies in the king's court. They agreed to write a law for the king to sign that no one may petition any god but must ask the king for all their needs for the next month. Transgressors would be thrown into the lions' den.

Darius grieved when they caught Daniel in prayer, but laws signed by Persian kings were indelible. The king fasted the night Daniel went to the lions, and at daybreak—no, not a scratch!

Jews who obeyed the command broke faith, bowing to the king as a living idol for their needs. Daniel escaped the lions' den unharmed, but his opponents and their families were cast to Daniel's lions, which crushed their bones and ate them alive. At the end, Darius commanded his kingdom to fear Daniel's God by the miracle of the prophet's deliverance.

The idol's bronze belly, Greece, had metaphorically been the goat whose great horn was broken (in Dan. 8:21; cf. 2:32). Alexander the Great destroyed the city and died young before he could restore it. Four of his generals divided the lands as the four horns that rose on the goat's head. Its greatest dynasties, the Seleucid and Ptolemaic, were the bronze thighs; each overcame Israel at different times. The Persian and Greek dynasties were known by Babylon's cultural impact on their successive kingdoms.

Just as iron hammers bronze, Rome would conquer all that was Greek, taking in all that was Babylonian by 30 BC.<sup>87</sup> Its empire's peculiar topography made it untenable until Diocletian split the empire by two capitals, Rome and Byzantium. The latter became Constantinople, head of the Byzantine Empire, until a thousand years after Rome fell. Conquered by Ottoman Turks in 1453, its capital's name changed to Istanbul as the foot from its other iron leg.<sup>88</sup>

### Where Have All the Vandals Gone?

Daniel described an unusual event: the iron kingdom was the strongest and most brutish but would be divided within itself (in 2:41). *They will mingle with the seed of men but not adhere, as iron with clay.* Its kings weren't men, but devils ruling in men entered the seed of men by raping and marrying their victims.

Out of Europa, barbarians ravaged Rome. Men with evil spirits, the Vandals and Visigoths trashed the city and raped their women, mingling with their seed for offspring. Bishops built an

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empire on a lie from their fear of the invasions. By mingling with the seed of men, their lawlessness affected human nature.

The bishops met Constantine in Nicaea, and Rome's culture entered the church. The city to the east became Constantinople after the emperor's death. In 1453 jihadists broke through its walls by the tribal king of the Ottomans who conquered the ME and southeast Europa. Its city was renamed Istanbul.<sup>89</sup> Most of its churches were turned into mosques. Eyewitnesses described gory brutalities, "showing no mercy from the weakest to the greatest." Their rape victims were forced to intermarry, mingling the clay seed of men with the iron of supernatural kings.<sup>90</sup>

*In the days of these kings (2:44a)*, God establishes a Kingdom that will consume all the others and will stand forever. When he says, *in the days of these kings*, Gabriel points to their length of days. Having twice received their kingdoms, ten kings continue until Yeshua returns for Jerusalem. In their days, the dream of the idol is fulfilled: the ten kings fell in WW2 when Yeshua established His Kingdom, Israel. They rise once more to rejoin the dragon after being apart. Then God stirs them to destroy Babylon the Great, the dragon's former harlot, eating her flesh and burning her down. (Rev. 17:16-17) As the age ends, Israel destroys them all together till they are dust in the wind. (2:44)

Daniel 2 is further detailed in Daniel 8 and in the mystery of Revelation 17, 13–16, and 17:15 through chapter 19 [in order]:

{1} <sup>44</sup> And in the days of these kings the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; {2} and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; {3} it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and {4} it shall stand forever. (Dan. 2:44 NKJV) [This is a four-part prophecy, brackets added.]

## The Hunnic Effect

Men worshiped idols and received evil spirits till the people were divided by the unnatural composition of the seed; thus, two feet of clay and iron came out of the divided empire of Rome.

Lombards, Hittites, Turks, Vandals, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Celts, Goths, Vikings, and Huns fathered nations. They invaded Rome's divided empire, and both sides fell. Given kingdoms, the spirit-kings that had ruled roguish tribes fall again and again and are sent into the abyss but twice rise to complete the prophecies.

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Attila lived after Rome's first fall; at his death, most of his tribes disbanded.<sup>91</sup> The Huns went to Germania and Austria to intermarry and procreate sons, mixing the seed. Born from tribal roots, Flavius Odovacer rose as a general in Rome's army and deposed her last emperor, young Romulus Augustus, in 476.<sup>92</sup>

In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, bishops altered the gospel to unify Rome's empire; in the 8<sup>th</sup>, out of weakness and fear, the church turned to kings; in the 9<sup>th</sup>, Leo III created a militant church empire. In the 10<sup>th</sup>, popes chose brutish Germanic kings as the church's "Holy Roman Emperors," Huns who killed the so-called "heretics."<sup>93</sup>

Its church empire gained converts by deception, coercion, and fear; this is the Nicolaitism that Jesus hates. (Rev 2:15; also p. 71) In 2:40-42 the kingdom was both strong and frail, divided.

The Hunnic effect and Hitler's interest in the occult incited the people to heinous crimes against the Jews, and churches were ambivalent or complicit with its deceit; the seed was mixed. In the East, Huns left the Asian steppes for Russia where Marxists killed sixty-two million people, including Christians and Jews.<sup>94</sup>

Satan's powers and principalities are the evil spirits that have influenced men and kingdoms throughout the ages. *Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time* (in Rev. 12:12; cf. 12:4, 9).

The scarlet beast came up from the abyss, leading the Huns into Europa in the fourth and fifth centuries; their only objective was to rape, pillage, and kill, but their king had other reasons for their cruelties. Ancient historians said they were "evil beasts who emerged from a wilderness to wreak havoc on civilization."<sup>95</sup> Secular writers called them "devils."

By two treaties, ten kings without crowns are twice given nations and give up their crowns to the dragon both times (in Rev. 17:13,17).<sup>96</sup> We see flesh and blood, but the war is with invisible enemies, banished from heaven to earth (in Rev. 12:7-12).

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. (Eph. 6:10-12) [/heavenlies]



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Ten kings rose out of the First World War to join the dragon that rose out of the abyss into Adolf Hitler for the Second World War. He ordered the holocaust of six million Jews, but God, who is sovereign, ended His vengeance and chose Israel as His own nation, His treasured possession, in 1948. All their enemies were defeated in WW2 for His promised Kingdom to rise.

Now the city of Babylon is uninhabitable, but her spirit, like Jezebel, dominates thrones whose rulers agree with their enemies to destroy Israel by supernatural kings that serve the red dragon. Presuming to be wise, men are taken as their fools. Denying the righteous judgment of God, they lose the light God gave them. (Rom. 1:18-32) Thus, the world is in its present darkness.

In the past, jihadist invasions resulted in two empires of conflicting faiths: Rome and Istanbul. But the scarlet beast unites the feet as a beast like a lamb with two little horns (in Rev. 13:11). A little horn had been an eighth king before. As Antiochus was, he may also be an eighth king who enters the temple before Jesus returns for Jerusalem.

During WW2 ten nations were unable to resist Adolf Hitler because the ten kings had a pact with the dragon. (Rev. 17:12-13) His kings are skilled in spiritual warfare, mingling with the seed of men to weaken and divide them till the dragon rules them. It's being replicated in America and has spread across the world. As the hand is not the glove, they're not the flesh and blood we see.

Known neither by race nor ethnicity, barbaric radicals add to the chaos of the kings, forcing conformity to the dragon's will by his most effective weapons: deceit and fear. But truth and faith are our sword and shield if we wear the full armor of God. As it's written, *The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.* (Mat. 11:12) He sends us out *as lambs among wolves.* (Lk. 10:3) [Violence is an enemy against the soul; the violent perish, but the meek do His will and inherit the earth. (Mat. 5:5)] Christ teaches us to love, but the devil stirs up hatred. It's time for us to ask ourselves, "Am I on the Lord's side?" The Spirit is revealed by His fruitfulness. (Gal. 5:16-26)

In the king's dream, the Stone of Israel pulverized the metals together as one. "Together" is its key: the United Nations, like dust in the wind, is soon forgotten: *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the*

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*wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (2:35)* This is accomplished by her Cornerstone King who enacts it with His Word.

An antichrist attempts to destroy Jerusalem, but at last, she will be the greatest capital city of all. (Is. 2:2, p. 190) Barren no more, the city has seen the day of her return and hears her children, playing in the streets. (Zec. 8:4-5) God's oracles manifested what had been unseen. We live in an age of rebellion, deception, and lawlessness. Evil powers corrupt flesh and blood until sin is at its fullness when the wicked are destroyed:

<sup>12</sup> And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. ... <sup>16</sup> Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. (Zec. 14:12, 16 ESV; cf. Is. 18)

## An Eternal Promise

The LORD spoke to David by the prophet Nathan, promising David's own flesh and blood would rule an eternal Kingdom; furthermore, God Himself would be the Father of the Son who'd be born as the Promise. He would be David's flesh and blood by a virgin birth. (Is. 7:14) There can be no greater sign that He was the Prophet (Deut. 18:18); or else, David's son can't be his Lord or the eternal King. But as David said, *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (Ps. 110:1)* God had a promise to keep with King David whose passion for Him found its place in God's heart:

<sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14a</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son.

(2 Sam. 7:12-14a NIV; cf. Jn. 1:1-14) [Thus, Christ Jesus was born of David's flesh and blood yet was the Son of God when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us to take our place in judgment.]

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<sup>6</sup> This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. <sup>8</sup>And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. (1 Jn. 5:6-8 NKJV)

His Word was conceived as the Seed of the Spirit of God [in whose likeness humankind is made]. Born out of water from the virgin's womb through her bloodline as the seed of David; thus, King David's offspring is his Lord, the Messiah of Israel and the Son of God. (p. 41)

Three bear witness on earth: the Holy Spirit, the water, and the blood. These three were essential to the conception and birth of the biological Son of God. This is true; although shrouded by controversy, John affirms these words in his gospel:

1 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and apart from Him nothing was made that has come into being. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it. ... <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn. 1:1-5, 14 TLV)

<sup>21</sup> And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. (Lk. 2:21 NKJV) [Jesus was named “Yehoshua.”]

Again,

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. (Mat. 1:20 HCSB)

*The Father, the Word, and the Spirit bear witness in heaven, and these three are one* since God is One. The life in the Word is the Spirit of truth. In the beginning, He was the Word with God,

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and the Word was God; therefore, He is God. His Word was made a Seed, uniquely conceived as the Seed of the Spirit, made one with the seed of David's descendant, a virgin daughter; thus, He became a man. And so, Jesus was born, the Son of God by the Seed of His Spirit and the Son of man by the seed of Abraham through the seed of the virgin, the daughter of David. (Gen. 3:15; Is. 7:14) That was how the perfect Sacrifice for our iniquities and sins became the Perfect Mediator between God and man. He is worthy to take the Scroll from the right hand of the Father in Revelation 5, opening its seals in chapters 6 and 8.

If we are presumptuous, we'll be dismayed. But if His Spirit lives in us, and His words remain in us, living our days as His workmanship, we won't be disappointed. (Eph. 2:10)

12 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service *and* spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind, [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, *even* the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]. (Rom. 12:1-2 Amp.)

We can rejoice in trials, knowing they develop perseverance. The value of perseverance is in its proof of our experience with Christ. We are His who persevere in afflictions while keeping the faith; our endurance proves it. Its proof produces hope as our faith endures. Hope does not disappoint us even if we feel heart-sick by its ostensibly late arrival when its expectation is deferred. God schedules the time; we learn to wait. Patience is the seed of perseverance and its fruit, tenacity. A seed falls to the earth and dies; rooted, it rises to fruition. Gaining the prize with time, we are not disappointed at all. (See 2 Pet. 1:3-11; Ps. 27:14; 37:7-9)

Sure, they felt sick at heart, but God did not forget His people, the natural branches of the holy olive tree, even though for two thousand years they said, "Next year, in Jerusalem!"