

#### Daniel 2:24-49

Lesson 4

<b>FIRST</b>	DAY:	Review	and	Overview
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1. How has last week's study or lecture on Daniel 2:1-23 ministered to you this week?

- 2. Our lesson this week centers on an extraordinary portion of scripture, Daniel 2:24-49. We will study an extraordinary dream with an extraordinary interpretation that reveals an extraordinary future. Read Daniel 2:24-49 and give a brief title for each of the following divisions:
  - a. Daniel 2:24-30
  - b. Daniel 2:31-35
  - c. Daniel 2:36-45
  - d. Daniel 2:46-49
- 3. Considering the extraordinary content of Daniel 2:24-49, write a prayer asking the Lord to open your mind and heart to receive all He has for you through your lesson.

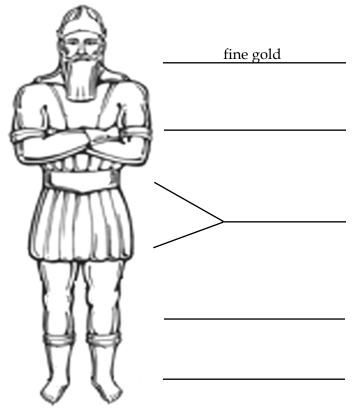
Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. . . Your faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 119:89,90a NIV

# **SECOND DAY:** Read Daniel 2:24-30

1. Our God answers prayer! After Daniel and his friends prayed, God revealed the kind and its interpretation (Daniel 2:18,19). Read Daniel 2:24-30 and summarize what the declare about:					
	a. Daniel				
	b. Arioch				
	c. the wise men				
	d. the king				
	e. God				
2.	Read the New Living Translation of Daniel 2:28a: But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets, and He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. What does this reveal to you about the knowledge of God?				
	a. How does this minister to you?				
3.	What did Daniel want the king to know before telling him the interpretation of the dream? Answer from Daniel 2:28a,30a.				
	a. Daniel gave all the glory to God. Think of this in the light of Psalm 115:1 NKJV: <i>Not unto us, C LORD, not unto us, but unto Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth</i> Why is this important?				

### THIRD DAY: Read Daniel 2:31-35

1. As you read Daniel 2:31-35 think about how incredible it was that Daniel was able to tell the king his dream. Nebuchadnezzar saw a *great image*. From verses 31-33 print what each part of the *image* was made of:



Optional: Color the image to represent the materials in Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

- 2. Record any observations you make concerning the value and strength of the materials of the *great image*.
- 3. Describe what happened to the *great image* according to Daniel 2:34,35.
  - a. Bible expositors agree that this *stone* (rock) represents Jesus Christ. Throughout the Bible the Lord is referred to as the Rock. Consider this as you write I Corinthians 10:4c here.
    - (1.) How does this speak to you?

#### **FOURTH DAY:** Read Daniel 2:36-45

- 1. Our study today brings us to the extraordinary interpretation of the king's dream. With this in mind read the following: Daniel 2 has been called the ABC of prophecy. It stretches out before us the most complete picture in all the Bible of what will happen in the future. Preview the interpretation by scanning Daniel 2:37-45. Use one word to describe your initial reaction.
  - a. Notice in verse 36 the phrase *we will tell the interpretation*. Why do you think Daniel used the pronoun *we*?
- 2. God chose to give King Nebuchadnezzar a prophetic view of the four Gentile empires that would follow one another in governing the world. What does Daniel 2:37,38 reveal about the first of these empires?
  - a. From these verses consider Who gave King Nebuchadnezzar his power and authority. Compare this with Jeremiah 27:5,6a. What is your response to this?
- 3. Record phrases from Daniel 2:39,40 that describe each of the successive kingdoms:
  - a. second kingdom
  - b. third kingdom
  - c. fourth kingdom

Advanced Students: Research and identify the kingdoms prophesied in Daniel 2:37-43.

4. The prophecies of Daniel 2:39,40 concerning the world empires have already been fulfilled. The prophecies of Daniel 2:41-45 are yet to be fulfilled. Pastor Chuck says: *The feet of iron and clay represent the revived Roman Empire...the ten toes represent the ten-nation confederacy that will exist on the earth during the Tribulation.* Ponder what is going to take place *in the days of these kings* as you write Daniel 2:44 phrase by phrase.

a. How does Daniel 2:44,45 give greater understanding to Daniel 2:34,35?

5.	All of the predicted events in Daniel 2:38-40 were fulfilled exactly as God foretold. What does this say to you about the Word of God?
	The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.  Daniel 2:45c NKJV
FII	FTH DAY: Read Daniel 2:46-49
1.	Discover the glorious outcome after Daniel revealed the dream and its interpretation to the king by recording Nebuchadnezzar's reactions from:
	a. Daniel 2:46
	b. Daniel 2:47
	(1.) Choose a phrase from verse 47 that especially ministers to you today and share why.
2.	Read Daniel 2:48,49. How did the king reward Daniel and his three friends?
3.	Think about the influence Daniel had on this ungodly king. What example is there in this for you?

LORD, there is no one like You!

For You are great, and Your Name is full of power.

Who would not fear You, O King of nations? That title belongs to You alone!

Among all the wise people of the earth and in all the kingdoms of the world,

there is no one like You.

Jeremiah 10:6,7 NLT

## **SIXTH DAY:** Review Daniel 2:24-49

1.	1. With this week's lesson in mind write one truth, thought or insight you received about:				
	a. The God of heaven				
	b. Daniel				
	c. Nebuchadnezzar				
	d. the kingdoms of this world				
2.	Share a way your study this week has strengthened your faith.				
3.	What did you learn through your study this week that you can apply to your life?				
4.	Daniel knew his God was the omniscient King and omnipotent Ruler over all. Why is this al important for us to know and share with others?	.SC			

And do not forget the things I have done throughout history. For I am God – I alone! I am God, and there is no one else like Me. Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

Isaiah 46:9,10 NLT