

# Lesson 15

## Satan through History

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This is a discussion about the identity of the anti-Christ, but God feels that to understand who and what the anti-Christ is, you need a historical overview of Satan's involvement in the affairs of Man, and his attempts to deceive Man from knowing the true God, and what he (God) stands for.

I am convinced that Satan was at work in the hierarchy of the Temple in Jerusalem, I see that as the only reason that the descendants of Jacob even the priests in the temple could so easily be swayed from the Commandments of God, having experienced all of his miracles and love that he poured out to and for them over their generations, and having in their possession the written Word of God as was given to them in the writings of Moses.

Anyone who has been raised a Jew or a Christian, knows the stories of the Bible, and knows that Satan started interfering in the affairs of Man when Adam and Eve were still in the Garden of Eden. It is my opinion that every religion ever established and every god ever worshiped, except for the true faith, and the true God, the God of Creation, is the invention of and established by Satan. Satan does this as a way of pulling mankind away from worshiping the true God, thereby giving worship to Satan instead.

To demonstrate this and to show a historical continuation of Satan's attempts at deceiving mankind, God has given us the Prophets, through whom he tells us the truth as a counter balance to Satan's lies.

## How Satan Lies

The very first recorded prophecy was made by God himself in the Garden of Eden. You all know the story, but let's look at it again in the light of Satan's attempts to deceive Man, thus causing Man to leave the worship of the true God.

## Friendly Conversation

*Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, “Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”* **Genesis 3:1**

As we all know, the serpent is Lucifer or Satan, the fallen foe, in disguise. This makes me wonder if before Satan’s lied to Eve, if God allowed the angles to take on the form of the beasts of the field, or if in doing so, Lucifer was already in violation of God’s laws before he even spoke a word to Eve. One thing you should keep in mind, Satan was telling lies and fermenting rebellion in Heaven long before he told lies to Adam and Eve. It is not just Man whom he has deceived, but the Angels and other heavenly beings as well.

The word “subtle” is translated from the Hebrew word, “Aruwm,” which mean, clever, cunning, in a deceitful way. I want you to take note of how Satan begins his communication with Eve in the above verse. He is friendly and is simply asking a question, as if curious.

## Eve’s Reply

*And the woman said unto the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”* **Genesis 3:2-3**

As you can see, by friendly conversation, Satan has given Eve reason to think about God’s words, and his commandment that she not eats of that one tree.

## First Recorded Lie

*And the serpent said unto the woman, “Ye shall not surely die.” For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.* **Genesis 3:4-5**

Satan just called God a liar and a deceiver. First he tells Eve just the opposite of what God had told her, “Ye shall not surely die,” then he adds a little more to put doubt of God’s intentions into Eve’s mind by telling her that God does not want to have them eat of the tree, for if they do, “then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

## A Forgivable Sin

Most of you know that this is the first sin. What you may not know is that the first sin is not what you think it is. They disobeyed God, and ate from the tree, yes. That is a sin against the Commandment of God, a forgivable sin. Jesus tells us that this sin is forgivable, so why then are Adam and Eve evicted out of the Garden?

*Verily I say unto you, "All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith so ever they shall blaspheme:"* **Mark 3:28**

## Sin of Adam

The true sin that Adam and Eve committed is in their believing that God had lied to them, accepting blasphemous words spoken by Satan over the truth of God. This is a sin against the Holy Ghost, not against the Commandments of God. This is the sin that all men have been born with ever since! The penalty for this sin is mortal death. Had Adam not sinned, he would never have died.

*But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:* **Mark 3:29**

In case you didn't notice, Satan blasphemed against the Holy Ghost when he called God a liar and a deceiver. To do thus is to bring to question the very character of God, and to besmirch his good name and his honor. The Good Name of God is revealed in all that he stands for, and that can be seen as a reflection in the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus Christ. The fact that Adam and Eve believed Satan's Lies, rather than remain fast to God's Word, is the unforgivable sin, and why they were expelled from the Garden.

As you can see, it is Satan who is the liar and deceiver, not God, and because Adam and Eve, sided with Satan, they two share in Satan's sin, which is to say that Satan too will know death as it prophesized in the Book of Revelation.

## A Jealous God

*For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.* **Deuteronomy 5:9**

It is mind boggling to me that Adam and Eve, who knew God personally and intimately, face to face, and that one day every week, **the Seventh Day**, God would come down from heaven and commune with his children. They knew him face to face, and intimately. He was their father, yet they were so quick to accept Satan's lies. So the real sin, the one that we all bear, is the sin against the Holy Ghost, not that Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree.

I am a father and a Grand Father, and to have one of my children, whom I love with all my heart, accept as truth lies told about and against me, would break my heart. If you empathize with me this pain, then you can feel the pain that this must have and perhaps still does cause God.

Something you might want to keep in mind when studying the prophecies. The reason God gives his prophets the visions, is to point out to us that Satan has been around causing wars and creating other religions, for a long time. All for the purpose of confusing Man as to who God is, and how we should worship him. By showing us a historical progression of how the anti-Christ power is established, we will better be able to understand the deceit and falsehoods for what they are.

## Former Things of Old

Before we continue with the prophecies of the Book of Daniel, I want to share something with you.

*Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.* **Isaiah 46:9**

The former things of old are a reference to the Seven Days of Creation, which is supported by the fact that God begins this sentence with the word **“Remember,”** which if you recall is the same word that God uses to begin the Fourth Commandment. I am convinced that this is not by accident or coincidence.

God needs you to remember that he is the creator of the whole universe and all that is within. In fact, he created you, and that he being your creator has the right to demand that you worship him as he tells you to, not as you find convenient, by his, (God's), pleasure, not by your pleasure.

## God Foretells the Future

*Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:”* **Isaiah 46:10**

As you will see in the Book of Daniel, God will tell us of things to come in the future, in relation to Daniel, who lived around 600 BC, with 100% accuracy. No man can do this. Satan cannot do this. Only God can see the future. That he has revealed events accurately in advance, for 2,600 plus years since Daniel, has proven to me that God is real, God is alive, and he has a plan. We only need accept that, and live within his laws, and the promises he has made to us of life eternal, will be fulfilled. If you know this and believe this, you are on your way to salvation.

## By God's Pleasure

These following words have deep importance. *“And I will do all my pleasure.”* In this one verse God is making it perfectly clear that it doesn't matter what we want or desire, that it is by his pleasure that we exist and it is by his pleasure if we survive. God offers us **“Life Eternal,”** but to receive this gift, we must obey him, do his pleasure not ours.

## This Will Happen, in God we Trust

*I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. **Isaiah 46:11***

In this verse God is giving us assurance that when we put our trust in God, we will never have to doubt him or his word. When God says that he will do something, then it will be done, when God say that a Great War and a Great Tribulation will befall Man in the End of Days, then we need not doubt that it will be just as God tells us it will be, and therefore we should live our short lives in obedience to God so that when this arrives, we will be of those who are protected from the worst of it.

## I Tell you beforehand, so you will know

*Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. **John 13:19***

I interpret these three verses simply to mean. **“I AM GOD, AND I WILL PROVE IT.”** That Jesus also speaks in that manor is to show that Jesus is God, the same God of the Old Testament as of the New Testament. That Jesus can give predictions of the future is a proof that he is God. I have come to accept that there is no Old Testament or New Testament, there is but a continuation of God's instructions and warnings from the beginning of the Bible to its end.

The First Advent of Christ singles a transition from the old Covenants, where God gives promises of land and nation of future generations, to the New Covenant where God gives promise of eternal life and Paradise of each of us as individuals with God in Heaven.

## God's Promises

This is how we believe in the Word of God. Abraham is a good example of Faith founded upon belief in the Word of God. The following discussion of Abraham reveals this to be true.

### Abram asks God for an heir

*After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." **Genesis 15:1***

*And Abram said, "Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir." **Genesis 15:2-3***

### God Promises a Son

*And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, "This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir." **Genesis 15:4***

The word "Heir" is defined as: inheritor or beneficiary. In this the son inherits the wealth upon the father's death.

### The Seed of Abraham

*And he brought him forth abroad, and said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them:" and he said unto him, "So shall thy seed be." **Genesis 15:5***

The "Seed of Abraham" is not necessarily the same thing as the Inheritor, or the blood descendant of Abraham. The "Seed" can also be a reference to all who believe in the Word of God as does Abraham. I am a

“Seed” of Abraham, even though I am not a blood descendant of Abraham. I “Believe” the Word of God, and when God says, “I will do this,” I know without doubt that it will be done. It is this that makes me Abrahams seed.

In the above verses, God is promising Abram, the gift of the land that we call the promised land, the gift of the seed of Abram being so numbered, that it will be more than the stars in the heavens. In this promise, God does not promise that Abram will have a son, this being a separate promise from the one in the previous verse, nor is there a promise that the seed of Abram will be the blood descendants of Abram. I am sure that Abram believes God is referring to the son promised by God, as I am sure you the reader do as well. Let me show you why it is not the blood descendants of Abram that will be his seed, but those like Abram that believe, or have Faith, that will be the seed of Abram.

## Abram’s Seed

God chose Abram to be the Patriarch of God’s True worship, because Abram believed, in the Word and Promises of God. He believed even when logic said that the promise was impossible in the natural order of the world.

*And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he (Abraham) sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; and he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he (Abraham) saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, and said, “My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:”* **Genesis 18:1-3**

## Sarah Laughed

*And they said unto him, “Where is Sarah thy wife?” And he (Abraham) said, “Behold, in the tent.” And he (the Angel of God) said, “I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.” And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.*

*Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”* **Genesis 18:9-12**

In believing the Word and Promise of God, Abram showed his full faith in the God of Creation. At the age of 100 and Sarah his wife being 90, it is impossible to think that she could conceive then alone have a child.

Abrams faith was such that he knew if God said that it would happen, then it would happen.

## The Lord is Almighty

*And the Lord said unto Abraham, "Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." **Genesis 18:13-14***

*And Sarah denied, saying, "I laughed not;" for she was afraid. And he (the Angel of God) said, "Nay; but thou didst laugh." **Genesis 18:15***

In this promise given to Abraham, I am sure that Abraham and you the reader, is given reinforcement that when God speaks of the Seed of Abraham, that it is a reference to the blood descendants of Abraham through his son. You would be only partially correct, however.

The seed of Abraham is the Faith, the belief, that a promise of God is a promise that will be kept. All who have this belief are the seed of Abraham. This can be best illustrated in the definition of the word, "Israelite."

## The Israelites

In the same way that an Israelite is not necessarily a blood descendant of Jacob, so too are those of the Faith not necessarily blood descendants of Abraham. This can be best illustrated in the story of Jacob and his relationship with God. I will allow you to read this story in the Bible. The following, however, is an abbreviation of the story of Jacob.

## Jacob Repented his sins

*I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray the, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children. And thou sadist, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. **Genesis 32:10-12***

With this prayer to God, Jacob revealed his shame for having sinned by asking God to forgive him and to give cause to Esau his brother to forgive him.

## Jacob Overcomes

*And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he, (the man), saw that he prevailed not against him, he, (the man), touched the hollow of his, (Jacob's), thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he, (the man), said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh." And he, (Jacob), said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." **Genesis 32:24-26***

First we are told that Jacob is left alone, then it says that Jacob wrestled with a man who was with him. In this way God gives us understanding that this is not a man with whom Jacob wrestles.

Further evidence of this is when Jacob asks that the man bless him. I am of the belief that Jacob knew at this time that this man is not a man but God Almighty.

## Jacob Prevails with God

*And he, (God), said unto him, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Jacob." And he, (God), said, "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." **Genesis 32:27-28***

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## Jacob renamed to Israel

God therefore renames him Israel, because he has overcome his sins, and has thus given himself back to the worship of God. This is important, to us, because we too must overcome our sins, if we want to receive forgiveness from God, and then be able to take our place in worshipping him as God commands.

## Overcome Your Sins

Under the New Covenant, the Children of Israel are not that because they are blood decedents of Jacob, but because they have overcome their sins and received forgiveness of them, just as Jacob did. The Jews are the descendants of Jacob, this is true, but a Child of Israel, or an Israelite, is that because they like Jacob overcame their sins and received forgiveness of God. They are worshipers of the true God, in the true faith, as spelled out in the Ten Commandments. In other words, I am one of the Children of Israel, an Israelite, even though I am not descendant from Jacob, or any other that we know of as Jewish.

## A Child of Israel

I am a Child of Israel, not because of my blood lines but because of my faith. In this knowledge I no longer refer to myself as a Christian, that name having been polluted by Satan and his false gospel, I now refer to myself as an Israelite.

The Children of Israel are that because like Jacob they have overcome their sins. So when God says of all the tribes of the Children of Israel, it could also mean not Jews but those who have overcome their sins.

## Jacob's Sons overcame their sins

Those children of Jacob, who give their name to the Twelve Tribes, were also those who overcame their sins. As such the tribes of Israel, was founded by those who overcame their sins, when they asked their brother

Joseph, whom they had sold into slavery, to forgive them. That being the case then for God to say of all the tribes of the Children of Israel does not have to mean blood descendants of Jacob.

In the same way, the Seed of Abraham are those of the true Faith. God defines “*Faith*” as those who believe that the Word of God is supreme, and that the promises of God are true and reliable. When God says, “I will do this thing,” then those of Faith have no doubt that that thing will indeed be done, exactly as God says it will be.

## Those of the Faith

Adam was of the Faith until he was beguiled by Eve and the serpent.

Noah was of the Faith, as were his sons, because they believed God when he said he would bring a flood upon the Earth. Noah revealed the depth of his Faith when he and his sons built the Ark, despite the scorn and derision of their neighbors.

Abraham was of the Faith, and from him was made many nations.

Isaac was of the Faith, so he put his life in the hands of God.

Jacob was of the Faith before he sinned against his brother and God, then Jacob returned to the Faith after overcoming his sins, and received forgiveness from God, which is why God renamed him Israel.

I am of the Faith because like Abraham I believe the Word and Promises of God. I am of the Faith because, like Jacob, I have overcome my life time of sins, and therefore have Justification to believe that God has forgiven me. I am of the Faith because I believe Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, and that the Teachings of Jesus build upon and thereby fulfill the Commandments or Laws of God.

## The Bible, an Anagram

The Bible is a book of instruction. In its pages you will be taught history, faith, obedience, and love. This is easy to see if you think of the word “**BIBLE**” as an anagram,

Where “**B**” stands for “Basic,”

Where “**I**” stands for “Instructions,”

Where “**B**” stands for “Before,”

Where “**L**” stands for “Leaving,”

Where “**E**” stands for “Earth.”

Therefore the word Bible means, **“Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.”**

The only thing that has changed, as far as God and his laws are concerned, is the requirements of his Covenant he established with Abraham, then Isaac then Jacob, and finally with Moses, and the new and different Covenant he has established with those who accept Jesus as God in the flesh of a man and have the laws of God written upon their hearts.

## End of Time Prophets

When Daniel was just a little boy, or just before his birth, Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesied about the fall and destruction of Jerusalem and the nation of Israel. Daniel, because of his prophecies of the anti-Christ and of history leading up to and beyond our current time, is what has become known as an **“End Time Prophet,”** whereas Jeremiah and Ezekiel are not.

## A Slow Purposed Process of Understanding

You may question what I am going to show you in the following, and ask what has that to do with the anti-Christ or Satan for that matter, this is however a slow yet purposed process, so please bear with me; in the end you will see and understand.

## A History of Man

It is in the Books of Daniel and Revelation, where most of the End Times prophecies are found. In these books, God gives a sweeping account of the history of Man, from a little before 600 BC until this present day and into our near future. Telling the history of man, hundreds and thousands of years before these events take place.

Before we begin understanding these prophecies, three questions need to be asked, and you need to decide the answer for yourself.

- (1) **Do you believe that the words in the Bible are God speaking to you?**
- (2) **Do you believe that the words in the Bible are the words of men, who were inspired to write the words down, because of their religious zeal?**

(3) **Do you believe that it is possible for a human being by his own abilities to see events in the future?**

Can a man see even a few hours into the future, then alone hundreds and thousands of years? You decide for yourself what the answer is to these questions.

The purpose of the Book of Daniel as well as the Book of Revelation is to show that God is real, and that God demands that we worship him as he defines worship, and God can prove himself as being the Creator of the Universe, by foretelling future events.

## King Nebuchadnezzar

It is not my intent to go over every one of the verses in the Book of Daniel, I will give discussion to those that are pertinent to understanding the history of Man as foretold by God, and our need in understanding the role of Satan and the anti-Christ, in history, and in the future.

*And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. **Daniel 2:1***

## The Persian Empire

King Nebuchadnezzar is the King of the Babylonian Empire, the same king who conquered, all of the then known civilized world. His Empire stretched from deep inside current day Turkey, what was known as Asia Minor in his day, all the way into Egypt, and from the shore of the Mediterranean Sea, Eastward enveloping the lands of the Medes, modern day Iraq, to the Persian Gulf and bordering the lands of Parthia, which is current day, Iran.

This empire was divided into three primary provinces, Babylonia, which included Egypt, Media, and Lydia. Outside of this empire lived mostly uncivilized people, even the Greeks were mostly sheep herders living in mud huts.

## First Prophecy in the Book of Daniel

King Nebuchadnezzar has had a dream, and it troubles him, so he calls his wise men to come and reveal the meaning of the dream. The dream was so troubling to him, that it awoke him from his sleep. You should know that this was not an uncommon event for the King. That is why he kept several wise men and astrologers at his court. They were accustomed to being awoken in the middle of the night to interpret the Kings dreams for him.

I once again give you below a map of the area showing the boundaries of the Babylonian Empire.



*Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. **Daniel 2:2***

These are people who professed to have the ability to see into the realm of spirits, as such, the King had them on his payroll for that purpose.

## The Kings Spirit is Troubled

*And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.*

**Daniel 2:3**

Evidently, the dream was such that it left the King distressed.

## The Wise Men ask more information

*Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriac, O king, live forever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.* **Daniel 2:4**

His wise men ask him to tell them what the dream was about, so they can then interpret it.

## The King doesn't remember

*The king answered and said to the Chaldeans. The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.* **Daniel 2:5**

When they asked the King to tell them of the dream so they could interpret it, he could not remember what it was. Even so, he demanded that his wise men and Chaldeans, not only tell him the interpretation of the dream, but the dream itself. If they failed to do so, then they would all be killed, they and their families.

## Show me the Dream

*But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.* **Daniel 2:6**

On the other hand, if they were able to show the dream and its interpretation, they would be rewarded greatly.

## The Wise Men repeat their request

*They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it."* **Daniel 2:7**

Again they asked the King to reveal the dream, so they could determine its meaning.

## Looking to Gain Time

*The king answered and said, "I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me."* **Daniel 2:8**

The King knew that they were attempting to gain time, for they could see that he the king had no remembrance of what his dream was.

## But One Decree

*But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. **Daniel 2:9***

The King is now convinced that these so called wise men were charlatans, and that he had been paying them to perform a service that they had no ability to fulfill.

## Only A god

*The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, "There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean." **Daniel 2:10***

Realizing that the King knew them for what they were, they attempted to save themselves by showing the King that what he asked was impossible, and therefore is something that should not have been asked.

You might take note, that even at this point in time, with all the superstitions, and reliance on soothsayers, these very same soothsayers knew it to be impossible for a man to see into the dreams or thoughts of another man.

## Impossible for a man

*And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. **Daniel 2:11***

**Only a god can tell someone their thoughts.** No man has that ability. It is my opinion that God had a hand in establishing this confrontation. He is definitely the one who gave the dream to Nebuchadnezzar, but he caused this confrontation with the Kings wise men to establish that only a god could see into the mind and dreams of the King. God did this for the benefit of the King, as well as we who have read these words since Daniel wrote them down.

## The King is insulted

*For this cause the King was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. **Daniel 2:12***

Because they could not tell him his dream, and they had told him that he should never have asked such a thing of them, the King became angry in indignation, he ordered their deaths. After all, what was the sense of paying these people a stipend, if they were not able to tell him his dream? That is what he hired them for in the first place.

## Kill all the Wise men

*And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain. **Daniel 2:13***

Daniel and his three companions were prisoners and slaves of the King of Babylon. They were Jews brought to Babylon to be educated in the ways of the Babylonians, so that they could be returned to their people, and rule over them as representatives of the King. Because they were educated, they were included in the number of those considered the wise men.

## Why the hast?

*Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the King's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: He answered and said to Arioch the King's captain, "Why is the decree so hasty from the King?" Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. **Daniel 2:14-15***

Evidently, the guards were sent out that very night, to kill all the wise men of Babylon, that is why Daniel asked the King's captain, why the hast?

## An Audience with the King

*Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. **Daniel 2:16***

Once the captain had explained the reason to him, Daniel asked that he be given audience before the King. In order to guarantee that the King would give him the audience, he told the Captain, that he could give the King what he asked for.

## Daniel Prays to God

*Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.* **Daniel 2:17-18**

Evidently after his audience with the King, the King gave Daniel a little time. Daniel went to his fellow Jewish companions, and after telling them the situation, they kneeled down together and prayed to their God, the true God, the Creator of the universe, for his assistance in this matter.

## If two or more pray in unison

*Again I say unto you, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."* **Matthew 18:19**

As you can see from this verse, if two or more pray for the same thing, it will be done. I was not aware that it took two or more in common prayer before doing this Bible Study, but it seems to be the case.

## Daniel Gives thank to God

*Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.*

**Daniel 2:19**

The King in his anger did not give any time for his dream to be revealed to him, so I can only assume that after Daniel and his companions had prayed, they fell asleep, and it was then during the same night that God revealed the answer to Daniel.

## God Searches for prophets

*And he said, "Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream."* **Numbers 12:6**

This is interesting to me, because it is suggesting that not everyone can be a Prophet of God. Evidently there is something special about some people that enable them to hear God or his Angels speak to them. This explains to me why so many people don't believe in God, if you can't hear him, it is hard to believe.

## How God Communicates with Men

God has four ways in which he communicates with us.

1. **By The Bible:** The Bible was penned by the hand of several different men, but was caused to be written by God. The correct definition of the word Prophet is not one who speaks for God, that would be presumptuous if not Blasphemy; the correct definition of the word Prophet, is one through whom God speaks.
2. **By The heavens:** where it is written in:  
*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **Genesis 1:14***
3. **By Direct contact:** by way of Angels or himself.
4. **By Visions:** given to Prophets and directed through their writing to you and I.

## Daniel's Prayer

*Daniel answered and said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:" And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter. **Daniel 2:20-23***

Upon waking, with the answer in his head, he must have immediately gone to his knees and gave thanks to the Lord. I know I would have.

## The Dream Revealed

*Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him, "Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation." **Daniel 2:24***

Such was the faith of Daniel, that with certainty and force of mind, he went to the King's captain, and asked to be brought before the King.

## Conquest of Man

**Take Note:** These prophecies are given to Daniel so that God can show the slow progression through history of Satan's growing influence and even control of the rulers of Man. As time goes by, Satan gains more and more power over Man for the purpose of enslaving humanity. You could think of Satan as a non-terrestrial being engaging in thousands of years to conquer the Earth and mankind.

## Daniel Stands before the King

*Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, "I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation." The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?"* **Daniel 2:25-26**

I can only assume the reason the King's captain went in haste to the King, was because time was running out, and he was loath to murder all the wise men, yet if he did not do so, he would forfeit his own life.

If you can picture the scene, the King is angry, and is now convinced that these wise men are nothing more than charlatans. Therefore, when Daniel is standing before him, he looks at him with contempt and suspicion. Not having relented on his decision to have all the wise men destroyed, he asks Daniel, give me both the dream and the interpretation; else you will be put to death right where you stand. Though this verse doesn't actually say that, I am sure Daniel knows it to be true.

## Reasserts that only a god can see dreams

*Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;"* **Daniel 2:27**

Daniel repeats that which the other wise men had already stated. No one, of this earth could tell that which is in the mind of the King.

## A Vision of Latter Days

*"But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;"* **Daniel 2:28**

In this verse Daniel is disavowing any ability of his own in understanding the King's dream. That it was the God in Heaven, the creator of the universe, that revealed these things to him, and that it is to God that Glory should be given. This is another way of saying that he Daniel a man is incapable of discerning the dreams of the king. However his God, the God of creation, can do this.

## Dreams Given by God

*As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. **Daniel 2:29***

What the King dreamt are of things yet to come to pass, or something that will happen in the King's future. He, the King, has seen a vision of the future.

## Daniel Disavows any ability

*But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thought of thy heart. **Daniel 2:30***

Again, Daniel disavows having any ability of his own, and gives that glory to God, for the sake of those others that the king has ordered killed, as well as for the sake of the king's own understanding of those things that trouble him.

## Statue of Four Metals

*Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image, (a statue). This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. **Daniel 2:31***

The word "terrible," could be replaced with the word "awesome." It is translated from the Hebrew word, "Dechal," which means to fear, make afraid, dreadful, or formidable. Which to me means it was an awesome sight, not a terrible sight, but that is only my opinion, you should formulate your own.

## Head of Gold

*This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. **Daniel 2:32-33***

Daniel is now giving a description of what the King dreamt, as provided to him by God.

## Without Hands

*Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. **Daniel 2:34***

The imagery in these verses is profound. Consider, you are looking at a statue of a man made up of various metals,

The Head is of Gold,

The Chest or Breast and his arms are made of Silver,

The Belly and thighs are made of Brass,

The Long Legs, are made of Iron,

The Feet and Toes are made of a mixture of Iron and Clay,

Then a stone is cut out, but not by hands, which I interpret to mean not by the hand of man. This stone is then used to smash to pieces the Feet and Toes of the Statue. I should like to remind you that these are all symbolisms, which God uses so as to promote the images into our minds, as well as to say in imagery rather than spell it out with only words. The phrase, "A picture tells a thousand words," comes to mind here.

## The Stone destroys all before it

*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 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. **Daniel 2:35***

What this verse is telling me is that all that was represented by the multi-metal statue is smashed to dust, by the stone cut out but not by hands, and blown away by the wind. I interpret being blown away by the wind as a symbolism for being ground down and disposed of by God over a period of time.

## Statue Symbolisms

To understand this better you need to understand what these sections of the statue made of different metals are symbolic of. The above verses have no meaning until we understand what they are symbolic of.

## The Stone Cut Out

The stone, not cut out by hands that smote them, is a reference to the Messiah, I know to be Jesus. However, the stone is symbolic of more than Jesus the Man; it is symbolic of all that Jesus represents, and all that Jesus teaches. The “**Rock**” represents the true worship of God and the Church of Christ that is built upon that worship.

Knowing that this “**Rock**” is symbolic of Jesus and his teachings will be important in latter prophecies, so do not lose memory of this. This knowledge also has bearing on who it is that Jesus says he will build his Church upon.

## Jesus is the Rock

*He saith unto them, **“But whom say ye that I am?”** And Simon Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered and said unto him, “Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” And I say also unto thee, “That thou art **Peter** (Petros), and upon this **rock** (Petra), I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” **Matthew 16:15–18***

It is Jesus, not Peter that is the Rock the church of Christ is built upon. So you will understand this reference is to the End of Days, and the Second Coming of Jesus. The man Daniel lived 600 years before Christ, but he is given this look into the future of the Second Advent of Christ, not Jesus’s first advent.

Most who I talk to about this verse are under the impression that Peter is the Rock of which Jesus is speaking, on which he will build his church. In the old English this sounds correct, but when you replace the words with the original Greek a different meaning shows through.

The name Peter in the Greek is “**Petros**” which means “a piece of rock, broken off, easily moved or swayed, a stumbling stone.”

In order to understand, it is not Peter, on which Jesus will build his Church, you need to understand that the original Greek word used in place of “**upon this rock**,” were the original Greek word for “**rock**” is **Petra**, which defined means, a mass of rock, unmovable, Cosmic. So you see, Peter is only a petros, whereas Jesus is saying Petra. The key to understanding this is in the following verse.

*And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Matthew 16:18***

God does not intend to build his church on a petros, but a Petra. Only a Petra can stand against the gates of hell, not a piece of rock, but a mass of rock, unmovable, Cosmic. So what is the rock on which Jesus is talking about then? When you look at the upper four verses and put them into context of the subject that is being talked about, everything should become clear.

## The Subject of discussion

The subject is not Peter, but the question that Jesus asks, “But whom say ye that I am?” The answer to who is Jesus is the subject of the meaning of the word Rock. Therefore, the Rock on which Christ will build his church is not Peter, but Peter’s answer to the question that Jesus asks. “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Christ is the son of the living God, and it is upon that rock which Christ will build his church. This is all supported by the phrase, “a stone was cut out without hands.” **Daniel 2:35.** As you will recall, this is a reference to the Messiah, Jesus. It is Jesus that is the Rock that is cut out without hands, and it is Jesus and his teachings that will smash to pieces all that the Multi-Metal Statue that King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream represents.

## The Path to eternal life

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **John 17:3***

Understanding this above verse has importance in whether you gain Eternal Life or Eternal Death. There is only One God, and Jesus Christ was sent by the God of Creation, that we would be saved through Jesus Christ. So that you will understand this, I give the following explanation.

## Remember the Imagery

In order to understand the rest of the End Time prophecies, this image or statue is important to remember. It has a Head of Gold, Chest of Silver, Skirt of Brass, with long legs of Iron, and feet of both Iron and clay. You might say, “**What good is it to know this image? It has no meaning for me?**” Read on, God is about to give a partial interpretation of what the various parts of the statue represents.

**Remember:** this is a vision, which God shows to Daniel, so nothing seen is literal, but symbolic of something else.

## God Gives Explanation

*This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. **Daniel 2:36***

Having finished describing the dream of the King, Daniel is now prepared to give its interpretation also provided to him by God. Did you notice that Daniel says that “WE” will tell the interpretation thereof? Daniel is standing alone before the King, who then is he referring to when he says “WE?” Daniel is revealing to the King that he is speaking for God and not himself, therefore it is God who makes up the “WE.” Know too, that it is in this verse that a Prophet of God is given definition, “One through whom God speaks.”

## At the Pleasure of God

*Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. **Daniel 2:37***

Once more Daniel is giving Glory to God, by telling the King of Babylon, the most powerful man of his day, that he holds that power, not by his own abilities, but because the God in heaven, the God who revealed this dream to Daniel, gave the King his kingdom, his power and the Empire he is now King over.

## Babylon is the Head of Gold

*And where so ever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he (God) given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. **Daniel 2:38***

You should take note that Daniel is making sure that the king is made aware that he is king at the pleasure of God, “He (God) given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all.”

## A Time Line

This is the first explanation of the statue. King Nebuchadnezzar or the Babylonian Empire is represented by the Head of Gold. Using even just this small bit of information should suggest to us, that the other parts of the statue must also represent Kingdoms, Nations, or Empires, that arise after Babylon, that the four main parts of the statue as well as the feet and then the stone that destroys all of them, is some kind of a time line, a progression from Babylon into the future of one nation or empire succeeding another.

## A Progression of Kingdoms or Empires

*And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. **Daniel 2:39***

This verse informs us, that in fact the statue does represent a time line, with the Babylonian Empire being the start of it, and the Stone not cut out by hand, to be the end of the time line.

**Take Note:** that God is saying that the third kingdom will **rule over all the earth.** This is not a literal announcement. When you understand what the third nation is, you will understand that it never ruled the entire earth. I suggest that God uses this kind of language to indicate that this third kingdom will rule over the entire KNOWN earth, which is a true statement when used in context of those who lived during those times. In those times, the lands that surround the Mediterranean Sea were the whole world.

After Babylon, another Kingdom will arise, though inferior to Babylon. Then yet another Kingdom will arise after the second. This is telling us, that if the Head of the statue is Babylon, and there will be two more kingdoms after Babylon, which the Chest of Silver is representative of the second kingdom and the skirt of Brass therefore, must represent the third kingdom. This is correct if you take the descriptions logically.

## Knowledge of History

If you are a student of history, you might be able to use these descriptions to figure out what nations or kingdoms are thus being referred to. It is also helpful to understand, because the four mettles of the statue are also representative of four kingdoms of history and that the metals correlate with those nations. If you are not a student of history, then read on, the Bible will give you the interpretation of these other kingdoms in due course.

## The Fourth Kingdom or Empire

*And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. **Daniel 2:40***

A strong hint as to what Kingdom this verse is talking about which is represented by the long legs of iron, is this reference to the fact, that it breaks in pieces all the nations that came before it and then this fourth kingdom will be broken in to pieces as well. As I read this for the first time, I was sure of this Kingdoms identity, have you got any ideas of your own yet?

This verse tells us about the fourth kingdom, that will arise after Babylon, and if you take the descriptions logically from those of the first three, then you need to use those words that give description to the nations in order to determine the identity of the fourth nation.

The first kingdom we know for sure, because God tells us. The Head of Gold is Babylon, but part of the description of the second part of the statue in fact assists in telling us something more about the Head. The words, *“And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee.”* These words not only tell us that the next kingdom will arise, but that it will not obtain the greatness of Babylon. Do you know what people or nation conquers Babylon?

## The Second Kingdom or Empire

When Daniel interprets this vision in or about 603 BC, he might have guessed the identity of the second kingdom, because the power of the Medes and Persians were on the rise. However, there is no way, Daniel, could have guessed the identity of the third or fourth kingdoms.

We on the other hand, living 2600 years after the time of Daniel, should have no problem determining these kingdoms. After all, God gave Daniel these visions to give to us, in the End of Days, which is whom the visions are intended for. I say this with confidence, because who else living in the past and not knowing the history as we do, could possibly understand.

As I have already suggested, the Mede-Persian Empire is the second kingdom. You might ask, “How do I know this for certain, when it is not specified thus far in the Bible?” It is necessary to pay attention to the words used to describe each kingdom. Nevertheless, if you compare the explanations of the four kingdoms in Daniel, and the descriptions given to the four beasts in another vision that Daniel himself has, the identity will manifest itself. It also helps to have personal knowledge of the history being spoken of.

## Review and Expand

In case you are not aware, God likes to give us information and then later on, he will review what he gave us previously, and then expand upon that information. In doing so, he is able to affirm that the new vision is in fact a continuation of a previous one. These are known to those of the teaching profession as **review and expand**.

I hope I have explained this properly. God gives us information, then in another vision, he reviews that which he already gave us, so we can be sure that this vision in fact does refer to the previous vision, then he

gives us additional information, which expands upon the previous information which assists us in determining what he is telling us.

## Future Empires

In this Vision of Nebuchadnezzar, God has revealed something that is going to happen in the “future,” in respect to Nebuchadnezzar’s time. How do I know it is a vision of the future? Daniel tells us as much.

“And maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.”

What information has this vision in Daniel given us?

1. The Head of Gold represents Babylon, this we know for certain from **Daniel 2:38.**
2. The Chest of Silver represents the Medo-Persian Empire, (I will show how I know this soon.)
3. The Skirt of Brass, still is unknown to this point in our study, though a guess can be made, using the fact that the first two kingdoms are Babylon and Persia.
4. The Long Legs of Iron is yet unknown, but again a logical guess is possible based upon the information of the first three kingdoms, and knowledge of history.

There is more information given in this Statue however, it has feet and toes of clay and Iron. As you know, Iron does not mix with clay. No matter how hot you get the Iron, even to a liquid state, if you mix clay in with it, and let it cool, the two will separate from one another. This tells me that there is yet another kingdom or kingdoms that the feet and toes represent, remembering that God said that the fourth kingdom would itself be broken in *pieces*, “shall it break in pieces and bruise.” This also adds to what nation this fourth nation is. As of this point and the information God has thus far given us, this is only speculation however. To speculate is as we are supposed to do in our diligent study of the Bible, to ask questions then to give thought to and then to study, as well as give prayer to God for guidance throughout the whole process.

## The Path of Wisdom

Speculation leads to study, study leads to knowledge, knowledge leads to understanding, and understanding leads to Wisdom.

# An Empire Divided

*And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters; clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. **Daniel 2:41***

As you can see, God gives his own interpretation of his words, and this verifies that the feet then the toes are in fact a representation of the division of the fourth kingdom first in half, because there are two feet and two legs, then into ten smaller kingdoms. I say ten kingdoms because there are ten toes.

## Divided in Half First

This suggests to me, that the fourth kingdom will first be divided in half, because of the symbolism of the two feet and legs.

## Divides into Ten Kingdoms

Then as the half continues to fall out of power, ten kingdoms will arise out of one of the halves. I also know that these ten kingdoms will have some of the power of the one, but because of the symbolism of the clay and iron not sticking to each other, the power will be only partial of that of the one before they fracture off.

## A Fraction of the former power

*And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdoms shall be partly strong, and partly broken. **Daniel 2:42***

My speculation from before is now confirmed. These two verses, 41 and 42, are telling me two main points to remember.

1. The feet and ten toes do in fact represent kingdoms, but unlike the others that arose and conquered the one before it, these ten kingdoms, instead, are derived from the empire before them, but not by conquest. This is a way of giving identity of the Kingdom with long legs of Iron. In some way, it is broken up, first in half, and from this division ten independent Kingdoms or Nations will be formed.

- Verse 42 is telling me, that these ten kingdoms will have some of the strength of the former kingdom of Iron, and yet be weak and divided at the same time, this I glean from the reference to the Iron and Clay mixture, because the two substances do not cling one to the other.

## The Seed of Men

*And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. **Daniel 2:43***

This verse is telling us something about the people of those ten nations, something not spoken of in the other kingdom's descriptions. The words, "Seed of Men," are the key reference here. This is an explanation of why the symbolism of mixed Iron and Clay was used. What this verse is telling me, is that the people of the Ten Kingdoms that arise out of the larger single Empire with the long Iron legs, will attempt to unify themselves back into the one, but fail, even though they try to unify through marriage of one to another.

Just having this information, I am certain what kingdoms of the world the ten toes of the statue are representing. I however, already know this from my earlier study, so to tell you here is premature, I want to present all the evidence in a systematic order, so you will understand and see why I know them to be who I believe them to be, so that you too will see and understand.

## The Kingdom of God

*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. **Daniel 2:44***

I should like to point out, that these verses are also informing us that God will destroy all that these Empires of Man embraced, and build upon them an everlasting Kingdom of God.

## Satan's Influence over the Nations of Man

This he will do, because these Empires of Man are not just of Man, but are established by Satan's influence over the men of power to build the empires. This is to show that Satan is actively involved in

interfering in the affairs of Man. With each progression from one empire to another, Satan is expanding and solidifying his control of Man.

The above verse is an explanation of the following verse.

*“Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces,” **Daniel 2:34,***

Which further tells us, how and by whom, the ten kingdoms shall be broke in pieces.

## A Progression of Empires

What God is saying is that the first nation **Babylon** will be conquered by the second, the second **Persia** by the third, and the third **Greece** by the fourth. The fourth nation **Rome** however will not be conquered but will somehow implode from within and that from it will be divided first in half, then out of one of those halves will arise ten nations, which will attempt to reunite back into the one whole Empire but instead will imploded in upon itself. Then even these ten nations will be destroyed, by the rock that is hewn but not by hands (Jesus), and the nation (**Kingdom of God**) that will be established by this Rock that fills the whole earth, will last forever, never to be conquered by another.

## The Thousand Year Reign of Jesus

This is a mighty strong announcement. God is telling us, that he will overcome these ten nations, and build his own kingdom upon their ruins, not only that, but also that his kingdom will last forever and never be conquered. This verse is also telling me, that the governments that make up the ten nations will not survive either, that the new kingdom will not be left to them, but to God’s own people. This is a reference to the 1,000 year reign of Jesus on Earth which occurs after the Second Advent of Christ. In other words, this Statue and the time line that it represents, is the foretelling of the kingdom of God on Earth, and the progression of the Empires of Man that will result in God’s Kingdom on Earth.

In case you haven’t realized it, this verse brings us to the End of Days, and the second coming of Jesus Christ. But at this point in our study, we are interested in finding out the identity of the anti-Christ, as much as knowing the history of Satan’s influence over the nations of man, so let’s continue with the Book of Daniel.

## Daniel Summarizes the Dream

*Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. **Daniel 2:45***

**Remember:** in an earlier verse, which spoke of a stone cut out but not by hands; this verse expands on that with more information.

**Remember:** these visions of Daniel are symbolisms of other things, therefore, can you guess, what is being represented by the stone cut out of the mountain without hands? It is being used to break in pieces the ten Kingdoms of Iron and Clay, as well as those represented by Iron, Brass, Silver and Gold. The stone became a great mountain, **and filled the whole earth.**

This is a reference to the second coming of Christ, and the kingdom he will set up on the Earth, that will last forever. It is Jesus who is the stone that will crush the Kingdoms of old, and it is God's Kingdom on Earth that will last forever, and never be conquered. It is Christ himself and the Teachings of Jesus who is the Rock on which Jesus will build his church.

## An Oblation to Daniel

*Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. **Daniel 2:46***

The word "**oblation**" means, **the act of offering something, such as worship or thanks, to a deity, or to God.**

The word "**odours**" is the old English word for **odors**, which means, **the property or quality of a thing that affects, stimulates, or is perceived by the sense of smell.**

Except for the summer I was fifteen years old, I have had little or no interest in the Bible or in religion. For this reason, I have no experience concerning customs or rituals that different religions practice. Therefore I have no idea as to whether these oblations being offered to Daniel was forms of worship to Pagan gods or not. I believe but I am ignorant as to whether the burning of odours is a part of the Jewish worship, or if in doing so, it is one of the pagan rituals that God is protesting against the Jews about.

Daniel knows this; however there is no indication that he accepts these Pagan bestowments. The thing I do know is that we are to place no god before God the Father; therefore, these oblations were directed at Daniel and not at God, so I am quite certain that Daniel would not have accepted them, for himself, to God yes, but not to himself.

## God of gods

*The king answered unto Daniel, and said, "Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret." **Daniel 2:47***

With this acknowledgement of the power and majesty of the God of Creation, you would think that King Nebuchadnezzar would have converted to the true worship of the only true living God.

## The King had not forgotten the dream

*Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. **Daniel 2:48***

If you read the entire Book of Daniel, instead of the pieces I have used to help identify the anti-Christ, perhaps you will agree with me that I believe the King knew the dream all along, but wanted a reason to get rid of who knows how many hundreds of Sooth Sayers, Magicians, and wise men that he had on his payroll. When Daniel was able to tell him the dream, then he knew that Daniel's God was greater than any other gods. What other god has ever had the ability to see into a man's thoughts?

This suggests that Daniel did accept the Pagan bestowments; however, it doesn't prove it, and as I said, I am ignorant if they are pagan or not. This verse only tells us that the King, places Daniel in a position of great power and prestige, of this I am certain, it was by God's intent that Daniel be placed in this position of power.

## Daniels Three Companions

*Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king. **Daniel 2:49***

These three are the companions who prayed with Daniel to their God, and mine, for insight into the Kings dream. With this dream of the King, we can now see that it is Jesus who is the ROCK on which the Church of Christ will be built.

## I Am God, and but for me there is no other

What you have just read is an overview of what information the Prophecies that follow will give to you. God has given you this overall outline, and now God will give information that becomes more and more specific. This he does so you will learn his truth. In showing you predictions of the future, hundreds and thousands of years before they happen, it is his intent that you will thus understand, **that he is God, and but for him there is no other, and that only He God, can see into the future with 100% accuracy.** This he does to show you that what he says is true, and all else that you might think you know from your life time of worshiping under Satan's False Gospel, is indeed false. Believe in what he God tells you. If what you believe cannot be substantiated by the words of the Gospel, then they are false.

**Remember:** God's Truism, if God spoke it then it is the truth. If God did not speak it, then it is a lie.

## An Intimate Relationship

At this time, I would like to make a suggestion that may have important consequences for you as you search for a personal and intimate relationship with God. I have gone through the hard work of bringing to you this understanding of God's truth as presented in the Bible, but remember: **God wants to have a Personal and Intimate Relationship with you,** it is therefore behooving of you that you do research and study as well. If you have your interest peeked by something that I have shown you, research it further than I have done. In this way you too will be seeking God diligently.

*Those who seek me early, (diligently), will find me. Proverbs 8:17*

**Remember:** the word diligently mean that you must study and search for the answers yourself, for me to do all the work and you simply read my words, worries me that you will not have fulfilled God's requirement that you personally seek him out.

## Prepare Yourself for Forgiveness

If you haven't done so already, I suggest that you take pen in hand and make a list of all your sins that you can remember, from as far back as you can. This information is personal between you and God, and should not be shared with anyone else, not even your beloved spouse, mother, father, or siblings. This is personal between you and God, and in keeping it as a personal secret between you and God, you begin the first step towards establishing a personal and intimate relationship with God, your creator.

Once the list is complete, and the remembrance of your sins is forefront to your mind, take time to repent those sins, and know in your heart that they were in fact sins against the laws of God. Once you have made a heartfelt repentance of your sins, then in prayer to God, ask him for his forgiveness.

Once you have thus humbled yourself before your creator, pray to him to give insight of what is his truth and understanding so that you will know the truth when you see it.

Ask God to lead you in the direction of study that he wants you to take, and when he gives you direction, follow as he directs, and not as you decide. In this, you will then begin to understand who God is, and who you are, and what purpose he God has for you to perform for him. All that you do, and everything that he shows to you, is for the purpose of giving glory to him, God. When you give glory to God he will intern glorify you.

Before you continue to read the next lesson, I suggest that you read the entire book of Daniel from your Bible first. As you are reading, have available a pen and pad, so that when you read something that you do not understand, you can write the question(s) down.

**Remember:** asking questions is expected of you by God, only by asking questions can he provide you with the answers. It is up to you to decide if you stop reading and go search for the answer, or finish reading Daniel, then look for the answers latter. I suggest latter, because God will give you answer to your questions as is his pleasure to do so, and as he considers it pertinent to his direction.

## God Interprets the Bible for you

So you will know, God interprets the Book of Daniel as well as much of the rest of the Bible for you, you need only be patient and the answers to your questions will be revealed, however, when you take the time

to write down the questions, as they come to you, then you will have given thought to what you have been studying, so when the question is answered you will recognize it as an answer to your question, whereas if you never asked the question, you will not know that God answered any of your questions.