

**Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Part 2):
A History Lesson for the Ages
(Daniel 2:31-49)**

I. Introduction:

A. Review

- The **dream & demand** of Nebuchadnezzar (2:1-13)
- The **discernment & declaration** of Daniel (2:14-24)
- The **dream's true Interpreter** (2:25-30)

B. Reflect

II. Exposition: A History Lesson for the Ages (2:31-49)

A. Daniel **reveals** the dream (2:31-33)

1. A single great statue
 - a. Its appearance
 - b. Its attributes
 - Head of gold
 - Breast and arms of silver
 - Belly and thighs of bronze
 - Legs of iron
 - Feet of iron and clay

2. A Stone (vv. 34-35)
 - a. Cut without hands
 - b. Struck the statue
 - c. Became a great mountain
 - d. Filled the earth

B. Daniel **interprets** the dream (2:36-45)

1. The head of gold – Nebuchadnezzar/Babylon
2. Breast and arms of silver – Medo-Persia

3. Belly and thighs of bronze – Greece
 4. Legs of iron – Rome
 5. Feet of iron and clay – Rome continued
 6. Stone – God's King/kingdom
 7. God's revelation to the king
- C. Daniel **honored** and **promoted** (2:46-49)
1. Nebuchadnezzar honors Daniel
 2. Nebuchadnezzar extols Daniel's God
 3. Nebuchadnezzar promotes Daniel and friends

III. Conclusion: Lessons from Daniel 2

- God works in situations that seem humanly **impossible**
- We are **most anchored** on our knees in prayer
- As God works, **praise** Him
- God holds the future. For a **secure** future, hold on to God!

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. What did you learn about world history and God's involvement in our world and our lives?
3. We should live with an eternal perspective and the eternal kingdom in mind. What are you doing to grow in that perspective?
4. In what ways have you seen God honor people who seek to honor Him, both in the Bible and in your life experience?
5. What stuck out to you from the conclusion? What can you apply?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)