

A Decoded Dream Gets Daniel Promoted
Daniel 2:29-49

Daniel describes and decodes the King's dream. 31-45

- ◆ Ch. 2 dream = Ch. 7 dream subject matter with more details.
- ◆ Most attention is given to the 4th kingdom and its oddities:
 - an unique aggressiveness, *crush* (2x), *shatter*, *break* (2x)
 - an unique mixture of iron and brittle clay and unity struggles
 - an unique political structure (kings = 10 toes = horns in 7:24)
- ◆ Two views of “the stone striking” = (1) Jesus’ first coming, which gently establishes kingdom, (2) Jesus’ second coming, which violently establishes kingdom. Note violent verbs and 7:22, 26,27. Plus see Rev. 19:11, Heb. 2:8b.
- ◆ Smashed feet / toes must be Rome, which demands Rome’s rebirth in some form; thus a “time gap” exists between vs. 40 and 41 (as Jesus separates Isa. 61:2b from 1-2a in Lk. 4:19).

The King honors and promotes Daniel. 46-49

- ◆ Note no application as with Pharaoh in Gen. 41, yet we can see God at work in the King--later confession in 4:34-37.
- ◆ How does Daniel's promotion mirror Joseph's in Gen. 41?



How would this dream affect a Jew with hopes of any national prominence any time soon?

How might this dream apply to me in my life?
Is the world heading in a global governing direction?
See Rom. 13:11