

# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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## King Nebuchadnezzar Dreamed Dreams (Daniel 2:1) Part 2



King Nebuchadnezzar's bad dream turns out to be prophecy for you and

I. Last time we found out that the king dreamt about a statue. The head of gold represented the kingdom of Babylon. The chest and arms of silver represented Medes and Persians joint effort. Now we continue on with the next two pieces of the statue. The last two pieces will conclude the study next month.

### ***In the second half of Daniel 2:39***

*"And another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth."* A third inferior kingdom followed the Medo-Persian Empire and notice that these are world-ruling powers because of the use of "bear rule over all the earth". What was that kingdom?

Again, allowing the Bible to interpret itself, we must put the dream on hold and change chapters since Daniel does not tell us in chapter 2 who it is. We will investigate another vision that Daniel experienced a number of years later that gives us the answer. Daniel 8:2 *"And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I [was] at Shushan [in] the palace, which [is] in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai."* All that is established is that Daniel had a vision.

### ***What did he see?***

Daniel 8:4-7 *"I saw the ram pushing*

*westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither [was there any] that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat [had] a notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had [two] horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand."*

Daniel saw two animals fighting to the death. The he goat subdued the ram. As we will see, these are two empires with the second taking over the first.

### ***Which empires are they?***

Daniel tells us. Daniel 8:20-21 *"The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king."*

The ram with its two horns represents the joint effort of the Medes and Persians, but more importantly, Greece subdued them. Greece is the third world Empire.

## WHO ARE WE?

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Hosea 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

## Debt Reduction Progress

Over our 10 year history, \$80,000 accumulated in ministry debt both from short periods of time of not being able to cover all of the expenses and the over 4 year period (Jan. 2004 - May 2007) when we personally could not sustain this ministry.

He had lost his employment due to religious conflict. Without that income we were not able to sustain this ministry and so the debt accumulated.

Now financial blessings are occurring in his employment, but in order to recover financially it requires him to work very long hours. Can you help eliminate this ministry debt faster?

### OVERALL STATS:

**\$80,000** Starting Balance  
 - **11,389** Readership  
 - **38,276** O'Donnell's  
**\$30,335** Current Balance

### SEPT STATS:

**\$31,020** Prior Balance  
 - **185** Readership  
 - **500** O'Donnell's  
**\$30,335** Current Balance

**WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR YOUR HELP—WE ARE OVER HALF WAY!!!!**

Any request to be removed from our mailing list because you cannot assist us or feel guilty will not be honored. That is not what this appeal is about.

By the way, who was the first king of Greece? Alexander the Great who swiftly conquered the whole then known world at the age of 30. This swiftness of takeover was depicted in verse 5 where it states "touched not the ground." Greece only ruled from 331 BC to 168 BC, making room for the fourth world empire.

### What kingdom was the fourth empire?

We need to go back to the dream in Daniel 2:40 *"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."* It was known as the iron kingdom and was quite feared for it totally destroyed nations. What kingdom was this? Daniel does not tell us, but the Bible does identify elsewhere a world-ruling kingdom that was most feared.

John 11:47-48 *"Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all [men] will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation."* Part of the reason Jesus was turned over to the Roman authorities is that the Jews feared that the Romans would totally destroy their nation. The main reason though is that Jesus preached the truth and called people

back to following a "Thus Saith the Lord," but people hate the truth especially when any loss of power may be involved, and thus they ended up handing Him over to die.

Rome began ruling in 168 BC and lasted until 476 AD. They are also known for the use of iron stakes, which was used to nail Jesus to the Roman cross. The cross was used in worshipping one of their many gods known as Tammuz.

Now what world empire followed Rome? None. There has never been a one-world empire since Rome. It fell apart internally first dividing into two sections. Now this is not, though it is popularly believed, represented by the two legs. If it were, then the next part of the verse would cover both eastern and western parts of Europe, but it does not. It just covers the western part, where Rome continued to rule.

The Eastern Empire had its headquarters in Constantinople and the other in the West having its headquarters in Rome, but neither would last. The prophecy is all about the western part.

### What does Daniel see that would follow the fall of Rome?

We will have to wait until next time when we conclude this message. In the meantime, remember, earthly powers fade away, but there is one coming whose kingdom will not fade away.

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## DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.



### Being Made Free

1. What are we free from? **Romans 6:22-23**
2. How is that possible? **Matthew 19:26**
3. How do we cease from that life? **Jude 1:24-25**
4. What are we considered if we do not believe this? **2 Timothy 3:5**
5. Why do we hardly hear about this good news? **2 Timothy 4:3**
6. What is the remedy to this silence? **2 Timothy 4:2**

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

#### By Grace Ye Are Saved

1. What is required to be saved? **Acts 16:31** "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
2. What evidence does a Christian show they have been saved? **John 8:11** "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."
3. What did Jesus do for us? **Romans 6:18** "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."
4. Who rules us when we lack the evidence of salvation? **1 John 3:8** "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." [Ask yourself, when you sin, are you acting as a Christian?]
5. What hope is there to regain that relationship? **1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
6. How is this possible? **1 John 2:1** "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"

## ART THOU IN HEALTH (2 Samuel 20:9)



### The Importance of Water

John 4:7 *There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.*

Although Jesus had limited choices to drink in His days on earth, we ought to consider it fortunate. Too many times people seek after all kinds of drinks to quench the thirst. Setting alcohol aside from this article and to be discussed elsewhere, think about all the things we have to drink. We have quite a few 100% juices, the not so 100%, milk, soda or pop, teas, coffees,

and much more. And of course there is water.

The recommendation is to drink half your body weight in ounces of water a day. So if you are 120 pounds, you should drink 60 ounces of water each day to stay hydrated. And no, other liquids do not count. Coffee, tea and most soft drinks, especially soda, will cause a depletion instead. So though you feel refreshed by a cold bottle or can of your favorite soda, you are actually getting more dehydrated.

Train your taste buds to enjoy water. Your body will thank you for it by not giving you so many headaches.

## Think On These Things

### Respect

2 Kings 1:9-15 "Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down. And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I [be] a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I [be] a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king."

You may disagree with someone over any matter, but respect is always the wise approach. You never know when they may be right. Just because someone says or does something out of the ordinary or that is not popular does not cause that person to be considered an outcast.

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**WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT?  
AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?** (Isaiah 53:1)

►TCPalm, September 12, 2008 - Deltona father chases naked teen from daughter's room, beats youth with metal pipe

An angry Deltona father whacked his teenage daughter's boyfriend with a metal pipe after finding the boy naked in his daughter's room. Colon was charged with aggravated battery on a child and bonded out on \$10,000.

COMMENT: Numbers 25:7-8 *"And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw [it], he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel."* Although the pipe was taken to the boy,

what of the girl? He may have had a talk with her, but the point is, she's just as guilty. That's the point of Phinehas.

►CNN, August 28, 2008 - Bless you and here's some gas

But some Christians question whether a financial incentive should be used to draw people into church. Umsted, a church official, said a couple of Valley City congregants stopped attending because they considered it "a bribe." But the Rev. Carl Borden, pastor of the congregation, said the overriding goal is to have a little fun and remind people that the church is there. "It's a method of marketing for the church," he said.

COMMENT: Job 15:34 *"For the congregation of hypocrites [shall be] desolate, and fire shall consume the taber-*

*nacles of bribery."* Jesus never bribed anyone even when the number of people in the congregation dwindled to but one - thief on the cross.

►CNN, August 22, 2008 - Dog protected abandoned newborn, doctors say

A dog sheltered a newborn baby abandoned by its 14-year-old mother in a field in rural Argentina until the boy was rescued, a doctor said Friday.

COMMENT: Isaiah 49:15 *"Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee."* And God even will send a dog to look after an abandoned child.