

UNVEILING THE FUTURE

There are people on the roadsides with signs that say palm reader. There are so many people that want to know about their future they are so desperate for someone else to read their palm. Have you ever done that before. They tell



you that these different lines on your hands represent different things. What can you learn from reading your palm? We are so desperate about wanting to know our future that we will pay someone to read our hands, but I want to tell you that your future is not in your hands; your future is in the hand of God. God knows the end from the beginning. He knows exactly how to take you and how to bring you to the end and He is the author and the finisher of our faith.

We must not trust the fortune telling people we must trust the Bible, the Bible will tell us the future. Like many of us we have an interest to know the future. Well about 3500 years ago, which is a long time ago, there was a king in the kingdom of Babylon and his name was Nebuchadnezzar. And he had a dream, but he could not remember the dream. He wanted to know what was going to happen to his kingdom. Even though his kingdom was very strong, he worried about the future.

Are you striving to get the best place, the strongest house, more cars or biggest lot? But yet, even though you have many things

with you and in your life; I'm not saying wealth is sin, but so many times wealth can take our heart; but the problem is even though we have so many things around us and in us, often we go to bed worrying about the future. Nebuchadnezzar

had a dream and forgot the dream.

Daniel 2:1-9 *“And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. 2 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. 3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. 4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. 5 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. 6 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. 7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the*

interpretation of it. 8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.” 9 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.”

He called for the astrologers, that were there in the days of Babylon, who predicted the future. Sorcerers, we would call them today or magicians or those using witchcraft. Nebuchadnezzar tested his wise men, and realized they were false, as he told them if they could not tell him, he would cut them in pieces, and make their house a dunghill. They told the king to tell us the dream. If you knew the dream you could come up with an interpretation.

To make a long story short, the decree went out and the captain was sent to slay all of the wise men of Babylon. But somehow this captain came to Daniel's house first. Daniel is from Israel, he was captured by Babylonians when he was 15 years old, and he is from the royal family of Judah. And this is why the Babylonian king grabbed the cream of the crop, because he knew they were educated young men. They were trained in Babylon to serve in the king's court. When this captain came to Daniel, he enquired of the situation. He asked for time and told the captain, he would show the king the dream and give the interpretation thereof. Then he and his friends inquired of the Lord to give him the dream and the interpretation.

***Daniel 2:26-31** “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? 27 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; 28 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; 29 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. 30 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 thoughts of thy heart. 31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.”*

Babylon was known as a city of idols, so God used what was familiar to Nebuchadnezzar. Keep reading **Dan 2:31** through the end. This dream tells us something about the future, the latter days. **Verse 36-49**, when Daniel was talking about king Neb., he was talking about the kingdom of Babylon, and at that time he was the head of the kingdom which represented head of gold.

Daniel 5 is talking about the last night of

Babylonian kingdom. **Daniel 5:28** “PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” **Daniel 5:31** “And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.” This tells us who came after the Babylonian kingdom.

Now lets go back to Daniel 2, verse 38-40, these verses make clear the order of the kingdoms. It starts out with the **head of gold**, which is the first kingdom, then it says “*after thee shall arise another kingdom*

inferior [silver is inferior to gold] to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the forth kingdom shall be strong as iron...” Babylon was known for having much gold. Medo-Persia was known for having much silver and Greece was known for having much brass. God knew about the future so He used the things which were familiar to them to describe the future to them.

Daniel 2:40-44 “And the fourth kingdom [Rome, known for their desolating power. They destroy people, places, and would bring in cows to till the ground to stamp out any traces or memory of a place] 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.” God put these stories in the Bible to let us know we can trust Him with our future, because only He knows the

future. **41** 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 it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with **miry clay**. **42** And as the toes of the feet

were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. **43** 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.

God gave us the most information about this forth kingdom, why? Because He wants us to know the most about this kingdom. The reason He is telling us about Babylon, Greece and Rome, is so we will not miss the feet, so we will know clearly what the feet represent. So what is the feet, part of iron and clay mingled together? Go back to verse 41. It says the clay is potters clay, but it changes to miry clay. A potter must use potters clay, not miry clay, miry clay is dirt, and it will crumble. In the Bible prophecy what is potters clay?

Isaiah 64:8 “But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.” KJV. Meaning we are the people of God, the children of Israel. So in the feet are represented the people of God. Potters clay is God’s church. But the people of God are



connected somehow with iron. Where does iron come from? From the legs of iron, the Roman Empire. If you've studied the Roman Empire, when it fell, it broke into pieces. So now these kingdoms are small Roman-like kingdoms. They still have Roman Empire characteristics, if you know the history. But the problem is God's people mingling themselves with these Roman-like kingdoms. These religious people are connecting themselves with political powers that they are like Roman Empire. So the feet, part of clay, part of iron, the clay = church, the iron = state (political power). So the feet represent a kingdom mixed with church and state. But it turns to miry clay, why? God cannot use that church anymore because it is miry clay. You throw them away, why because if God's people mingle themselves with worldly power for support can God use them? No. The Jewish leaders have already done that in order to accomplish their agenda, when? When they said we have no king but Caesar, crucify Jesus. And when they said that God could not use the Israelites any more. At the time the Israelites became miry clay, they were thrown away; now God seeks His people from the Gentiles. But now the problem is these Gentile people, after the Roman Empire fell, many of them mingle themselves with the political powers of the world. And because of that God cannot use them.

After the Roman Empire, we saw what was called the holy Roman Empire. Have you studied that? What was that? It was mixing together the political power with the ecclesiastical church religious power. Search in the encyclopedia on world history. Now

let's break it down. Between gold and silver which is more expensive? Gold. Between silver and brass which is more expensive? Silver. Between brass and iron which is more expensive? Brass. Between iron and iron and clay which is more expensive? Iron. So can you see the value is going down. What does that mean? The moral value of each kingdom is going down. The future seems dark, why? Because the kingdom, the nations of the world are going down in moral value. But, between gold and silver which is stronger? Silver. Between brass and iron which is stronger? Iron. Notice that the moral value is going down, but the strength is getting stronger. When you look at the Babylonian map, the empires get bigger. But what about the feet of iron and clay? It is strongest, and it is getting bigger and bigger. The kingdom of iron and clay encompasses the whole world. When you look at the paper or any political affairs, you will often see religious and political issues together. All of these kingdoms were world super powers. America will play a part. Why did God chose these kingdoms instead of China or other kingdoms? Because all of these kingdoms were used by Satan to persecute God's people. Satan used the kingdom of church and state to persecute God's people. So God is not only telling us about the future, but what kingdoms will persecute God's people. That's the reason why Heaven pronounces Judgment. And what comes out of Heaven? A stone, and the stone is hitting this image. In the Bible when you throw a stone at someone what does that mean? Judgment. This stone represents that this image has committed a sin, what kind of sin? Persecuting God's

people.

Satan used pagan religion of Babylon mixed with their political power to persecute God's people. And then he again used pagan religion mixed with the political power of Medo-Persia to persecute God's people. Look at the book of Ester or Daniel 6. Again in Greece, Satan used the Greek philosophy, pagan ideas mixed with political power to persecute God's people. Satan used Roman Empire, but when he came down to this power his tactics were not working. Before he aroused the pagans to persecute God's people. But after Jesus came, it was not working. Jesus came during the Roman kingdom. That is why the Bible says it brake in pieces and bruised. The word bruised means wound and they are the ones who wounded Jesus. But after Jesus came things changed. The more they persecuted, the more Roman citizens became Christians. So he decided he would get the Romans to claim they are Christians. So Constantine claimed he was a Christian, and said let's not fight any more, lets love each other, the pagans and the Christians joined hand to hand, gave them better housing, and lived in peace and joy. Let the pagans adopt some Christian ideas, and Christians please adopt some pagan ideas. Let there be mingling. So now Satan is deceiving them to think that it is okay to adopt pagan ideas. Then Satan brought paganism into the church, mixed it all together to make it look like Christian ideas and teachings and doctrines, and with that Christian pagan teaching they persecuted the sincere true Christians. And that is what happen in the dark ages. Have you studied the European history of the dark ages, or mid-evil age.

Millions of Christians were persecuted by Christians. In that since Satan now has the most powerful weapon of all, and it is more powerful than all of the previous kingdoms, because now he is persecuting Christians with Christians. That's what he wants.

The Bible is telling us the condition of the world at the end time is a mingling of church and state. Church + State = persecution, this is a Biblical guarantee. Now what is that stone coming down from Heaven? The Bible says that Jesus is our rock. Throughout the Bible it makes it very clear that Rock represents Jesus. ***1 Corinthians 10:4*** "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." So when the Bible talks about the rock coming down out of Heaven, it is talking about our Lord Jesus Christ. And when He comes He will destroy the nations, and when they are taken away by the wind, this rock will become a great mountain. What does this mountain represent? Remember Satan wants to sit in the congregation in the sides of the north? Who usually sits in the mountain? Kings, so mountain is related to a king, mountain is a kingdom, like Jerusalem sitting upon Mt. Zion. God will come and establish His kingdom which shall not be destroyed. So we have a total of six kingdoms. Where are we living today? by the toes. Jesus is about to come, He says He is even at the doors. When He comes back He will establish His kingdom, the kingdom of God. **44** *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. 45 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.”

We all have two passports, one of this world and one of the next. But we need to have a passport into the kingdom of God. **John 3:3** *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* To be born again is the passport to heaven. You must be born again. AMEN!