

SHATTERED DREAMS & COLLAPSING KINGDOMS

Daniel 2:31-49; 7:1-28

*Earthly kingdoms are 'bad dreams' that inevitably collapse and disappoint.
God's kingdom is a hope-filled reality that grows and blesses.*

Chapter 2

The kingdoms of this world from a human perspective—precious metals growing stronger (but less desirable) over time.

The Head of Gold

---- BABYLONIAN ----

The Arms & Chest of Silver

--- MEDO-PERSIAN ---

The Belly & Thighs of Bronze

----- GRECIAN -----

The Legs of Iron

----- ROMAN -----

Feet (Ten Toes) of Iron & Clay

---- THE NATIONS ----

“A rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. . . .

But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.” (Daniel 2:34-35)

“In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up **a kingdom that will never be destroyed**, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, **but it will itself endure forever.**” (Daniel 2:44)

The “rock kingdom” would be an entirely different species of kingdom than the world has ever seen.

Chapter 7

The kingdoms of this world from a divine perspective—freakish monsters growing more destructive (oppressive) over time.

A Winged Lion

A Bear Raised Up on One Side

A 4-Headed Winged Leopard

A Fierce Beast with Iron Teeth

Ten Horns

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.” (Daniel 7:13-14)

“He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**” (Daniel 7:14)

Gabriel to Mary:

“...his kingdom will never end.” (Luke 1:33)