

Daniel 2:31-45

- 31 "In your vision, O king, you saw a statue, very large and exceedingly bright, terrifying in appearance as it stood before you.
- 32 The head of the statue was pure gold, its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs bronze,
- 33 the legs iron, its feet partly iron and partly tile.
- 34 While you looked at the statue, a stone which was hewn from a mountain without a hand being put to it, struck its iron and tile feet, breaking them in pieces.
- 35 The iron, tile, bronze, silver, and gold all crumbled at once, fine as the chaff on the threshing floor in summer, and the wind blew them away without leaving a trace. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.
- 36 "This was the dream; the interpretation we shall also give in the king's presence.
- 37 You, O king, are the king of kings; to you the God of heaven has given dominion and strength, power and glory;
- 38 men, wild beasts, and birds of the air, wherever they may dwell, he has handed over to you, making you ruler over them all; you are the head of gold.
- 39 Another kingdom shall take your place, inferior to yours, then a third kingdom, of bronze, which shall rule over the whole earth.
- 40 There shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; it shall break in pieces and subdue all these others, just as iron breaks in pieces and crushes everything else.
- 41 The feet and toes you saw, partly of potter's tile and partly of iron, mean that it shall be a divided kingdom, but yet have some of the hardness of iron. As you saw the iron mixed with clay tile,
- 42 and the toes partly iron and partly tile, the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.
- 43 The iron mixed with clay tile means that they shall seal their alliances by intermarriage, but they shall not stay united, any more than iron mixes with clay.
- 44 In the lifetime of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed or delivered up to another people; rather, it shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and put an end to them, and it shall stand forever.
- 45 That is the meaning of the stone you saw hewn from the mountain without a hand being put to it, which broke in pieces the tile, iron, bronze, silver, and gold. The great God has revealed to the king what shall be in the future; this is exactly what you dreamed, and its meaning is sure."

Luke 21:5-11

- 5 And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said,
- 6 "As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."
- 7 And they asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?"
- 8 And he said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them.
- 9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once."
- 10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;
- 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.