take time **12 November Daniel 2:31-49** read

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The dream of the great image

study

Because God has revealed it to him, Daniel can now tell Nebuchadnezzar his dream and at the same time explain it. The dream affects Nebuchadnezzar personally. At the same time, God permits a glimpse into the future, up till the end of the Millennium.

Let's accompany Daniel on his journey into the history of the Middle East, which for him is, mainly, future:

- Head: Babylon. Having only just become king, Nebuchadnezzar hears already about his end.
- Chest and arms: Medo-Persia. This will be Babylon's successor around 70 years later.
- Belly and thighs: Greece. Alexander the Great will subdue the whole world as it was known to the Chaldeans.
- Legs and feet: Roman Empire. It will conquer Greece, will later weaken and separate into Eastern and Western empires.
- The Stone: Christ. During His millennial reign He will destroy all human kingdoms – especially the Roman Empire, which will have been revived for a short time.

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9. Where does the Lord Jesus speak of Himself as a stone that will destroy others?
10. How does Nebuchadnezzar react to what Daniel says?

in-form

Of the four world empires, which are mentioned more than once in the book of Daniel, the second one is the Medo Persian Empire. It started when the Persians (under Cyrus in 550BC) broke the traditional superiority of the Medes and amalgamated them into their kingdom; together they then subjected the New-Babylonian Empire in 539BC.

think

God is all-knowing – and this God is your God!

note down

9. That's in Matthew 21:44. – The Lord Jesus points out there that no one can withstand Him successfully. Those who don't Him as Saviour today will be eternally lost. 10. He worships Daniel (v46) (That of course goes too far). It is better that He recognises Daniel's God as the true God (v47). He doesn't speak of his Babylonian god Marduk. And he promotes Daniel to be ruler over the province of Babel as well as to the position of highest counsellor (v48).