

DANIEL 2 PROPHECY

Empire 1: Babylonia

Daniel 2:38 "You [Nebuchadnezzar] are the head of gold"

Empire 2: Media-Persia

Daniel 2:39a; 8:20 "After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you... Media and Persia."

Empire 3: Greece

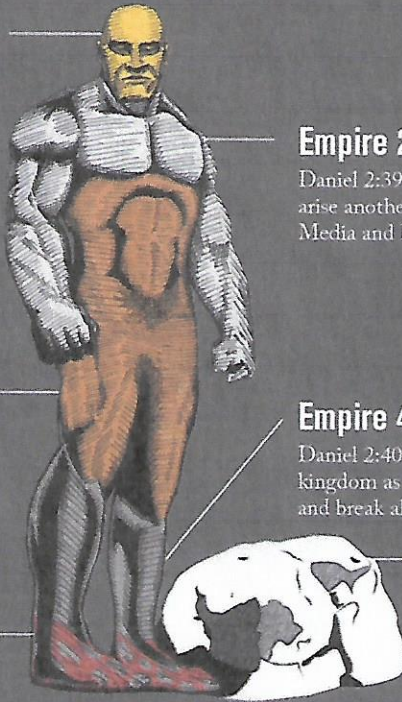
Daniel 2:39b; 8:21 "Then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth... the kingdom of Greece."

Empire 4: Ancient Rome

Daniel 2:40 "Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron... it will crush and break all these in pieces."

Empire 5: Future Rome

Daniel 2:41-42; 7:24 "It will be a divided kingdom... mixed with common clay... some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle... out of this kingdom ten kings will arise."



Daniel 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever."

Why does Daniel give three visions, rather than just one?

There are two reasons why Daniel sees *three* visions, rather than just *one*.

First, this helped to emphasize the certainty of the event. Pharaoh was given two dreams by God for this purpose. In fact, Joseph told him, "Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, *it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about*" (Gen. 41:32). The same was no doubt true for Daniel.

Second, these different visions could explain world empires from two different perspectives. At first, he pictures them like a giant statue (Dan. 2), because this is a *human* perspective of world empires. But when he explains them again in the book, he pictures them as frightful and snarling beasts, which is *God's* perspective of world empires.

The following table summarizes the similarities between the books of Daniel and Revelation. Note from the table that Daniel sees the vision of the beasts going forward in time, and the Apostle John sees them looking backwards (i.e., in reverse order).

Daniel 2: Nebuchad- nezzar's Statue	Identified as	Daniel 7: Daniel's Vision of Beasts	Daniel 8: Daniel's Second Vision	Revelation 17:10	Approximate Dates
				Egypt	
				Assyria	
Head of Gold	Babylon Daniel 2:37-38	Lion		Rev. 13:2c: Lion	606-539 BC
Chest and Arms of Silver	Medo-Persia Daniel 8:20	Bear	Ram	Rev. 13:2b: Bear	539-330 BC
Belly and Thighs of Bronze	Greece Daniel 8:21	Leopard	Goat	Rev. 13:2a: Leopard	330-68 BC
Legs of Iron	Rome	Terrifying and Frightening Beast		Rome 13:1 Beast	68 BC- 476 AD
Feet and 10 Toes of Iron Mixed with Clay	Revived Roman Empire Antichrist			Rev. 13:1: Beast with 7 heads, 10 horns, and 10 crowns Rev. 7:12: 10 horns = 10 kings	Future