

**The Book of Daniel**  
**Lesson 6 Daniel 2:31-45**  
**Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream**

**Prayer:**

*"Make me know Your ways, Lord; teach me Your paths.*

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;*

*For You I wait all the day." Psalm 25:4-5*

**Establishing Context:**

Reread Daniel 2:1-30. Summarize the main points of the narrative account. What has happened? \_\_\_\_\_

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In 2:20-23 Daniel praises God. What do we learn about God's character from the verses?

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Considering Daniel was only a teen at the time, it is remarkable how much sound theology he had already hidden in his heart. How was this fueling his faith and causing him to walk with boldness and integrity? Be specific.

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**Read Daniel 2:31-45**

1. Describe the image from Nebuchadnezzar's dream, noting what each part is made of and the part of the body it coincides with. Note the adjectives he uses (vs 31-33).

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2. Describe the stone that struck the image in verses 34-35 noting what it did and then what it turned into. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What did we already learn that the dream is about in 2:28-29? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Knowing that the dream will explain future events, Daniel proceeds to interpret the details in verses 36-45.

a. Who is the head of gold and how is it described? What kingdom or empire is this referring to (vs 36)? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. How does he describe the kingdom that will come right after this? What part of the image does this kingdom coincide with (vs 39 and 32)? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. How is the third kingdom described in vs 39? What part of the image does this kingdom coincide with (vs 32)? \_\_\_\_\_

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d. How is the fourth kingdom described in vs 40? What part of the image does this kingdom coincide with (vs 33)? \_\_\_\_\_

e. How is the fifth kingdom described in vs 41? What part of the image does this kingdom coincide with (vs 33)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Why do you think Neuchadnezzar is only told who the head of gold is? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What role does the stone from verses 34-35 play in the dream? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What does the stone represent (Psalm 2, Isaiah 2:2, 9: 6-7, 28:16, Daniel 7:13-14)? \_\_\_\_\_

8. How is the sixth kingdom (represented by the stone) so much different than all the other kingdoms? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_

9. How would you summarize the main point of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? \_\_\_\_\_

10. From any previous knowledge of history, how does the dream coincide with actual historical events? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application**

11. Read Psalm 2. How should the truth contained in this passage, and in Daniel 2, impact our daily life? Be specific. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Read I Peter 1:13. What would it look like for you to set your hope more fully on future grace? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What gets in the way of you longing for Christ to return? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Does the thought of eternity make you afraid, full of joyful anticipation, or somewhere inbetween? Explain.

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**“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” Rev. 21:1-4**

