

Nebuchadnezzar's image

Feet of iron and clay

'Where all the action takes place'



The composition of the IMAGE

The metals get **stronger**
The influence and power of this man over his God given dominion, gets stronger and stronger.

BUT the metals get less **Valuable** until he is worthless
He increases in strength but he depreciates in worth



Head of a man Dan 2:37

Heart of a man Dan 7:4

Feet of a man Dan 7:4

The image thinks like a man,
Head - Mental

feels like a man
Heart - Moral

stands like man
(Feet - Physical)

The image is a MAN



The character of the man/image

This strong, imposing man has a basic defect

- His feet are mixed with **dirty clay** not even fit for a potter
- He has an unstable base
- He is **cruel & beastly** crushing all things with his feet
- He is **mortal** and he will return to the dust from where came.

God's perspective of the man / image



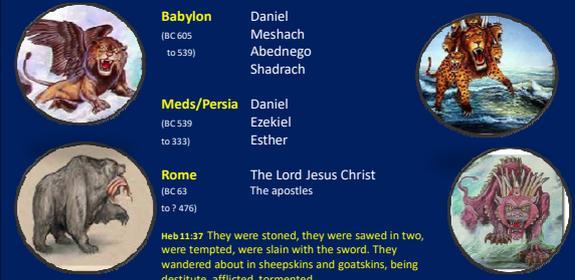
All are flesh devouring beasts of the field

All devour innocent, defenceless prey

They all eat lambs

'The survival of the strong, depends upon the sacrifice of the innocent'

Treading underfoot - Devoured lambs

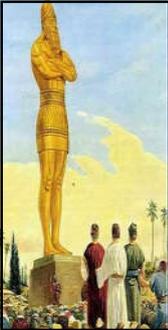


Babylon
(BC 605 to 539)
Daniel
Meshach
Abednego
Shadrach

Meds/Persia
(BC 539 to 333)
Daniel
Ezekiel
Esther

Rome
(BC 63 to 7 476)
The Lord Jesus Christ
The apostles

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawed in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented.



Nebuchadnezzar's response

He builds a 60 cubit high **ALL GOLD** image.

'There is and there will be, no other power other than me ... 'I shall not surely die'

He defies God because he thinks he is above God



This man is a bully and he is all about power and control



goliath: another metallic warrior

- Both were clad in metal from head to foot
- Both use the language of dominion, exploited from God
- Both threaten to devour the lambs of God
- Both engage in a religious battle to prove they are invincible ... 'we shall not surely die'
- Both are destroyed by a stone, made without hands



Adam

- Made of clay (Clay feet)
- Given dominion by God
- Defied the word of God. Did not believe he would surely die
- Returned to dust from whence he came
- Caused a lamb to be slain

THE Same man – MADE IN TH IMAGE OF GOD

 <p>Made of clay Exploited dominion Did not believe Gods word Mired by sin Sentenced to return to dust The cause of the first slain lamb</p>	 <p>Proud & Arrogant Threatened Gods lambs Exploited Dominion Destroyed by a stone</p>	 <p>Exploited dominion Devoured Gods Lambs Did not believe Gods Word that he Would surely die Destroyed by a stone and returned to dust</p>
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What is dominion?

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"You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of Heaven has given you a kingdom, **power, and strength,** and glory. And wherever the sons of men, **the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens live,** He has given **them** into your hand, and has made you **ruler** over them all. You are this head of gold". (Dan 2:37-38)

DOMINION (Heb: Raw daw) To tread down. To crumble
SUBDUJE: (Heb: Caw bash) To trample




Gods mission statement

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THE CREATION

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Gen 1:27)

NB: 'AFTER OUR LIKENESS' IS MISSING



Redemption from 'the FATE OF "THE man" in all 3 cases involves FEET



Genesis 3:15




Victory over the Goliath

David recognized the human qualities of lions and bears in Goliath

'And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock. And I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb out of its mouth.... Your servant killed both the lion and the bear. And this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' (1Sa 17:34-36)

The shepherd boy destroyed the giant with a stone made without hands (Jesus) as a result began his road to kingship



what is dominion ?

Dominion is stamping out and trampling on those characteristic associated with beasts of the field

The vision that God had for mankind in the beginning, was the very opposite of the man represented in Nebuchadnezzar's vision

Adam failed because he did not develop the moral likeness of God, ie the character of God




instead of subduing the beast, this man became the beast

10 The number of rulership / dominion. Strong, corrupt government of all ages

- It tramples the weak and the oppressed – innocent lambs
- It usurps its own dominion and authority. It denies God
- It seeks to destroy God's people

BUT: It is not as strong as it thinks it is, it is **mortal/mixed with clay that is even unfit for a potter** – it is unstable and therefore unbeknown to itself, can easily topple

It can be destroyed with a stone made without hands. Jesus, struck the image in the feet. Gen 3:15






The fate of Beasts and Lambs

Like the serpent, this beast is crushed on the feet with a fatal blow by the seed of the woman, Jesus.

BUT the lambs that it sought to destroy, were only bruised.

Dan 2:40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and **bruise**.

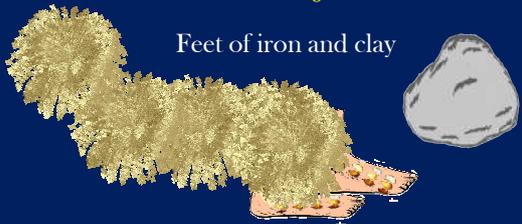
BACK WE GO TO GEN 3:15




'Be part of the Jesus Movement'

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The multilayered image

Prophecy

- Exposes our rebellion
- Corrects our mistakes
- Trains us to live Gods way
- Prepares us for the kingdom
- Rounds of our character

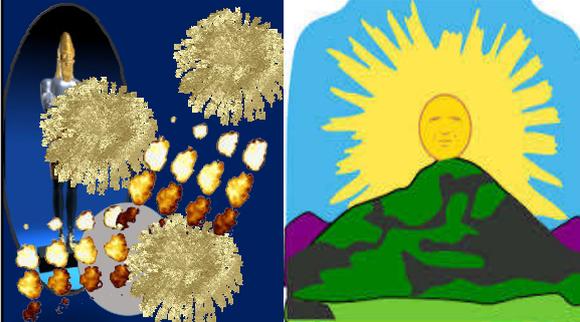


The Redemption of Adam

'And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, (with his feet) and you shall bruise His heel..' (Gen 3:15)

That means

'Align yourself with the seed of the woman. Honour my son. Emulate him and the serpent will no longer have the power to destroy you, as I will demonstrate in the life of my son.'



The Role of Prophecy

- Confirmation that the bible is the inspired word of God
- Provides hope & expectation
- Maintains vigilance / interest
- Powerful tool for gospel extension



The Role of Prophecy

Since the fall of the Roman Empire not one person in almost 1600 years, has ever seen the outcome of the iron and clay feet to date.




The Role of scripture

'Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another--showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us'

(2Ti3:16-17 – The Message)



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