



Introduction

Daniel was a Jewish captive taken by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon (modern day Iraq).

Questions

1. What problem did the Chaldeans raise when they answered before the king?
2. What did Daniel do when he went to his house and what happened as a result?
3. What did Daniel tell the king about his secret and what God had made known to him?

Summary Points

- **v 1 to 13** Nebuchadnezzar has a dream and wants to check the credibility of his wise men by asking them to tell him the dream and then interpret it
- **v 14 to 23** Daniel, hearing about this, arranges to give the king an interpretation. He and his three friends pray to God, and Daniel is told the dream and its meaning
- **v 24 to 27** Daniel is taken to the king. Daniel then tells him that God has revealed the dream to him
- **v 28 to 35** The dream is of an image of a man (see information) made of different materials
- **v 36 to 45** Daniel explains the meaning of the dream, saying that the gold and other metals are successive empires. These will finally be destroyed by a stone, representing God’s kingdom
- **v 46 to 49** Daniel and his friends are rewarded by being given positions of authority and responsibility in Babylon

Timeline 570 BC (see below)

Information

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

The second chapter of the book of Daniel records a dream that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon had. The dream was a bird's eye view of world history from about 600 BC down to the present day and beyond. In his dream he saw an image made of different metals which was struck on the feet by a stone which destroyed the image. The stone then grew in size and filled the world.

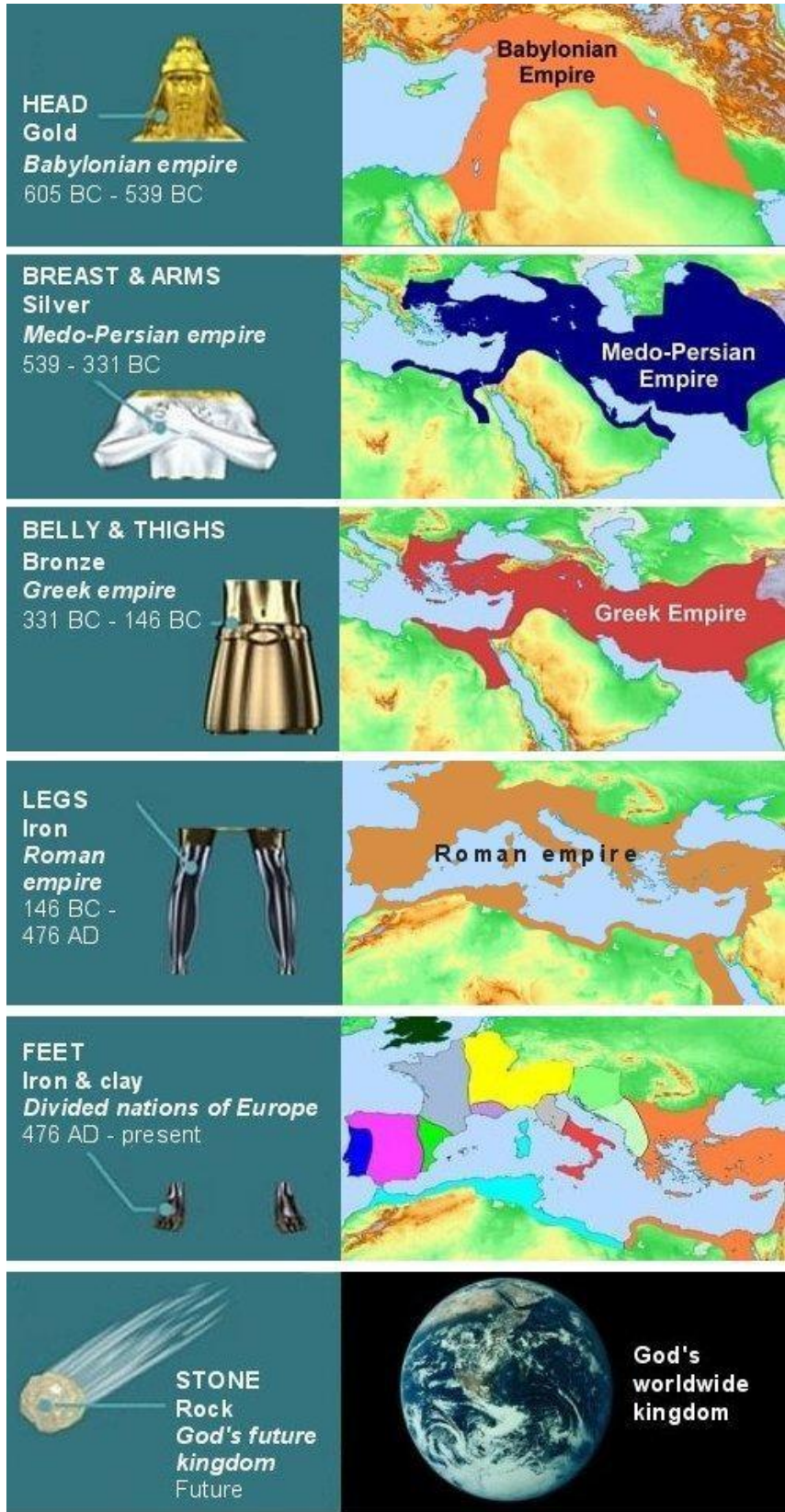
Daniel then explained that the metals represented successive empires while the feet represented a period of unstable division.





He said that the head of gold represented Babylon. Babylon was followed by three more successive empires. Following the fourth empire there would be a period of division. The whole image would then be destroyed and replaced by a worldwide empire that God would establish.

As we can see below this bird's eye view has proved to be remarkably accurate. This gives us confidence that the final stage of the prediction will also happen.





? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 10 and 11, Q 2: v 17 to 19, Q 3: v 27 and 28

Bible timeline

