

CLASH OF KINGDOMS

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

STUDY GUIDE

Chapter 2B: June 27 - July 2

MONDAY

- **Read:** Daniel 2:31-49
- **Highlight** or note some interesting words, sentences or paragraphs.
- **Write** down any questions you might have.

Tip: Try reading it twice, in two different translations



Questions

TUESDAY

- **Read:** Daniel 2:31-35
- The dream is about a magnificent 'statue' made up of different materials. What other words are used instead of 'statue' in other translations?
- What verses come to mind when you think of an 'image'?
- What do you think is the significance of 'image' being used in both these ways?

Tip: Try reading the passage in the ESV translation, available online at www.esv.org



CLUE

Read Genesis 1:26-27

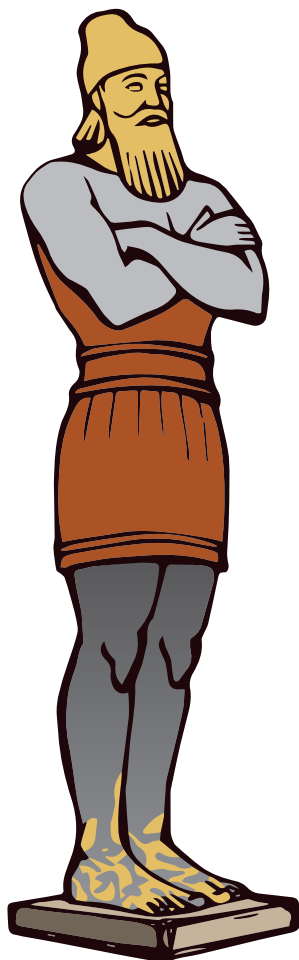


WEDNESDAY

- **Read:** Daniel 2:36-38
- Daniel starts the interpretation of the dream with the head of the statue. What is the head made of? What do you think is the significance of this?
- What does Daniel emphasize about God in these verses?
- Do these verses sound similar to some other verses in the Bible?
- Label the earthly kingdom represented by the **head of gold** in the picture:

CLUE

Read Genesis 1:26 again



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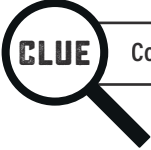
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THURSDAY

- **Read:** Daniel 2:39
- The second kingdom is represented by the **chest and arms of silver**. What are the properties of silver? What is the significance of this?



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Compare to the previous part of the statue (the head).

- Any guesses as to which earthly kingdom is represented here?



CLUE

Read Daniel 5:30-31, which describes the demise of the Babylonian kingdom.

- The third kingdom is the belly and thighs made out of bronze.
 - Bronze is not a pure metal it's an alloy.
- What do you think the significance of this is in this context?



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Again, compare to the previous part of the statue.

- Any guesses as to which earthly kingdom is represented here?



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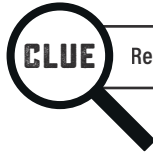
Read Daniel 8:18-21

FRIDAY

- **Read:** Daniel 2:40-43
 - Previous connections with earthly kingdoms have been (relatively) straightforward. When we get to the **legs**, and then **feet** of the statue, things get more complicated.
- Have a careful look at these verses again: do you think the legs (**iron**) and feet (**iron mixed with clay**) represent two different earthly kingdoms, or one? Why do you think so?

SATURDAY

- **Read:** Daniel 2:44-45
- In the days of the last earthly kingdom a '**stone**' is raised that will destroy all earthly kingdoms and reign forever. Who or what is that **stone**?



Read Psalm 118:22-23 & 1 Peter 2:4-8

- What are the characteristics of this kingdom?
Write down five aspects you see in this passage:

Notes

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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5. _____