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Dreams Vs Vision

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream!

It is not accidental!

Bible talks about dreams and visions. They are different things
(Numbers 12:6)

Dreams may not be always from God (Ecclesiastes 5:3),	but the Visions are always from God
Dreams always happens when a person is asleep,	Visions can happen while a person is awake or in trance,
Dreams can be fantasies	Visions are clear messages of God, needs revelation from God
Dreams are related to the persons fears and anxieties	Visions give clear plans, hope of the future

It was a dream for Nebuchadnezzar
...thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.
(Daniel 2:30)

Babylonian wisdom could not understand the dream!
The dream and its interpretation is gone away from
Nebuchadnezzar and from the Babylonians!!
(Daniel 2: 1-12)

God revealed the secret to Daniel

(Daniel 2: 19-23)

It was a vision to Daniel!

...given me the wisdom and the might (Daniel 2:23)

1. God is sovereign

(Daniel 2:20-23)

2. God hold the future His kingdom is everlasting

(Daniel 2: 44-45)

The Vision of the Gentile Kingdoms



Head of Gold: Babylonian Empire
(605 BC – 539 BC)

Breast and arms of silver: Medo-Persian
Empire (539 BC – 331 BC)

Thighs of brass: Greek Empire
(331 BC – 168 BC)

Legs of iron, Feet of iron and clay:
Roman Empire (168 BC – 476 AD)

**Stone cut without hands:
Kingdom of God (Eternal)**

God is in control of the future!



HISTORICALLY ACCURATE

1. The Head of Gold: Babylon (605–539 BC)

Historical Fit: Babylon was known as the "golden city." Under Nebuchadnezzar, it reached a level of architectural and economic splendour that was unmatched in the ancient Near East.

2. The Chest of Silver: Medo-Persia (539–331 BC)

Historical Fit: The two arms represent the **Medes and the Persians** joined together. History confirms that Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon in 539 BC, exactly as the transition from gold to silver predicted.

3. The Thighs of Brass: Greece (331–168 BC)

Historical Fit: Alexander the Great's conquest was the fastest in history. Greek soldiers were famously known as "brazen-coated" because of their bronze (brass) armour. Alexander's empire spread Greek culture (Hellenism) across three continents.

4. The Legs of Iron: Rome (168 BC–476 AD)

Historical Fit: The **Roman Empire** was the "Iron Monarchy." It was characterized by brutal military discipline and the "Pax Romana" enforced by iron-clad legions. The **two legs** historically align with the eventual split of the empire into the Western (Rome) and Eastern (Constantinople) halves.

Message

**True strength comes from the Sovereign God (Be Strong)
Strength of God is shown in Wisdom (Yea, Be Strong).**

The Lesson

The image Nebuchadnezzar saw, prophetically represented the future kingdoms (proven historically accurate).

The fragility of the man and human kingdoms:

1. Nebuchadnezzar with all his dainties died (while Daniel lived until the Persian kingdom (Cyrus - Daniel 1: 21) with the true strength from God.
2. Human kingdoms will come and go, but the Kingdom of God is eternal (represented by the stone cut without hands which broke all other kingdoms)

The Lesson (for you)

The system of human kingdoms, that oppose God, encourages you to have dreams that elevate fears and anxieties.

A dream can be fantasy and vision is a reality
You should have a vision than a dream!
(Proverbs 29:18; Daniel 1:17)

Vision gives you hope (confidence) and helps you to live wisely.
Wisdom is strength! (Daniel 2: 20, 23)

Proverbs 8: 14; 24:5: _____

Ecclesiastes 9:16, 18: _____

Isaiah 33:6: _____

Ephesians 5:15-17: _____

My Decision

Strength from God available to me,
I will be strong and manifest that strength through wisdom.

I am in Babylon, but I do not belong to Babylon,
I will not be troubled by the foolish dreams.

I receive the strength to be wise
and be strong against foolishness.
I will be strong, yea, I will be strong.

1. What is the difference between a dream and a vision?

- Compare Daniel 2:1 with 2:9. Why it was a dream for Nebuchadnezzar but a vision for Daniel?

2. The dream of Nebuchadnezzar tells us about the kingdoms, following one after another. It has been proven historically accurate.

- Babylon (605-539 BC) - Medo-Persian (539-331 BC) - Greek (331-168 BC) - Roman (169-476AD).
- What can you tell about the Bible from this historical fact?
- What it tells about God and His kingdom?

3. The world encourages you to have dreams.

- What are the dreams that you have or you are aware of?

4. Daniel could reveal Nebuchadnezzar's dream and its interpretation. It was a vision for Daniel.

- How this vision assured Daniel in Babylon (what assurances you can have from the Word of God while you face challenges in the world?)

5. Visions give you plan, hope and wisdom.

- How wisdom can be a strength?