

The Book Of Daniel  
"A Certain Dream"  
Daniel 2:1-49

Introduction

1. The ABC's of prophecy are given to the children of God thru a dream. Altho many dreams may be subject to a wide variety of interpretations, the one in our text is "certain."

2. The two words used to describe this situation are in v. 45: "the dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure." The word used in Hebrew for "certain" means something which is "established." The term "sure" speaks of that which is "faithful." Indeed, there is little reason to speak in broad platitudes--we may speak with a great deal of assurance. Here is a certain dream.

3. What helpful factors are there in connection with this dream? Three are noteworthy:

1. The HISTORICAL factors of the dream.

This marks carefully the fact that there were in the dream of the king specific matters of an historical significance. Note them:

Materials

Gold vv. 31-35

Silver "

Brass "

Iron "

Iron and Clay "

Nations

Babylon v. 38.

Medo-Persia v. 39.

Greece v. 39 cf.  
8:20, 21.

Rome v. 40 cf.

Luke 2:1

Final world power vv. 41-43.

2. The PROPHETICAL factors of the dream.

To deny that there is any prophetic nature to the dream is to ignore the plain teaching of 2:45: "God hath made known...what shall come to pass hereafter." Everything in the text was prophetic for the king except his own notable identification. Much of the dream for us is now history, but there is yet some prophecy unfulfilled. We have assurance

that it will be fulfilled just as the previous items were! What are these matters yet future? Mark them:

- a. The division of the fourth kingdom. vv. 41-43.  
Here is a composition of world powers which is a huge combine. There is no question but that a group of "kings" is in view here (v. 44). For the identification of these kings, cf. Dan. 11:40,44.  
Here are the western powers predicted!
  - b. The demolition of the fourth kingdom. vv. 44-45. This will be accomplished by the firm establishment of a kingdom from heaven. Heaven will displace earth's final and finest power. This heavenly kingdom is eternal.
3. The PRACTICAL factors of the dream.
- a. Concerning Daniel. He was given a political and symbolical position in Babylon.
  - b. Concerning Daniel's friends. They were exalted to high positions governmentally.
  - c. Concerning God. He was acknowledged as superior to all gods worshipped in polytheistic Babylon.

#### Conclusion:

The accuracy of the Word of God has often been questioned. Its veracity has stood the test of criticism. The acid test, however, is your disposition of the truth of the Bible. Will YOU personally receive its message? What will you do with Christ?

#### NOTES