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The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. I suspect the children are too young to know that the Lord's Word is the stone cut without hands. If you choose to tell them that, you might tell them about the cornerstone of the church, even show it to them.
- b. After this, Daniel becomes very famous and powerful.



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The Lord Tells Daniel the Meaning of the Great Statue

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and he was worried about it. So he asked Daniel to tell him what he dreamed because he could not remember what it was. The king also wanted to know what the dream meant.

Daniel said to him, “No one but the God in heaven can tell the secrets about your dreams, and He has told it to me. You, O King, saw a great statue in front of you. The statue’s face was good to look at but his appearance was terrible. The head of the statue was made of gold, his chest and arms were of silver, his belly and his thighs of bronze, his legs of iron, and his feet were made part of iron and part of clay. While you were watching, a stone was cut from a rock by no hands that could be seen. Then the stone hit the feet made of iron and clay and broke them to pieces. The great statue fell broken into tiny pieces, and the wind carried the pieces away. And the stone that broke the statue became a great rock and filled the whole earth. This is your dream, O King.

“And this is the meaning of it: You, O King, are a king of kings like the head of gold on the statue. The God of Heaven has given you a kingdom and power and glory. But after you will come two kings that are not so good. They are like the silver and the bronze parts of the statue. Then shall come a fourth king, as strong as iron, but who will break things and hurt people. The next kingdom is mixed—clay and iron—and the kingdom shall be divided. It will not be as strong. During all this time the Lord God of Heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. It shall be like the stone that was cut out of the rock and will be all over the Earth. This is the dream and its meaning.”

Then King Nebuchadnezzar praised Daniel and said, “Your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings, and only He can tell the meaning of secrets.” So the king made Daniel great, and gave him many gifts, and gave him power over all of Babylon.

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