



# BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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Friday, August 7, 2009 • Instructor: Pastor David A. Perch

## I. Daniel 2: The Executive Phase of the Judgment

- a. The object of the prophecy is to point our minds to the metals and not its physical form (See Quote #4)
- b. The prophecy of Daniel 2 brings us to the final portion of time
- c. It is a judgment hour message (See Daniel 2:34, 35)
  - i. These kingdoms are broken by the stone together
    1. Important to note that they are broken together because this means that these nations experience something at the same time
    2. Although the rise and fall of the world empires happened at different points in time, their breaking will take place at the same time

## II. The Breaking of the Nations and the Destruction of the Chaff

- a. When the nations are broken together they become as chaff carried away by the wind
  - i. What is the chaff?
    1. Chaff represents the ungodly/wicked (See Psalm 1:4, 5; Job 21:17, 18)
    2. The ungodly/wicked will be destroyed
  - ii. What is the wind?
    1. The whirlwind will destroy the ungodly/sinners (See Proverbs 1:27)
    2. Destruction to the wicked will come by fire (See Isaiah 5:24; Matthew 3:12)
  - iii. When will the destruction by the wind/fire take place?
    1. The destruction of the wicked and the nations will take place when God burns up the earth with the fires of His judgment (See Isaiah 17:12; Jeremiah 47:3; Zephaniah 2:2; Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 13:19-11)
    2. The destruction takes place at the end of the millennium and is God's final judgment against the wicked (See Jude 1:14, 15; Revelation 20:7-10)
- b. There are three phases of the judgment
  - i. Investigative (See Daniel 8:14)
  - ii. Sentencing (See 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3)
  - iii. Executive (See Psalm 149:7, 8; Jude 1:15)

## III. The Stone

- a. The stone is Jesus Christ (See 1 Corinthians 10:4; Acts 4:10, 11; Luke 10:17; Psalm 118:22)
- b. Was cut out of the mountain without hands
  - i. Symbolizes a work done without human involvement, but it's God who sets it up (See Micah 5:13; Psalm 19:1; Hebrews 11:10)
- c. The stone symbolizes Christ leaving heaven to set up His kingdom
  - i. Like in a marriage, Christ left His Father & Mother to fetch His bride (See Genesis 2:24)
  - ii. The bride is the church (or saints), the new Jerusalem, and Christ's kingdom (See Jeremiah 33:11; Ephesians 5:23-32; Revelation 19:7, 8; Revelation 21:9, 10)
  - iii. Christ's father is God, the Father (See Matthew 11:27; John 8:38)
  - iv. The Mother is the heavenly Jerusalem (See Galatians 4:26)



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1. Nebuchadnezzar's mind was to be awakened, if possible, to a sense of his responsibility to Heaven. The events of the future, reaching down to the end of time, were to be opened before him (*Prophets and Kings*, p. 497)
2. He whose conscience is a sure guide will not stop to reason when light shines upon him out of God's Word. He will not be guided by human counsel. He will not allow worldly business to stand in the way of obedience. He will lay every selfish interest at the door of investigation and will approach the Word of God as one whose eternal interest is hanging in the balance (*Mind, Character, & Personality, Volume 1* p. 325).
3. In searching the Scriptures you are not to endeavor to interpret their utterances so as to agree with your preconceived ideas, but come as a learner to understand the foundation principles of the faith of Christ. With eager interest, with fervent prayer, come to the word of God, that you may know what is truth, manifesting the same spirit as did Nathanael when he earnestly besought the Lord that he might know the truth. Light will come to every earnest seeker for truth, as it came to Nathanael. Jesus saw him as he bowed in prayer under the fig tree, and while he was still petitioning for light, the messenger came to call him, and to lead him to the Source of all light (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 25).
4. "The image shown to Nebuchadnezzar in the visions of the night represents the kingdoms of the world. The metals in the image, symbolizing the different kingdoms, became less and less pure and valuable, from the head down. The head of the image was of gold, the breast and arms of silver, the sides of brass, and the feet and toes iron mingled with clay. So the kingdoms represented by them deteriorated in value" (*Review & Herald*, February 6, 1900)
5. "It was plain to Satan that the sacrificial offerings were typical of a coming Redeemer who was to ransom man from the powers of darkness, and that this Redeemer was the Son of God. Therefore he laid deep plans to control the hearts of men from generation to generation, and to blind their understanding of the prophecies, that when Christ should come the people would refuse to accept him as their Saviour" (*The Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 2*, p. 87).
6. Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies. (*Testimonies to the Church, Volume 7*, p. 138)