

### III. What's the meaning of the rock in the dream?

#### The "Rock" symbolizes the Kingdom of God

#### Three things the "Rock" reveals:

##### 1. The Rock Is Not Cut Out With Human Hands. It's Supernatural.

While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. vs.34

This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands vs.45

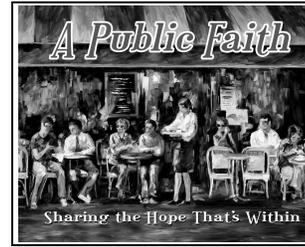
##### 2. The Rock Is The Least Valuable Substance In The Dream.

The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. Daniel 2:32,33

##### 3. The Rock Grows.

But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth. Daniel 2:35

"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. Daniel 2:45



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#### Living By Faith In A Secular World

##### Daniel 2:24-35;44-46

(Reading by Kim Metting Van Rijn)

Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him."

<sup>25</sup>Arioch took Daniel to the king at once and said, "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means." <sup>26</sup>The king asked Daniel (also called Belteshazzar), "Are you able to tell me what I saw in my dream and interpret it?" <sup>27</sup>Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, <sup>28</sup>but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you lay on your bed are these: <sup>29</sup>As you were lying there, O king, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen.

<sup>30</sup>As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than other living men, but so that you, O king, may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind. <sup>31</sup>You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. <sup>32</sup>The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, <sup>33</sup>its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. <sup>34</sup>While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. <sup>35</sup>Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

<sup>44</sup>In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. <sup>45</sup>This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.

The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy.” <sup>46</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. Daniel 2:24-35;44-46

*The Word of the Lord*

## I. What's The Meaning Of The Two Names?

### The false prophet Hananiah:

2 “This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: ‘I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 Within two years I will bring back to this place all the articles of the Lord’s house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon removed from here and took to Babylon. 4 I will also bring back to this place Jehoiachin[a] son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and all the other exiles from Judah who went to Babylon,’ declares the Lord, ‘for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.’” Jeremiah 28:2-4

### The true prophet Jeremiah:

“This is what the LORD [says to the exiles in Babylon]: 5 ‘Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage ... Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper ... 8 Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you.’ ” Jeremiah 29:4-8

## 3 Things Jeremiah says:

### 1. Enter Into The Big Picture

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. *Jeremiah 29:7*

## 2. Engage The Culture

‘Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage ... Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city *Jeremiah 29*

## 3. Embrace My Path Through Prayer And Peace

“Pray for the city. Seek the peace or the *shalom* of the city, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” *Jeremiah 29:7*

## II. What's the meaning of the dream?

Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep. 2 So the king summoned the magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers to tell him what he had dreamed. *Daniel 2:1,2*

“This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. *Daniel 2:5*

*Why do you think Nebuchadnezzar is trying to kill all of the wise men because they can't immediately tell him the meaning of the dream?*

## The answer is in Daniel 3:1

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. *Daniel 3:1*

***He had his mind set upon building a stature to his honor.***

Daniel is supernaturally empowered to tell him both his dream and it's meaning: While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace.

*Daniel 2:34,35*

***The point is Nebuchadnezzar's foundation was flawed. He could erect great statues but self-glory won't last.***