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| 3. Alemanni - Germany | 4. Lombards – Italy |
| 5. Ostrogoths - Extinct | 6. Burgundians – Swiss |
| 7. Suevi - Portuguese | 8. Visigoths - Spain |
| 9. Vandals - Extinct | 10. Heruli – Extinct |

13. What prevents political leaders from uniting Europe? Daniel 2:43

Note: Kings and queens tried to unite Europe by intermarriage and failed. Men such as: Charles V, Napoleon, Kaiser Wilhelm, and Adolf Hitler have attempted to unite Europe and failed. God's word is sure. So, at what point of history on the statue are we living in now? We are living in the toes of the statue. That means we are living in the toenails of time.

14. What does the rock, which struck the feet represent? Daniel 2:44

15. What event marks the beginning of God's everlasting kingdom?
Matthew 25:31, 34

Note: The event that marks the beginning of God's everlasting kingdom is His glorious second coming. The second coming is represented by the stone that hits the feet and shatters the image. At that time Jesus will set up his kingdom that will never be destroyed (See also Matt 21:44).

16. What did Daniel say about the interpretation of this dream?
Daniel 2:45

Note: We can see that Bible is reliable based on history. That is very important! The reason why is because: when we receive the Bible as the word of the Lord that leads us to receive the Lord of the word, Jesus Christ.

MY CHOICE: Recognizing that God is in full control of the future, do you want to be a part of the kingdom, which will last forever?



Lesson #1 Count Down to Eternity

Is the Bible trustworthy? What does the future hold? Is God real? Daniel chapter two gives us a solid reason to trust the Bible.

1. Why does God tell us His plans in advance? John 13:19, 14:29

Note: Fulfilled Bible prophecy verifies the truthfulness of God's word and gives us confidence that the future is in His hands.

2. Can Bible prophecy really be understood? Revelation 1:3

Note: If Bible prophecy cannot be understood, why would God give it? Why would God promise a blessing for something that couldn't be understood? How can you keep something that you can't understand?

3. Who inspired Bible prophecy? 2Peter 1:20-21

Note: Isaiah 28:10 mentions a principle of prophetic interpretation; the Bible is its own interpreter. One text explains another. Hard to understand texts are harmonized with clear texts. We cannot build a doctrine off of one text.

4. Who alone can tell the future? Isaiah 46:9-10

5. Why was King Nebuchadnezzar so troubled? Daniel 2:1-3

Note: Our story takes place in Babylon, which is known for the hanging gardens of Babylon. The city is located today near Baghdad in Iraq. In chapter one, King Nebuchadnezzar sends his armies to Jerusalem to conquer the city. As a result, the temple was destroyed and thousands were carried away captive to Babylon. Among those people were Daniel and his three friends. (Summarize Daniel 2:4-16)

6. What did Daniel and his friends do when they were in trouble? Daniel 2:17-19

Note: When Daniel and his friends were in trouble they called upon God. It is also our privilege to come to God in prayer in good times and in bad (Also see Jere 33:3). Answers to prayer strengthen our faith. God came through for Daniel and He can come through for you.

7. What did Nebuchadnezzar see in his dream? Daniel 2:31-35

8. What did the head of gold represent? Daniel 2:37-38

Note: The head of gold represents the kingdom of Babylon. This dream is basically a timeline of world empires that would affect God's people until the time of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Nebuchadnezzar's dream is the foundational prophecy for most of end-time Bible prophecy. Babylon ruled the world from 605 B.C. to 539 B.C.

9. What nation would arise after Babylon? Daniel 2:39, 5:24-28

Note: The chest and arms of silver symbolize the Medo-Persian Empire.

We know from the Bible and history that the Medes and the Persians teamed up to destroy Babylon. King Cyrus diverted the Euphrates River and caused the water level to decrease and the two armies marched in the river bed and took the city. This took place October 13, 539 B.C. Medo-Persia would later be known as Persia.

The Cyrus cylinder, which is now in a British museum, was found in 1879 by Assyrian scholar, Hormuzd Rassam. It records among other things the battle plans to attack Babylon. Archeology has confirmed what prophecy predicted. Cyrus was the general who overthrew Babylon (Isa 44:28-45:1). Persia ruled the world from 539 to 331 B.C.

10. What nation would conquer Persia? Daniel 2:39; 8:2-7; 20-21

Note: The goat that attacked the ram as well as the belly and thighs of brass represents Greece. We can learn a great lesson from King Alexander's life. Fame, money, and power do not bring true happiness. Peace only comes from knowing Jesus. Alexander had everything when he died at age 33, but he did not know the Lord. It is interesting to notice that Jesus was crucified at age 33 and had nothing in this world, but when He was resurrected He gained everything. Greece ruled the world from 331 to 168 B.C.

11. What nation would overtake Greece? Daniel 2:40

Note: The Battle of Pydna on June 22, 168 B.C. marked the final destruction of Grecian empire. Historian Edward Gibbon writes, "The images of gold, or silver, or brass, that might serve to represent the nations and their kings, were successively broken by the iron monarchy of Rome." Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire by Edward Gibbon. Chpt. 38. p. 651-652. Rome was in power during Christ's time. Rome ruled the world from 168 B.C. to 476 A.D.

12. What does the feet of iron and clay symbolize? Daniel 2:41-42

Note: Rome was not conquered it was divided because of internal conflict. When Western Rome fell in 476 AD the kingdom divided into ten divisions. The legs of iron and clay represent the ten divisions of Rome. They are:

1. Anglo-Saxons - England
2. Franks - France