

## DANIEL 2:31-49 ALMOST PERSUADED

### INTRODUCTION

Nebuchadnezzar threatened to destroy the wise men of Babylon if they did not explain the dream that was causing him repeated sleepless nights. Daniel volunteered to interpret the dream, then prayed earnestly for God to reveal it to him. God honoured his faith.

### NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (verses 31-35)

Nebuchadnezzar saw a huge statue of a man, made of various metals. A rock smashed into feet and it disintegrated and disappeared. The rock, however, grew with amazing energy, becoming a mountain and filling the whole earth. This dream reflected both Nebuchadnezzar's insecurity, and God's concern for his soul.

### DANIEL'S INTERPRETATION (verses 36-45)

Daniel explained to Nebuchadnezzar that he was subject to God's sovereign rule.



Gold	=	Babylonian Empire
Silver	=	Medo-Persian Empire
Bronze	=	Greek Empire
Iron	=	Roman Empire
A Stone	=	Jesus Christ

### NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S RESPONSE (verses 46-49)

Nebuchadnezzar was almost persuaded. He was shaken to the core of his being, *but* he was not converted.