

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S TROUBLING DREAMS



- The king called his Chaldean seers together to interpret his dreams
- First: to prove themselves they were to tell him the details of the dream itself
- They tell the king that no human can do that, so the king orders their execution
- Daniel and his 3 Jewish friends are included in this death decree



GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

observable in nature

Self-Existence

Rom. 1:19-20, Acts 17:23-29, Heb. 11:3

Self-Sufficiency

Isa. 66:1-2, Acts 17:24-25

Faithfulness

Psalm 36:5-6, 85:11, 89:8-12,
Psalm 119:90, Lam 3:21-23

Omnipresence Omniscience

Job 38-42, Psalm 139

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 50:3-6, 85:10-13; Psalm 97, 111

POWER

omnipotence
Psalm 145:10-13, Hab. 3
Romans 1:19-20

Goodness

Psalm 65, 67, 85, 103, 104
Acts 14:15-17

Mercy

Psalm 145:8-10
Psalm 113

Trinity

Prov. 8:22-31
Prov. 30:4
Heb. 1:1-3

KNOWLEDGE

Psalm 19:2, Isa. 40:12-26, 55:9

HOLINESS

Exo. 15:11
Job 22:12-16, 25:4-6

MAJESTY

Psalm 8:1-4, 111:1-4, Psalm 113
Neh. 9:6, Rev. 14:7

Patience

Matt 5:45
II Pet. 3:5-9

Sovereignty

Psalm 46, 74, 104, 135
Job 38-42, Isa. 55:10-11

Justice

Gen. 3:17-19
Job 9, Ps 96

Grace

Gen. 9:8-17
Psalm 121
Matt. 6:25-34

TRUTH

Psalm 57:9-11, 85:10-13
Psalm 108:4, 2 Pet 3:3-7

WISDOM

Psalm 104, esp. v24
Prov. 3:19-20, ch. 8

Glory

Psalm 19
Isaiah 6:3

ETERNALITY IMMUTABILITY

Psalm 90:1-6
Psalm 102:25-27
Prov. 8:22-31

WRATH

Gen. 6-9
II Pet. 3:3-13

Ruler-Lawgiver

Job 38:31-33, Psalm 33:6-9
Psalm 135, 147

Lovingkindness

Psalm 33:4-7, 107, 119:64, Psalm 136

- Daniel's prayer of thanksgiving acknowledges God's characteristics
- **Chashok** is Aramaic
- **Choshek** is Hebrew
- Means spiritual darkness, evil
- "light" more means "enlightenment"
- Daniel identifies himself with the God of Israel



- **God-Principle:** We can only know God by His name and His inherent attributes
- In modern times, God's identity within Judeo-Christianity has become muddled and compromised
- Well meaning Christians are trying to find a middle ground for peace between Muslims and Christians
- The new focus for Christian Missions has become evangelizing the world of Islam, with its over 1 Billion followers

Should Christians and Muslims worship Allah together ?

- Emergent Church is open to this concept
- For the sake of the Gospel of Christ should we accept that Allah = Jehovah?
- Has Islam been praying to Jesus, but didn't know it?
- Many modern Christian Missionaries to the Middle East hold this view



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CHRISTIAN MUSLIMS?



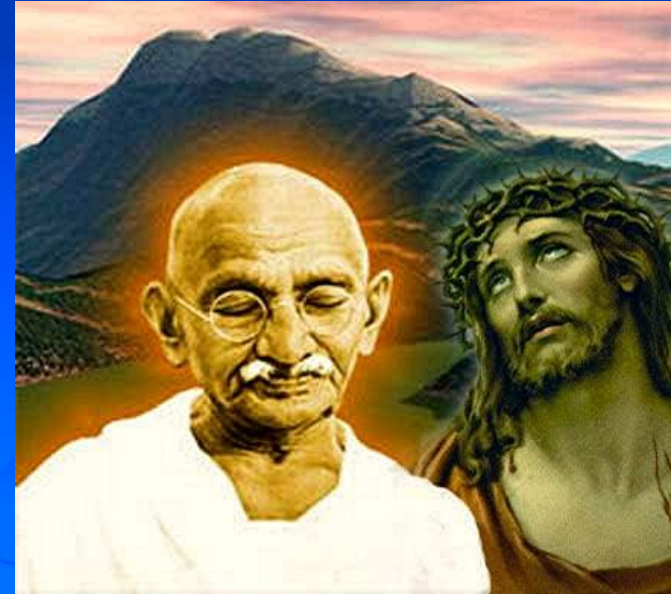
- A group of Muslims wants peace with Christians, and believes in Jesus
- But they also retain their Muslim identities
- So-called Christian Muslims do NOT believe that Jesus is God, the Son of God, or Messiah
- WHO IS JESUS ??
- Matt.16:13 - 17



- Muslims are worthy of hearing the Gospel and of being saved, just like anyone else
- OT and NT make it clear that our identity, which god we identify with and how we identify that god, is everything for a human being
- Adding pagan elements to proper worship is condemned by God, no matter our reasons for it
- Christ says we cannot identify with both God and mammon, the world and Yeshua, with Ba'al and Yehoveh, and now with Allah and Yehoveh

CHRISTIAN OR JESUSITE?

- Believing in Jesus doesn't establish a saving faith
- Much of Islam accepts that a Jewish man named Yeshua (Jesus) existed and was a good man and great teacher
- Many people love the peaceful and tolerant version of Jesus, but do NOT accept His divinity or His ability to save
- These people are JESUSITES and not Christians or Messianic Jews !



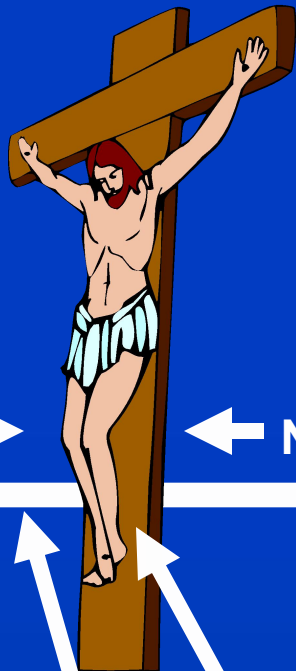
THE LATTER DAYS



- Daniel says no human can know the king's dream
- But...there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets
- The dream is about the ***acharit-yommaya*** (Aramaic)
- Same as ***acharit-hayamim*** (Hebrew)
- Literally = “in the latter part of the days”
- A uniquely Hebrew concept

1st ADVENT

2nd ADVENT



← OT TIMES →

← NT & MODERN TIMES →

CREATION
↑
DANIEL IN BABYLON
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CHRIST'S BIRTH
↑

1st LATTER DAYS

2nd LATTER DAYS



THE STATUE OF SHINY METAL

- The statue brought on an unexplained fear within Nebuchadnezzar
- Head of Gold
- Arms and chest of Silver
- Belly and Thighs of Bronze
- Legs of Iron
- Feet of Clay and Iron
- A stone appears and smashes the statue at its feet
- NOT an idol, not alive



COMPOSITION OF THE STATUE

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

IRON

IRON / CLAY



- Each successive piece melded into the other
- Represents the Gentile world empires
- Head is a unified whole
- Silver arms with chest divided (an amalgam)
- Bronze belly with thighs is divided (an amalgam)
- Iron legs separate but work together

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE METAL

GOLD

4th Hardest, heaviest,
most valuable

SILVER

3rd Hardest, 2nd heaviest,
2nd most valuable

BRONZE

2nd Hardest, 3rd heaviest,
3rd most valuable

IRON

Hardest, 4th heaviest,
4th most valuable

IRON / CLAY

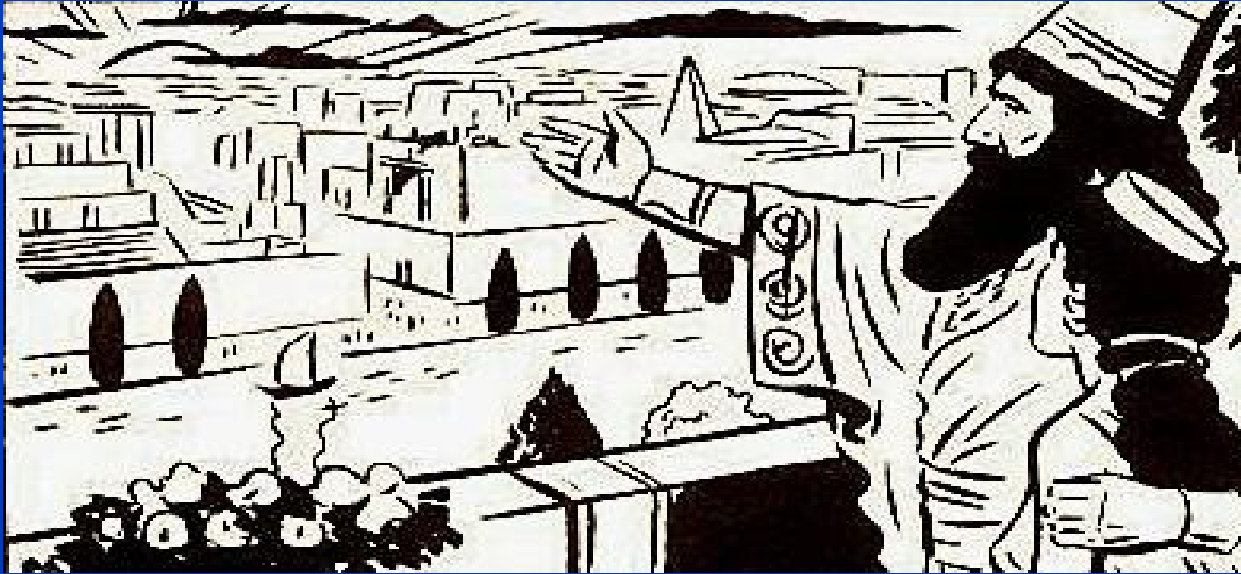
UNSTABLE MIX





- King Nebuchadnezzar was NOT evil in God's eyes
- He was raised up by God to punish Israel for their syncretism, unfaithfulness and idolatry
- Jeremiah 43:10
- Genesis 1:28
- God is handing over to Nebuchadnezzar the authority He gave to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

JEREMIAH PROPHESED ABOUT NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DOMINION



- Jeremiah 27:1 – 7 *“All the nations will serve him, his son, and his grandson....”*
- Jeremiah 28:14
- Nebuchadnezzar’s dominion only lasts for his 3-generation dynasty, then God turns his wrath on Babylon