



FAITH UNDER FIRE

THE
BOOK
OF

DANIEL

- 1. The head of gold—** Babylonian kingdom lasted from 636 b.c. to 539 b.c. Jeremiah called Babylon “a gold cup in the Lord’s hand” (Jer. 51:7).
- 2. The breast and arms of silver—**Medo-Persian kingdom (539–330 b.c.). Darius the Mede conquered Babylon (Dan. 5:30–31).
- 3. The belly and thighs of bronze—**Grecian kingdom (330–63 b.c.). Alexander the Great established what was probably the largest empire in ancient times. He died in 323 b.c.
- 4. The legs of iron and feet of iron and clay—**The Roman Empire (63 b.c.–ca. a.d. 475). Iron represents strength but clay represents weakness. Rome was strong in law, organization, and military might; but the empire included so many different peoples that this created weakness. “The people will be a mixture and will not remain united” (Dan. 2:43, niv).
- 5. The destruction of the image—**The coming of Jesus Christ, the Stone, to judge His enemies and establish His universal kingdom.

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THINK IT OVER

**“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”**

- Proverbs 3:34

**What things can you be thankful to
God for today?**

**When you think about the future of Christian
Faith and God's Kingdom, what do you hope
God will do in your Country? Region?
Neighbourhood? Home?**

**Spend time this week in humble dependence
on God in prayer, asking for these things.**

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