

# DANIEL

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**It was Nebuchadnezzar/Babylon. Extent was worldwide, but actual land was smaller.**

What do we learn about each section of the idol from 2:39? **5:24-28; Isa.45:1-7**

**Each part = kingdom/king; each is later in time, greater area/strength, lower quality.**

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**Strong as iron; it breaks to pieces/shatters all things. As such it breaks/crushes all before**

How is the *final stage* of this fourth kingdom described? **2:41-43; Rev.17:15-18**

**The toes are iron mixed with clay (pottery). Partly strong, partly brittle. Will not adhere!**

What is noteworthy about the toes? **Rev.17:15-18**

**There are 10. Iron = Roman Empire strength. Clay is NOT iron! Something 'with' iron.**

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**Both Daniel and Revelation identify them as 10 kings/kingdoms in the end times.**

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**The woman (17:5) sitting on the 10 horned beast. Organized end-time false religion.**

What happens to this 4<sup>th</sup> final *gentile world kingdom/toes*? **2:35, 44-45, 7:13-14; Mica 4:1-7**

**A stone (Kingdom of God) strikes the toes and totally destroys the image. Dust vanishes**

Finally, what happens to the Stone? **2:44; Acts 4:11; Ps.72; Rev.11:15**

**The Stone grows to a Mountain (Kingdom) that shall never be destroyed/left to another**

### Nebuchadnezzar responds...2:46-48

What is the king's response to Daniel? **2:46-48**

**He paid homage to Daniel. Praised 'your God', then gave him honors/gifts/promotion!**

And what did Daniel immediately do? **2:49**

**He requested his (3) friends to be appointed as officials (regional heads) in Babylon.**