

Daniel 2:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Analysis

Daniel concludes: Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. The phrase cut out...without hands emphasizes supernatural origin—Gods kingdom doesnt arise from human effort but divine intervention. This describes Christs virgin birth, resurrection power, and the Spirits work establishing the church.

The reversed metal order (iron, brass, clay, silver, gold) describes the stones impact chronologically backward from the feet upward, consuming the entire statue. This teaches that Gods kingdom, though established during the fourth empire (Rome), ultimately supersedes all previous empires. Christ came in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4), but His kingdoms impact extends to all history, applying redemption retroactively to Old Testament saints and forward to all subsequent generations.

The declaration the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure provides absolute confidence. Daniel stakes his life on this prophecys reliability—if wrong,

hed be executed. His confidence stems from Gods revelation, not personal speculation. This teaches that biblical prophecy is utterly trustworthy; we can base our lives on Gods word. Fulfilled prophecy (Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome) validates unfulfilled prophecy (Christs return, final judgment, new creation), encouraging confident hope.

Historical Context

This prophecys fulfillment over 600+ years (from Nebuchadnezzars time through Rome and continuing today) validates Scriptures divine inspiration. The successive empires occurred exactly as predicted. Christs establishing Gods kingdom during Roman rule fulfilled the timing precisely. The kingdoms ongoing growth through church history and missionary expansion continues the fulfillment. This remarkable accuracy over centuries and across cultures demonstrates that God alone could reveal such detailed historical trajectory, proving the Bibles supernatural origin.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does cut out without hands teach about Gods kingdom originating from divine intervention rather than human effort?
2. How does the reversed metal order (consuming the statue from feet upward) demonstrate Gods kingdom impacting all history, not merely future events?
3. In what ways does this prophecys historical fulfillment validate unfulfilled prophecy, encouraging confident hope in Gods promises?

Interlinear Text

כֹּל	לְ	לִי	קָבַל	יָתַר	מִטּוֹךְ	אָתַגְנֵן	רָתַת
Forasmuch as	H3606	H6903	H1768	thou sawest	H1768	of the mountain	was cut out
				H2370		H2906	H1505
אֲבָן	לֹא	לִי	בְּיַד	בְּדַקְתָּה	אָתַגְנֵן	פְּרָזֵל	אֲבָן
that the stone	H69	H1768	H3809	without	H3028	hands	and that it brake in pieces
						H1855	the iron
							H6523
נְחִשׁ	אָ	מִסְפָּא	אָ	כְּפָא	אָל	כָּבָב	הָזֵד
the brass	H5174	H2635	H3702	and the silver	H1722	and the gold	the great
						God	hath made known
						H426	H3046
לְמַלְכֵא	אֲמַת	הַ	לְתַהּוּ	אַחֲרֵי	הַ	דָּבָר	יְהִיא
to the king	H4430	H4101	H1768	shall come to pass	H1934	hereafter	H1836
						H311	H3330
פְּשָׁרָה:							
and the dream	H2493	H540		and the interpretation	H6591		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 28:16 (References God): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Genesis 41:32 (References God): And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

Psalms 48:1 (References God): Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Genesis 41:28 (References God): This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

Deuteronomy 10:17 (References God): For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

Malachi 1:11 (Parallel theme): For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 Samuel 7:22 (References God): Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

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