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Second Quarter-Lesson IX.—May 29.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM.—
Dan. 2:36-49.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*All things are
naked and opened unto the eyes of
him with whom we have to do.*—Heb.
4:13.

THE FORGOTTEN DREAM.—2:1-3.
Early in his career Nebuchadnezzar
had a strange vision, which greatly
troubled him, and all the more be-
cause he could not recall the dream
itself.

THE TEST OF THE CHALDEAN WISE
MEN.—2:4-13. The king sum-
moned the wise men, and demanded
that they should reveal the dream
and its interpretation. This was
beyond their power. He told them
that his requirement was a fair test
of their claims. If they proved to
be impostors, they should be cut in
pieces, etc.

DANIEL COMES TO THE RESCUE.—
2:14-28. The king was furious at
the failure of the wise men to come
up to their professions. Daniel was
young and unknown, and had not
been consulted by the wise men.
Now he asks for delay, and promises
the interpretation. The king con-
sented to delay the execution.

A Prayer Meeting of four, Daniel
and his three companions in faith,
was held in the house of Daniel. It
had all the elements of a true prayer
meeting. It took hold of God by
faith. It was successful; the an-
swer came. Daniel then reported
to the king. He claimed nothing
for himself. It was not his wisdom
but it was the gift of the one true
God.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S VISION.—2:
31-35. In his dream the king had
seen a colossal image of a man of
glorious and terrible appearance.
Its head was gold, its breast and
arms were silver, its lower body and
thighs were bronze, its legs were
iron, and its feet of mingled iron
and clay. And while the king was
gazing at it, a stone, cut out with-
out hands, struck the image upon
its feet, and the whole statue crum-
bled into dust, and was scattered
like the chaff of the threshing floor;
while the stone grew into a great
mountain and filled the whole earth.

THE INTERPRETATION.—Vers. 36-
45. There are two widely differing
views of the application to history
of Daniel's interpretation of the
vision. Both are agreed that the
four kingdoms are what are called
"world-kingdoms," having sway over
a large part of the known world.
They were military kingdoms seek-
ing universal dominion by force.
Both are agreed that the fifth king-
dom is the kingdom of Christ, and
its final triumph is here foretold.

The First View regards the wick-
ed king at the end of Chapter 8 as
evidently the same person with the
wicked king at the end of chapter
7 (and so of chapter 11); but in
chapter 8 (vers. 21-23), it is stated
that this king is one of the later suc-
cessors of the great king of Greece,
Alexander the Great; and we may
therefore conclude that the fourth
beast in chapter 7 is Greece (includ-
ing Syria), and the iron kingdom of
our lesson the same. The four
kingdoms would then be (1) Baby-
lon, (2) Media, (3) Persia, (4) Greece
or Macedonia. Others, with Cowles,
count them thus: The first is the
Chaldean empire; the second, the
Medo-Persian; the third, the Grecian
(Macedonian), under Alexander;
the fourth, the empire of Alexan-
der's successors; the fifth, the
gospel kingdom of the New Testa-
ment.

The Second View. History
shows that there have been just four
universal kingdoms in the world,
and only four. (1) The golden head:
the Assyrio-Babylonian monarchy.
(2) The silver breast and arms: the
Medo-Persian empire. (3) The Greco-
Macedonian kingdoms, especially
after Alexander, those of Egypt and
Syria. (4) The legs of iron: the
power of Rome, bestriding the East
and West, but broken up into a
number of states; the ten toes,
which retained some of its warlike
strength (the iron) mingled with
elements of weakness (the soft pot-
tery clay), which rendered the whole
imperial structure unstable. (5)
The stone cut without hands out of
the Living Rock; the spiritual
kingdom of Christ.

The First Kingdom.—Babylon.
The Head of Gold (vers. 36-38). The
Lion with Eagle's Wings (7:4). This
kingdom lasted, as a world
kingdom, about 68 years, n. c. 605-
538. And we will tell the interpre-
tation. Daniel sought no honor at
the expense of his friends. *Thou,
O king, art a king of kings.* The
Babylonian empire counted its
vassal kings by scores. *For the
God of heaven hath given thee,*
Daniel reminds Nebuchadnezzar
that his power came from God,
Daniel would show him that he was
only an instrument in God's hands.
Power . . . and glory. Modern re-
search has shown that Nebuchad-
nezzar was the greatest monarch
that Babylon, or perhaps the East

generally, ever produced. He must
have possessed an enormous com-
mand of human labor. Nine-tenths
of Babylon, and nineteen-twentieths
of all the other ruins that is almost
countless profusion cover the land,
are composed of brick stamped with
his name. Of all the seats of em-
pire, of all the cities that the pride
or power of man has built, Babylon
was the greatest. *Whosoever men
dwell.* Not over the whole earth,
but perhaps over the whole civilized
world of Asia, over all the historical
nations of his time. *Beasts . . . and
the fowls.* Meaning that he reigned
over the known world and all that
was upon it. *Thou art this head of
gold.* The golden head represents
the Babylonian world-kingdom or
universal monarchy. It is repre-
sented by the head, because it was
the first of these world kingdoms.
It was of gold because of its riches
and splendor.

The Second Kingdom.—The
Medo-Persian Empire. The Breast
and Arms of Silver (ver. 39). A
Bear holding Three Ribs in its
Mouth (7:5). From B. C. 538 to
333, almost two centuries. And
after thee. Following the kingdom
you represent. *Another kingdom
inferior to thee.* This was the Medo-
Persian, which began with Cyrus,
who captured Babylon in 538, and
ended with the battle of Issus in
333, when the Persian forces were
defeated by the army of Alexander
the Great. *Inferior to thee.* Of
greater territorial dimensions, but
of less splendor and magnificence.
It had no Nineveh or Babylon.
Cyrus himself, the first king, was
not inferior to Nebuchadnezzar, but
the kingdom as a whole was inferior.
The kingdom was inferior in the re-
markable defeats in the military
campaigns.

The Third Kingdom.—The Macedo-
nian Empire. The Belly and
Thighs of Brass (ver. 39). A Leo-
pard with Four Heads and Four
Wings (7:6). This kingdom lasted
from B. C. 333, nearly 270 years if
we count the successors of Alexan-
der as belonging to this kingdom.
If we limit it to Alexander's own
reign, then it lasted B. C. 333-323,
—ten years. *Another third king-
dom of brass.* All admit that the
third empire is the Macedonian,
which rose to pre-eminence in the
days of Alexander the Great, and
which latterly assumed the form of
two separate monarchies, the one in
Syria, and the other in Egypt. The
kingdom is symbolized by brass inas-
much as the Greeks were famous
for their brazen armor. If any
special significance attaches to the
four heads of the leopard it may be
this: that the Grecian empire of
Alexander was distinguished (as
was Greece herself) more by the
power of thought than by the power
of brute force. This was the em-
pire of brains.

The Fourth Kingdom. The Legs
of Iron and Feet of Iron and Clay
(vers. 40-43). The Strange Beast
with Iron Teeth and Ten Horns
(7:7, 8). There are two principal
views as to the kingdom thus sym-
bolized.

1. The Fourth Kingdom is the Em-
pire of Alexander's Successors (B. C.
323-65). The fourth empire is the
broken, divided empire that next
succeeded Alexander, known in his-
tory as the "empire of Alexander's
successors." This fourth kingdom,
according to the symbol and its in-
terpretation is mixed, composite,
brittle, inadhesive, not unified and
consolidated into one firm power.

2. The Fourth Kingdom is the
Roman Empire. History shows
that there have been four universal
empires, and only four. This em-
pire can be proved from history to
be none other than the great Roman
empire itself. From the period
when Alexander swept the world,
to the period when Rome gained the
ascendancy, we read of no other
universal, supreme, and absorbing
sovereignty. The Roman empire
fitly represented by iron from its
immense strength, and the vigor,
perseverance, and oppressive conse-
quences of its military achievements.
The Romans were pre-eminently
men of the sword. The empire was
at length divided into the Western
and Eastern empires, symbolized by
the two legs, in which there was
still vast strength, but also much
weakness. Now it is said that this
last kingdom, which is claimed to
be the Roman empire, was to be
split into ten divisions; or, if the
will be best from the abyss, seen by
John in Patmos, be taken, it was to
have ten horns; or, if Daniel's sub-
sequent visions be had recourse to,
it was to be tenfold. We have the
fact clearly predicted, that it was to
be split or divided into ten king-
doms. It is matter of fact that this
Roman empire has been divided
into ten kingdoms. *They shall
mingle themselves with the seed of
men.* By alliances and marriages
and mixtures with other nations.
But over this failed to make a real
union.

The Fifth Kingdom.—The King-
dom of God. The Stone cut out
without Hands (vers. 34, 45). The
Ancient of Days (7:9-14). And in
the days of these kings. Of the kings

of the fourth monarchy. *Shall a
God of heaven set up a kingdom.*
By sending Jesus Christ. *Which
shall never be destroyed.* That king-
dom has been growing ever since,
and was never so large or so strong
as to-day. It is the invincible proof
of the divine inspiration of the
Bible. *Shall not be left to other peo-
ple.* The dominion shall never pass
away from its rightful possessor.
*But it shall break in pieces and con-
sume all these kingdoms.* Not by
physical force, but by the power of
truth, the power of the Holy Spirit,
the power of character wrought in
the hearts of men. The principles
of the new kingdom shall destroy
the principles on which the world-
kingdoms were based. The people
of those same countries shall ac-
knowledge Jesus Christ as their king.
*The stone was cut out of the moun-
tain.* From the great universal
principles of the universe: it was a
part of the divine nature and there-
fore indestructible. *Without hands.*
That it is cut from the mountain
without hands, indicates that the
Messiah was born and brought forth
before the world as king of nations,
by divine, rather than human
agencies. *The great God hath made
known . . . what shall come to pass
hereafter.* After that which is at
present. The stone became a great
mountain (ver. 35). A prophecy
that this kingdom of Christ should
grow to fill the whole earth. And,
from the fulfilment of the former
parts of this prophecy, we know that
this, too, shall come to pass.

RESULTS. King Nebuchadnezzar
fell upon his face. The usual pos-
ture of deepest worship. And wor-
shipped Daniel. He was full of
awe and reverence for the courage,
the wisdom, the character of one
who was the friend of God. *Obla-
tion.* Of food, or of wine, such as
was offered to their gods. *Sweet
odours.* Incense. *Your God is a
God of gods.* Nebuchadnezzar was
convinced intellectually of the true
God. How far he believed in his
heart, and changed his conduct, we
do not know. The fact that Daniel
could reveal his secret proved him to
be the prophet of the true God.
The king made Daniel a great man.
Elevated him to high offices of state.
He made him rich with many great
gifts. He set him at the head of
wise men. This elevation and
power enabled Daniel to do much
for his people during the period of
their exile, and to prepare the way
for their return. *Daniel requested
of the king.* In behalf of his three
friends. *Over the affairs of the prov-
inces.* In different parts of the
country. *But Daniel sat in the
king's court.* He remained in the city,
at the court of the king. The gate
of a city in the East, being a chief
place of concourse, was the place
where courts were held, and public
business was usually transacted.

One reason for sending this
dream to the king, and its interpre-
tation through Daniel, was doubt-
less that by Daniel's promotion, and
by an influence upon the king, the
Jewish exiles might be comforted
and encouraged; be confirmed in
faith and allegiance to God; be
strengthened with hope; and that
the hardships of the exile might be
alleviated, and the people left free
to serve and worship God.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

Note the value of earnest, united
prayer.

The downward and deteriorating
tendency of all society, and nations,
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