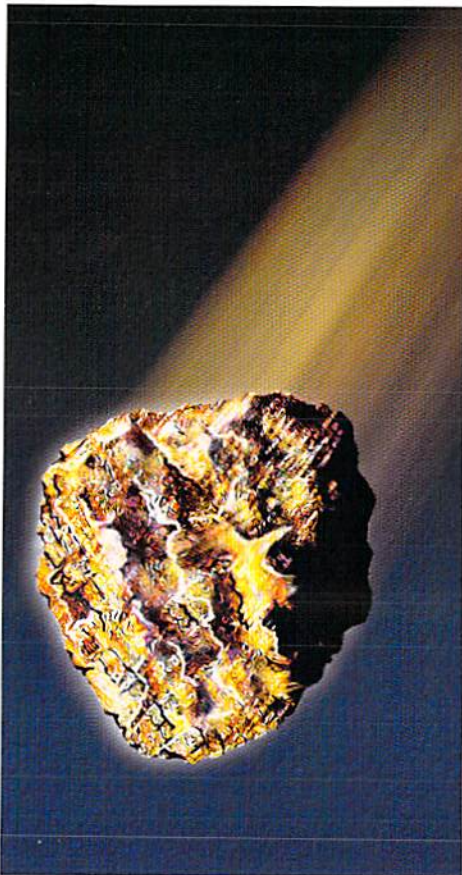


# Stone Cut Out— Everlasting Kingdom

## The Rock (Daniel 2)

- A stone was cut out, not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces. Then the rest of the statue broke into pieces and what remained was carried away in the wind. Then the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain that filled the whole earth.
- Daniel told the king that God will set up a kingdom that will crush all earthly kingdoms and bring them to an end.
- God's kingdom will never be destroyed and will endure forever.



## Vision of Beasts The Son of Man (Daniel 7)

- After seeing the four beasts in a vision, Daniel saw one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.
- The son of man [Jesus] approached the Ancient of Days [God, the Father] and was led into his presence.
- The son of man was given authority, glory and sovereign power.
- All peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him.
- His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom will never be destroyed.

## Bible References & Spiritual Application

- The stone represents God's eternal kingdom that is more powerful than any other kingdom.
- At the time of Daniel, the Temple in Jerusalem was in shambles and the people of Israel were placed in captivity. The defeated captives may have feared that their God was weak and unfaithful.
- Daniel's writing demonstrates that in the midst of despair, God is still present, powerful, and in control. Kingdoms and rulers come and go, but God is ultimately in charge. (Daniel 2:20-21; 7:9-14, 27)
- Despite Babylonia's wealth and power, Daniel emphasized that God's kingdom is eternal and more powerful than any earthly kingdom. (Daniel 2:44)
- The book of Daniel shows that God did not forget his promises. God's promises have been fulfilled in the Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14), who established an everlasting kingdom on earth. (Daniel 2:44; 7:27)

## The Statue in the Book of Daniel

The Kingdoms and King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (Daniel 2)	DANIEL'S VISION (Daniel 7)	THE KINGDOMS (Dates Kingdom occupied Judah)
HEAD (FINE GOLD)	LION with eagle's wings	BABYLONIA King Nebuchadnezzar to Belshazzar (605 BC – 539 BC)
CHEST AND ARMS (SILVER)	BEAR raised on one side; three ribs in its mouth	MEDO-PERSIA King Cyrus to Darius III (539 BC – 332 BC)
BELLY AND THIGHS (BRONZE)	LEOPARD with four wings and four heads	GREECE Alexander the Great and the Four Divisions (332 BC – 63 BC)
LEGS (IRON) & FEET (IRON AND CLAY)	BEAST iron teeth, ten horns; small horn with eyes and mouth	A DIVIDED KINGDOM Many scholars believe this kingdom to be Rome (63 BC through the time of Jesus).
STONE (CUT OUT, NOT BY HUMAN HANDS)	SON OF MAN (Jesus Christ)	THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF GOD