

A Kingdom That Shall Never Be Destroyed

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE K I N G

God had warned the children of Israel all the way back in the days of Moses; if they would not keep his covenant, he would “bring a nation” to discipline them ([Deuteronomy 28:49-50](#)), and that’s exactly what he did with the Babylonian empire ([2 Chronicles 36:15-17](#)).

In [Daniel 2](#), after mighty King Nebuchadnezzar had conquered Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple, and carried off many of the children of Israel to Babylon, he had dreams that no one could interpret... no one **except** Daniel. In [Daniel 2:31-45](#), Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed of “a great image.”

“The head of this image was of fine _____, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, its legs of _____, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces... But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” ([2:32-35](#))

In [Daniel 2:38](#), Daniel made clear to the Babylonian king, “you are the head of gold.” But “another kingdom” would arise after Babylon, “and yet a third kingdom” ([2:39](#)). Eventually, “a fourth kingdom, strong as iron” would rule the world ([2:40](#)). And here was the heart of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and Daniel’s prophecy:

“And in the days of _____ kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall _____ be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people... it shall stand forever...” ([2:44](#))

What an incredible prophecy! “In the days of those kings...” **What kings?** In the days of the Roman Empire, “the God of heaven” would set up “a _____ that shall never be destroyed.”

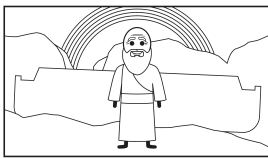
More than 500 years later, a baby was born in an easily overlooked part of the Roman Empire. In the days of “Caesar Augustus,” a Roman king ([Luke 2:1](#))—just like God had promised!—Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Jesus is the King of a kingdom that will stand **FOREVER!**



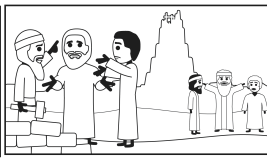
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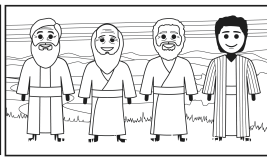
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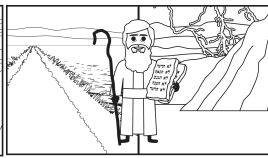
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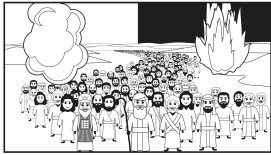
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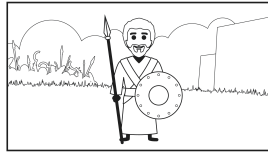
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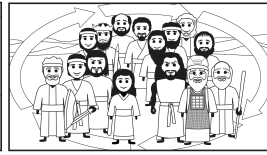
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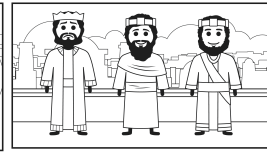
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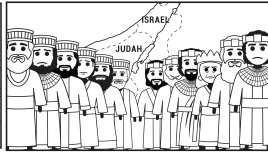
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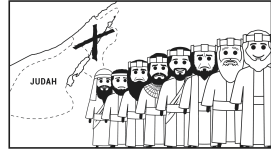
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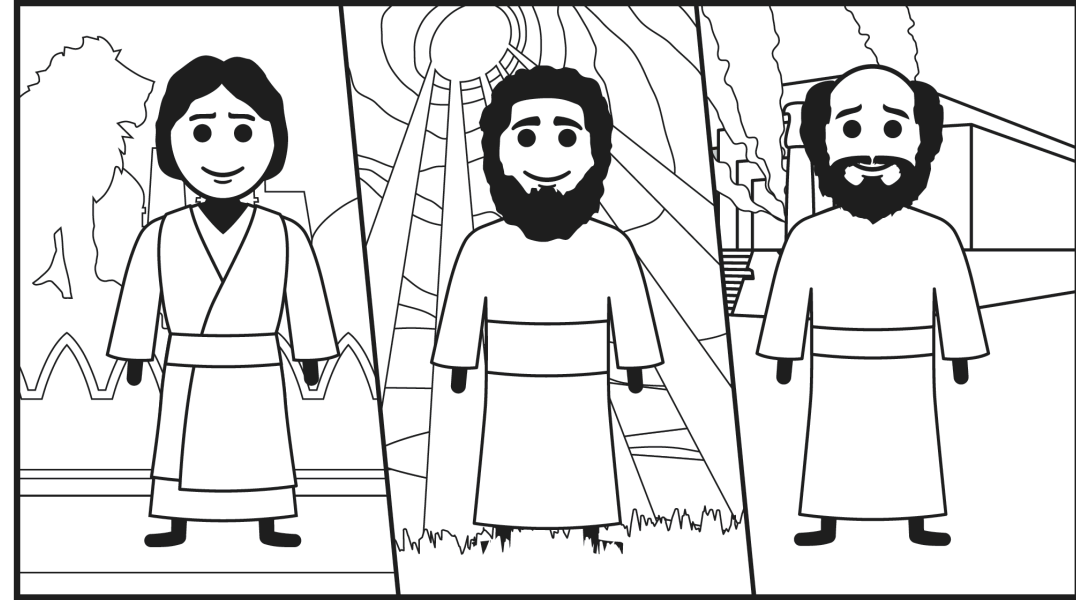
United Kingdom



Divided Kingdom



Judah Alone



There are **17** time periods from **Creation to Revelation**. Do you remember the first **12**?

Captivity



Can you fill in the blanks of the great statue Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about?

- **Head of gold:** _____ Empire (625-539 B.C.)
- **Chest and arms of silver:** Medo- _____ Empire (539-331 B.C.)
- **Middle and thighs of bronze:** _____ Empire (331-63 B.C.)
- **Legs of iron:** _____ Empire (63 B.C. - A.D. 476)