

## “THE RISE AND FALL OF EMPIRES”

1. Were you ever told a big secret? How did you feel then? Did you have to keep it “secret”, or could you share it with others?  

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2. Recall when you built Play-Doh people, sand castles or snowmen to last. Did it work? What or who destroyed your creation?  

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3. What Messiah-like action by Daniel “saves the day” for the other wise men (v.24)?  

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4. As Daniel unfolds the meaning of the king’s dream, how does he put the other wise men in their place (v.27; as did Joseph, Ge 41:16)?  

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5. How does he picture the large statue? How does Daniel put the king in his place (vv.36-39)? The other kingdoms in their place (vv.39-45)?  

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6. How does Daniel testify to God by name (vv.28,37,44-45)?  

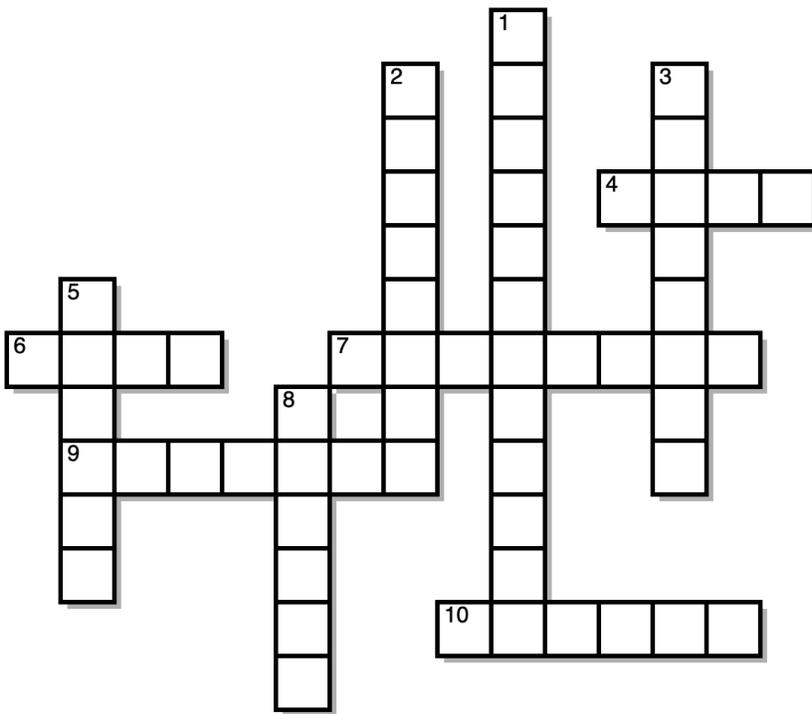
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7. The word “interpret” appears 30 times in this Aramaic section of Daniel (ch. 2-7): Why is it so decisive to *interpret* God’s mysteries?  

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8. In the face of seemingly weak church influence and strong secular and military forces, how does the promised kingdom rule encourage you?  

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9. Professor Alexander Fraser Tytler said: The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage.” In light of that statement (and considering it was written before we became a nation), where do you feel we are in that sequence? Why? Does that fill you with fear or with glorious expectation? Why?  

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**Down**

- 1 Daniel's Babylonian name. (v.26)
- 2 The statue represents the time of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 In the last days "Your sons and your daughters shall \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 2:17)
- 5 Daniel keep referring to God as "The God of \_\_\_\_\_". (37,44)
- 8 "You will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: 'How the oppressor has ceased, the \_\_\_\_\_ city ceased!'" (Isaiah 14:4)

**Across**

- 4 Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom of Babylon was represented in the statue by this element.
- 6 The apostle John implores us to \_\_\_\_\_ the spirits to see if they are really from God. (1 John 4:1)
- 7 Daniel chapter 2 has been called "the \_\_\_\_\_ of prophecy".
- 9 In the last days "Your young men shall see \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 2:17)
- 10 These shall be had by old men in the latter days. (Acts 2:17)

**WORD SEARCH:**

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|----------------|-----------|
| Latter         | Wisdom    |
| Spirit         | Image     |
| Word           | Splendor  |
| Prophets       | Excellent |
| Antichrist     | Awesome   |
| Daniel         | Head      |
| Hananiah       | Chest     |
| Mishael        | Arms      |
| Azariah        | Belly     |
| Arioch         | Thighs    |
| Nebuchadnezzar | Legs      |
| Captives       | Feet      |
| Judah          | Gold      |
| Interpretation | Silver    |
| Secret         | Bronze    |
| Known          | Iron      |
| Dream          | Clay      |
| Visions        | Cup       |
| Bed            |           |

