EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

PASTOR DOUGLAS A WHITE

"BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"



"THAT PURIFYING BLESSED HOPE" DANIEL 2

PART 2: "THE FINAL DRAMA BEGINS"

I. THE SCRIPT WRITER INTRODUCES THE CAST

- A. The Script Writer IS the Protagonist: The drama is how the protagonist brings about His plan of the ages
- B. In the best supporting actor role: Daniel
- C. The antagonist is the arrogant idolator: Nebuchadnezzar
- D. The supporting cast of "thousands": the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans
- II. ACT I "Dream a Little Dream of Me" SUMMARY: Humble the proud antagonist with a dream; humble his brain pool with request for interpretation; introduce the Nobody who's about to become a Somebody in front of Everybody; give 25 centuries of world history using an image, a rock and a mountain; reveal the dominant superiority of the protagonist to the antagonist and his gods; prove the protagonist's representatives to be the world's only reliable news source

SCENE 1: The King's troublesome dream makes him call for the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers and Chaldeans; the king goes into a rage vv. 1-13
SCENE 2: Daniel and his friends hear of the king's fury, ask for a recess and pray to the LORD;

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The LORD reveals the secret of the dream to Daniel; the brothers pray, blessing the LORD vv 14-23 SCENE 3: Daniel before the king; gives honor to the LORD for revealing the secret vv. 24-30 III. ACT II - "Mountain Do" SCENE 1: Daniel tells the dream vv. 31-35 The image with the gold head, silver breast and arms, bronze abdomen and thighs, and legs of iron and feet of iron and clay; stone cut out that crushes the image and becomes a mountain SCENE 2: Daniel interprets the dream vv. 36-45 Gold - Babylon, specifically Nebuchadnezzar Silver - Medo-Persia, Cyrus releases Judah Bronze - Greece, Alexander, Koine Greek Iron legs - Rome, crushes all others, provides highways for the spread of the gospel but is a wicked kingdom Toes of iron and ceramic clay - the break up of the Roman empire into smaller pieces that try to blend with the conquered people but does not happen; 10 kingdoms Stone cut without hands - not man made; final kingdom that crushes all and stands forever! SCENE 3: A humbled idolator gives praise to the God of gods, the Lord of kings and a revealer of secrets; Promotes Daniel and the boys