

## The Kings of the Earth (Nebuchadnezzar's Dream)



**Head of  
GOLD**  
(Initiation of the law)  
**DYING...**  
(First Death)

**Breast and Arms of  
SILVER**  
(Purpose of the law)

**Belly and Thighs of  
BRASS**  
(Execution of the law)

**Legs and Feet of  
IRON**  
(Consummation of the law)  
**... YOU SHALL DIE**  
(Second Death)

### The Second Death

Genesis 2:17 (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die** (*dying you shall die*).

Daniel 2:31-33 (KJV)

<sup>31</sup> Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible. <sup>32</sup> This image's **head was of fine gold**, his **breast and his arms of silver**, his **belly and his thighs of brass**, <sup>33</sup> His **legs of iron**, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Revelation 1:5 (KJV)

<sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the **kings of the earth**. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood...

2 Corinthians 3:5-11 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but

of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. <sup>7</sup> Now if **the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone**, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? <sup>9</sup> For if there was glory in **the ministry of condemnation**, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. <sup>10</sup> Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. <sup>11</sup> For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Gold denotes *divinity*, silver denotes *redemption*, brass speaks of *judgment*, and iron speaks of *death*. So we have the four aspects of the law of God contained within Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a man; initiation (*divinity*), purpose (*redemption*), execution (*judgment*), and consummation (*death*; discipline; see Rev. 2:27). Paul summed up the law as "the ministry of *death*, carved in letters on stone" and "the ministry of condemnation (*Hades*; see Rev. 1:18, NIV)."

The whole world lies under the law of God, for it is the necessary "tutor" to bring us to Christ (Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:22-25). Christ "is the *end* of the law for *righteousness to everyone who believes*" (Rom. 10:4).

Four aspects of the law of God. In his book, *Number in Scripture*, E.W. Bullinger tells us, “Creation is therefore the next thing—the *fourth* thing, and the number *four* always has reference to all that is *created*. It is emphatically the *number of Creation*; of man in his relation to the world as created; while *six* is the number of man in his opposition to and independence of God. It is the number of things that have a beginning, of things that are made, of material things, and matter itself. It is the number of *material completeness*. Hence it is the *world number*, and especially the ‘city’ number.” Also from Bullinger.

The *fourth* day saw the *material creation* finished (for on the *fifth* and *sixth* days it was only the *furnishing and peopling* of the earth with living creatures). The sun, moon, and stars completed the work, and they were to give light upon the earth which had been created, and to rule over the day and over the night (Gen 1:14-19).

Here’s Stephen E. Jones explanation of the spiritual meaning of *four* from his book, *The Biblical Meaning of Numbers from One to Forty*.

### **Four (daleth) The Earth, Material Creation**

**Daleth** is a door in Hebrew.

In biblical numerology, four is the number of the earth, or the material creation of God. On the fourth day of creation the material world was finished (Gen. 1:14-19), thereby allowing God to furnish it with living creatures. The gematria of the Hebrew phrase, *h’eretz*, “the earth,” is 296, which is 4 x 74. There were also four great divisions of mankind represented by the cherubim (Ez. 1:5), or the four “beasts” around the throne (Rev. 4:6). These represent all creation.

Likewise, there are four gospels, each corresponding to a different “beast” around the throne. Matthew presents the Lion, saying, “Behold the King.” Mark presents the Ox, saying, “Behold the Servant.” Luke presents the Man, saying, “Behold the Son of Man.” John presents the Eagle, saying, “Behold the Son of God.”

In accordance with this also were four colors in the curtains of the Tabernacle of Moses. The purple proclaimed, “Behold your King.” The scarlet proclaimed, “Behold the Servant.” The white proclaimed, “Behold the Son of Man.” The blue proclaimed, “Behold the Son of God.”

In geometry, a four-sided square represents the earth, while a circle represents heaven, eternity, and the realm of spirit.

The fourth book of the Bible is the book of Numbers, whose Hebrew title is *B’Midbar*, “The Wilderness.” The wilderness symbolically represents *the earth*. On the Day of Atonement the second goat (Christ) was led into *the wilderness* by a “fit man” to remove sin from all the people (Lev. 16:10, 21). Thus, after His baptism on the Day of Atonement, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. This was to fulfill the law of the second goat.

At the end of Psalm 4, we find that it is “to the chief Musician upon Nehiloth,” which means *inheritances*. It has to do with inheriting the earth (Matt. 5:5), beginning with our own “earth,” our own “Canaan,” our Promised Land, the glorified body. Yet before the righteous can inherit the earth, they must be trained and disciplined in the earth, often suffering to test their faith. Thus, Israel had to be tested in the wilderness (Ps. 95:8; Heb. 3:8) before they could inherit the land of Canaan.

Four, the material creation; you and me. Also, the “city number,” indicative of a *foundation* (Rev. 21:16; I Cor. 3:10-15).

The tree of the *knowledge* of good and evil symbolizes the law of God, for “the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul” (Psalms 19:7) and “by the law is the *knowledge* of sin” (Rom. 3:20).

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...

It is His divine law which initiates the process of death or “dying.” This is our first death. What follows is “judgment” by this same law. This is our “second death” (Rev. 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8) or “lake of fire.” Deuteronomy 33:2 tells us, “From His *right hand* came a *fiery law* for them.” The “right hand” speaks of God’s divine power and authority and His “fiery law” speaks of the all-consuming aspects of His Word in our lives.

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once (*dying*), and after that comes judgment (*you shall die*)...