

So the possibility remains that v. 43 describes something that is not obvious. Exactly what does v. 43 mean?

We have noticed in this ch. we have a symbol. We have the statue, and we have three dynamic occurrences: the stone that breaks away from the mountain without human hands and hits the statue utterly destroying it and the stone grows and becomes a whole nation. All of that is symbolic and strictly figurative.

But the interpretation is nearly all literal, in plain language. You are the head of gold. After you will come another kingdom further down on the ~~xxx~~ statue, a kingdom which will rule over the whole earth. Then a third kingdom and then a fourth kingdom. This symbol meant this fact.

For next time look at ch. 7. ~~There~~ In ch. 7 you have a vision and an interpretation. Note whether like ch. 2 it is a vision given entirely in symbolic language, and then an interpretation in literal language. Is it like that or are they mixed together? Look at the vision in ch. 7 and I would think if you would put down ~~a~~ a reference to each verse that is describing the vision or the interpretation. After it say whether it is symbolic(figurative) or literal. Indicate which is the vision, which the interpretation and what are figures of speech and what are literal statements. Go through and indicate that for ch. 7.

To study ch. 7 thoroughly will be a long job. We'll have to go into it as thoroughly as we can, but for this I just want you to get a good general idea of this fact about ch. 7.