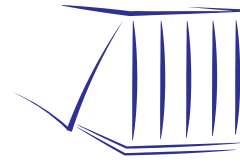


What Does the Clay in the Feet of the Statue of Daniel 2 Represent?



MESSIAH'S
MANSION

The clay in Daniel chapter 2 represents the church. But why would it represent the church, or God's people?

Let's see what the Bible has to say on this matter.

God says that we are clay.

In Isaiah 64:8-9, Isaiah says the he and the rest of the children of Isreal are the clay, God is the potter, and in verse 9 he says that they are God's people. This implies a connection between the two. God's people = clay.



God's people are referred to as Zion.

Isaiah 51:16 says that Zion is God's people. Hebrews 12:22-23 also says that Zion is the church (in the New Testament, Zion is sometimes spelled Sion).

Zion is the church of God.

In Jeremiah 15:5-8, God likens the house of Isreal to clay in a potter's hand. Isreal is also made up of not only Jews but Gentiles as well. In Romans 1:25-26, it describes Isreal. It says that they have partial blindness, until the Gentiles come in. Then it says that all Isreal (both Jews and Gentiles) will be saved by a Deliverer that will come out of Sion. Even the old testament Isreal was called a church. In Acts 7:37-38, it talks about the church in the wilderness at Mount Sanai.

Conclusion

We can conclude that the clay represents the church, or God's people. God's people are called clay, and they form up the house of Isreal, which is also described as clay.

The mingling of church craft and state craft is represented by the iron and the clay. This union is weakening all the power of the churches. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves.—Manuscript 63, 1899, 12, 13. (Untitled Manuscript, April 22, 1899.) 1MR 51.1