

“Prophecies Of Daniel Revealed” Part 10

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Last week we went through God’s Word and looked at the prophecies concerning the Greek Empire. Alexander the Great’s kingdom was divided up amongst his four generals after he died, they divided the world or his empire into four sections. The Bible plainly tells us a clue in Daniel that out of those four divisions is where the antichrist is going to come from.

So, the antichrist will come out of the area of the tree stump and try to grow that which was dead. But remember, these 2 bands on the tree stump of iron and brass are there for a reason. They are prophetically pointing back to the metallic empires to show you what will be happening. Remember the book of Daniel is a book of prophecy.

So we went through the Word to find out which one of the four divisions from the Greek Empire will the antichrist come from?
This represents the brass band on the stump

1. Will he come from Egypt? This is According to Daniel Chapter 11...

Daniel 11:42-43 King James Version

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Daniel 11:42-43 Amplified Bible

42 He shall stretch out his hand also against the [other] countries, but the land of Egypt shall not be among the escaped ones.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver and over all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall accompany him [compelled to follow his steps].

So the antichrist will take over Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia - he, the antichrist, will conquer these areas. He takes over Egypt and it says that Libya and Ethiopia are at his foot steps or follow him.

So, that is not his headquarters if he invades it and takes it over in the middle of the Tribulation. So we can take that and eliminate it as the place he rules from for the first 42 months of the Tribulation.

2. So, what about Turkey? Let's look at Daniel 11:40

Daniel 11:40 King James Version

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind,

with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Daniel 11:40 Amplified Bible

40 And at the time of the end the king of the South shall push at and attack him, and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, *with chariots and horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass through.*

The King of the North here is not Russia, but, it is Turkey. Turkey is already (almost) at war with Syria. There is allot of animosity with the Turks and the Kurds, Syrians and Iraqis.

So, if Turkey pushes at him (Daniel 11:40) during a war - he doesn't come out of Turkey, they are pushing at him because he (the antichrist) is coming out of somewhere else.

3. What about Greece?

Greece is now part of the E.U., but Greece economically is not a Super Power. Greece has had economic problems, rioting, can't make payments to the EU or their own people, etc.

This leaves only one area...it goes back to the stump. Most people don't realize just how important Daniel Chapter 4 is.

So the 4th choice, and only choice I believe based on God's Word is the stump...

4. Iraq, Syria and Lebanon

The more you get into this, it all goes back to the stump which is the area of **Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon** which is the old Babylonian territory.

In the book of Daniel it says that the antichrist is great to the east, great to the south, and great towards the pleasant land.

Daniel 8:9 King James Version

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

The pleasant land is Israel, the south is the northern part of Africa which we talked about, which is Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia (Daniel 11). The Bible says this is the area that antichrist will come in and take over.

Now, let's look at what Daniel Chapter 2 has to say about this fourth kingdom, The Roman Empire.

Daniel 2:40 King James Version

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

Daniel 7:7 King James Version

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

This is what scholars call the non-descriptive beast, meaning it doesn't tell you what it looks like in great detail. But, John tells us in Revelation what the beast looks like. (Remember Daniel 12:4 - he was instructed to seal up the book of prophecy for a period of time).

Revelation 13:1-2 King James Version

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Now, back to Daniel

Daniel 7:19 King James Version

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

Daniel 7:23 King James Version

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

We know that part of this fourth beast or fourth empire from the book of Daniel was the Roman Empire. It was a prophecy concerning the Roman Empire.

In 200-196 B.C. were some of Rome's first military victories. In 148 B.C. in Macedonia, which we know now as the area of Greece, this area became a Roman province at that time.

The city of Corinth was taken over and destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C. and later in 86 B.C., the city of Athens was taken over and destroyed by the Romans. That is when Rome took over all the area of Greece and not just Macedonia which was part of it.

The iron of the Roman Empire: They began to expand to Britain, Spain, France, Greece and the Middle East. They took over Judea which we now know that is part of Israel and all the coast of northern Africa. That included Morocco, Libya, and Egypt and all the coast line for importing and exporting all their goods throughout the Mediterranean.



This is what Rome was known for: infrastructure, bridges, roads, ships, and transportation. They were also known for their large armies that kept the peace throughout the known Roman Empire.



They were known also as the largest of the prophetic Empires especially after the western branch which we learned about earlier on in this study. That land would include Britain, Spain, etc.

Rome also occupied parts of Judea at the time of Christ which we know is part of Israel. It was also the Romans, who in 70A.D., destroyed the temple, burnt it to the ground, and scattered the Jewish people. Then, in 71 A.D. they salted the entire area so nothing would grow and renamed it Palestine.



So this is what began to happen in the time of the early Roman Empire and early Christianity. There was an Emperor by the name of Nero, and this was the beginning of 10 major persecutions that the Roman Empire did against Christians for three centuries until the time of Constantine.

When Constantine came to power in the fourth century, he legalized Christianity and the persecution began to fade.



We know about the Roman Empire from the Bible and from history books in general. By the way, the Bible is history (His Story), it is accurate and it never contradicts. The book of Daniel prophecies about this empire and just how vicious it would be and in it's day it affected the entire known world.

I want to show you the four specific empires of Bible prophecy that we have been studying in this series: Babylon, Media - Persia, Greece and Rome in the book of Daniel. In Revelation there are seven that John writes about because he starts with Egypt and Daniel starts with Babylon. This is why you have John talking about the seven heads and Daniel speaks of the four different beasts.

Parallels Of The 4 Empires In The Prophecies Of Daniel

All 4 ruled around the Mediterranean Sea area

3 of the 4 were headquartered in Babylon

All 4 invaded or controlled Egypt

All 4 were involved directly with the Jews and Israel

All 4 were involved in the Temple in Jerusalem

All 4 were Gentile Nations that ruled the known world

All 4 ruled in the succession that Daniel saw in Chapter 2

However, the Roman Empire eventually became divided. We know from our study in the book of Daniel that Rome is represented by iron. But the Roman Empire had a split and I want to give you the basis of that split.



Lactantius was an early church father that predicted that the Roman Empire was going to be destroyed. He made this predictions known to Emperor Constantine. Constantine had come to power through a series of supernatural events and history says he became a Christian.

He legalized Christianity and started to distribute Bibles and letting people read the Word. He hired people to copy the Bible as well as part of the distribution plan.

So, this is what happened after this prophecy. Constantine believes the prophecy by Lactantius so he wants to build another Rome and name it after himself. So he goes all the way to Turkey, which was called Asia Minor in that day, and builds a city called Constantinople.



Rome was built on seven hills and Constantinople was built on seven hills and it was named not necessarily for him but one of his relatives that came after him.



So you have two Romes, the old Rome and the new Rome in the minds of people back then. One is in the west and one is in the east and that is where the two legs on the statue comes in.

One of these legs that go all the way to the End of Days is called Rome, Italy. The other headquarters or Empire is in Constantinople which would later on be called Byzantium from the Byzantine Empire.

Then, it was named Istanbul, Turkey in the 15 Century when the Muslims conquered that area and took it over - the Ottoman Empire.

The division of these two legs is very important when we talk about Bible prophecy. In the image in the dream the two feet represent the East and the West, there are also ten toes mentioned in Daniel Chapter 2 from earlier on in this series.

The ten toes represent ten kings at the End of Days in Daniel, and when you read in Revelation that the beast having ten horns with crowns, it's all the same thing.

Revelation 13:1 King James Version

13 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Revelation 13:1 Amplified Bible

13 [As] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads.

Daniel 2:41-43 King James Version

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Daniel 2:41-43 Amplified Bible

41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of [baked] clay [of the potter] and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it some of the firmness and strength of iron, just as you saw the iron mixed with miry [earthen] clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of [baked] clay [of the potter], so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle and broken.

43 And as you saw the iron mixed with miry and earthen clay, so they shall mingle themselves in the seed of men [in marriage bonds]; but they will not hold together [for two such elements or ideologies can never harmonize], even as iron does not mingle itself with clay.

This is all the same thing. It is ten regions of the earth, ten nations or ten countries at the End of Days with leaders over those nations who will give their kingdom over to the antichrist.

Here is where those scriptures are in the Word about those ten nations or kingdoms.

Daniel 7:24 King James Version

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Daniel 7:24 Amplified Bible

24 And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise; and another shall arise after them, and he shall be different from the former ones, and he shall subdue and put down three kings.

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Revelation 17:12 King James Version

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Revelation 17:12 Amplified Bible

12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.

So, you have ten horns, ten toes, ten horns that are crowned, these are all the same in the Last Days, all ruling with the antichrist.

Now, let's talk about the progression, and so we have to go back and look at a little history of the two legs of Rome. This is about the division that took place in that empire. The legs are long and they stretch all the way from the hips to the ankles.

History of the Roman Empire Division

395 A.D. Roman Empire final split into 2 divisions

410 A.D. The Western Empire fell, meaning Rome, Italy and that is when the Roman Church and the Pope stepped in and eventually took over that area. That is what we know as the Vatican or the Vatican Hill where the Pope and the Cardinals live.

The Eastern Empire continued with Constantinople or later Byzantinian. The Byzantines formed an Empire that ruled for almost one thousand years until 1453.

The western powers of Rome (that's one leg) ruled from 800 to 1800. That gets into Napoleon and France etc.

Interesting that both of those legs of iron or of Rome ruled for one thousand years.

This brings us to the feet, which is the late 1800's to the early 1900's then to the ten toes in Daniel Chapter 2, then two feet. The following was said by Henry Kissinger, an American diplomat and political scientist. He served as National Security Advisor and later concurrently as Secretary of State in the administrations of Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.



“...Now that the *clay feet* of the economic system have been exposed, the gap between a global system for economics and the global political system based on the state must be addressed as a dominant task...”

Henry Kissinger, The Economist November 2008

The following was said by Hippolytus, who was the most important 3rd-century theologian in the Christian Church in Rome.



“...as these things, then, are destined to come to pass, and as the toes of the image turn out to be democracies, and the ten horns of the beast are distributed among ten kings...”

Hippolytus On The Visions Of Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar

Now, he calls the clay on the feet that are found on the image of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream democracies.

Daniel 2:42-43 New King James Version

*42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.
43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.*

It's very clear when you get to the time of the iron and clay mixture that it doesn't mix.

I want to show you what I believe... In the late 1800's the communist manifesto came, but the Russian revolution did not come until 1917. This is when communism began to spread throughout the entire world.

I want you to forget about ten toes right now and think about two feet. These feet are part clay and they are part iron. When you think about it there is nothing more clearer than this representing communism and democracy. Because communism and democracy could not merge.

Remember, Germany was divided. Part of it was iron and communism and the other part was clay and democracy. The West became clay and the East became iron or communist. What happened in Russia is that after 70 years it began to break. It broke in Poland, Eastern Europe etc, so they tried to bring in democracy where there was communism.

Now, democracy has worked in some areas, but the communism is still there. There are still hard liners in all these areas and although it looks like it might work it just won't mesh together.

China is still a total communist nation but they lend all the money to democracies. Remember, Henry Kissinger said, "*the clay of democracy is the economy*". They love the money coming from all the democratic nations but they don't want to change politically. The Bible says it won't mix (Daniel 2:43).

Now, here's the second part of this. Communism ruled for 70 years just like the Babylonians ruled the Jewish people in captivity for 70 years then it began to break.

This takes us now to a different iron starting about 1979, I won't go into detail tonight but this has to do with the Iranian Revolution. But, communism began to collapse around 1986-1987 in Russia and the Jewish people began to leave by the thousands and go back to Israel.

The next iron and clay is democracy versus Islamic ideology. It's not Islam itself, democracy is not battling Islam or trying to mix with it, it's a religion. It's trying to mix with the political ideas behind Islam.

So the next mix in the prophecy, democracy vs. Islamic ideology, it doesn't mix either. We have had a democratic uprising in Egypt, Libya, Syria, and the West Bank of Israel. These Islamic nations keep saying they are trying to form a democratic government but they are still keeping the strongholds on the people of their Islamic beliefs.

Once again, I'm not talking about religion, I'm talking from the political perspective: hate the Jewish people, hate Israel, boycott Israel, it's all Israel's fault etc. **That is still there even though democracy says that everyone is equal.**

Let's go through some of these...

The Gaza Strip

Using Europe and America To Force Israel
To Give Up Land

Iraq

Talking About A New Constitution - Still No
Religious Freedom

Egypt

Youth Are For A Democracy With Freedoms
Islamic Brotherhood and other fighting change

Afghanistan

Older Generation Tried To Initiate
Democratic Changes - Taliban is coming back

Arabia

Allows The West To Use Military Bases
But No Religious Freedom

Turkey

Called A Secular Islamic Nation
With A Form Of Democracy

Syria

Certain People Want Freedom
But Islam Still Rules

Let's look at what Daniel says again... this is speaking of the iron of Islam and the clay of democracy.

Daniel 2:41-43 New King James Version (NKJV)

41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided;

yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

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41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of [baked] clay [of the potter] and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it some of the firmness and strength of iron, just as you saw the iron mixed with miry [earthen] clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of [baked] clay [of the potter], so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle and broken.

43 And as you saw the iron mixed with miry and earthen clay, so they shall mingle themselves in the seed of men [in marriage bonds]; but they will not hold together [for two such elements or ideologies can never harmonize], even as iron does not mingle itself with clay.

This tells us where we are at today. The Islamic traditions versus democratic thinking. For example, in democracy, women have freedom but not in Islam, they do they have the same type of freedom. We see this going on right now.

The two feet are East and West, Rome and Turkey. Turkey had an empire from 1517 for 400 hundred years ruling in 3 continents and 27 providences. But, at the End of Days, it's going to come into ten toes which are still clay and iron.

This is the church and the government - the two different divisions coming together - ideologies that will join together and they will deceive many. A democracy mindset that is free to worship and an Islamic ideology politically that will rule.

Later on we will go into who are the 10 nations in the book of Daniel and where they are today.

