

“Tribulation & Ten Toes Of Daniel” Part 2

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Jesus commanded *us* to know the signs of His return.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know (command to know the signs of His return) that it is near, even at the doors.

Luke 21:36 KJV

36 Watch (command to pay attention, to watch, don't put your head in the sand) ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Jesus said we would need the Holy Spirit to be our guide, our comfort and that He, the Holy Spirit would remind us of “things” that we have heard and read. You can't remember or recall something if you never heard or read it. God does not want us to fear or to become complacent.

John 14:1-21 AMP

1 Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.

2 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.

4 And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.

5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?

6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

7 If you had known Me [had learned to recognize Me], you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him.

8 Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father [cause us to see the Father—that is all we ask]; then we shall be satisfied.

9 Jesus replied, Have I been with all of you for so long a time, and do you not recognize and know Me yet, Philip? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say then, Show us the Father?

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the [very] works themselves. [If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you.]

12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

13 And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as [b]presenting all that I Am], so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

14 [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as [c]presenting all that I Am].

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you.

19 Just a little while now, and the world will not see Me any more, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

20 At that time [when that day comes] you will know [for yourselves] that I am in My Father, and you [are] in Me, and I [am] in you.

21 The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]

22 Judas, not Iscariot, asked Him, Lord, how is it that You will reveal Yourself [make Yourself real] to us and not to the world?

23 Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

24 Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe and obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear and heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.

25 I have told you (his disciples - that's you and I) these **things** (promises in God Word) while I am still with you.

26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], **He will teach you all things (Gods Word - what will happen at the end of time) . And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.** (can't recall what you don't hear or read)

27 Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. **Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.** [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

28 You heard Me tell you, I am going away and I am coming [back] to you. If you [really] loved Me, you would have been glad, because I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater and mightier than I am.

29 And now I have told you [this] before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may believe and have faith in and rely on Me.

Jesus said, know the book of or the prophecies of Daniel...

Matthew 24:15 KJV

*15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by **Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

Matthew 24:15 AMP

*15 So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by **the prophet Daniel**, standing in the Holy Place—let the reader take notice and ponder and consider and heed [this]—*

The book of Daniel and the book of Revelation compliment and complete one another. We will be going back and forth in God's Word because the Word confirms itself. God is not trying to trick us or mislead us. He sent His Son to die for us and tell us when He was coming back. It's not His desire that anyone perish (spend eternity in hell) so, He gives us every opportunity through His Word and the signs all around us so you and I can make the decision to follow Christ and be ready for His return.

Numbers 23:19 KJV

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

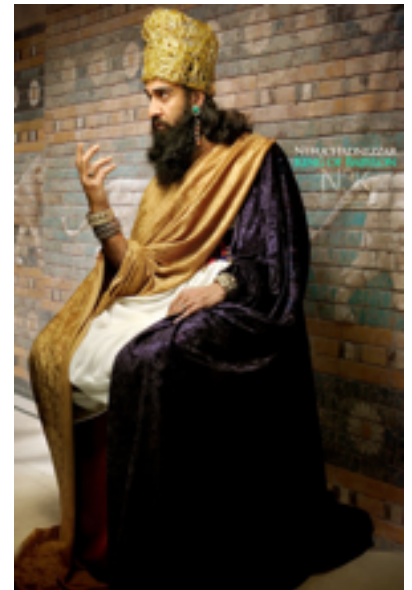
1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV

33 For God is not the author of confusion...

Hebrews 12:2 KJV

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;

We looked at why the Bible uses symbolism, and the history of Daniel on when he was captured and taken to Babylon under the rule of **King Nebuchadnezzar**. Daniel saw the empires that followed Babylon all the way to the “Time Of The End” and the same prophetic “things” were confirmed at the writing concerning the “Time Of The End” or “End Time” kingdom(s) by John as well in the book of Revelation.



Remember, Daniel was a prophet, and if you're incorrect you're not a prophet by definition.

Prophet defined by 1828 Webster's Dictionary:

- 1. One that foretells future events; a predictor; a foreteller.*
- 2. a person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Moses, Elijah, David, Isaiah, etc.*

Now we move to the vision of the statue that Daniel had regarding the kingdoms of this earth and the “Time Of The End” kingdoms. By identifying these former kingdoms, it will reveal where the future antichrist kingdom will be and where the antichrist will come from. In addition, it will reveal the ten nations during the Tribulation that come against Israel in Daniel and the book of Revelation.

As you will see, the prophecies in Daniel regarding the future kingdoms, the alliances are already taking shape. These prophecies are going to take place after the Rapture of the church so Jesus said recognize what is happening so you won't be caught unaware when I do come in the clouds.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Remember, in the book of Daniel “The Time Of The End” is mentioned 5 times. This was of great importance to God to get this message out. This is also mentioned throughout the New Testament as well.

Daniel 8:17 AMP

*17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, Understand, O son of man, for the [fulfillment of the] vision belongs to [events that shall occur in] **the time of the end.***

Daniel 11:35 AMP

*35 And some of those who are wise, prudent, and understanding shall be weakened and fall, [thus, then, the insincere among the people will lose courage and become deserters. It will be a test] to refine, to purify, and to make those among [God’s people] white, even to **the time of the end**, because it is yet for the time [God] appointed.*

Daniel 11:40 AMP

*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.*

Daniel 12:4 AMP

*4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until **the time of the end.***

[Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great.

Daniel 12:9 AMP

*9 And he [the angel] said, Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed till **the time of the end.***

Studying the Bible builds on other studies. Information leads to Revelation which leads to Transformation. Remember from our past studies...

Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV

*9 The **thing** (God's Word - promises in His Word) that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*

Ecclesiastes 1:9 AMP

*9 The **thing** (God's Word - promises in His Word) that has been—it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.*

So, let's look at the first major prophetic dream in the book of Daniel. **In chapter one**, King Nebuchadnezzar has invaded Jerusalem and Judea and has taken young men captive.

Daniel 1:1-7 AMP

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with a part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar [Babylonia] to the house of his god and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.

3 And the [Babylonian] king told Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring in some of the children of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility

4 Youths without blemish, well-favored in appearance and skillful in all wisdom, discernment, and understanding, apt in learning knowledge, competent to stand and serve in the king's palace—and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king assigned for them a daily portion of his own rich and dainty food and of the wine which he drank. They were to be so educated and so nourished for three years that at the end of that time they might stand before the king.

6 Among these were of the children of Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

7 The chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar [the king's attendant], Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

Now, in **chapter two**, it starts to get very interesting. King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream one night and can't remember what he dreamed. So, he threatens to kill everybody including his wise men if they don't tell him what he dreamed and the interpretation of his dream. So they called on Daniel and God gave him the entire revelation of this dream. Here is what happened...

Daniel 2:16-45 KJV

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31 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.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

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.

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.

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Daniel 2:16-45 AMP

16 And Daniel went in and desired of the king that he would set a date and give him time, and he would show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

18 So that they would desire and request mercy of the God of heaven concerning this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night, and Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever! For wisdom and might are His!

21 He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding!

22 He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him!

23 I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers, Who has given me wisdom and might and has made known to me now what we desired of You, for You have made known to us the solution to the king's problem.

24 Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said thus to him: Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Bring me in before the king, and I will show to the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make known to the king the interpretation [of his dream].

26 The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and the interpretation of it?

27 Daniel answered the king, The [mysterious] secret which the king has demanded neither the wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor astrologers can show the king,

28 But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what it is that shall be in the latter days (at the end of days). Your dream and the visions in your head upon your bed are these:

29 As for you, O king, as you were lying upon your bed thoughts came into your mind about what should come to pass hereafter, and He Who reveals secrets was making known to you what shall come to pass.

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than anyone else living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king and that you may know the thoughts of your heart and mind.

31 You, O king, saw, and behold, [there was] a great image. This image which was mighty and of exceedingly great brightness stood before you, and the appearance of it was frightening and terrible.

32 As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,

33 Its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay [the baked clay of the potter].

34 As you looked, a Stone was cut out without human hands, which smote the image on its feet of iron and [baked] clay [of the potter] and broke them to pieces.

35 Then the iron, the [baked] clay [of the potter], the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken and crushed together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors, and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them could be found. And the Stone that smote the image became a great mountain or rock and filled the whole earth.

36 This was the dream, and we will tell the interpretation of it to the king.

37 You, O king, are king of the [earthly] kings to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the might, and the glory.

38 And wherever the children of men dwell, and the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens—He has given them into your hand and has made you to rule over them all. You [king of Babylon] are the head of gold.

39 And after you shall arise another kingdom [the Medo-Persian], inferior to you, and still a third kingdom of bronze [Greece under Alexander the Great] which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom [Rome] shall be strong as iron, since iron breaks to pieces and subdues all things; and like iron which crushes, it shall break and crush all these.

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.

44 And in the days of these [final ten] kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people; but it shall break and crush and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.

45 Just as you saw that the Stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. The dream is certain and the interpretation of it is sure.

Now, lets focus in on these five verses...31-35

Daniel 2:31-35 KJV

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32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:31-34 AMP

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What we have here, is what is considered to be one of the great prophetic dreams of the Bible.

When you look at the interpretation of the dream (it interprets itself). The head of gold was Babylon, the first empire of Bible prophecy. Following the Babylonians was the Media/Persia empire or Medo-Persian. Notice it has 2 arms, one representing the Medes and the other representing the Persians and they are represented by silver. We will go over why these particular metals were used shortly.

Then we come to the third empire which is the hips of brass. This represents the empire that took over from the Medo-Persian empire which was Alexander the Great or the Grecian Empire.



Now, following the Grecian Empire, you had legs of iron and these legs of iron are absolutely the Roman Empire. There are 2 legs and that is because Rome became split, the East and the West.

When you get to the "Time Of The End", that is the feet. The feet are part clay and part iron and have ten toes total. The Biblical interpretation of this is at the very End Of Days there is going to be 10 kings representing an empire.

Five of these kings have to be from the East and the other five kings have to be from the West if we want to correctly continue interpreting what this image represents. Remember, this is King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

Now, lets go over these specific empires. Notice, they ruled in order from the Babylonian Empire, Media Persia Empire, Grecian Empire, Roman Empire and the 10 kings at the End Of Days or Time Of The End.

What I would like to do is show you the metal that is on the statue and then the empire. I'm going to give you the estimated time that it ruled along with the area of the world that it represents today.

The Head Of Gold - Babylon

606BC - 539BC

Iraq - Syria - Lebanon - Armenia - Israel - Jordan - Egypt

The Chest And Arms Of Silver - Media/Persia

538BC - 330BC

Iran - Iraq - Syria - Lebanon - Egypt
Afghanistan - Libya - Pakistan

The Thighs Of Brass - Greece

330BC - 146BC

Iran - Iraq - Greece - Northern Africa - Turkey
Afghanistan - Pakistan - India - Egypt - Libya

The Legs Of Iron - Rome

146BC - 476AD

**Mediterranean Sea area expanding west to Spain - Britain
France - Italy - Lebanon - Israel - Syria**

Then, we go to the feet of iron and clay, there are different dates on the split of the Roman Empire. Some people take it from the date when it first began and others from the time it was finalized and divided. This date of 476AD is a good estimate taking all things into consideration.

The Feet Of Iron & Clay

476AD

**Western Rome - Rome, Italy
Eastern Rome - (Constantinople) Istanbul, Turkey**

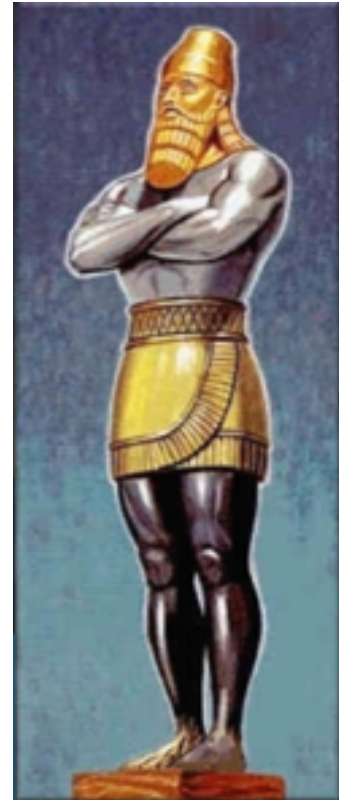
Now, at the “End Of Days” you are going to have ten toes...

Ten Toes Of Iron & Clay - Ten Future Kings

5 Kings from the West and 5 Kings from the East

This is representing ten kings. Five of these kings or countries will come from the western branch and five will come from the eastern branch. The reason I say this is those legs extend down all the way to the End Of Days. This division will continue to the End and there will be some kings that come out of these empires, a coalition of nations that comes out of these previous empires.

These ten nations will align themselves with the antichrist of Bible prophecy in the book of Revelation.



In our previous study, “The Prophecies Of Daniel” we studied in God’s Word in great detail and it was confirmed in history books why these specific metals were used or represented these empires.

So let me give you some brief history that will help us understand why God chose these metals - God is orderly and into details. **First, why did God choose gold to represent the Babylonian Empire?**

Jeremiah 51:7 AMP

7 Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord’s hand, making all the earth drunken. The nations drank of her wine; therefore the nations have gone mad.

Jeremiah 51:7 KJV

7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

In Jeremiah 51:7, Babylon is called a golden cup in the Lord's hands. They invaded Jerusalem and took all of the gold, which was billions of dollars by today's standards. They took all the riches and took it back to Babylon and as result, they were known as the empire of gold.

The image that King Nebuchadnezzar created (Dan. 3) that he wanted everyone to bow in front of was believed to be a monument made of solid gold. This passage in Daniel 3 takes place during an economic summit and all who came saw this enormous monument in gold. It was on display as a statement to who the King was and what he believed or worshiped.

Daniel 3:1-5 AMP

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king [caused to be] made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits or ninety feet and its breadth six cubits or nine feet. He set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, the governors, the judges and chief stargazers, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs and lawyers, and all the chief officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had [caused to be] set up.

3 Then the satraps, the deputies, the governors, the judges and chief stargazers, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs and lawyers, and all the chief officials of the provinces were gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then the herald cried aloud, You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

5 That when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, dulcimer or bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

Daniel 3:1-5 KJV

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

This is a foreshadowing of the image at the Time Of The End in Revelation...

Throughout the book of Daniel, gold items are mentioned like tables and candle sticks as well as in history books chronicling the Babylonian Empire as being connected to or known by their accumulation of or wealth in gold. When you paid Babylon, you paid in gold.

When the Babylonians were defeated and the Media/Persia Empire took over guess what they got? They got the gold except the temple treasures, they were allowed to go back to the Jewish people under King Cyrus.

So, why are the Medes and Persians (538BC - 330BC) known for silver? There are several reasons why. The Medes and the Persians had developed a taxing system using silver as the means of paying tax.

Darius the 1st or Darius I, organized the empire to tax districts to pay tribute. There were 20 governorships historically that were underneath him to collect these taxes. These taxes that were paid in silver had to be paid with the Babylonian weight of measurement.

As an example, in one area, 400 talents of silver were brought to the Media/Persia coffers in Babylon. In other areas in Babylon and Assyria they paid taxes in 1,000 talents of silver.

***Note:** Talents is a weight of measure that existed at that time. This empire had so much silver that the horses that were used by their leading military men had silver harnesses placed on them.*

So, silver is connected with the Media/Persia Empire because of the collection of taxes in silver and primary use of it as trade just like gold was connected the the Babylonian Empire.



Then we come to brass, **why is Greece brass/bronze?** Greece (330BC - 146BC) overthrew the Media/Persia Empire and Alexander the Great set up his headquarters in Babylon. So you have these 3 world powers all ruling from Babylon.

Brass or bronze was developed or perfected by the Greeks. They perfected what is called *Corinthian brass*. The doors in the Temple at the time of Jesus had Corinthian brass put on them - they were not gold but they looked like it.

At one point, Corinthian brass was more valuable than gold. The vessels and statues that were made of this brass were priceless.

Historians say that there are 3 different things that were combined to make Corinthian brass. Gold and silver were added and when they were combined with the brass/bronze it made it resistant to tarnishing - making Corinthian brass.

The reason why they put Corinthian brass and not just brass on the gates of the Temple is it looks like gold but will not tarnish.

Ezra 8:27 AMP

*27 Also 20 basins of gold worth 1,000 darics, and two vessels of **fine bright bronze, precious as gold.***

Ezra 8:27 KJV

*27 Also twenty basins of gold, of a thousand drams; and two **vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.***

It's right there in God's Word! Fine bronze/brass or copper as precious as gold. History books confirm what the Bible already said was true. This wasn't just normal bronze/brass or copper (copper, brass and bronze are referred to as red metals). If you get normal copper or bronze it tarnishes but the Greeks figured out a way to add other elements, fire it in a certain way and then polish it which made it extremely valuable.

This is why Alexander the Great and the Greek Empire is represented by the thighs of brass or the thighs of bronze.

Remember, these Empires happened in the distant future after Daniel's interpretation of the dream. **Medes and Persians** (538BC - 330BC) **Greece** (330BC - 146BC).

The establishment and forming of these empires was confirming, which made this interpretation/prophecy fulfilled making Daniel along with many of his other prophecies that all came true called a prophet.

Now, the Corinthian brass had gold, silver and bronze/brass (once again, Corinthian brass or bronze are interchangeable). You had the head of the statue which was gold and that was Babylon. Alexander the Great took that area over. You had the Media-Persia Empire and Alexander the Great took that over as well.

So, the Corinthian brass is a picture of Alexander the Great taking the Grecian Empire and annexing in all of the Babylonian Empire's ways and all of the Media-Persia Empire's ways and combining it all or mingling it all together into one Empire in the Bible.

This is truly amazing how God could select metals, so we could look back at history and see how all of this comes together. This is absolutely stunning to me, the Greatness of God and how He has used this imagery to show He knows the end from the beginning. He protected the writers and writings of the Bible so they could get the message out about these future Empires so their manuscripts would not be thrown away.

Now, we come to the fourth empire which is the Roman Empire (146BC - 476AD). On this image that King Nebuchadnezzar dreamt in Daniel Chapter 2, there were legs of iron and feet of part iron and part clay.

One of the translations said it was ceramic clay. The Bible says that the iron and clay do not hold together at the “End Of Days” or “Time Of The End”.

Daniel 2:41-43 KJV

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 AMP

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 iron and clay mix will not stick together even though it will try to mingle. I believe and I will show you later that this is democracy and Islam trying to form in the Middle East and it is just not going to work. These two do not compliment each other.

Real democracy, I'm not talking about historic democracy from Greece or Rome, but true democracy has to be based on moral principles. In the culture of America it is based on the Torah, the Psalms and the Gospels/Bible. They do not have this in the Islamic world so we can't expect to put something together that won't mix and think it will.

So, **why was Rome represented by iron?** The Bible says that when the Messiah comes, He is going to rule all nations with a rod of iron.

Revelation 19:15 AMP

15 From His mouth goes forth a sharp sword with which He can smite (afflict, strike) the nations; and He will shepherd and **control them with a staff (scepter, rod) of iron.** He will tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath and indignation of God the All-Ruler (the Almighty, the Omnipotent).

Revelation 19:15 KJV

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

When Daniel 7:7, talked about the beast that would come at the “End Of Days” he said it had great iron teeth.

Daniel 7:7 AMP

*7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast [the Roman empire]—terrible, powerful and dreadful, and exceedingly strong. **And it had great iron teeth;** it devoured and crushed and trampled what was left with its feet. And it was different from all the beasts that came before it, and it had ten horns [symbolizing ten kings].*

Note: The Roman Empire on the West was controlled by Rome and the East part was controlled from Istanbul.

Daniel 7:7 KJV

*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.*

Iron, in the Bible, is a picture of fighting, a picture of war. It is a harder metal then brass and gold. Notice you start out with the more valuable metal at the top of the statue and you come down to the lesser value which is iron and clay mix.

However, you start out with the softest metal and end up with the hardest of metal at the “End Of Days”, which is iron. This shows you the progression of mankind along with the progression of the empires. At the “End Of Days”, people will be tougher, harder and they will be ready to war with anyone.

You will find that throughout God's Word, He warns us what it will be like at the time of the End. Ezekiel 38 and 39 (War of Gog and Magog) along with several passages in the New Testament.

Matthew 24:5-8 AMP

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;

8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish].

Matthew 24:5-8 KJV

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:12 AMP

12 And the love of the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity,

Matthew 24:12 KJV

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Let me reiterate, iron represents fighting and war which is the condition or manifestation of man's heart. There are many more Scriptures speaking to the condition of man's heart at the "Time Of End" as well.

We know that there was **Pax Romano** (Latin for "Roman Peace"), which is a long period of time that the Roman Empire kept the peace. However, they kept the peace by fighting in wars. So, if a rebellion started by land that they conquered, they would just send their soldiers to kill the people. Since it was established by Augustus, it is sometimes called Pax Augusta.

When the Romans took over Jerusalem they took all the treasure and taxed everyone. There are countless historical, chronicled stories about the Jews swallowing their own gold coins and running from the Romans soldiers through the septic system tunnels. The Roman soldiers would roll in boulders to trap them at two ends and yank them up and cut their stomach open just to get a piece of gold.

When you read the accounts chronicled in the book of Josephus you can see just how vicious these soldiers really were. Just imagine these soldiers going into Bethlehem and killing children under 2 years of age. By the time they are two years of age they are speaking, walking and running around and the soldiers would walk up to them, pick them up and run a sword right through them.

Matthew 2:16 AMP

16 Then Herod, when he realized that he had been misled by the wise men, was furiously enraged, and he sent and put to death all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that territory who were two years old and under, reckoning according to the date which he had investigated diligently and had learned exactly from the wise men.

Matthew 2:16 KJV

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

This is the viciousness of the Roman Empire that Daniel saw when he said it would trample with its feet and devour with its mouth. This was an accurate picture of the ancient Roman Empire.

This is happening today all over the world including the United States and Canada as well. In order to keep the peace people will be and are being thrown into jail for being contrary to government and true to God's Word.

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God is always revealing Himself in His Word. Revealing things about the "Time Of The End" since the beginning of time.

Isaiah 46:9-10 KJV

*9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMP

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

Ecclesiastes 1:9 AMP

9 The thing that has been—it is what will be again, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Everything for your life is found in God's Word. We are not just studying Daniel and the End Times, we are finding out how to study God's Word. God has put all things in His Plan which is His Word. It is for us to live by, to know, to trust in, to live by faith and in obedience in order to prosper in the way He has planned for us. He commands for us to know about the "Time Of The End".

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Matthew 24:33 AMP

33 So also when you see these signs, [a]all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.