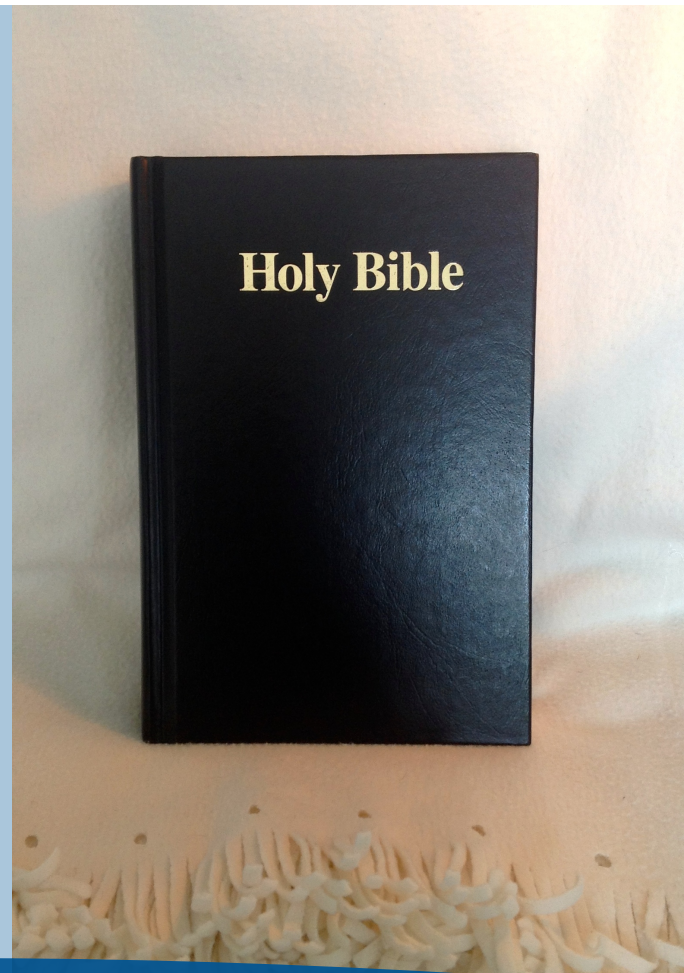


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EXPLORING DANIEL'S END TIME PROPHECIES PART 1



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In part one we shall be considering primarily Daniel 2 and 8. We intend to deal with Daniel 7 and 11 later in part two

Only God can foretell the future, for He indeed foreordains it and brings it to pass, as we read:

Daniel 4

“17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.”

Daniel 2:

“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:”

Now lets consider:

THE KING OF BABYLON'S PROPHETIC DREAM OF THE 4 WORLD EMPIRES

Daniel 2:

“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.”

DANIEL INTERPRETS THE DREAM

Daniel 2:

“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. [Heb. erez]

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.”

“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.”

Each world empire (that is: compassing the civilised world of that time) occurred one after the other, but the prophecy shows that in the end times the territories of the 4 world empires must be cobbled together by a despot (feet of clay mingled with iron) who with other territories and allies will wage War in the Middle East at the battle of Armageddon being destroyed by Christ at his return. This is why the image was portrayed as standing as one power to be destroyed by a "stone" smiting the feet.



Daniel 2:

“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.”

So from this scripture we see that the latter day form of the image, representing the territories that comprised the 4 world empires, must stand together to be “broken to pieces **together**”(v35). The power that destroys the latter day "kingdom of men" is the power invested in Christ and the saints (immortalised believers) at Christ's return-(V34 “ a stone....cut out without hands”) A power and influence that will fill the whole earth- as Daniel further explains:

Daniel 2:

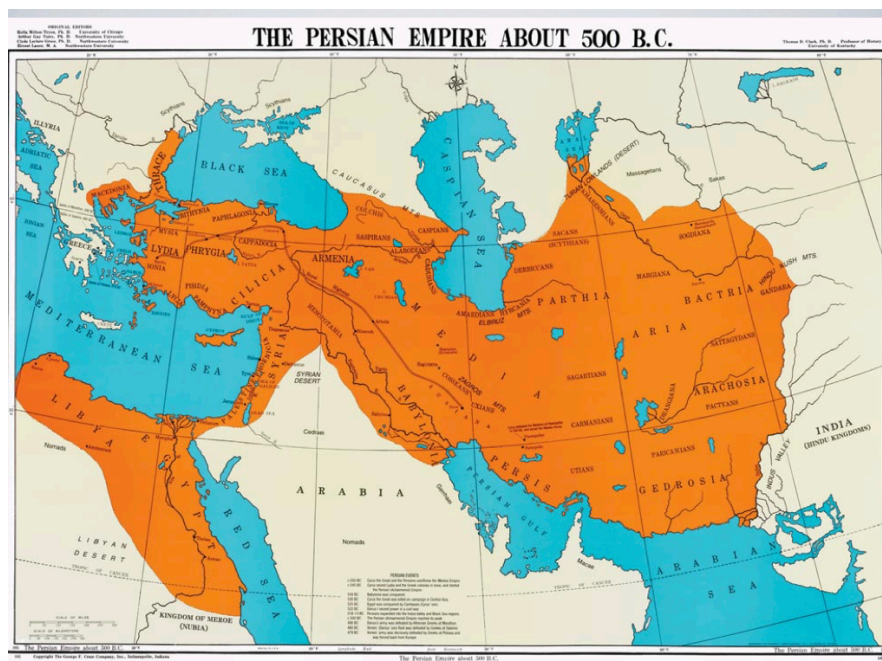
“44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

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.”

Let’s take a look at the 4 world empires that occurred as prophesied in the Bible:



The Babylonian empire was succeeded suddenly by the Persian empire, which extended the bounds of civilisation as:



In 331 BC The Persian empire was conquered suddenly by Alexander the Great thus establishing the Greek world empire. This further extended the bounds of civilisation, as:



We see that most of the world was inhabited by "Tribes". There would be no civilised kingdoms in Europe outside the world empires for another 800 years or so. The next world empire would of course be the Roman, but this occurred gradually over about 250 years.



We can see the beginnings of the Roman Empire if we consider the European tip of the Greek empire. Alexander died suddenly in BC 323, after which his generals fought each other, eventually carving the empire up into 4 kingdoms. Ptolemy took Egypt, Seleucus took Syria, Lysimachus took Turkey and Thrace, Cassander took Greece.

Around 190 BC the house of Seleucus extended their conquest through Turkey into Greece. The Romans claimed guardianship over Greece and so drove Antiochus 3rd the Seleucid King out of Greece and Turkey. Thereafter Rome absorbed Macedonia and most of Greece into its empire, as:



The red part shows expansion of the Roman Empire from its Italian base into the western part of Alexander's Empire. From this time Rome expanded gradually into the "kingdom of men" territory to become the 4th world empire, at the same time also extending civilisation westward. All this was foretold in the book of Daniel in detail as:

Daniel 8:

"1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first."

DANIEL'S VISION

"3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great."

This vision came to Daniel during the time of the Babylonian Empire, the first of the 4 world Empires. The ram represents the coming the Persian Empire, so its invasion of Babylon came from the east, "pushing westward, and northward, and southward;"to become the 2nd world empire. The coming of the 3rd world empire, the Greek, is portrayed as a goat coming from the west, as we read:-

Daniel 8:

“5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came **from the west** on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.”

Greece was to the west of the Persian Empire and so was seen as coming "from the west" we read on:-

Daniel 8:

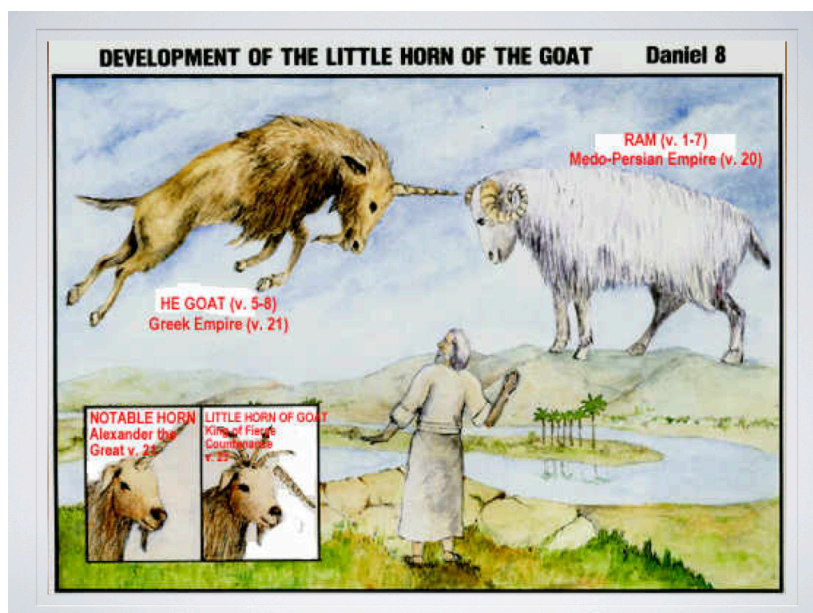
“8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

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. [Israel]

12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?”

As we have seen from history, Rome first expanded into the north western edge of the Alexander’s original Greek empire, but later spread "toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land [Israel].”(v9) In AD 70 the Romans abolished the Temple service and sacrifices by destroying the "sanctuary" -the temple (v13). The "host" of Israel have been "trodden under foot" ever since by Gentiles.(v13)



Above we have a depiction of Daniel seeing in vision the symbols of Greece (goat) coming against the Persians (Ram). The breaking of the notable horn of the goat and it being replaced by 4 horns, out of one of which a little horn or power sprouts forth, is depicted inset. The explanation of the Ram and the Goat is given to us as follows:

Daniel 8:

“20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

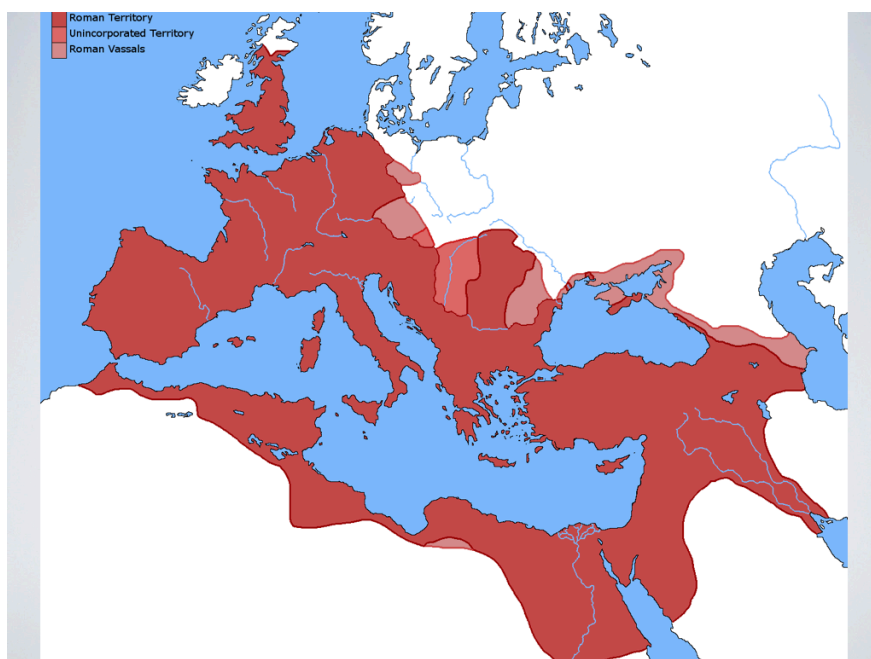
24 And his power shall be mighty, but **not by his own power**: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and **the holy people.**”[AD70]

In verse 9 we read:

“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.” [ie Judea-Israel]

Rome is This little horn or power, that established itself in Greece-the western quarter of the original Greek empire- and then expanded to become the 4th world empire. Here in verse 23 it is depicted as headed by a king “understanding dark sentences” because the Caesars acted as chief Pontiff of the Roman pagan religion. v24 shows that the Caesars ruled by appointment-“**not by his own power**”

Again the destruction of Judea in AD 70 is spoken of as destroying “the holy people” (God’s chosen people.)



As we have seen, the expansion into the “Goat” territory began with Rome’s occupation of Greece. England was eventually added to the Roman Empire, but remained so for a relatively short while. We know from other bible prophecies that Britain will not be part of the Image nations destroyed by the stone power of Christ and the saints.

In Daniel 9 it shows how Christ-The Messiah- would be sacrificed in the Roman period, and afterward Rome would destroy Judea and the Temple (and Jerusalem), as:-

Daniel 9:

“26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause **the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and **that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.**” {Heb. **desolator**}

The final form of the Gentile desolating power (when the metallic Image of Daniel 2 is made to stand) will be destroyed by the stone power, as we read (v27) **“that determined shall be poured upon the desolate”** or “desolator” as in many translations.

But as regards AD 70 we read (v27):-

“the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate,” Jesus refers to this as:-

Mark 13:

“1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

“14 But when ye shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by **Daniel** the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:”

In the corresponding account in Luke Jesus says:-

Luke 21

“20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**”

“until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled” as seen in Daniel; Christ confirms that there is a time limit placed on the gentiles behaving abominably against Jerusalem. The time of the gentiles will be up when Christ-the son of man-returns. Jesus continues:-

Luke 21:

“25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see **the Son of man coming in a cloud** with power and great glory.”

The book of Daniel says the same:-

Daniel 7:

“13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like **the Son of man came with the clouds** of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”

Jesus foretells this endtime in **Revelation 16:**

“15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”

Daniel 2:

“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.”

