

# CITY OF THE LIVING GOD

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NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S  
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In dedication to all the soul-winners that need a Bible study on the apocalyptic literature of the Book of Daniel in reference to the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

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The Book of Daniel has one of the most outstanding prophecies that have detailed the times in which gentile nations dominate Israel (Lk. 21:24). It is so detailed and most of it has already been fulfilled, however there is the last portion of that prophecy that still is in the future. The Book of Daniel was written about 530 BC and details the five successive kingdoms that rule over Israel.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream and asked all of his astrologers, magicians, and sorcerers to tell him what he had dreamed and then to give him the interpretation. He knew that he could only trust their interpretation if they could only repeat what he dreamed. They panicked and finally Daniel the Jewish prophet was invited by the king to perform this task. God supernaturally gave Daniel both the dream and the interpretation.

*“You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” (Daniel 2:31-35, NKJV).*

# THE DREAM

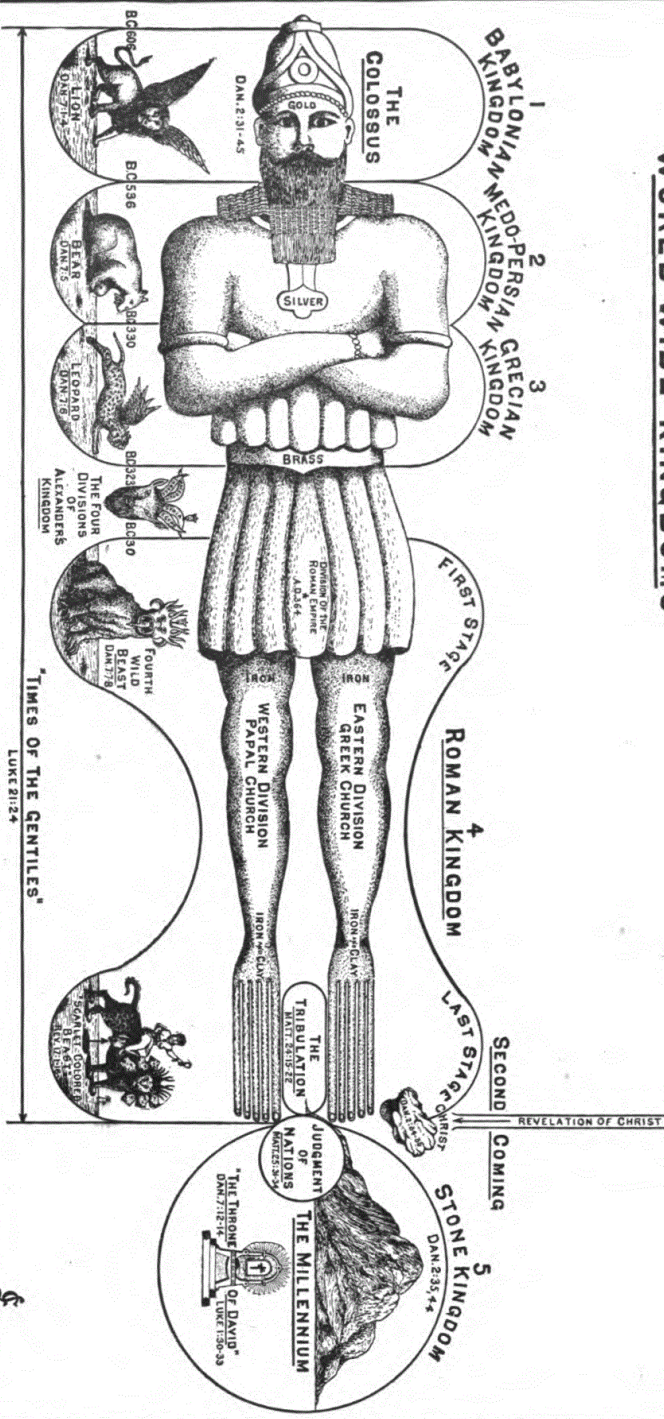
After Daniel repeated to the king his dream, he gave him the interpretation of the dream that would be reveal the reining kingdoms over Israel and other important details. The prophecy is such an amazing prediction of world events, that some have tried to recreate the age of Daniel's writing 400 years later, so that much of the supernatural wisdom could be dismissed as being just a mere novel. The problem with that is Daniel lived in 530 BC and not 150 BC. Not only does it pose a problem with Daniel's timeline in history, but the Septuagint which included the book of Daniel was a translation of the Hebrew into Greek written in the third century BC.

## The Interpretation:

### Daniel 2:36-44

*"You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory. He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are **this head of gold**. But after you shall arise **another kingdom inferior** to yours; then another, **a third kingdom of bronze**, which shall rule over all the earth. And the **fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron**, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. 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. 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. 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" (NKJV).*

# THE FIVE GREAT WORLD-WIDE KINGDOMS



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# THE FIVE KINGDOMS

## **The Babylonian Kingdom (605 BC-539 BC)**

Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, depicted by gold in the dream, conquered Israel three times from 605 BC, 597 BC, and 586 BC. All of the wealthy and prominent people of Judah were taken into captivity to the land of Chaldea and resided there the whole reign of the Babylonian kingdom.

## **The Medo-Persian Kingdom (539 BC-331 BC)**

The second kingdom to dominate Israel was the Medo-Persian Kingdom. This kingdom was depicted by silver. It is significant that the metal elements become inferior in every succeeding kingdom which depicts a weaker centralized government. The prophets predicted the demise of the Babylonian Kingdom.

### **Isaiah 13:17-18**

*“Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eyes shall not spare children.”*

### **Jeremiah 51:11**

*“Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple.”*

### **Jeremiah 51:28**

*“Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.”*



## **The Grecian Kingdom (331 BC-168 BC)**

This prophecy, dating 200 years before it was fulfilled, speaks of a third kingdom to dominate Israel: The Grecian Kingdom, represented by brass in the dream. This kingdom was depicted by brass and led by Alexander the Great who is depicted in the “mighty king” of Greece in Daniel chapters 8 and 11. It even speaks of Alexander’s premature death and replacement with his four generals sharing the rule (11:3).

## **The Roman Kingdom (168 BC-AD 476)**

During the time of revolt against the Seleucid from the north, the Maccabees were supported by the next ruling empire: The Romans, represented by iron in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. As the power of Rome increased, it became a mighty empire and ruled Israel. The Jews were permitted to maintain their religious practices as long as they did not make trouble for Rome. Rome placed a series of puppet kings (the Herod family) and military governors (e.g., Pilate, Felix, Festus) over various provinces of Israel. The fall of Rome took place in A.D. 476.

## **The 10-Toed Kingdom**

It is significant that this kingdom is represented by iron mixed with clay. It is the least of all the metals and does not mix well. It means that this kingdom is not very unified and has a very weak central government. It is made up of many nations. The toes represent kings with the number ten being probably symbolic of a full amount of nations representing a one world government. This government would rule during the time of the Tribulation and would be headed during that time by the Antichrist.

### **Daniel 2:41-44**

*“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. 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. 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. And in the*



*days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (NKJV).*

## ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT

It is interesting that the 10-Toed Kingdom is depicted by half of the same element as the Romans: iron. That means that this one world government will be partly Roman. How is this possible if there is no Roman Empire anymore. That is why Daniel describes it as only half. In other words, it is greatly influenced by the Romans. The only entity that survives since AD 476 is the Roman Catholic Church. It is interesting that this kingdom is described in the Book of Revelation chapter 17.

### Revelation 17:3-4

*“So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication” (NKJV).*

There are seven heads and ten horns. The scripture states that the seven heads are seven mountains in which the woman resides (vs. 9). It is interesting that the Vatican sits on seven hills named: Palatine, Capitoline, Quirinal, Viminal, Esquiline, Caelian, and Aventine. Also, the ten horns are ten leaders of ten nations. Obviously, this would depict the iron mixed with clay.

### Revelation 17:12-14

*“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and*

*authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful” (NKJV).*

We are seeing the formation in front of our eyes of the 10-Toed Kingdom forming into this one world government. The culmination of this kingdom will be at Armageddon at the Second Coming of the Lord when he smites the nations that surround Jerusalem in their quest to eliminate the nation of Israel.

**How apparent is it to you that we are living in the end times? Are you prepared for the rapture?**

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