End Times Government, Religion and Currency Foretold by the Never Wrong Prophet Daniel Part 5

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2 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

3 To begin with, <u>you must know and understand this, that scoffers</u> (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 And say, <u>Where is the promise of His coming? For since the</u> forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

5 For they <u>willfully overlook and forget this [fact]</u>, that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,

6 Through which the world that then [existed] <u>was deluged with water</u> <u>and perished.</u>

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] <u>remember the former things, [which I did] of old;</u> for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 <u>Declaring the end and the result from the beginning</u>, and <u>from</u> <u>ancient times the things that are not yet done</u>, saying, My counsel shall stand, and <u>I will do all My pleasure and purpose</u>

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 AMPC

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

10 <u>Is there a thing</u> of which it may be said, See, this is new? It has already been, in the vast ages of time [recorded or unrecorded] which were before us.

Jude AMPC

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father and separated (set apart) and kept for Jesus Christ:

2 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you.

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4 For <u>certain men</u> have crept in stealthily [gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who <u>pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and</u> <u>favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality</u>, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

5 <u>Now I want to remind you</u>, though <u>you were fully informed once for</u> all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him]. 6 And <u>angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own</u> <u>first place of power</u> but abandoned their proper dwelling place—these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day. 7 <u>[The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah</u> <u>and the adjacent towns</u>—which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity—are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.

In part 4 we went through God's Word looking at the prophecies concerning the Grecian Empire. After the death of Alexander the Great, his kingdom was divided up amongst his four generals, which then divided the world or his empire into four sections. The Bible plainly tells us in the Book of Daniel that out of one of those four divisions is where the antichrist will come from.

The antichrist will come out of the area of the tree stump from Daniel chapter 4 and bring back that area of Lebanon, Syria and Iraq and bring that which was dead or cut down back to life. 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 and I what will be happening...**for the latter days.** The book of Daniel is a book of prophecy which Jesus told us to read (Matthew 24:15).

Peter and Jude also told you and I, at the time of the end, when we see all of these things coming to pass to go read the prophets.

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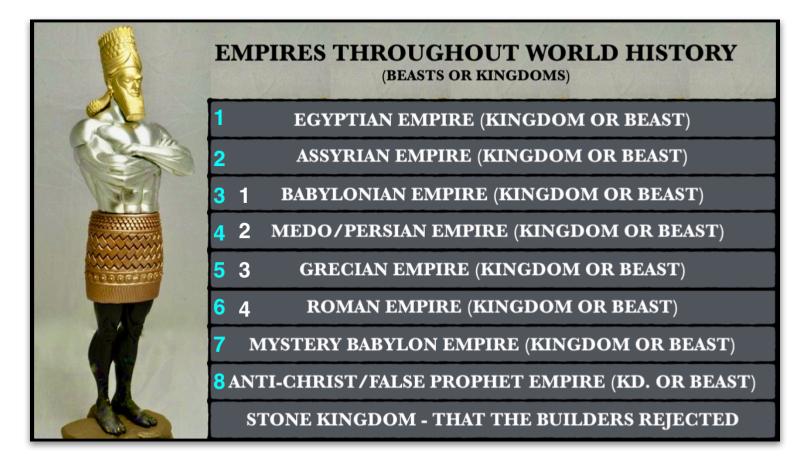
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We concluded part 4 of this series by breaking down God's Word to find out which one of the four divisions from the Grecian Empire that the antichrist will come from. Remember, the Grecian Empire is represented by the bronze/brass band.



We are now going to look at what Daniel Chapter 2 has to say about this fourth kingdom, The Roman Empire.

Daniel 2:40 AMPC

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

Daniel 7:7 AMPC

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

Daniel 7:7 KJV

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

<u>Revelation 13:1-2 AMPC</u>

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

2 And the beast that I saw resembled a <u>leopard</u>, but his feet were like those of a <u>bear</u> and his mouth was like that of a <u>lion</u>. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might and power and his [own] throne and great dominion.

Revelation 13:1-2 KJV

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.

Back to Daniel...

Daniel 7:19 AMPC

19 Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast—which was different from all the others, exceedingly terrible and shocking, whose teeth were of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke and crushed, and trampled what was left with its feet—

Daniel 7:23 AMPC

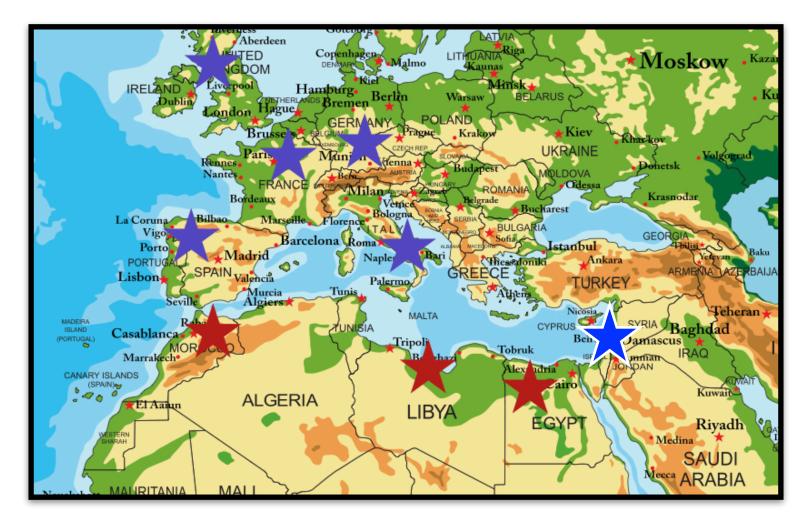
23 Thus [the angel] said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, tread it down, and break it in pieces and crush it.

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 and the ten kings or ten toes from Daniel chapter 2 and in the book of Revelation.

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 providence 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 as well.

The iron of the Roman Empire... they, Rome, began to expand to Britain, Spain, France, Greece and the middle east (already in Italy). 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 of the coast line for importing and exporting all their goods throughout the Mediterranean.



Rome was known for: infrastructure, bridges, roads, ships and transportation. They were also known for the their large armies that kept the peace throughout the known Roman Empire... they kept the peace by killing anyone who disagreed with them. On page 8 of your notes there is a map of the vastness of the Roman Empire in 117 AD. I've included the names of the Biblical regions at that time as well.

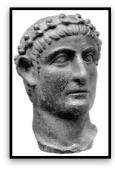


The Roman Empire was also known as the largest of the prophetic Empires especially after the western branch which we learned about earlier on in this study. That land would include Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Italy etc. (expanding through Europe and the coastland)

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.



At 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 till the time of Constantine.



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

(Note: God gives leaders who hold back and liberate and He orchestrates all these events in His timing for His purpose so His Word will be true).



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

Here are the parallels from the four specific empires or beasts of Bible prophecy that we have been studying in this series: Babylon, Media/Persia, Greece and Rome in the book of Daniel. Remember, in Revelation, John writes about seeing the seventh empire because he is including Egypt and Assyria where Daniel starts with Babylon. This is why you have John talking about the seven heads or beast 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 Daniels saw in Chapter 2





Lactantius was an early church father that predicted that the Roman Empire was going to be destroyed. He made this prediction known to Emperor Constantine. Constantine had come to power through a series of super natural 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 which was all part of the distribution plan.

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.



There is now two Rome's, 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 originated in Constantinople which would later be called Byzantium from the Byzantine Empire.

Then, it was named Istanbul, Turkey in the 15th Century when the muslims conquered that area and took it over which gave us the the Ottoman Empire. The division of these two legs is very important when we talk about Bible prophecy. In the image from the dream the two feet represent the east and the west, there is also ten toes mentioned in Daniel Chapter 2. The ten toes represent ten kings at the End Of Days in Daniel and when you read in Revelation about the beast having ten horns with crowns, it's speaking of the same thing.

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Daniel 2:41-43 AMPC

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.

<u> Daniel 2:41-43 KJV</u>

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.

This is all speaking of the same thing. It is ten regions of the earth, ten nations or ten countries at the End Of Days with leaders (then crowns) 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 KJV

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 AMPC

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 KJV

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 AMPC

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. We have ten horns, ten toes, ten horns that are crowned, these are speaking of the same thing in the Last Days, all ruling with the antichrist. To find out about the progression 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 the 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 the Byzantine Empire. The Byzantines formed an Empire that ruled or almost one thousand years till 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 bring us to the feet which is the late 1800's to the early 1900's then to the ten toes in Daniel Chapter 2. Now, the 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 3rdcentury 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

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

Daniel 2:42-43 NKJV

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 till 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 is 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 wont mix (Daniel 2:43).

Here's the second part of this. Communism ruled for 70 years just liked 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.

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.

This next mix, in the prophecy, democracy vs. islamic ideology, it doesn't mix either. We have had a democratic uprising in Egypt, Libya, Syria, the Arab spring in general. 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 about 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. This hatred or blame is coming from many in the church who have a liberal mindset or liberating from the truth ideology.

Below, Daniel is speaking of the iron of islam and the clay of democracy...

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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. This tells us where we are at today. <u>The islamic traditions versus</u> <u>democratic thinking</u>. For example in democracy, women have freedom but not in islam. We can see daily reports in the news that women do not have the same type of freedom... we see this going on right now, not in the future, but right now.

The two feet are east and west, Rome and Turkey. Turkey had and 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 <u>coming together</u> - ideologies that will join together and they will deceive many. A democracy mindset that "says" you are free to worship but an islamic ideology politically that will rule.

Coming up, we will be addressing who the 10 nations in the book of Daniel and where they are today. Also, we will look at how the antichrist and false prophet are going to bring about a one world economy. We will break down where the false prophet and apostate christianity will come from and how it is manifesting itself already. Then, the characteristics of the antichrist and what is his role in the Time Of The End.

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