

John 16:1 AMPC

- I <u>I have told you all these things</u>, so that you should not be offended (taken unawares and falter, or be caused to stumble and fall away). [I told you to keep you from being scandalized and repelled.]
- 4 <u>But I have told you these things now</u>, <u>so that when they occur you will remember that I told you of them</u>...
- 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them].
- 8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:
- 13... <u>He will announce and declare to you the things</u> that are to come [that will happen in the future].

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In part 8 we went through God's Word and looked at the prophecies concerning the Grecian Empire. Alexander the Great's kingdom was divided up amongst his four generals after he died, which then divided the world or his empire into four sections. The Bible plainly tells us in the Book of Daniel that out of those four divisions is where the antichrist will come from.

The antichrist will come out of the area of the tree stump and grow that which was dead (Rev 13). But remember, these 2 metals or 2 metal 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. The book of Daniel is a book of prophecy which Jesus told us to read (Matthew 24:15). Jesus instructed us to read Daniel because he, Daniel, was proven never to be wrong along with the rest of the Old Testament Prophets.

We found by studying God's Word which one of the four divisions from the Grecian Empire that the antichrist will come from, the area of the stump: Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. The more you study God's Word, Old and New Testaments, it all goes back to the stump which is this area of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon and that is the old Babylonian territory.

In the book of Daniel, the "Never Wrong" Prophet wrote to us, "for the latter days", that the antichrist will be great to the east and great to the south and great towards the pleasant land.

Daniel 8:9 KJV

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

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

Let's look at what Daniel Chapter 2 has to say about this fourth kingdom or beast system, the Roman Empire.

Daniel 2:40 KJV

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

<u>Daniel 7:7 KJV</u>

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

This is what scholars call the non-descriptive beast, meaning, it doesn't tell you what it looks like in great detail in Daniel other than 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).

Revelation 13:1-2 KJV

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

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.

<u>Daniel 7:19 KJV</u>

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

Daniel 7:23 KJV

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

We know that this fourth beast or fourth empire from the book of Daniel was the Roman Empire to come, following the Grecian Empire, and insight to the latter days as well. In 200-196 B.C. were some of Rome's first military victories. In 148 B.C. in Macedonia which we know now as the area of Greece, this area became a Roman province at that time.

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

Rome began to expand to Germany, Britain, Spain, France, (already in Greece and Italy) and the Middle East. They took over Judea which we now know that is parts of Israel and all the coast of northern Africa. That included Morocco, Libya and Egypt and all the coast line for importing and exporting all their goods throughout the Mediterranean.



Rome was known for: infrastructure, bridges, roads, ships and transportation. They were also known for their large armies that kept the peace throughout the known Roman Empire by killing. The map on page 4 shows the vastness of the Roman Empire in 117 AD.

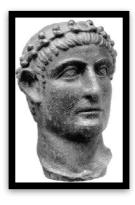
The Roman Empire was also known as the largest of the prophetic empires especially after the western branch expansion, which we learned about earlier in this study: Britain, France, Germany, Spain, etc.

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



This is a little back story to what happened early on in the Roman Empire, Beast or Kingdom and early Christianity. There was an Emperor by the name of Nero (pictured left) 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.

Daniel 2:21 AMPC

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

We know about the events of the Roman Empire (Beast or Kingdom) from the **Bible and from history books** in general as well. The Bible is history, it is an accurate account and it never contradicts. The book of Daniel foretold about this empire and just how vicious it would be in its day, and how it affected the entire known world.

Here are the parallels from the four specific Empires of Bible prophecy that we have been studying in this series: Babylon, Media/Persia, Greece and Rome is listed in the book of Daniel and he is foretelling of the future Beasts or Empires/Kingdoms. In Revelation, John is going back to recount all the past and current Beasts or Empires/Kingdoms. This is why he refers to six, seven and eight empires because he starts with Egypt and Assyria going through the Tribulation while Daniel starts with Babylon going forward. This is why you have John talking about the seven heads and Daniel speaking of the four different Beasts.

Parallels of the 4 Empires in Daniel's Dream(s)

All 4 ruled around the Mediterranean Sea area

3 of the 4 were headquartered in Babylon

All 4 invaded or controlled Egypt

All 4 were involved directly with the Jews and Israel

All 4 were involved in the Temple in Jerusalem

All 4 were Gentile Nations that ruled the known world

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



Lactantius was an early church author who became an advisor to Roman Emperor, Constantine I, guiding his Christian religious policy in its initial stages of emergence. He 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 supernatural events and history says he became a Christian.

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

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

One of these legs goes all the way to the End Of Days which is called Rome, Italy. The other headquarters or Empire originated in Constantinople which would later on 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 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 legs and feet represent the east and the west, there is also ten toes mentioned in Daniel Chapter 2 from earlier on in this series.

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

Revelation 13:1 KJV

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

Revelation 13:1 AMPC

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

Daniel 2:41-43 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 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.

Once again, 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.

So, you 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.

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

History of the Roman Empire Divisions

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

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

The Eastern Empire continued with Constantinople or later Byzantinian. The Byzantines formed an Empire that ruled 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 brings us to the feet which is the late 1800's to the early 1900's, then to the ten toes in Daniel Chapter 2. Now, to 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 3rd-century theologian in the Christian Church in Rome.

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

Hippolytus On The Visions Of Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar

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, won't syncretize just like Chrislam. Now, I want to show you what I believe through my study of the Bible and Holy Spirit revelation regarding the "things" that are taking place that was foretold. 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 are still hard liners in all these areas and although it looks like it might work, it just won't mesh together.

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

Here's the second part of this. Communism ruled for 70 years just like the Babylonians ruled the Jewish people in captivity for 70 years then it began to break. This takes us now to a different iron starting about 1979. I won't go into detail tonight but this has to do with the Iranian Revolution.

Note: 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.

The next mix, in this prophecy, democracy vs. Islamic ideology, it doesn't mix either. We have had a democratic uprising in Egypt, Libya, Syria, West Bank of Israel and many areas throughout the Middle East in the last 12 years. 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 with a liberal mindset or liberating from the truth which is God's Word.

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

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This tells us where we are at today. **The Islamic traditions versus democratic thinking**. For example, in democracy women have freedom but not in Islam. 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 an empire from 1517 for 400 hundred years ruling in 3 continents and 27 provinces. But, at the End of Days, it's going to come into ten toes which are still clay and iron.

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

Coming up, we will be addressing who the 10 nations are 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.