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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

“End Times”

Part 01 – Visions From The Book of Daniel

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Nebuchadnezzar's Vision

Daniel 2:27-47

Babylon

Media Persia

Greece

Rome

Kingdom of Heaven



- The scripture defines its own symbolism here:

Daniel 2:37-38

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; **38** and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all — you are this head of gold.

- The Head of Gold is Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian Empire.

Daniel 2:39-40

39 But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. **40** 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.

- The first Kingdom, Babylon, is the greatest amongst men, each that follows is regressive and inferior to the previous one, hence the descending grade of metal assigned to each.

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Daniel 2:41-44

41 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. **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.

- The fate of the Roman Empire was partially sealed in the late third century, when the Emperor Diocletian divided the Empire into two halves—the Western Empire seated in the city of Milan, and the Eastern Empire in Byzantium, later known as Constantinople. The division made the empire more easily governable in the short term, but over time the two halves drifted apart. East and West failed to adequately work together to combat outside threats, and the two often squabbled over resources and military aid. As the gulf widened, the largely Greek-speaking Eastern Empire grew in wealth while the Latin-speaking West descended into economic crisis. Most importantly, the strength of the⁸

Eastern Empire served to divert Barbarian invasions to the West. Emperors like Constantine ensured that the city of Constantinople was fortified and well guarded, but Italy and the city of Rome—which only had symbolic value for many in the East—were left vulnerable. The Western political structure would finally disintegrate in the fifth century, but the Eastern Empire endured in some form for another thousand years before being overwhelmed by the **Ottoman Empire** in the 1400s.

- The Roman Empire (united) was in power during the time of the coming of Jesus Christ and the beginning of His Kingdom:

Daniel 2:44-45

44 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. **45** Inasmuch 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 will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

- In the days of these kings (the Roman empire) the God of heaven (Jesus) did set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed!
- * Interestingly there were ten Roman emperors who persecuted Christians:
 - 1) Emperor Nero
 - 2) Emperor Diocletian
 - 3) Marcus Aurelius
 - 4) Galerius
 - 5) Maximinus Daia
 - 6) Domitian
 - 7) Trajan
 - 8) Hadrian
 - 9) Septimus Severus
 - 10) Valerian

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