

1. Last week I continued to exegete Daniel chapter two verse thirty-two where the giant statue is described.
2. I am now ready to continue that exegesis.
3. Before continuing I want to review an expanded translation of Dan 2:24-32.

Dan 2:24 Because Daniel's mind was full of information about the King and his dream, he asked Arioch to spare the wisemen and take him to Nebuchadnezzar's quarters. He had earlier informed Arioch that he knew what Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed and was ready to interpret the dream for the great King.

Dan 2:25 Seeking further prestige for himself, Arioch hastened to the king with Daniel, asserting "I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will tell you the interpretation of your dream."

Dan 2:26 Calling Daniel by his Chaldean name the king said "Belteshazzar have you come to tell and interpret my dream?"

Dan 2:27 Daniel was quick to answer "I know the wisemen, the astrologers, the magicians and priest have been unable to tell you what you dreamed!

Dan 2:28 But let me make clear Oh King! There is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets and makes known that which will come to pass and this He has elected to do, just for you."

Dan 2:29 O king, you dreamed about several future events. While you slept on your bed the God of heaven chose to reveal to you and you only certain secrets; mainly things which will come to pass hereafter.

Dan 2:30 As for me, these secret things were not revealed because I am wise or wiser than other member of your staff, but rather the revelation came so that you as the king might know the thoughts of your own right lobe and thus understand what went through your mind as you slept.

Dan 2:31 What you saw Oh King was this: there before you stood a great statue. This great image was awesome in brightness; its colorful appearance signified several future glamorous empires; its form was terrifying; a symbol of the great power of the empires to come.

Dan 2:32 The golden head represented you Oh King as ruler of Chaldea, the breast and arms of silver represent the Kingdom of the Medes and the Persians to follow and the belly and thighs of bronze represent a Hellenistic empire whose Kingdom will supplant the Medo-Persians.

1. Daniel 2:32 in the KJV recall is as follows:

Dan 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

2. That the four beasts (the lion, the bear, the leopard and the terrible beast unlike the rest) represent four Kingdoms to come is made clear not only here in Daniel chapter two but also in Daniel chapter seven.

Dan 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. . .

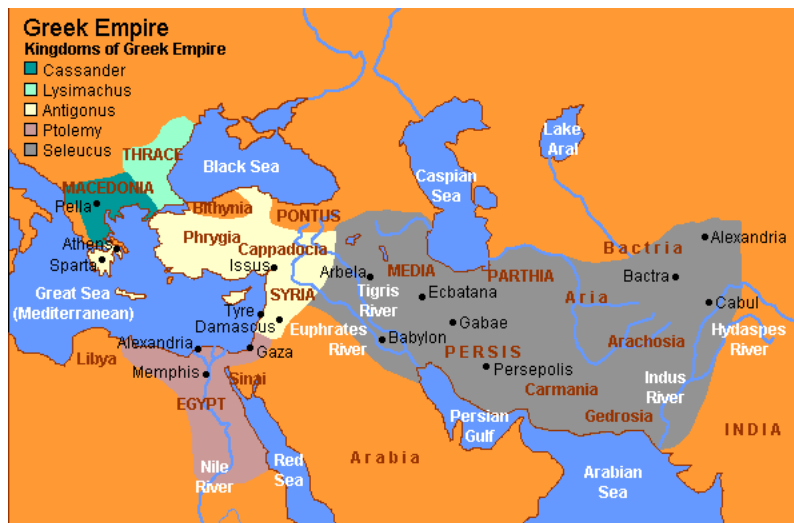
Dan 7:15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

Dan 7:16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

Dan 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

3. Over the past two weeks we have extensively studied both historically and Scripturally the Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Grecian empires.

4. Let's review quickly two maps. The first will reflect Alexander's Kingdom and the second the Hellenistic Kingdoms of Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus.



5. Before looking at the last of the Kingdoms, let me make several general observations about the statute:

1. The statute is top heavy; the image from the top is gold and the foundation is clay.
2. Such is the state of the kingdoms of this world.
3. Not only do we find devolution in values and morals but even the power of the nations is devolving.

4. By this I mean nations change from year to year.
5. Geopolitical maps today cannot keep up with the changes.
6. The United Nations itself is a very bad joke; the strength of nations is constantly being undermined by a myriad of multifarious forces and such will continue to be the case.
7. Keep in mind Satan knows "nations" are key in God's plan which is why nationalism is one of God's divine institutions. Further, this is why nations are under attack today and internationalism is the "popular answer to all international problems."

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, bretheren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

8. Now let's take a look at verse thirty-three and the fourth kingdom.

KJV

Dan 2:33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

NIV

Dan 2:33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.

1. The fourth Kingdom is actually two,
2. The legs of iron are the Roman Empire.

2.1 As we have seen the tenure of the Roman Empire is problematic.

2.2 Perhaps Gibbons was correct when he said the Empire began in 23 B.C. and ended in c. 475 A.D.

3. The feet part of iron and part of clay represent the Revived Roman Empire headed by the Antichrist during the Tribulation.

4. The duration of the Revived Roman Empire is well known "seven prophetic years."

5. The feet part of iron and part of clay, as we will later in greater detail describe a ten nation federation thus it is only partly iron.

6. The iron legs represent Rome and the federation of nations under the Antichrist is the ten toes of clay. The ten toes represent the Revived Roman Empire consisting of ten nations headquartered in Rome Italy.

7. Daniel in chapter nine is given information about the seven years owing to Israel. Let's review Dan 9:24-27 first in the KJV, NIV and then an expanded translation:

KJV

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Dan 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.

Dan 9:27 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.

NIV

Dan 9:24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.

Dan 9:25 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

Dan 9:26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

Expanded Translation:

Dan 9:24 Daniel I have heard your prayer; four hundred and ninety years have been cut out for your people. I have not forgotten my beloved Israel. It is within this 490 year period that I will: anoint the Temple, make an end of sins, bring in everlasting righteousness, and fulfill the Messianic promise by establishing the Messiah as Israel's King.

Dan 9:25 I want you to understand, that from the commandment to rebuild the city of Jerusalem which will occur only once and that on the first of Nisan B.C. 445; from that day until the Messiah arrives in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday shall be 483 years to the day. The streets of Jerusalem and its inner and outer walls shall be restored, even in dangerous times, Nehemiah and his people will work on the city walls with a trowel in one hand and sword and spear in the other.

Dan 9:26 Now several days after the Messiah rides into the city as the Prince, the Messiah, He will be crucified, but not on behalf of Himself but rather as a substitute for the sins of the world. Now sometime after that the Romans as a precursor of the antichrist will come and destroy the city and the Temple; and the end thereof shall be traumatic and a violent representation of what the future would hold for Israel during an indeterminate time; the destruction of the Temple and the city will begin this uncertain time gap in the 490 years. Many will later style it "the church age."

Dan 9:27 After the removal of the church from the planet the antichrist will make a treaty with Israel and both peace and freedom to worship Jehovah God in a "restored temple" will be guaranteed; the antichrist will even provide the funds for the temple. Be aware however that in the middle of that 7 year period the antichrist will break that treaty and all worship will cease. A statue of the antichrist will be set up in the false temple and people will be required to worship the antichrist as their Messiah. This sad state will continue until God Himself casts both the first beast and the second beast into the lake of fire."

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