

1. Last week I taught Daniel chapter two verse thirty-two where the giant statue is in part described. We had just begun an analysis of verse thirty-three.
2. This morning we will 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.

4. When time ran out last week I was about to summarize what Daniel in chapter nine had to say about the last of the four world kingdoms, i.e., Rome.

5. Before looking at the last of the Kingdoms, let me review some of that learned last week:

1. The statute is top heavy; the image from the top is gold and the foundation is clay.
2. Such are the kingdoms of this world.
3. Not only do we find a devolution in values and morals but even the power of the nations is devolving.
4. In fact geopolitical maps today cannot keep up with the changes.
5. Now let's review the KJV and NIV translations of verse thirty-three.

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 length of the Roman Empire is problematic.
 - 2.2 Perhaps Gibbons was correct when he said the empire began in c. 23 B.C. and ended in c. A.D 475. There are those who contend the empire began in about B.C. 200 when Scipio Africanus defeated Hispania and Carthage.
3. The feet, part of iron and part of clay, represent the Revived Roman Empire headed by the Antichrist; it will last seven years-- the seven years of the Tribulation.
4. The duration of the Revived Roman Empire then is a well known "seven prophetic years."
5. The feet part of iron and part of clay, as we will later see in greater detail, describe a federation of nations thus it is only partly iron.
 - 5.1 Recall the iron was Rome; the feet are said to be "partly of iron (Rome) and partly of baked clay" (the rest of the nations making up the Antichrist's federation).
6. The Revived Roman Empire will be headquartered in Rome Italy.

7. Daniel in chapter nine is given information about the seven years owing to Israel.

7.1 Gabriel in both Daniel chapters seven and nine provides some highly specific information about both the Roman Empire and the Revived Roman Empire.

8. Let's review Dan 9:24-27. I earlier gave you the KJV, NIV and Expanded Translation. Since the KJV and NIV provide little help, let's go straight to the expanded translation where I will explain the verses.

8.1 This procedure will aid in our understanding of this wonderful prophetic message.

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: establish 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 a sword and spear in the other.

Dan 9:26 Now after 434 years (actually we now know quite specifically that it was on the first Wednesday following the first Palm Sunday) the Messiah will be crucified, but not on behalf of Himself but rather as a substitute for the sins of the world. Later the Romans as a precursor of the antichrist will come and destroy the city and the Temple. The traumatic destruction in AD 70 is but a representation of what the future would hold for Israel. The destruction of the Temple and the city by Titus in A.D. 70 will begin an 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. 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."

9. Now let's look at a few related passages before we return to our verse.

1. Daniel in chapter seven has a vision and from Gabriel's interpretation we learn more about the fourth kingdom and the ten toes.

1.1 Keep in mind the fourth kingdom of Daniel seven is the same as the fourth kingdom of our chapter two.

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

Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Dan 7:20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Dan 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Dan 7:22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Dan 7:23 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.

Dan 7:24 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.

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Dan 7:26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Dan 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

2. In chapter thirteen of the Apocalypse we have a series of verses which speak of an eschatological blasphemous ten nation federation headed up by a beast who came out of the sea and whose appearance was like a leopard, bear and a lion; the kingdom received great power from a dragon. Let's look at these verses:

Rev 13:1 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.

Rev 13:2 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.

3. As you can see the beast with the seven heads and ten horns is said to be like the leopard - Greece, the bear - Persia, and the lion - Babylon.

4. Kingdoms are merely conglomerations of nations as an extension and tool of Satan.

5. This is true in every dispensation, which is why we find the Psalmist describing our Lord as laughing in derision at the nations.

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

Psa 2:3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

Psa 2:4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

Psa 2:5 Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

5. Let me at this point codify much of what I just taught regarding the amazing vision of Dan 9:24-27.

1. Four hundred and ninety years are given Israel from the B.C. 445 command until the Second Advent. Verse 24 details this prophecy; the four hundred and ninety years are cut out for Israel in order: 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 establish the most holy--the Temple

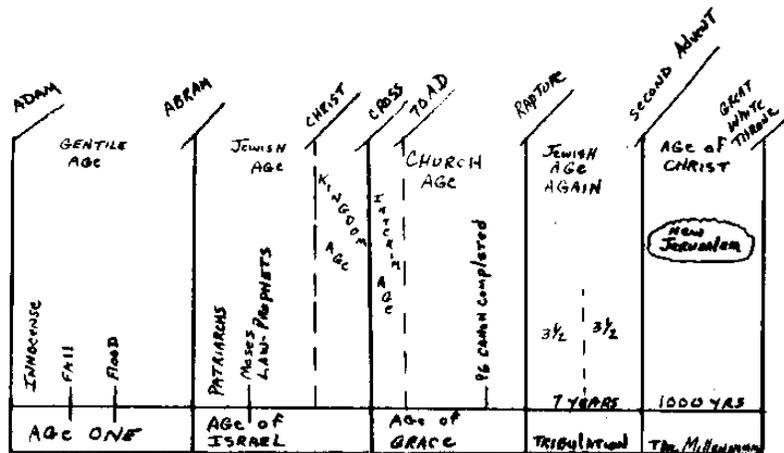
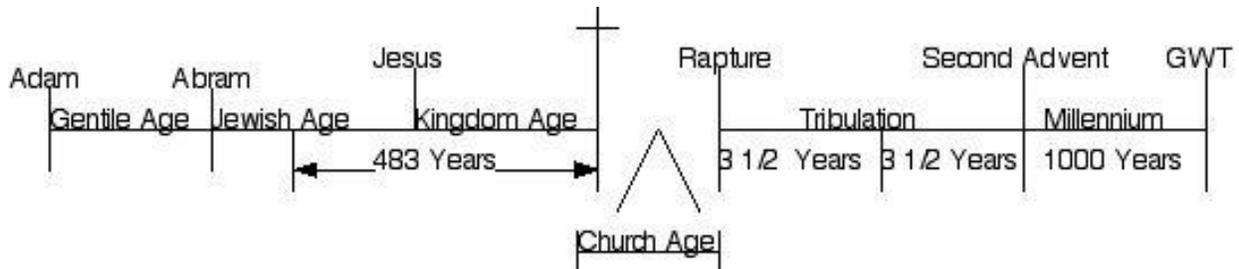
2. Four hundred and eighty-three years (483) from 445 B.C. until the first Palm Sunday have seen fulfilled. Verse 25 speaks of this historically fulfilled prophecy.

2.1 In the NIV: "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' . . .

2.2 We have seen the fulfillment of the 483 years.

3. Seven years are still owed to the Jew, [490 minus 483] when the Lord will make payment to Israel during the Tribulation of the last 7 years.

4. The Church Age is an intercalation. The Tribulation is a Jewish kind of thing. This matter is addressed in Verse 26 when first the crucifixion of Christ is foretold "after threescore and two weeks shall the Messiah be cut off" and then verse 26 speaks of the prophecy of a coming military force to destroy the city of Jerusalem and the temple e.g. the NIV says "a ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary."



5. Verse 27 gets highly specific by describing that which will occur in the tribulation. For example in the NIV: "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". . .

5.1 The abomination which is set up is mentioned by our Lord in Mat 24:15.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
 Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

6. The arcane command of Mat 18:21-22 is explained when the Seventieth Week is understood.

Mat 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
 Mat 18:22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

6.1 The Lord will avenge Israel at the end of 490 years but until then Israel is in a state of suspended animation.

7. In Daniel's prophecy of the seventy week, God through Gabriel predicted that exactly 483 years from the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem, Israel would officially be offered the Messiah on the first Palm Sunday.

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