

1. Last week I concluded our teaching of Daniel 9:24-27, taught verse thirty-two and when time ran out I was about to begin the teaching of verse thirty-three.

2. Before beginning the analysis of Dan 2:33, I want to review an expanded translation of verses thirty-one and thirty-two.

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 Grecian empire whose Kingdom will supplant the Medo-Persians.

3. And now let's see what we can learn from verse thirty-three.

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

1. The fourth Kingdom is actually two.

2. The legs of iron are the Roman Empire.

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 the well known "seven prophetic years."

5. The Revived Roman Empire will be headquartered in Rome Italy.

6. Daniel in chapter nine is given information about the seven years owing to Israel and the Revived Roman Empire.

7. As we earlier studied, Gabriel in Daniel chapter nine provides some highly specific information about both the Roman Empire and the Revived Roman Empire.

8. Now let's see what we can learn about the destruction of the Revived Roman Empire.

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Dan 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

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Dan 2:34 While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.

1. The Stone is our Lord at the Second Advent.
2. He will strike the image at its feet and the Revived Roman Empire will be destroyed.
3. The gentile nations making up in part the Revived Roman Empire are not further identified.
4. All we know of these ten is that they are part of a ten nation federation which will be headed by the Antichrist from Rome Italy.
5. Certainly if you break the feet of the image, you destroy the statue.
6. As noted that which will strike the base of the statue and destroy the rulership of the Antichrist is a stone, Eben, in the Hebrew.
7. Eben is a stone, so large it has never been reduced in size.
8. It is used of Christ Himself.
9. Christ being referred to as a stone is not unusual. A few such uses:
  - Christ as the stone rejected by Israel; He is said to become the capstone:

Psa 118:22 The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

- Christ Who came after the prophets to find Himself also rejected as the Son of the owner of the vineyard

Mar 12:1 He then began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey.

Mar 12:2 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.

Mar 12:3 But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

Mar 12:4 Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully.

Mar 12:5 He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

Mar 12:6 "He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

Mar 12:7 "But the tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

Mar 12:8 "So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

Mar 12:9 "What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.

Mar 12:10 Haven't you read this scripture: "'The stone' the builders rejected has become the capstone;

- Peter's statement of faith as the rock upon which Christ would build His church:

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Mat 16:14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Mat 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

Mat 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter [Petros], and on this rock (either Christ or the statement of faith) [Petra] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Mat 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Mat 16:20 Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

- Christ as the living Stone rejected by men and the church as living stones being built into a spiritual house:

1Pe 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--

1Pe 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- The rock stuck by Moses:

1Co 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

1Co 10:2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

1Co 10:3 They all ate the same spiritual food

1Co 10:4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

- Jesus was said to be a stumbling stone for Israel and a rock of offense.

Rom 9:32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;  
Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offense: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 11:8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.  
Rom 11:9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them:

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

10. Now let's return to a direct analysis of verse 34.

10. That we have a reference to the last battle of Armageddon near Megiddo when not only the ten nation federation under the Antichrist is defeated, but it would seem equally certain that here we have a reference to the defeat of all the nations of the world who show up to fight against Israel.



11. The passages in chapter nineteen of the Apocalypse describe the events in part.  
Rev 19:11-21

Rev 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Rev 19:14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

"He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

Rev 19:18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Rev 19:19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.

Rev 19:20 But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Rev 19:21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

12. Daniel also writes of the events in chapter eleven.

Dan 11:31 "His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.

Dan 11:32 With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

Dan 11:33 "Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered.

Dan 11:34 When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them.

Dan 11:35 Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.

Dan 11:36 "The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place.

Dan 11:37 He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all.

Dan 11:38 Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his fathers he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts.

Dan 11:39 He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.

Dan 11:40 "At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood.

Dan 11:41 He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand.

Dan 11:42 He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape.

Dan 11:43 He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Nubians in submission.

Dan 11:44 But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many.

Dan 11:45 He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Dan 12:4 But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."

13. Ezekiel speaks of these events.

Eze 38:18 This is what will happen in that day: When Gog attacks the land of Israel, my hot anger will be aroused, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 38:19 In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.

Eze 38:20 The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground.

Eze 38:21 I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother.

Eze 38:22 I will execute judgment upon him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him.

Eze 38:23 And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.'

Eze 39:1 "Son of man, prophesy against Gog and say: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

Eze 39:2 I will turn you around and drag you along. I will bring you from the far north and send you against the mountains of Israel.

Eze 39:3 Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand.

Eze 39:4 On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals.

Eze 39:5 You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 39:6 I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in safety in the coast lands, and they will know that I am the LORD.

Eze 39:7 "I will make known my holy name among my people Israel. I will no longer let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will know that I the LORD am the Holy One in Israel.

14. Now let's see what principles we can glean from verse thirty-five.

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Dan 2:35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

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Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace.

But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

1. There are companion passages in Daniel chapter seven where Daniel himself had a dream; the same five empires described by Daniel in chapter two (but with different imagery) and the coming of our Lord at the Second Advent are described again. Daniel saw four creatures.

1.1 First World Empire Dan 7:4, Babylon;

Dan 7:4 "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given it.

1.2 Second World Empire Dan 7:5, Medo Persian;

Dan 7:5 "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'"

1.3 Third World Empire Dan 7:6, Greece;

Dan 7:6 "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

1.4 Fourth World Empire Dan 7:7 and 8, Roman/Revived Roman;

Dan 7:7 "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast (The Roman Empire)--terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

Dan 7:8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

1.5 Christ's Coming Kingdom, Dan 7:9-12

Dan 7:9 "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

Dan 7:10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

Dan 7:11 "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast (the Antichrist) was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire (at the GWT).

Dan 7:12 The other beasts (Satan and his demons) had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time (at the end of the Millennium).

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