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– Exodus 25:8

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How it works: Heat therapy works by improving circulation and blood flow to a particular area due to increased temperature. Increasing the temperature of the afflicted area even slightly can soothe discomfort and increase muscle flexibility. Heat therapy can relax and soothe muscles and heal damaged tissue.

There are two different types of heat therapy: dry heat & moist heat. Both aim for warm as the ideal temperature instead of hot.

Dry heat: (conducted heat therapy) includes heating pads, dry heating packs, and even saunas. This heat is easy to apply.

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A HOT TOWEL
CAN WORK WONDERS
**ON VARIOUS AREAS
OF THE BODY:**

- 1 The back
- 2 The face
- 3 The neck
- 4 Shoulders
- 5 Other joints



Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?



Yes we Can!



2 Peter 3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”



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Meta wants to track people's facial expressions in metaverse

January 19, 2022

NEW YORK POST



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Doomsday Clock stays at 100 seconds to midnight and remains 'closest to apocalypse' ever

20 January 2022

sky news



The **DOOMSDAY CLOCK** has stayed at 100 seconds to midnight for the third year in a row – as the world remains **THE "CLOSEST TO APOCALYPSE" IT HAS EVER BEEN**. The countdown - a metaphor for global collapse - took into account dangerous threats posed by nuclear weapons, **CLIMATE CHANGE**, disruptive technologies and COVID-19... the clock remains the closest it has ever been to civilization-ending apocalypse because the world remains stuck in an **EXTREMELY DANGEROUS MOMENT**



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Introduction – Recap of the Study so far...

In order to convince Nebuchadnezzar that this dream was, indeed, a revelation from a God superior to all the gods he knew, it was first necessary to demonstrate that his gods and his wise men were powerless to provide him with the information he so eagerly desired. Things were therefore permitted to reach a climax in which the strongest possible incentives, honor or death, proved unavailing. In their extremity the wise men were finally compelled to admit that the solution to the king's dilemma lay in the hands of a God of whom they had no knowledge and over whom they had no influence. Only then was the king in a state of mind to appreciate and benefit by Daniel's solution to the problem.

The fact that the wisest men of the realm failed to reveal the royal dream, but that Daniel was able to do so—completely and accurately—convinced the king of the infinite superiority of Daniel's God over his own gods. The first thing Nebuchadnezzar learned about the true God was that He is "a revealer of secrets" (Ch. 2:47), not in the relatively simple sense of solving enigmas, but in the deeper sense of providing the right answers to the major problems of life and empire.

The Prophecy of Daniel 2

HEAD OF GOLD BABYLON B.C. 605 - 539		BREAST OF SILVER MEDO PERSIA B.C. 539 - 331
THIGHS OF BRASS GREECE B.C. 331 - 168		DESTROYING ROCK KINGDOM OF JESUS AND GOD
LEGS OF IRON ROME B.C. 168 - 476AD		THE FEET: Iron = State power (from Roman Empire) Clay = Church (Isaiah 64:8 and Jeremiah 18:1-6). So "Miry Clay" (Dirty Clay) = APPEAL TO THE Church
FEET OF IRON & CLAY DIVIDED WORLD A.D. 476 - TODAY		Iron and Clay also denotes a mixing of Church and State: PAPAL I

Introduction (cont'd) – Recap of the Study so far...

In response to prayer, God reveals the content of the dream and its interpretation. And Daniel does not hesitate to tell the king that the solution for the mystery comes from the “*God in heaven*”. Also, prior to reporting the content of the dream and its interpretation.

Daniel mentions the unexpressed thoughts and concerns of the king as the latter lay sleepless in bed. This circumstantial information further emphasizes the credibility of the message, because such information known only to the king must have come to Daniel through a supernatural power. But as Daniel proceeds to report the content of the dream, he risks triggering another crisis, because the dream is not necessarily good news for Nebuchadnezzar.

"The dream of the great image, opening before Nebuchadnezzar events reaching to the close of time, had been given that he might understand the part he was to act in the world's history, and the relation that his kingdom should sustain to the kingdom of heaven....

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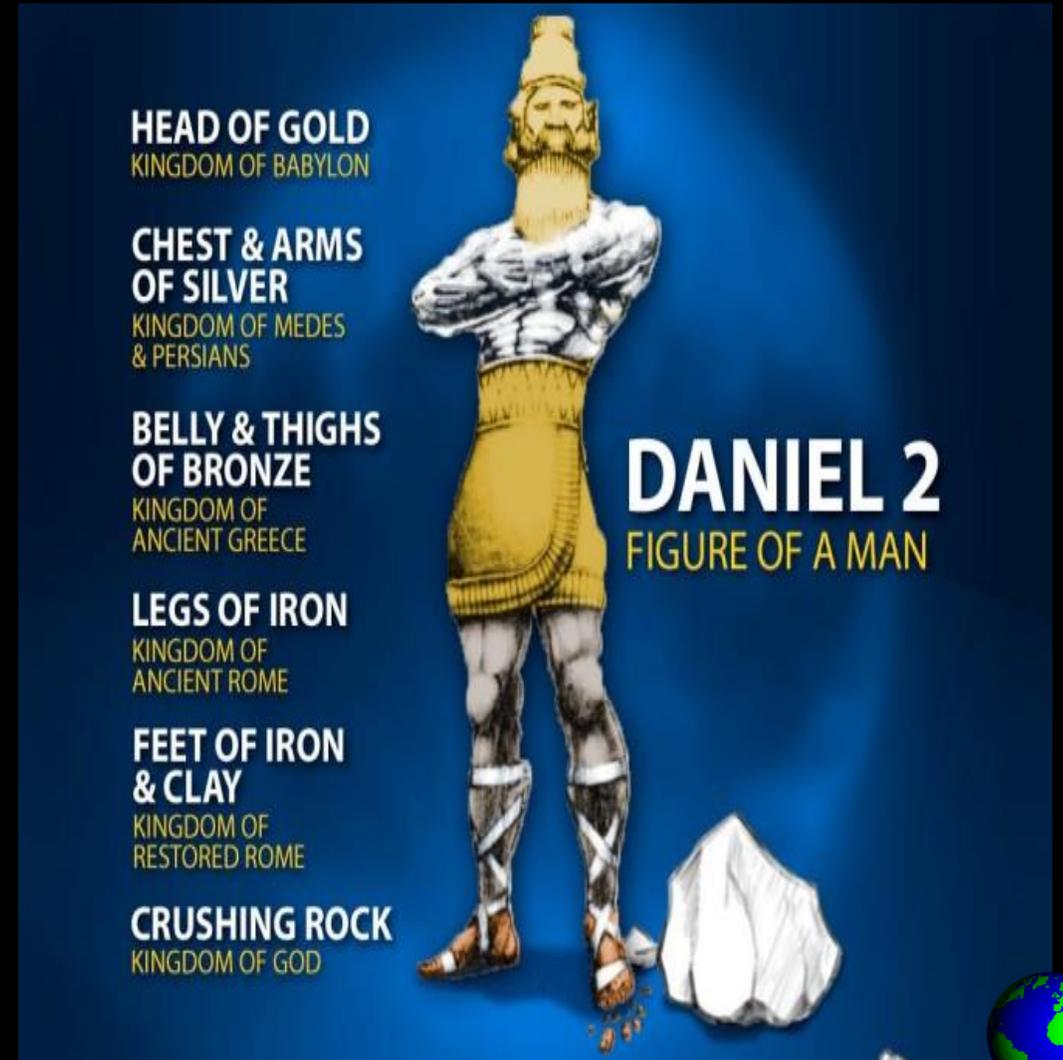


Introduction (cont'd) – The Lord Who Is Trustworthy

There was Daniel, who knew that in moments of calm or crisis there is only One who is trustworthy. So, he turned to God before he went to the king (Daniel 2:20-23). Prayer preceded the revelation and interpretation of the king's forgotten dream. Daniel's remarkable appeal teaches us to remember that because God is in control, all is safe.

Four facts stand out in this prayer:

- (1) Wisdom and power are God's.
 - (2) God controls "times and seasons," as well as the movements of nations and powers.
 - (3) He reveals deep and hidden things and those who walk with Him need not fear darkness.
 - (4) He is a God who answers prayers.
- Our God is trustworthy, indeed!



Daniel 2:31-35 – God the Revealer

Daniel 2:31 *Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.*

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

33 *His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.*

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.*

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.*



The Outline of the Dream

The dream consists of a majestic image with its head “of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay” (Daniel 2:32-33). Eventually a stone “struck the image on its feet” (Daniel 2:34), and the whole structure was destroyed and scattered like chaff on the wind. Daniel explains that the different metals represent successive kingdoms that will replace one another throughout the course of history. For Nebuchadnezzar, the message is clear: Babylonia, with all its might and glory, will pass away and be replaced by another kingdom, which will be followed by others until a kingdom of a completely different nature will replace them all: God’s eternal kingdom, which will last forever.

Look at how fleeting and temporary all human things are. What should this fact teach us about the great hope we have in Jesus, and in Jesus alone (see John 6:54, 2 Corinthians 4:18)?



A Dual Representation

The image revealed to Nebuchadnezzar, while representing the deterioration of the kingdoms of the earth in power and glory, also fitly represents the deterioration of religion and morality among the people of these kingdoms.

As nations forget God, in like proportion they become weak morally. 4BC 1168.4

Babylon passed away because in her prosperity she forgot God, and ascribed the glory of her prosperity to human achievement. 4BC 1168.5

The Medo-Persian kingdom was visited by the wrath of heaven because in this kingdom God's law was trampled under foot. The fear of the Lord found no place in the hearts of the people. The prevailing influences in Medo-Persia were wickedness, blasphemy, and corruption. 4BC 1168.6

The kingdoms that followed were even more base and corrupt. They deteriorated because they cast off their allegiance to God. As they forgot Him, they sank lower and still lower in the scale of moral value ([The Youth's Instructor, September 22, 1903](#)). 4BC 1168.7



GOLD	BABYLONIAN EMPIRE 605-539 BC THE LION <small>Dan. 2:1 And in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar, he dreamed dreams, where with his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. 31. Thou, O King, sawest, and beheld a great image: This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. 32. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass. 33. His legs of iron, his feet part of iron, part of clay. 34. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beast of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all: Thou art the head of gold.</small>
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE 539-331 BC THE BEAR <small>35. And after these shall arise another kingdom inferior to these,</small> 
BRASS	GRECIAN EMPIRE 331-168 BC THE LEOPARD <small>36. And another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.</small> 
IRON	ROMAN EMPIRE 168 BC-AD 476 THE DRAGON <small>40. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.</small> 
IRON & CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS HEADED BY REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE: AMERICA. AD 476 - 2ND ADVENT <small>41. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, inasmuch 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 nevertheless be as the sand of the sea: for thou shalt not cleave one to another, neither shall they be united together, because thou hast not mixed iron with clay. DANIEL 2:32-32</small>



Religion and Morality Standout

The words "religion" and "morality" clearly point to the spiritual approach to this chapter rather than the literal and more common interpretation. In both cases the image is symbolic, but in one instance the symbols represent military prowess and political strength while in the other, devotion to the true God and loyalty to the principles of heaven are revealed. **It is this second application of symbols that we wish to trace consistently through to the end.**

Did you notice two significant things about the progression of the medals?

First, the metals get stronger as they come down the image.

Second, they are less valuable as they descend.

As we look, history tells of each kingdom getting stronger and ruling a greater area, and at the same time morality slides, shown by the less valuable metals. After the metal man we see that a stone is cut out "Without hands," and hits the image on the feet and toes, crumbling the whole image to powder and the wind blows it away.

This stone then fills the whole earth.



World history is Devolving

History is not evolving but rather devolving as can be seen by the decreasing value of the metals. History is not evolving toward a golden age created by the ingenuity of man but rather devolving into a state of confusion and chaos.

While the metals decrease in value, they increase in strength:

“The image revealed to Nebuchadnezzar, while representing the deterioration of the kingdoms of the earth in power and glory, also fitly represents the deterioration of religion and morality among the people of these kingdoms. As nations forget God, in like proportion they become weak morally.” - [4 Bible Commentary, p. 1168](#)

- The lack of moral value in the nations leads them to impose morality by force.
- All kingdoms will fall but the kingdom of God will embrace the entire earth and will last forever.

Let's continue our journey as the Bible unfolds this wonderful prophecy.



Daniel 2:36-38 - A Lord of Kings

Daniel 2:36 *This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.*

37 *Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.*

38 *And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*

Now Daniel gives the interpretation. He starts by telling the king that he is a king of kings, but also reminds him that it is the God of heaven that gave to him this kingdom and power, strength, and glory, so as to not allow the king any pride or self glory in the matter, but remind him of the true God. Babylon thought itself above retribution, and trusted in their spiritual leaders, but they were being led astray by them. (Isaiah 47:7-8, 13) Babylon should not have been glorying in its own wisdom but glorying in the fact that they were given an understanding of and a knowledge of the true God. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)



The Time Frame of the Dream

The prophecy conveyed by Nebuchadnezzar's dream provides a general prophetic outline and functions as the yardstick with which to approach the more-detailed prophecies of Daniel 7, 8, and 11. Also, Daniel 2 is not a conditional prophecy.

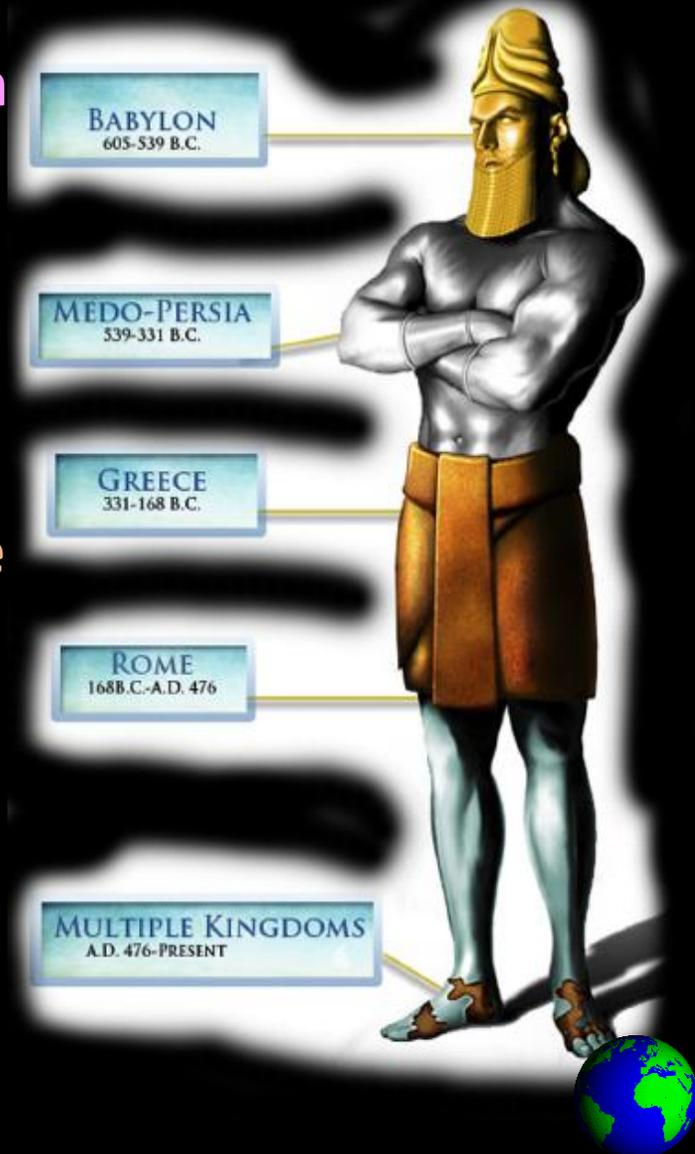
It is an apocalyptic prophecy: a definitive prediction of what God foresaw and would actually bring to pass in the future.

- It starts with Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom.
- It ends with the kingdom of God - 2nd Coming.

The dream describes world history from the Babylonian time till the end of the world. The image consisting of different metals represents earthly kingdoms/empires.

The head of gold represents Babylon (606-538 BC). Indeed, no other metal could better represent the power and wealth of the Babylonian empire than gold. The Bible calls it "the golden city" (Isaiah 14:4) and "a golden cup in the LORD's hand" (Jeremiah 51:7; compare with Revelation 18:16).

The ancient historian Herodotus reports that an abundance of gold embellished the city.



The City of Babylon

Verse 38 tells us a little of how great his dominion was and to the extent of what he ruled over. Daniel now reveals to us, and to Nebuchadnezzar, that he is the head of gold. Babylon ruled the world from 606 B.C. to 538 B.C. Here is a little information on the magnificence of Babylon. It was a perfect square 60 miles/98.4 km in circumference, 15 miles/24.6 km each side, with the walls reaching a height of 350 feet/106.68 m and 87 feet/26.52 m thick. It had a moat around the wall of equal cubic capacity with the wall itself. Each street was 15 miles/24.6 km long at a width of 150 feet/45.72 meters. Also a river of 30 miles/49.2 km ran through the centre of the city with river walls to match and 250 gates of solid brass, its hanging gardens that went terrace after terrace till they matched the height of the outside walls, and the list goes on. The Bible describes it as “the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees’ excellency,” Isaiah 13:19. Truly this was a fit capital of the kingdom of Babylon. We shall learn more of this kingdom in future prophecies.



Here's why Babylon Falls

First, the head of gold represents not only Babylon but her knowledge and acquaintance with the true and living God — a knowledge of real worth, gold tried in the fire. **But, "Babylon passed away because in her prosperity she forgot God."** —The SDA Bible Commentary, 1168.

This knowledge of God is clearly manifested in the experience of Nebuchadnezzar as he extols the King of heaven (Daniel 4:37).

Her forgetfulness is demonstrated by Belshazzar, who humbled not his heart though he knew of his father's experiences.

"And he [Nebuchadnezzar] was driven from the sons of men... **his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men...** And thou his son, O Belshazzar, host not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this" (Daniel 5:21-22).

As a result the kingdom was finished and given to the Medes and Persians (verses 23-31).

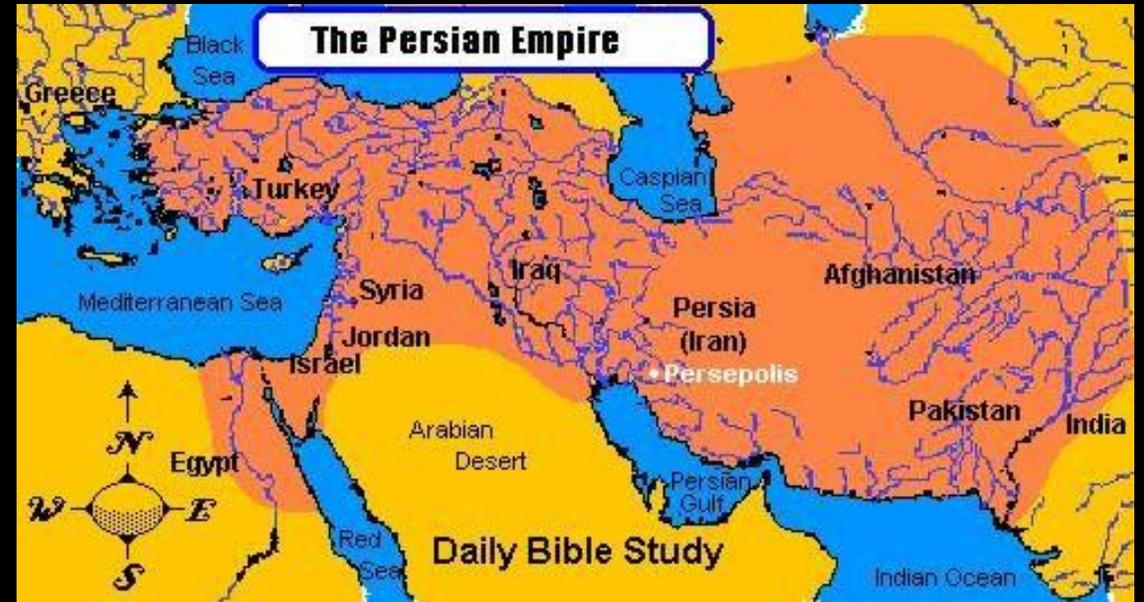


Daniel 2:39 – The Inferior Kingdom

Daniel 2:39 - *And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

Second, the Medo-Persian kingdom shows a marked change religiously, even as silver stands out against gold. "The Medo-Persian kingdom was visited by the wrath of heaven. . . . The fear of the Lord found no place in the hearts of the people."—The SDA Bible Commentary, 1168.

This attitude is clearly chronicled in the book of Esther and the nonchalant manner in which Xerxes would have exterminated the Jews.



The Rise of Medo-Persia

After the Babylonian kingdom there was to arise another kingdom inferior to it, as silver is inferior to gold but stronger. From chapter 8 and verse 20, and 5:28-31, we see that it was the Medes and Persians that took over the Babylonian kingdom in 538 B.C. under the rulership of Darius the Mede, chapter 5:31. They were inferior in wealth, luxury, and magnificence, not in power or in the extent of the kingdom for they were mightier and ruled over a larger area than Babylon. We shall learn of this conquest in chapter 5.

Medo-Persia ruled from 538 B.C. to 331 B.C.

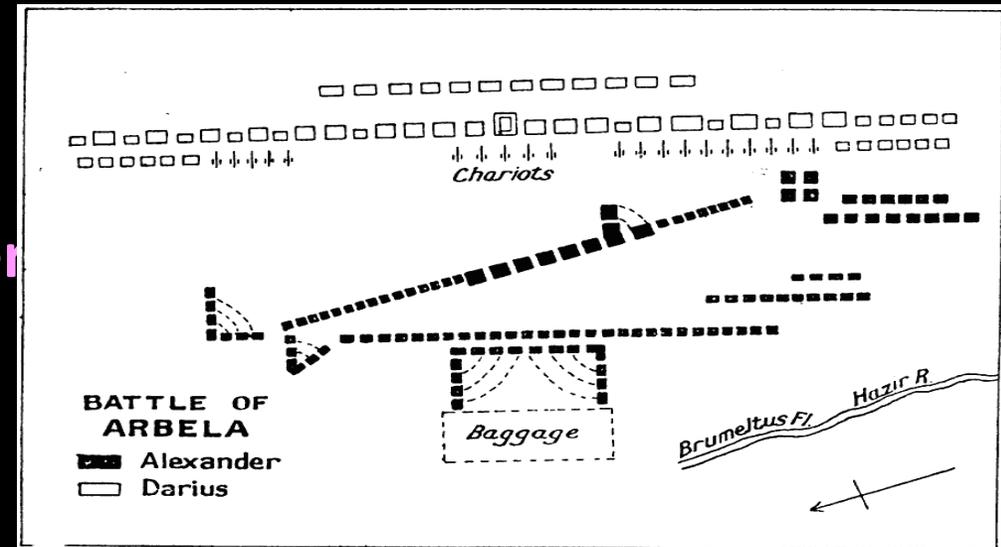
The chest and arms of silver stand for Media-Persia (539-331 B.C.). As silver is valued less than gold, the Medo-Persian empire never attained the splendour of the Babylonian. In addition, silver was also a fitting symbol for the Persians because they used silver in their taxation system.



The 3rd kingdom - Greece

Another third kingdom, the belly and thighs of brass, was to arise after the Medo-Persia kingdom. This kingdom was the Grecian empire as stated in Daniel 8:20-21. The final deciding battle was at Arbela, 331 B.C., between Alexander the Great and Darius Codomannus the last of the line of the old Persian kings. Alexander and his Grecian army were outnumbered 20 to 1 by the Persians, but Alexander was entirely victorious with Darius being killed by his own men when refusing to make a more hasty retreat. Alexander now became absolute lord of the Persian Empire, to a greater extent than any of the Persian kings before him. The Bible says that this kingdom was to bear rule over all the earth. The Grecian kingdom did, for it ruled from Greece across to the borders of India and down to Egypt.

We shall learn more of this power as we look at other prophecies. Greece ruled from 331 B.C. to 168 B.C.



The still greater Decline

The belly and thighs of bronze symbolize Greece (331-168 B.C.). [Ezekiel 27:13](#) portrays the Greeks as bartering bronze vessels. Greek soldiers were noted for their bronze armour. Their helmets, shields, and battle-axes consisted of brass. Herodotus tells us that Psammetichus I of Egypt saw in invading Greek pirates the fulfilment of an oracle that foretold "men of bronze coming from the sea".

Third and Fourth, were the kingdoms of Greece and Rome, and it is in their metallic representation that we see a still greater decline, even as brass and iron stand in sharp contrast to gold and silver. "The kingdoms that followed were even more base and corrupt. . . . They sank lower and still lower in the scale of moral value." - [The SDA Bible Commentary, p1168](#)



Golden Head	Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon
Silver Body	After Nebuchadnezzar "Inferior"
Bronze Waist	Rules The World
Iron Legs	Crushes all Others
Iron and Clay Feet	Breaks to Pieces



Daniel 2:40 – The Iron Kingdom

Daniel 2:40 *And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

The legs of iron aptly represent Rome (168 B.C.-A.D. 476). As Daniel explained, the iron represented the crushing power of the Roman Empire, which lasted longer than any of the previous kingdoms. **Iron was a perfect metal to represent the empire.**

The epitome of this deteriorated relationship with the true God is reached when "with the arms of a flood shall they [God's people] be overthrown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant" (Daniel 11:22). **The crucifixion of Christ under the iron monarchy of Rome.**



The Iron kingdom lasts till the End

The iron that arises after Greece remains until the end, though in the feet it becomes mixed with clay. In the interpretation of that part of the vision, the metal representing the fourth power, iron, remains until the end, as well, though it's depicted as mixed with miry clay (vs. 40-44).

The point is unmistakable:

The fourth power arises after Greece and remains until the end, even though it is manifested in a different form. In Daniel, the fourth power, the power rising after Greece, stays the same power (for it's iron all the way through, unlike the previous powers whose metal disappeared when a whole new empire arose), though at some point it changed form. Thus, it's Rome from the time of Greece until the end of the world. Amazingly enough, Rome still exists today as a worldwide power, though its form is radically different from when it first arose after Greece.



The Iron kingdom does Decline

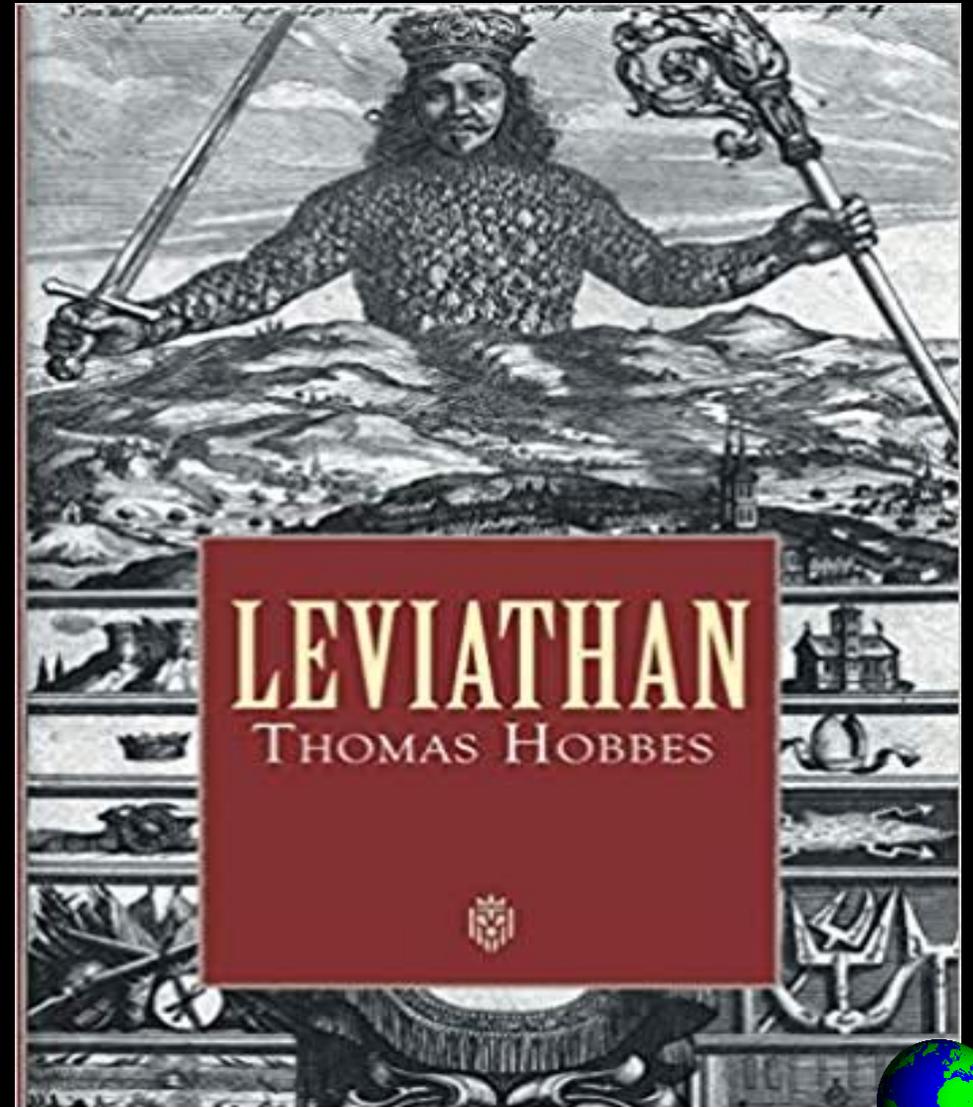
Many centuries ago, one of England's greatest political thinkers wrote:

“If a man considers the origin of this great ecclesiastical dominion, he will easily perceive that the papacy is no other than the ghost of the deceased Roman empire, sitting crowned on the grave thereof.” — Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*.

How does that quote help us understand what Daniel 2 teaches about the Roman Empire?

Think for a few moments about how amazing this prophecy is, how so many centuries ago such an accurate prediction could be made. How should this give you more confidence to trust in the Bible and the promises made in it to us?

That Rome was the fourth power is clearly seen in Revelation 12. Notably, this kingdom is called “the Iron monarchy of Rome” by historian Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.



About the Roman Empire

The iron kingdom of Rome is the fourth empire that ruled the world. Gibbon wrote: “The arms of the Republic, sometimes vanquished in battle, always victorious in war, advanced with rapid steps to the Euphrates, the Danube, the Rhine, and the ocean; and the images of gold, silver, or brass, that might serve to represent the nations or their kings, were successively broken by the iron monarchy of Rome.”

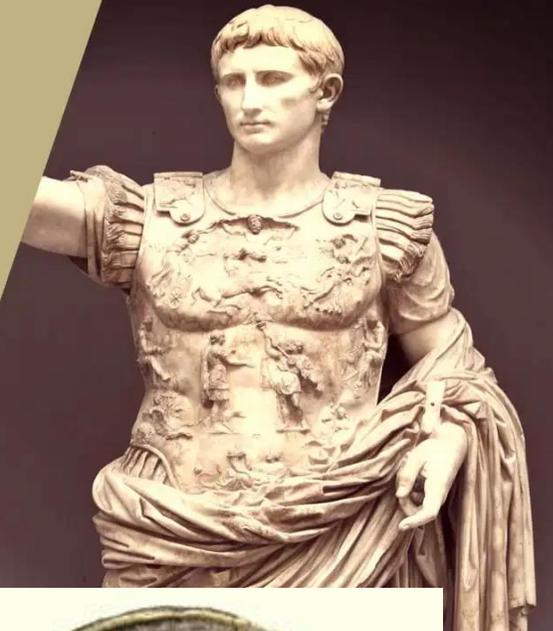
- [Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire](#), C 38, para 1.

In the time of Christ, the Roman Empire included all of Southern Europe, France, England, the greater part of Holland, Switzerland, the Southern part of Germany, Hungary, Turkey, and Greece as well as extensive possessions in Africa and Asia.

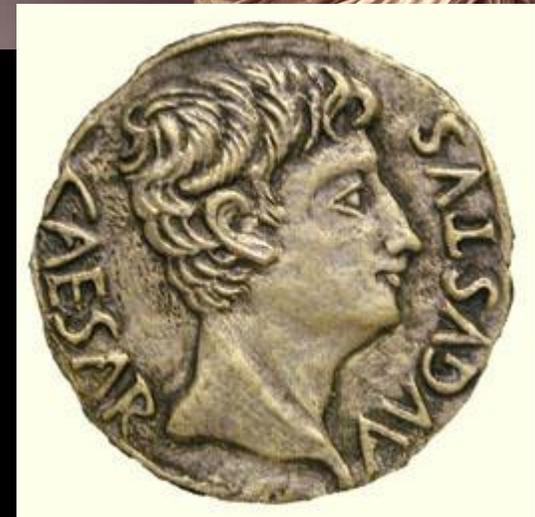
“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.” - [Luke 2:1](#).

The first taxing of the world, enforced by the decrees of Rome, shows the expanse of this Roman Empire.

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The Iron Empire – Jesus Crucified

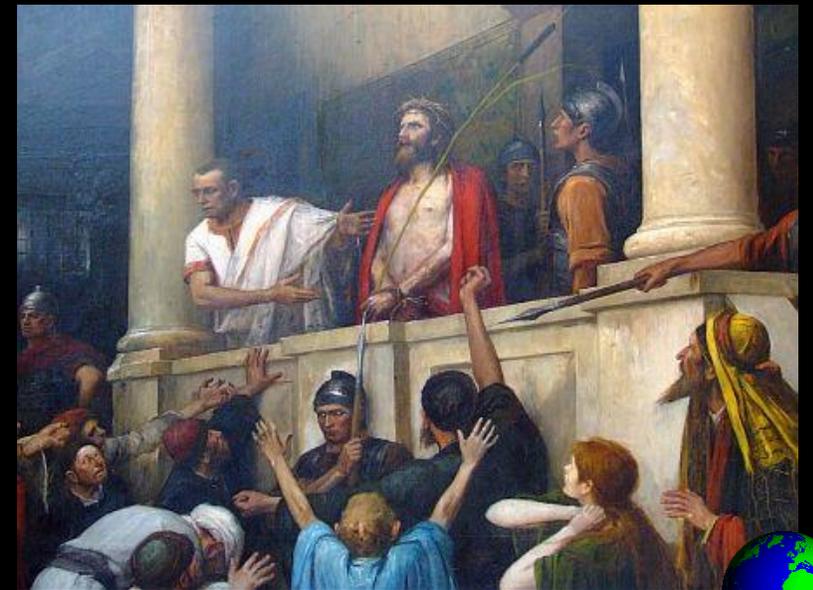
Pontius Pilate served as the prefect of Judaea. He was the fifth governor of the Roman province of Judaea, serving under Emperor Tiberius from the year 26/27 to 36/37 AD.

He is best known for being the official who presided over the trial of Jesus and later ordered his crucifixion. He convicted Jesus of treason and declared that Jesus thought himself King of the Jews, and had Jesus crucified.

Pilate died 39 A.D. The cause of his death remains a mystery. **An artefact found in 1961 confirmed his existence.**

Pilate's importance in modern Christianity is underscored by his prominent place in both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.

Due to the Gospels' portrayal of Pilate as reluctant to execute Jesus, the Ethiopian Church believes that Pilate became a Christian and venerates him as a martyr and saint, a belief historically shared by the Coptic Church.



Rome still exists till the End

The identification of Rome with the fourth kingdom and beyond is strengthened in the parallel chapters of Daniel 7 and 8, which not only repeat the historical scenario established in Daniel 2 but express elements not stressed in it. In Daniel 7 the fourth kingdom, the one that arises after Greece, though changing form, continues to the end of the world (Daniel 7:19-28).

In Daniel 8 the same thing occurs: the final power in the chapter, the power that arises after Greece, though changing some characteristics (symbolic of the transition from pagan Rome to papal Rome), endures to the end as well (Daniel 8:22-25).

In all three chapters—Daniel 2, 7, and 8—the power that arises after Greece's fall in the centuries before Christ remains until the end of time.

What power could that be but, again, Rome?



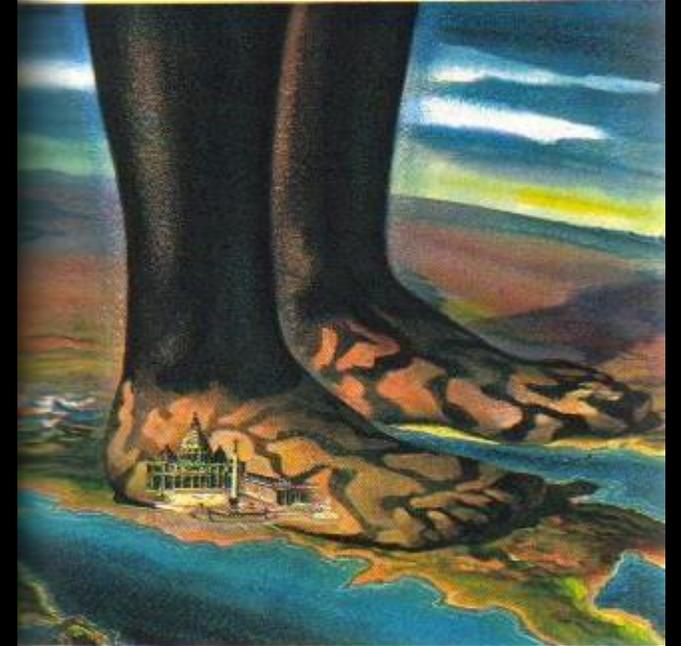
Daniel 2:41-43 – Time of Iron & Clay

Daniel 2:41 *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.*

The feet partly of iron and partly of clay represent a divided Europe (A.D. 476-Second Coming of Christ). The mixture of iron with clay provides a fitting picture of what happened after the disintegration of the Roman Empire. Although many attempts have been made to unify Europe, ranging from marriage alliances between royal houses to the present European Union, **division and disunity have prevailed and, according to this prophecy, will remain so until God establishes the eternal kingdom.**



10 Divisions of the Roman Empire

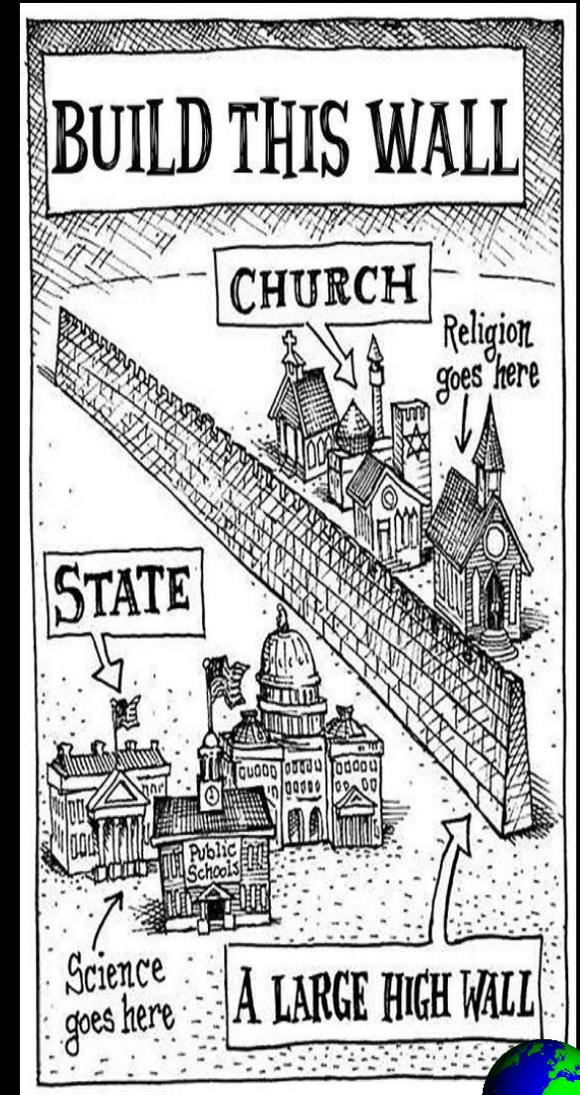
Rome became a divided kingdom around 476 AD. This is symbolized by the two feet and toes of iron and clay.

The iron represents strength. The clay represents weakness. The ten main divisions, corresponding to the ten toes were: the Alamanni (Germans), the Franks (French), the Burgundians (Swiss), the Suevi (Portuguese), the Saxons (English), the Visigoth's (Spanish), the Lombard's (Italians), the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoth's. These tribes made victorious invasions as early as 351 A.D. History points to 476 A.D. as the date for the fall of the Roman Empire, when Emperor Augustulus was removed as king. These kingdoms had the idea that they could rule with the same power as the Roman Empire, yet, without a dictator, or one ruler. These ten kingdoms are known today as Europe. The Bible says, in Daniel 2:43 "they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another," They tried to intermarry between nations to bring back the one world government, but, were never able to achieve the power and authority of the Roman Empire, men like Wilhelm Kaiser, Napoleon, Hitler, just to name a few.



Iron & Clay: Mingled Churchcraft & Statecraft

We have come to a time when God's sacred work is represented by the feet of the image in which the iron was mixed with the miry clay. God has a people, a chosen people, whose discernment must be sanctified, who must not become unholy by laying upon the foundation wood, hay, and stubble. Every soul who is loyal to the commandments of God will see that the distinguishing feature of our faith is the seventh-day Sabbath. If the government would honor the Sabbath as God has commanded, it would stand in the strength of God and in defense of the faith once delivered to the saints. But statesmen will uphold the spurious sabbath, and will mingle their religious faith with the observance of this child of the papacy, placing it above the Sabbath which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, setting it apart for man to keep holy, as a sign between Him and His people to a thousand generations. The mingling of Churchcraft and Statecraft is represented by the iron and the clay. This union is weakening all the power of the churches. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves ([Manuscript 63, 1899](#)). 4BC 1168.8

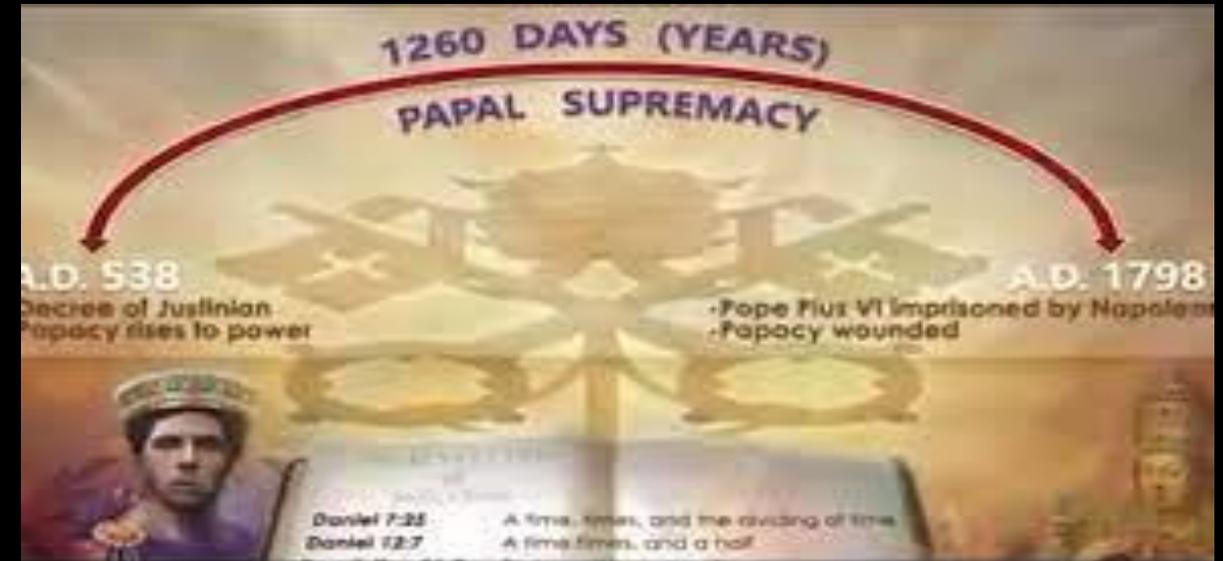


The Iron in the Feet

The iron that existed in the legs continues in the feet. This indicates that Rome continues its existence in the feet but it is a different kind of Rome, an amalgamated Rome with two elements that don't belong together.

The feet of the image take us all the way from the year 476 AD to the second coming of Christ so they cannot represent merely the nations of Western Europe.

The papacy has two stages of dominion, one in Europe during the 1260 years and the other in the whole world when the deadly wound is healed. **The final fulfilment of the feet stage of the image is foretold in Revelation 17 when the kings of the earth will be of one mind for a short period of time.**



The Potter's Clay in the Feet

The clay is of a very special type, it is potter's clay (Daniel 2:41).

The potter's clay is fragile (Daniel 2:42). In Romans 9:20-21 the apostle Paul describes the fragility of man as the fragility of potter's clay. The iron is described as strong (Daniel 2:40). Because the clay is fragile it desires to unite with an element that is stronger in order to subsist in a contentious world. The clay wishes to join together with something that is strong in order to survive.

The iron and the clay each have their place and legitimate function separately. It is only when they are mingled that both are weakened.

Daniel 2 is presenting God's perspective of history. In the sight of God the union of the iron and the clay is an illegitimate union and therefore not a true union at all.

In Daniel 2 all is symbolic: the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the Stone and the mountain. Therefore, the potter's clay must also be symbolic.



Meaning of the Potter's Clay

The potter's clay is used to represent Israel, God's Old Testament church:

Jeremiah 18:1 *The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,*

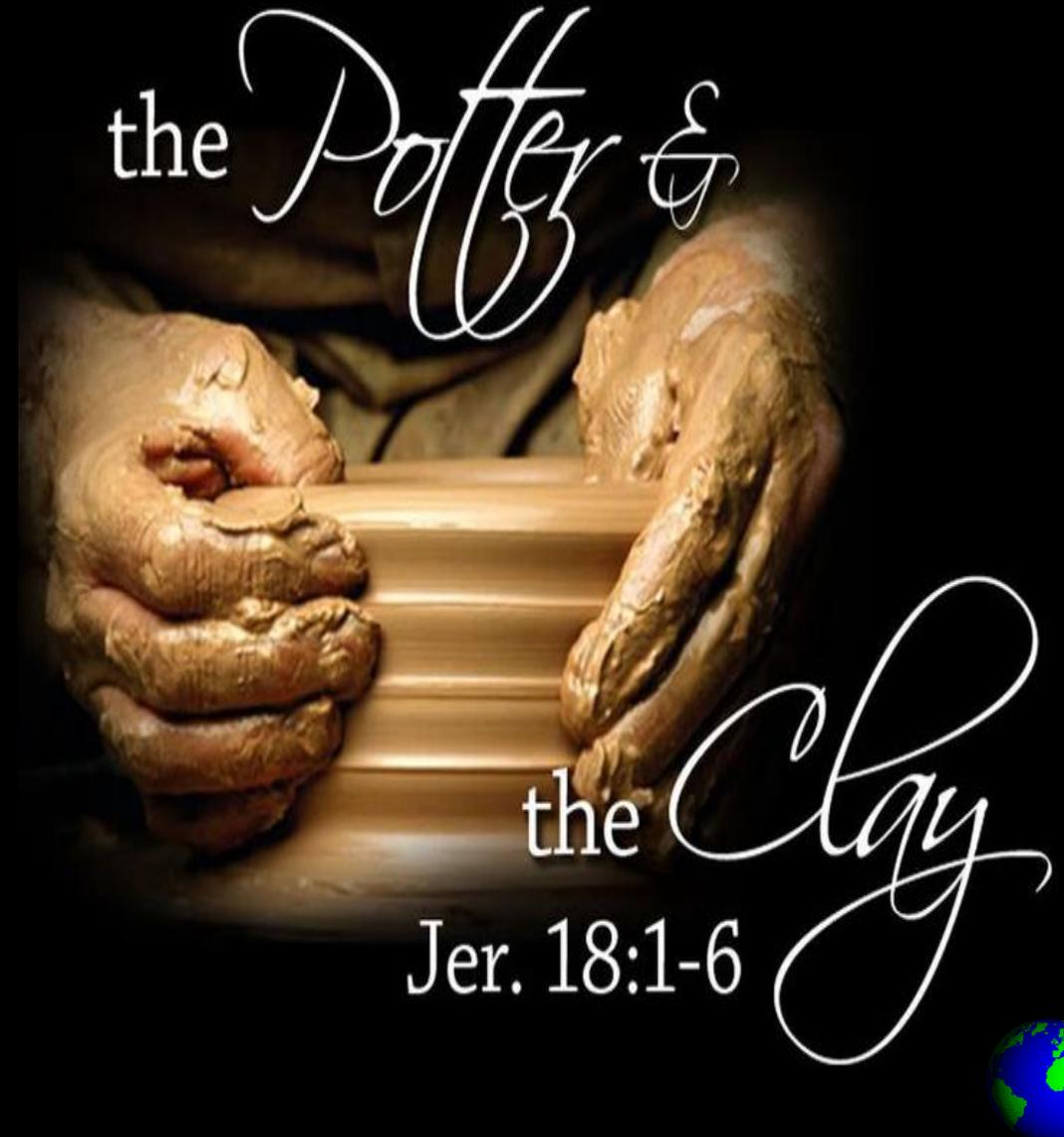
2 *Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.*

3 *Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.*

4 *And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.*

5 *Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

6 *O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.*



Israel = Potter's Clay = Woman

Revelation 12 makes it clear that God's Old Testament church is one with the New Testament church. God does not have two mutually separable peoples. Only one woman is used to symbolize both stages of God's church. The woman that brings the Messiah into the world is the same as the one who later flees into the wilderness for 1260 years.

Thus it would be legitimate to affirm that God's Old Testament church or people is represented by the potter's clay. God formed his church at Mt. Sinai. As a result of apostasy, Israel was taken into Babylonian captivity (the marring of the vessel). But after the captivity God once again established Israel in their land (the making of another vessel).



Man formed out of Clay

Genesis 2:7 affirms that Jesus formed man's literal body out of dust the dust of the ground:

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. . ." Isaiah 64:8 (see also Job 33:6; 13:12) informs us that God worked as a potter and formed our bodies out of clay:

"But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

The literal body that God formed out of clay was perfect and had all of its body parts, each created to fulfill a certain function.

But the body was lifeless.

God then breathed into the body the spirit of life and the body lived and all the body parts began to fulfill the function for which they were created:

Genesis 2:7: ". . . and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."



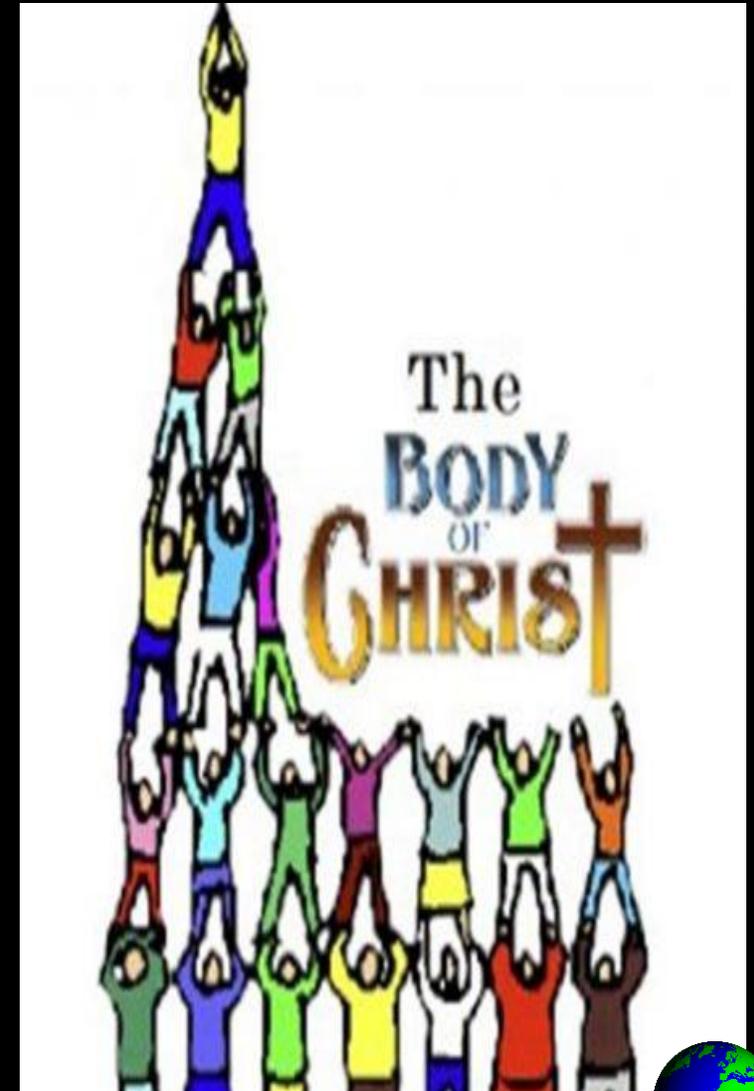
Potter's Clay – Body of Christ = Church

In [Daniel 2](#) we are not only dealing with literal realities but also with spiritual ones. In other words, the potter's clay that God uses to create the body is not literal but symbolic. The question is: **What is represented by the creation of the literal body?**

[Colossians 1:18](#) *“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.”*

This tells us that the church is the body of Christ. In other words, the creation of man's literal body represents the creation of Christ's spiritual body—the church.

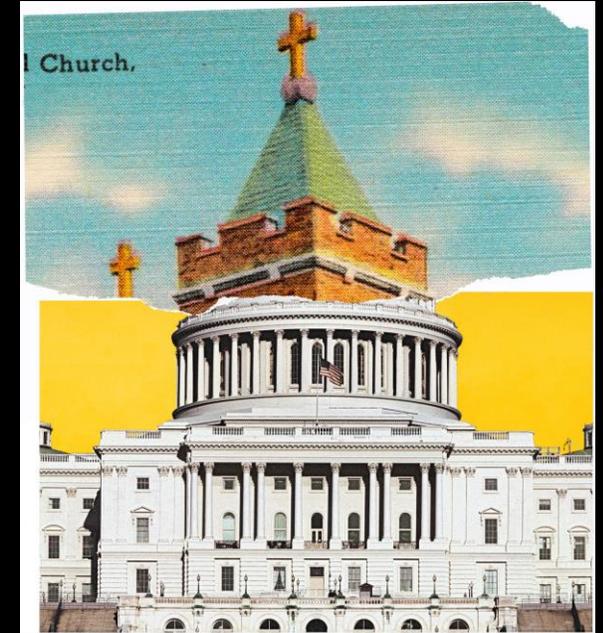
Immediately before the death of Christ, the apostles were intensely divided. They were all striving to occupy the first positions in Christ's future kingdom. They were like a bunch of body parts strewn all over the place. But in [Acts 2:1](#) we are told that the body of Christ was joined together in one accord. All the members now belonged to the same body but each member was created to fulfill a different function. See [1 Corinthians 12:12, 13](#).



Church and the Foot stage of Image

It is safe to conclude that the potter's clay symbolizes God's church. That is to say, during the foot stage of the image the political power of Rome would continue (the iron) but it would be mixed with the church (the clay). **This is exactly what happened during the period of papal dominion.**

The church of the feet stage felt that it had to unite with the state in order to guarantee its continuing existence. **What the church failed to realize is that this illegitimate union weakened both the church and the state.** The church should have realized that the guarantee of her continued existence is found in the protection of the One who moulded her into existence. **The strength of the church does not reside in using the power of the political systems of the world. Her power resides in fulfilling her mission of preaching the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. What God is saying in [Daniel 2](#) is: "What God has cast asunder, let no man join together."** **The church's only legitimate union is with her husband, Jesus Christ. When she joins the state she is committing fornication. Fornication in the sight of God is not union at all!**



Daniel 2, Daniel 7 and Revelation 13

The ten toes of the image reappear again in [Daniel 7](#) and [Revelation 13](#) but with a different symbolism. While in [Daniel 2](#) the clay is added to the iron in the ten toes of the feet, in [Daniel 7](#) the little horn arises among the ten horns of the fourth beast:

- Ten Toes Clay (religious power)
- Ten Horns Little Horn (religious power)

The legs of iron and the ten toes of the image and the dragon beast and its ten horns represent the same political kingdoms. But as Daniel saw clay added to the iron in the feet he now sees a little horn rise from the head of the fourth beast among the ten horns. As the clay was radically different than the metals that preceded it, so this horn is radically different than the beasts and the horns that preceded it. The text clearly indicates that this horn leaned on the political power of the fourth beast to carry on activities that were religious in character. It spoke blasphemy against the Most High, persecuted the saints of the Most High and thought that it could change God's times and Law.

Daniel 2	Daniel 7
	
	Babylon 605-539 BC
	
	Medo-Persia 539-331 BC
	
	Grecia 331-168 BC
	
	Rome 168 BC-476 AD



The Dragon & the Iron Beast kingdom

The little horn in [Daniel 8](#) also had strong religious characteristics: It trampled on God's sanctuary, attacked the Prince of the host, removed the daily and set up the abomination of desolation. The apostle Paul even described the audacity of this power as it sat in the temple of God claiming to be God.

In [Revelation 13](#) we once again see how the little horn combined the political power of Rome with religious activities. In [Revelation 13:2](#) we are told that the dragon gave the beast (the fourth beast of [Daniel 7](#), the legs of iron in [Daniel 2](#)) great authority, throne and power to the beast (the little horn, the clay). The beast then carried on a religious warfare against God by blaspheming his name, His tabernacle and those who dwell in heaven. The beast also persecutes the saints. It is obvious that this was a religio-political power.



The Feet and Revelation 17

The final fulfilment of the feet of the image is found in Revelation 17. In this chapter we once again encounter a dragon like beast that has ten horns. The ten horns are parallel the ten toes of the image and the ten horns of the dragon like beast in Daniel 7. But the ten horns in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 represent the history of the church during the 1260 years (as denoted by the time periods in Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:5). The ten horns in Revelation 17 on the other hand will be fulfilled when the deadly wound of the beast is healed. In Revelation 17 the ten horns are universalized to include the kings of the earth and the whole world (Revelation 16:13, 14, 16; 17:2, 12, 13, 17; 13:3).

It is significant that these kings not only join hands politically. There is a religious power that manipulates them and uses them for its own ends. Revelation 17 portrays a great harlot who is seated on many waters and fornicates with the kings of the earth (Revelation 14:8; 17:2; 18:3, 9). She gives wine to the nations and kills the saints of the Most High.

This is the picture of the end time apostate church that will link up with the kings of the world to establish a New World Order on earth created by the power and prowess of man.



Revelation 17

The Woman, city
& Beast Identified

Rev.17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.



The Illegitimate Union

But this union is not a union at all in the sight of God because it is illegitimate. **When a man commits adultery with a woman there is union but in the sight of God there is no union because God has not united them.** The apparent union of the harlot with the kings will fall apart when the waters of the Euphrates dry up and the kings of the earth hate the harlot ([Revelation 17:16](#)). Jesus will then come as King of kings and Lord of lords ([Revelation 17:14](#)). **This kingdom will be established without hands because it will be established by Christ.**

[Revelation 17:1-2](#) *And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

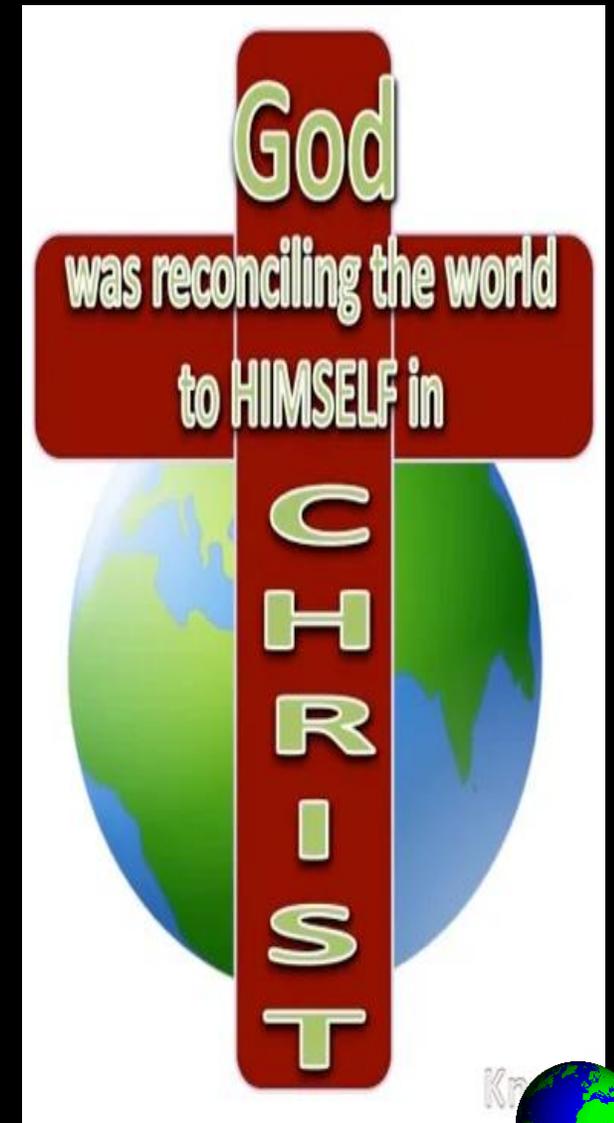
This presents the same mixture but with different symbols.
The great harlot represents an apostate church.
How did she become apostate?

The answer is: By fornicating with the kings of the earth.
Thus the mixture of the iron with the clay represents the same truth as the harlot fornicating with the kings of the earth.



What does it mean for us Today???

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Summary and Conclusion

Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar the dream he could not recall:

The king had been listening with close attention to every particular and knew that it was the very dream which had so troubled him. His mind was thus prepared to favourably receive the interpretation.

Daniel declared: "... there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days...

This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king." Daniel 2:28, 36.

As you can see we are living in the "Toes" era, just before the final climax of the stone coming down to crush the image and fill the earth.

Jesus will soon return, but before He does He seeks first to establish His kingdom in the hearts of men.

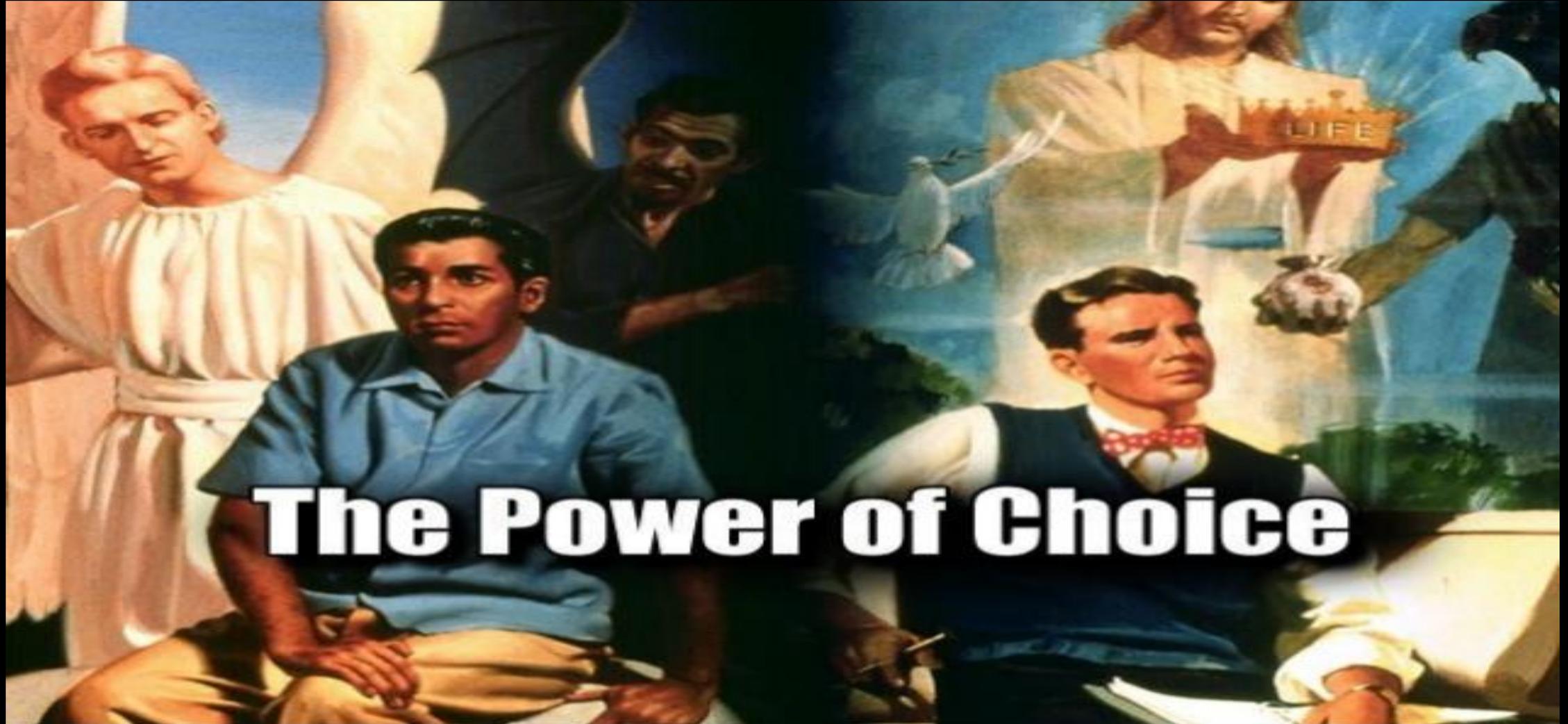
Dear friend, will you allow the Prince of Peace to rule your heart now, so that when He comes you may inherit the Kingdom of Heaven?

THE TIME IS SHORT

Now is the time and
the hour to awake
from our sleep, for
now is our salvation
nearer than when
we believed.

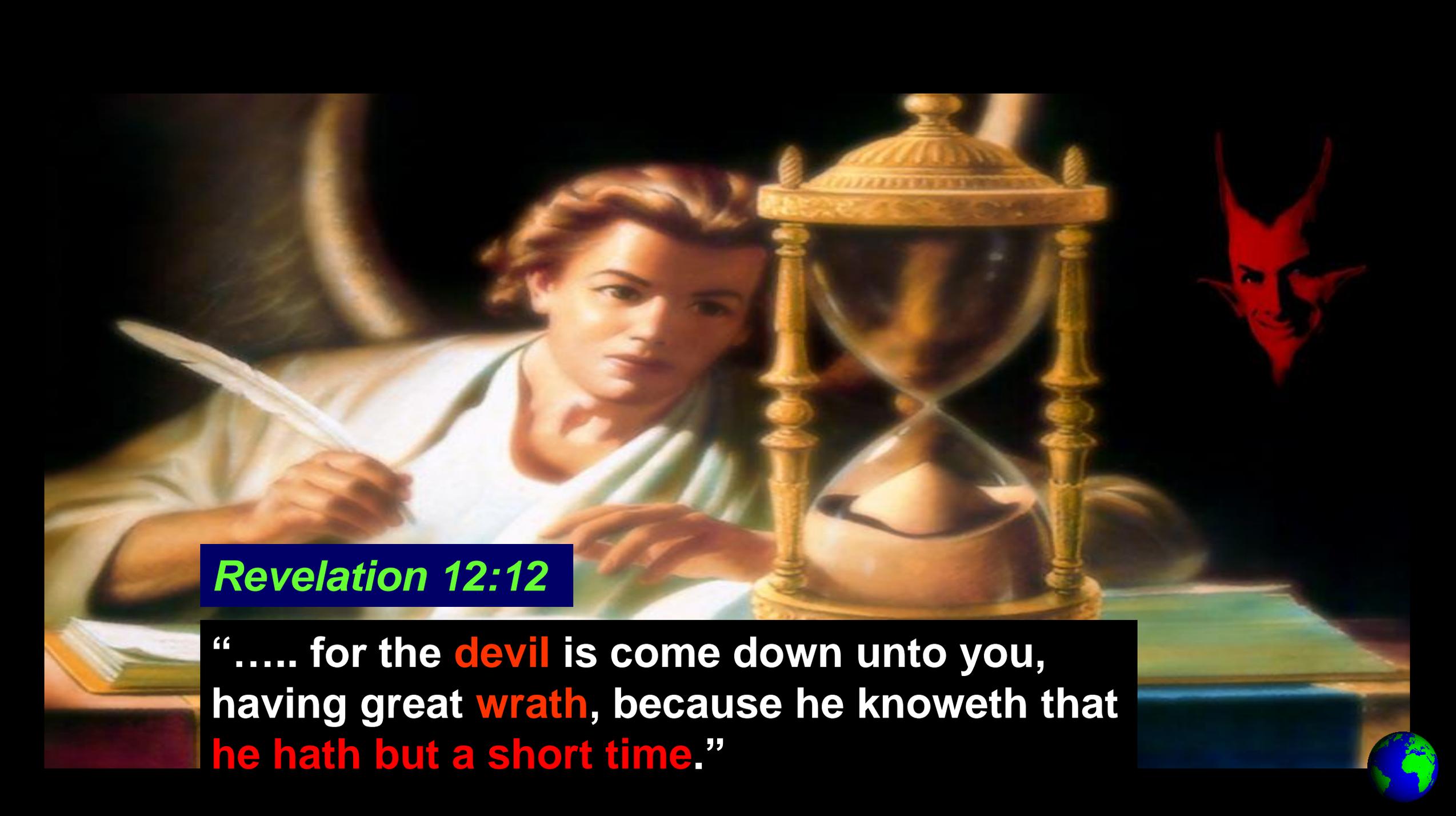


God has given all:



The Power of Choice





Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?