THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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Message

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II. Prophetic (8-12):

Angel interprets, 1st person, Jewish nation, Hebrew

- A. Ram & Goat (8)
- B. 70 weeks (9)
- C. Final vision (10-12)



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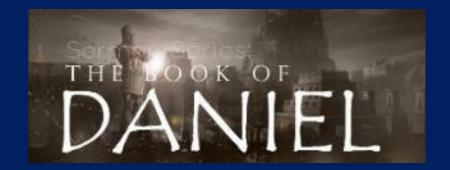


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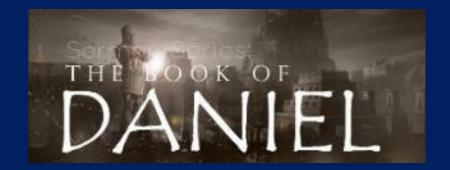
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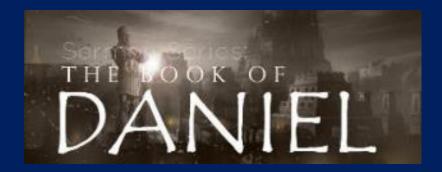
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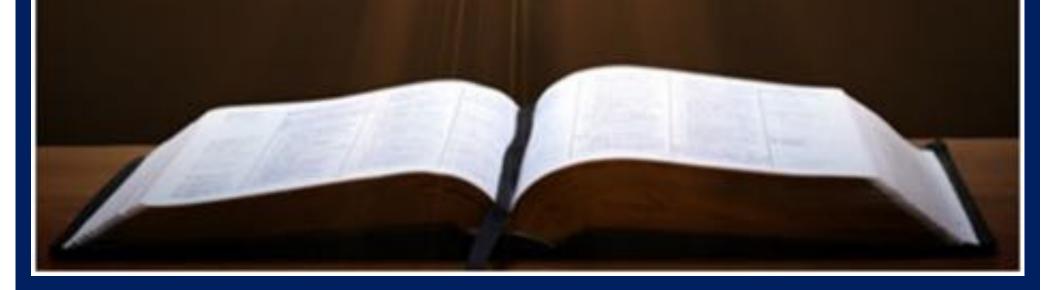


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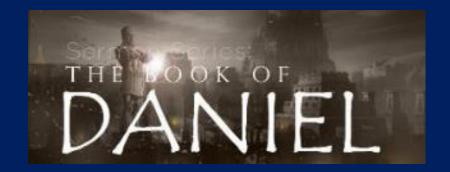


"Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through **Daniel the prophet**, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)."



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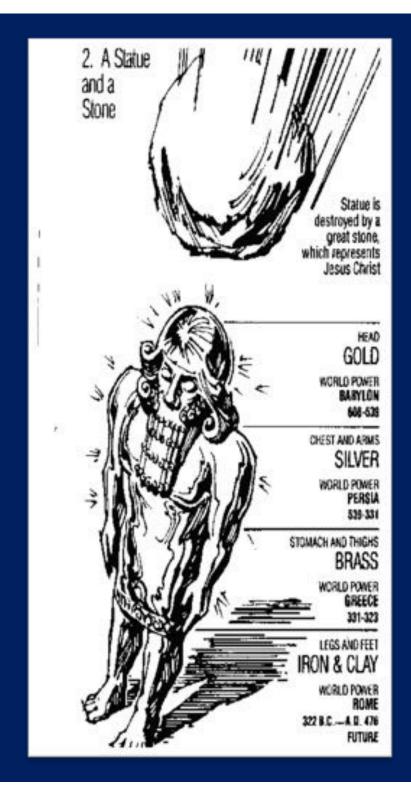
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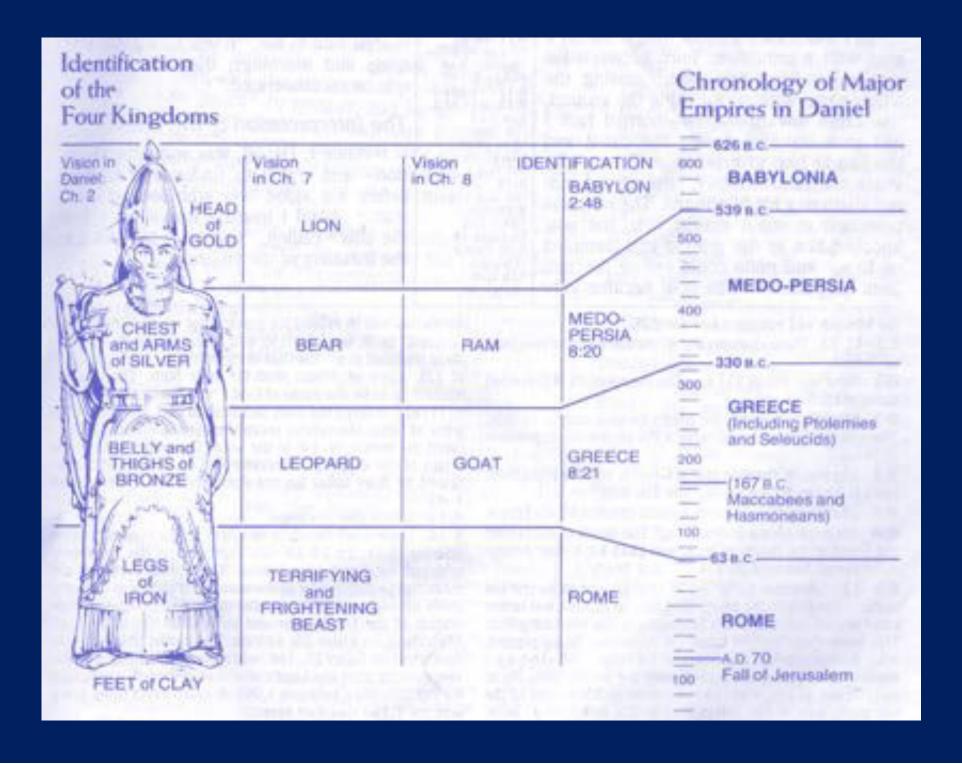
- Times of the Gentiles
- The Sea (Isaiah 57:20-21)
- God's View vs. Man's View





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Comparing Daniel 2 & 7: A Matter of Perspective

	Daniel 2	Daniel 7	
Receiver	Nebuchadnezzar	Daniel	
Position	Oppressor	Oppressee	
Nationality	Babylonian	Hebrew	
Perspective	Jewish	Gentile	
Viewpoint	Antropocentric	Theocentric	
Description	Statue	Beasts	
Appearance	Beautiful	Grotesque	

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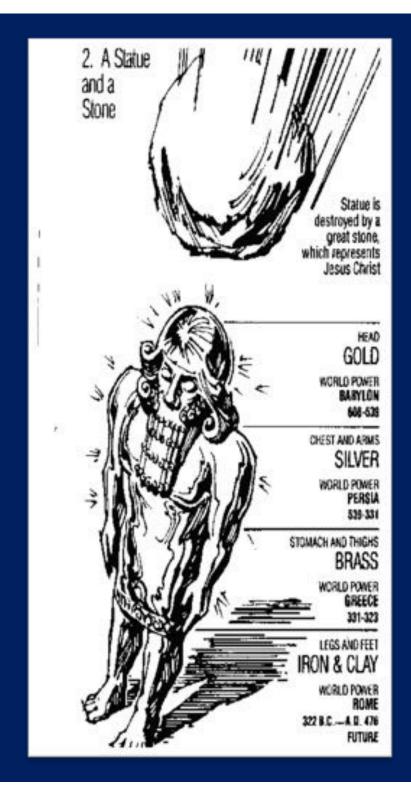
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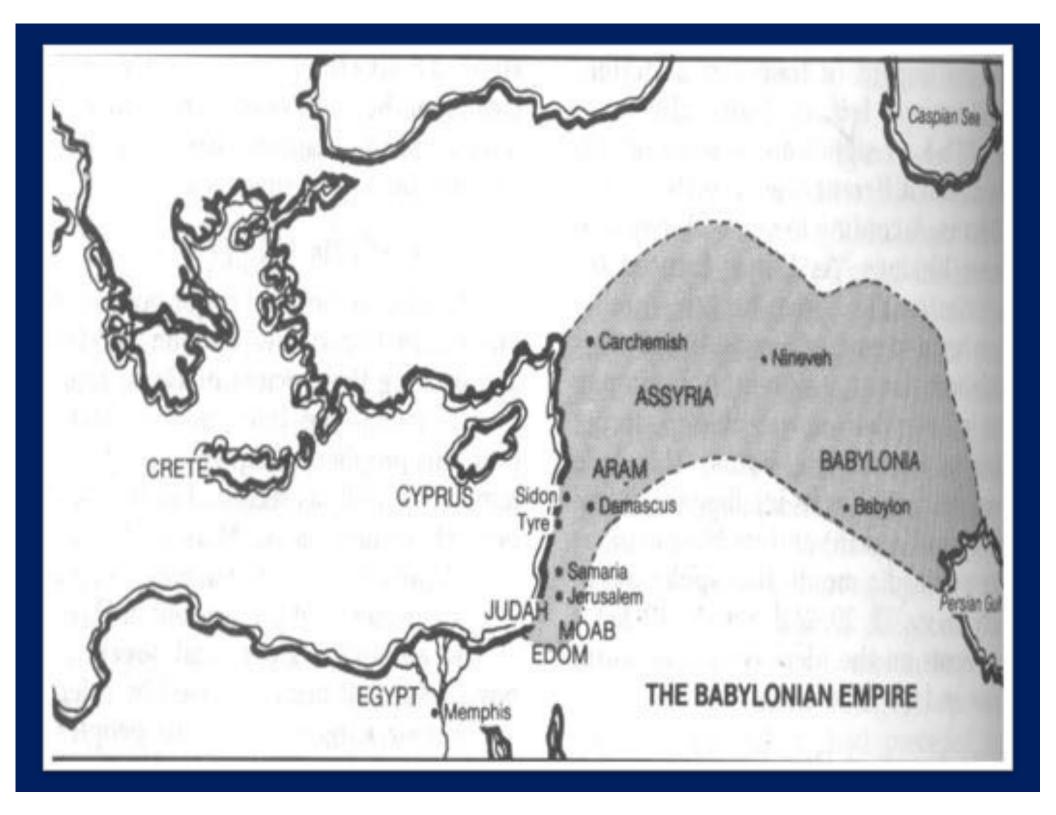
- 1st Beast (V.4)
 - Lion
 - Babylon
 - Head of Gold
 - 2:38
 - 605-539 BC
 - Eagle's Wings
 - Nebuchadnezzar's Experience





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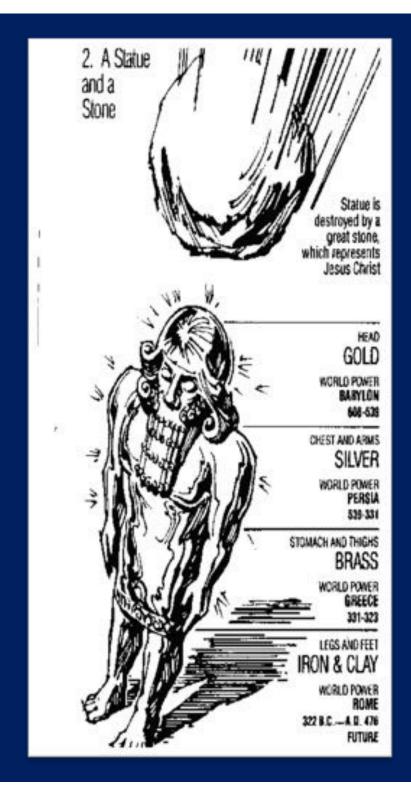
Description of 4 Beasts

- 2nd Beast (V.5)
 - Bear
 - Media-Persia
 - Chest & Arms of Silver
 - 5:28; 8:20
 - 539-331 BC
 - Raised on One Side
 - Three Ribs
 - Arise and Devour





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Cyrus Cylinder



Three Returns

	Date	Duration	Persian king	Jewish leader	Scripture	Purpose	Number of returnees
1 st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2 nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3 rd return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	

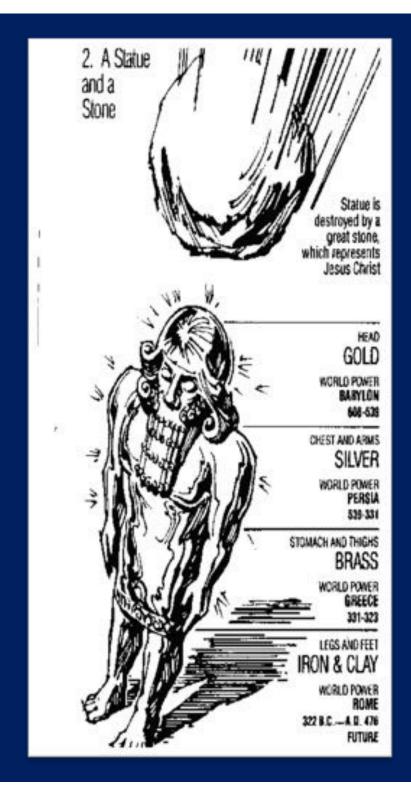
Description of 4 Beasts

- 3rd Beast (V. 6)
 - Leopard
 - Greece
 - Belly & Thighs of Bronze
 - 8:21
 - 331-63 BC
 - Rapid Conquest (Wings & Leopard)
 - Four Generals (Wings & Heads)





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MAP OF FOUR KINGDOMS



Description of 4 Beasts

- 4th Beast (V.7-8)
 - Description
 - Rome
 - Legs of Iron
 - Secular History
 - 63 Bc-70 AD
 - 10 Horns & Little Horn
 - Revelation 13:2



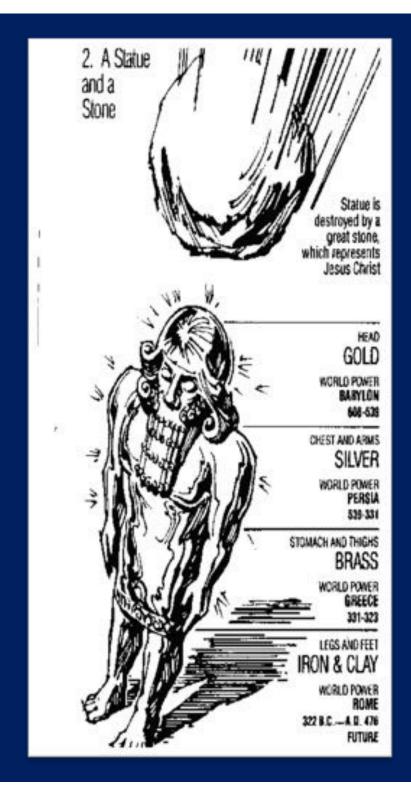
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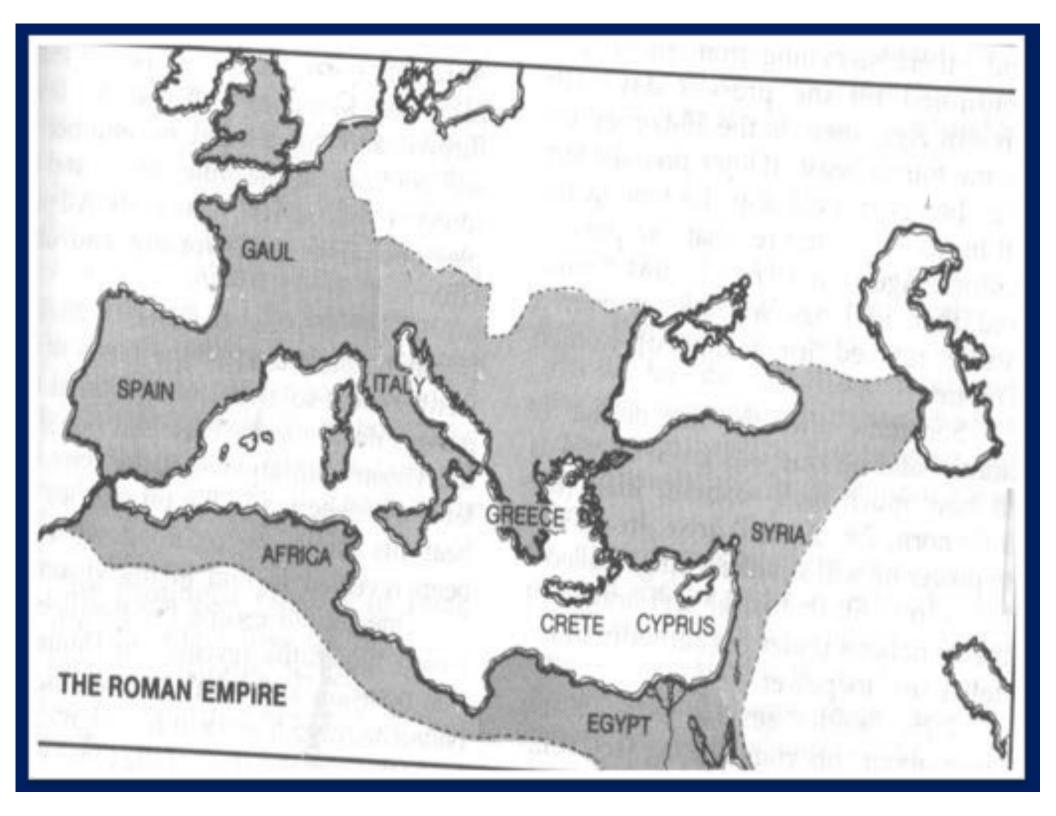
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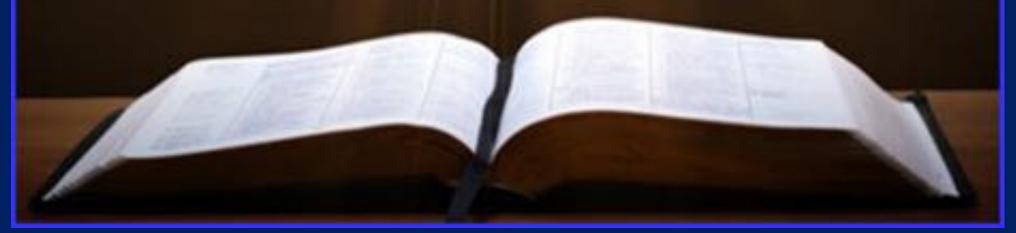
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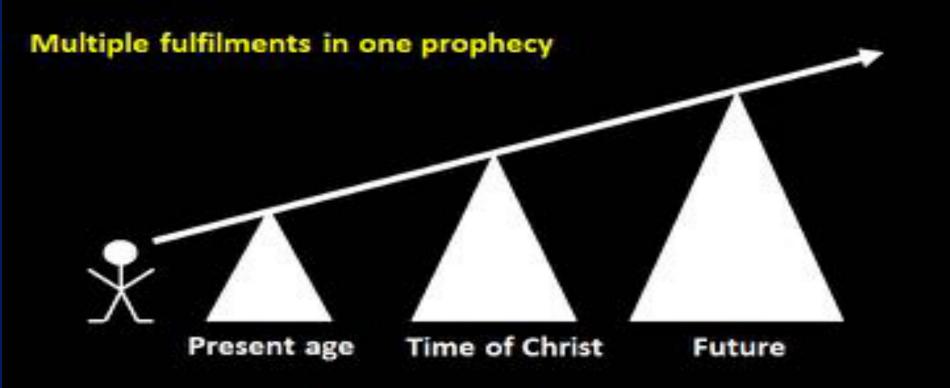


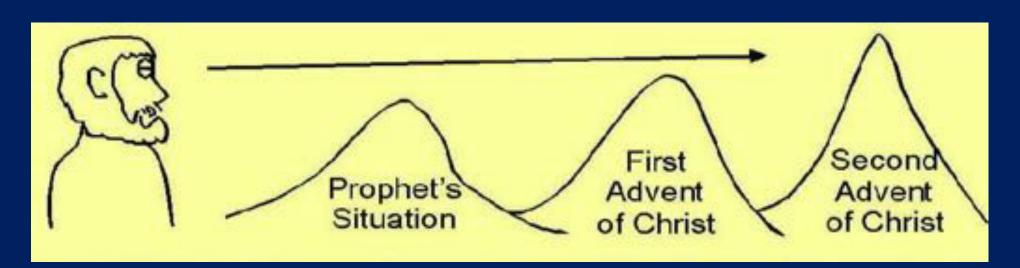
Isaiah 9:6-7 (NASB)

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.



Mountain Peaks of Prophecy





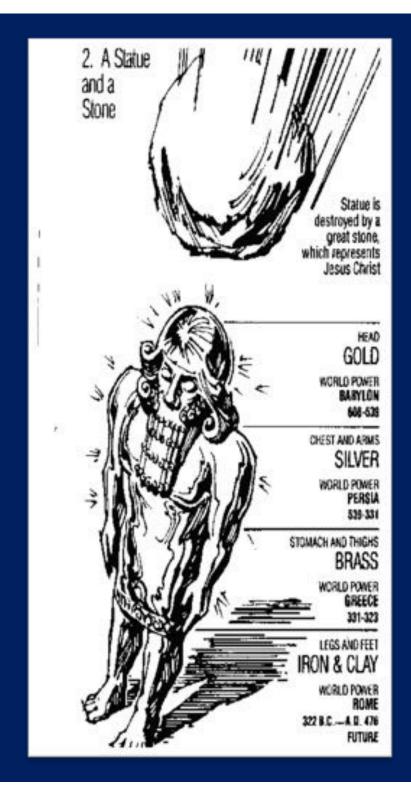
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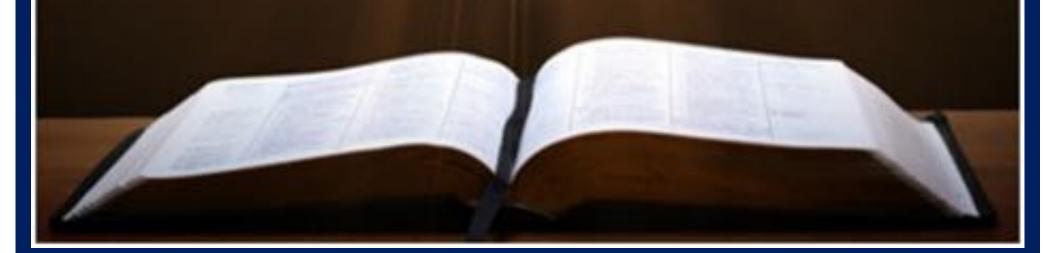


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Revelation 13:2

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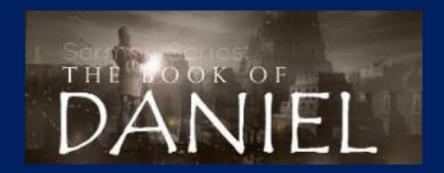
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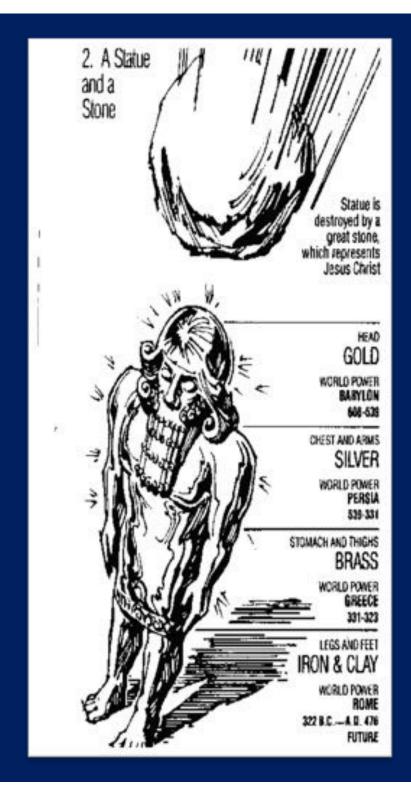


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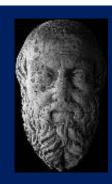


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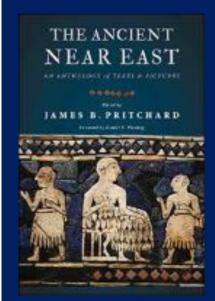


Herodotus, Histories, 1:191 (450 B.C.)

"...he conducted the river by a channel into the lake...and so he made the former course of the river passable by the sinking of the stream. When this had been done, the Persians who had been posted for this very purpose entered by the bed of the river Euphrates into Babylon, the stream having sunk so far that it reached about to the middle of a man's thigh...those Babylonians who dwelt in the middle did not know that they had been captured..."

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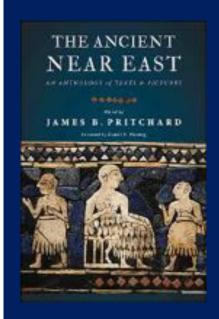
The Ancient Near East Texts Relating to the Old Testament, 315-16.



Without any battle. . . sparing Babylon . . . any calamity.... I am Cyrus...king of Babylon....When entered Babylon...under jubilation and rejoicing...troops walked around Babylon...in peace, I did not allow anybody to terrorize (any place) of the [country of Sumer] and Akkad. I strove for peace in Babylon...and in all his (other) sacred cities....l returned to (these) sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been in ruins for a long time, the images which (used) to live therein and established for them permanent sanctuaries.

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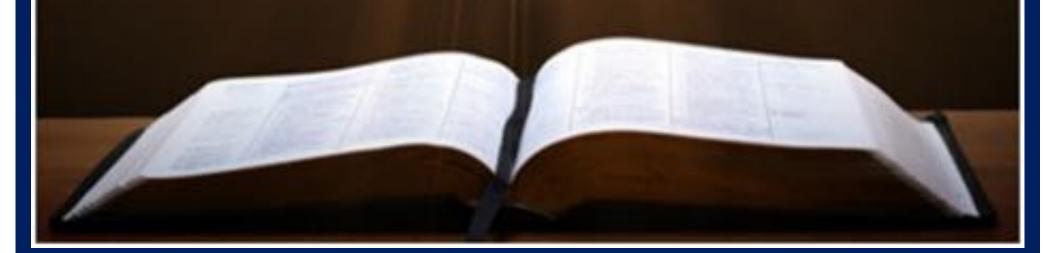
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I (also) gathered all their (former) inhabitants and returned (to them) their habitations. Furthermore, I resettled... unharmed, in their (former) chapels, the places which make them happy. May all the gods whom I have resettled in their sacred cities ask daily Bel and Nebo for a long life for me...all of them I resettled in a peaceful place... ducks and doves,...I endeavoured to fortify/repair their dwelling places . . .

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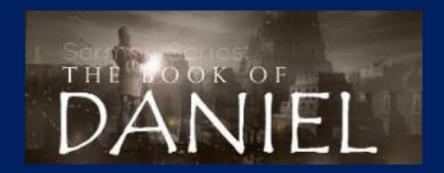
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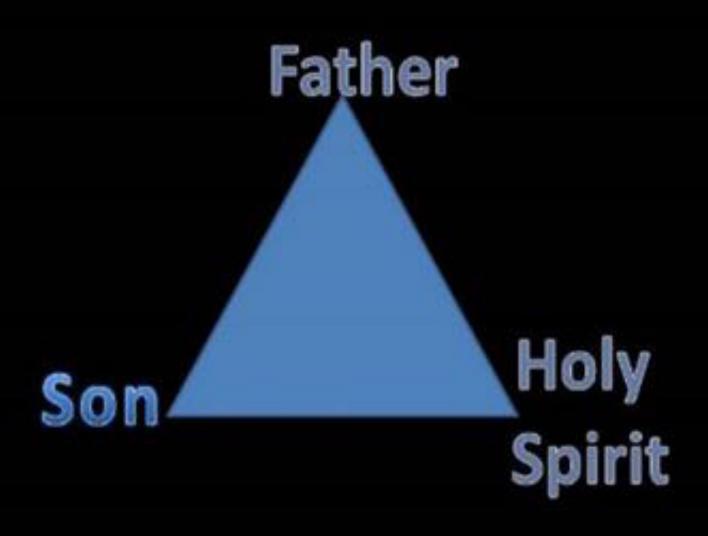


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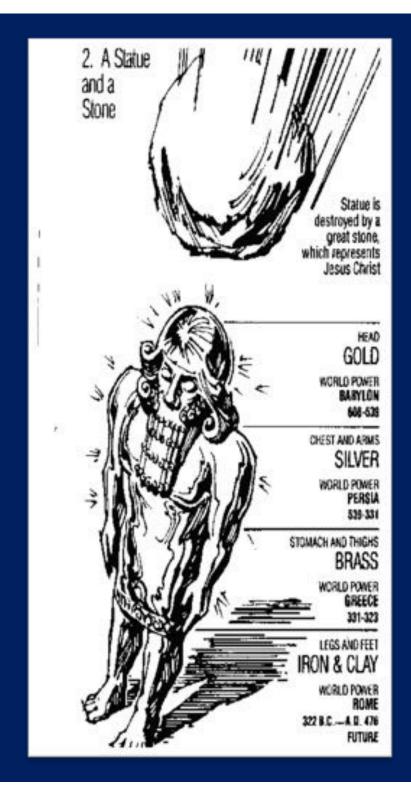
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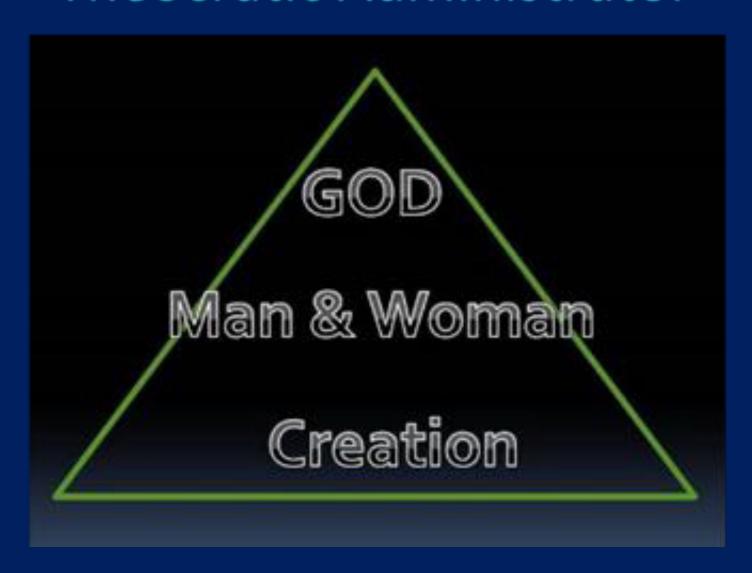


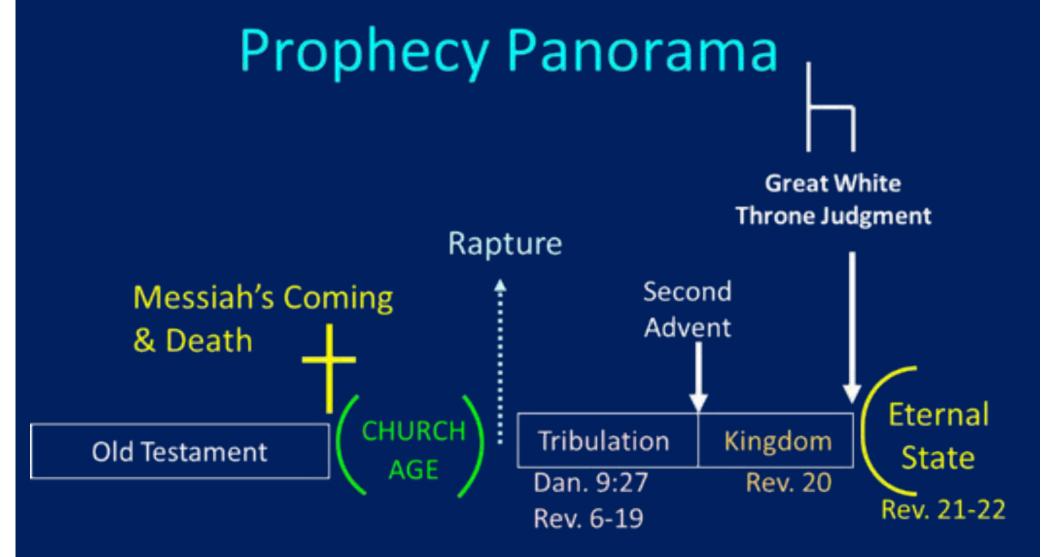


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Theocratic Administrator







Merill F. Unger

Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament (Chicago: Moody, 1981; reprint, Chatanooga, TN: AMG, 2002), 1643.

"Hence, the iron kingdom with its feet of iron and clay (cf. 3:33-35, 40, 44) and the nondescript beast of 7:7-8 envision...the form in which it will exist after the church period, when God will resume His dealing with the nation Israel. How futile for conservative scholars to ignore that fact and to seek to find literal fulfillment of those prophecies in history or in the church, when those predictions refer to events yet future and have application whatever to the church."

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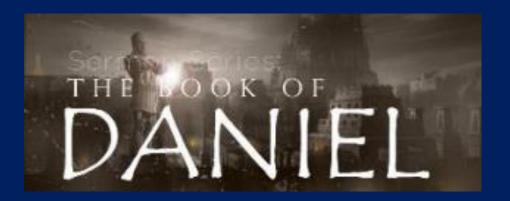


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Ephesians 3:3-6 (NASB)

"that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel".





"and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things."



"Mystery" Defined

"In the N.T, it [mystērion] denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those who are illumined by His Spirit."

Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

REVELATION 7:1-8 REVELATION 7:9-17

Numbered Innumerable

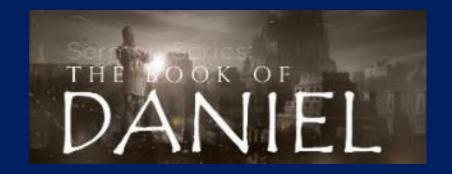
Jews All nations

Sealed Slain

Sealed before the Converted out of the Tribulation

Hitchcock and Ice, The Truth Behind Left Behind, 77

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■ V. 23

- A Revived Roman Empire
- Daniel 2:40, 41-43
- EEC or ECM / European Common Market?

■ V. 24

- A Ten King Confederacy
- The Antichrist Will Subdue 3 Kings

- V. 25
 - His Boasting Mouth (Dan. 7:8,11,20; Rev 13:5-6)
 - Persecution Of The Saints (Rev. 6:9-11; 13:7, 17:6; Matt. 24:9)
 - The Creation Of A New System
 - Three And A Half Years (Dan. 12:7; Rev. 12:14,13:5; 12:6; Dan. 9:27)

- V. 26
 - The Ancient of Days Destroys the Little Horn
 - The Ancient of Days is God the Father
 - Dan. 9:27; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19:20
 - Antichrist's Rise and Fall

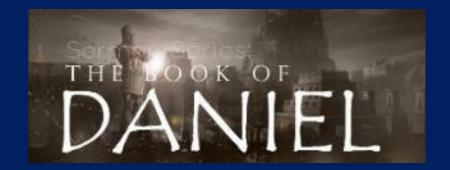
- V. 27
 - Rev. 11:15
 - The Millinnieum
 - Dan. 2:44-45
 - Six Kingdoms?
 - Our Focus Vs. Judah's Focus
 - Our Hope

6 Empires

- Babylon (2:36-38) 605-539 BC
- Media-Persia (2:39a) 539-331 BC
- Greece (2:39b) 331-63 BC
- Rome I (2:40) 63 BC 70 AD
- Rome II (2:41-43) Tribulation
- Kingdom (2:44-45) After 2nd Coming

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THE EFFECT ON DANIEL V. 28

- Daniel is Traumatized
- 7:19
- Daniel's Heart for His People
- 8:27



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