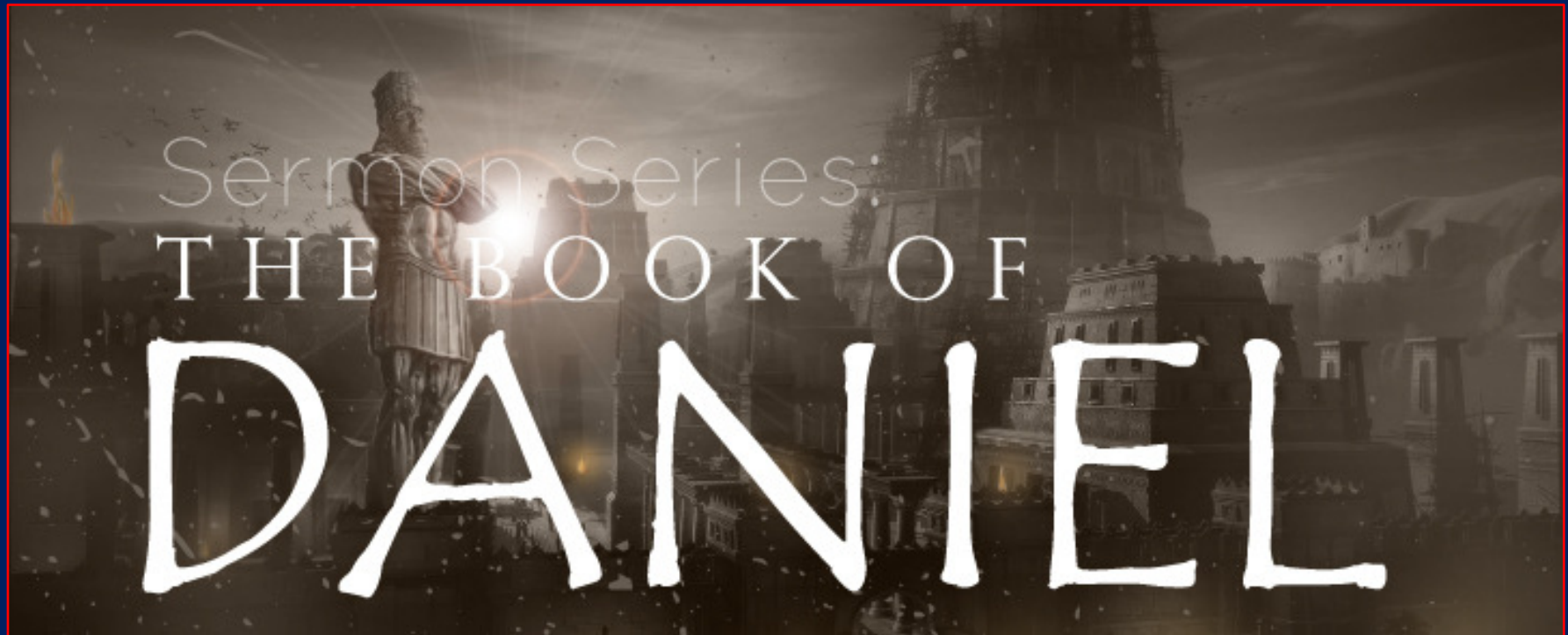


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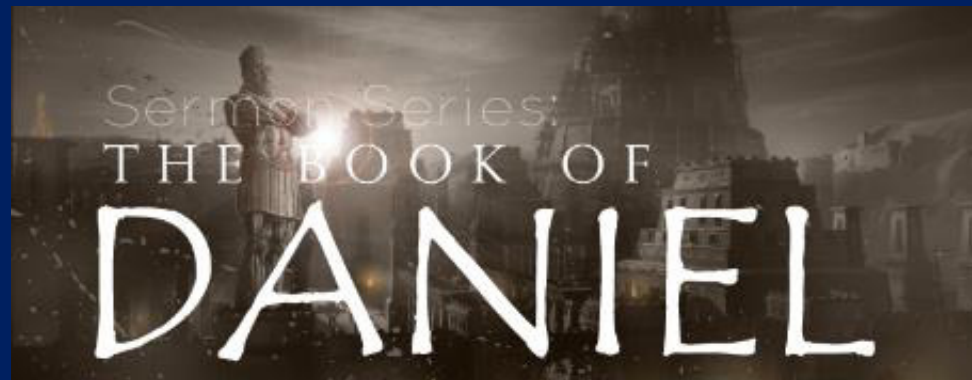
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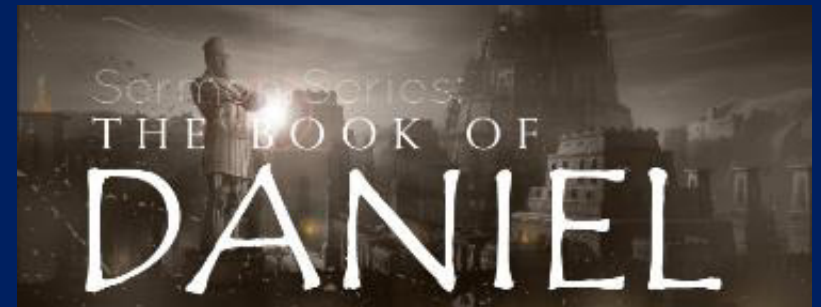
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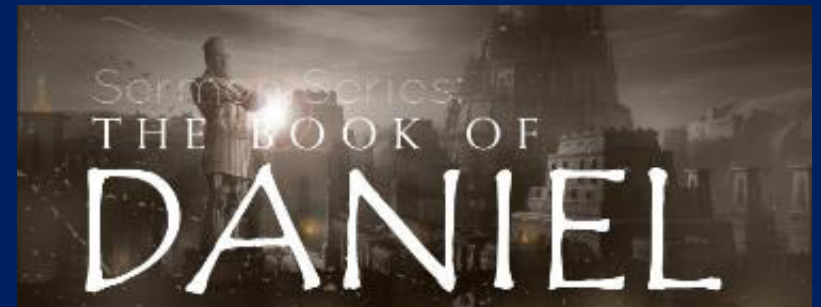
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1:1	605	3rd year of Jehoiakim
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5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)	
7:1	553	1st year of Belshazzar
8:1	551	3rd year of Belshazzar
9:1	538	1st year of Darius
10:1	536	3rd year of Cyrus

Daniel's Age

CHAPTER	EVENTS	AGE
1	Taken into Babylonian Captivity	15
<u>2</u>	<u>Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 1st dream (huge image)</u>	<u>17</u>
3	Daniel's 3 friends cast into the fiery furnace	19 or 20
4	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd dream (huge tree)	45-50
5	Interpreting handwriting of the wall at Belshazzar's feast	Early 80's
6	Delivered from the den of lions	c.83
7-8	Daniel's visions and dreams	Mid-60's
9	Daniel's seventy "sevens" prophecy	Early-80's
10-12	Final dreams and visions	Mid-80's

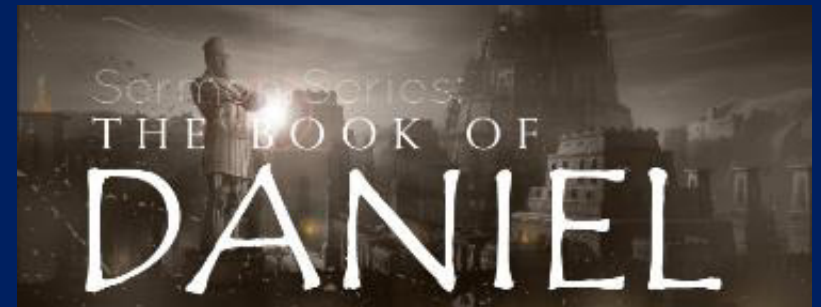
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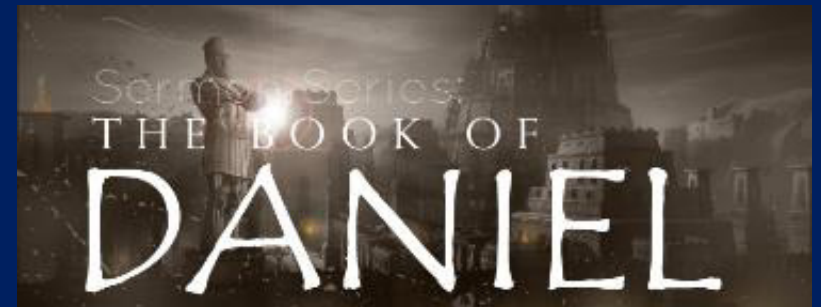
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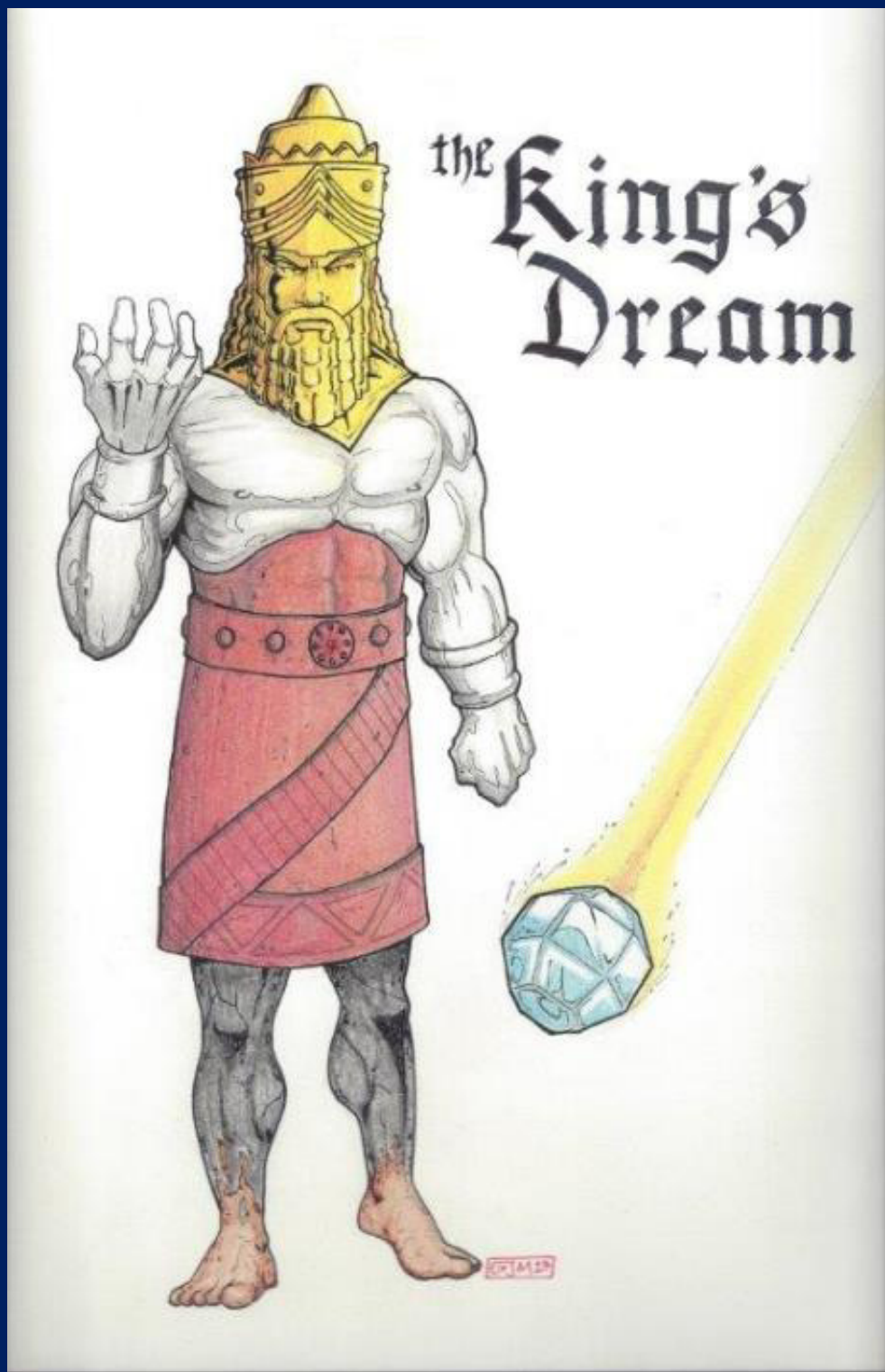


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Daniel 2:36 (NASB)

This *was* the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king.



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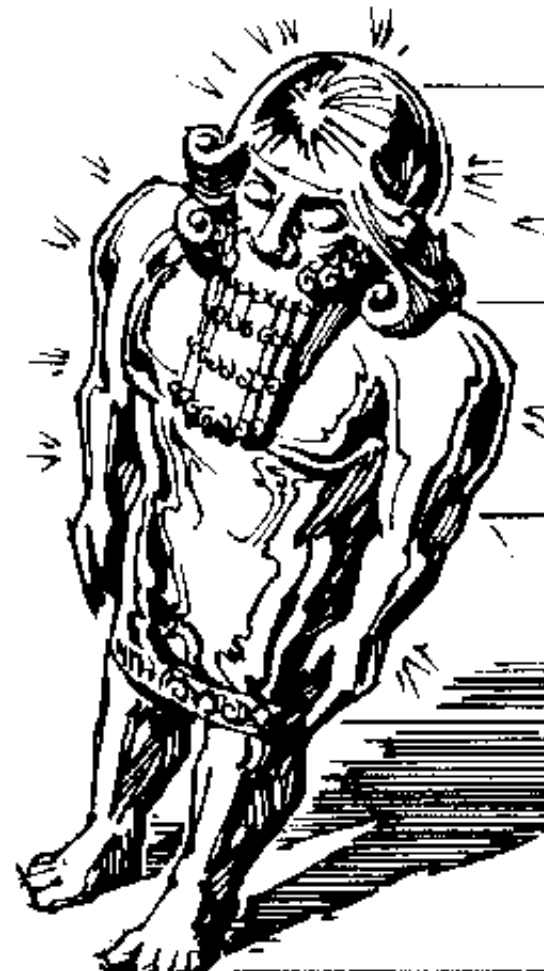
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Daniel 4:30 (NASB)

“The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’”



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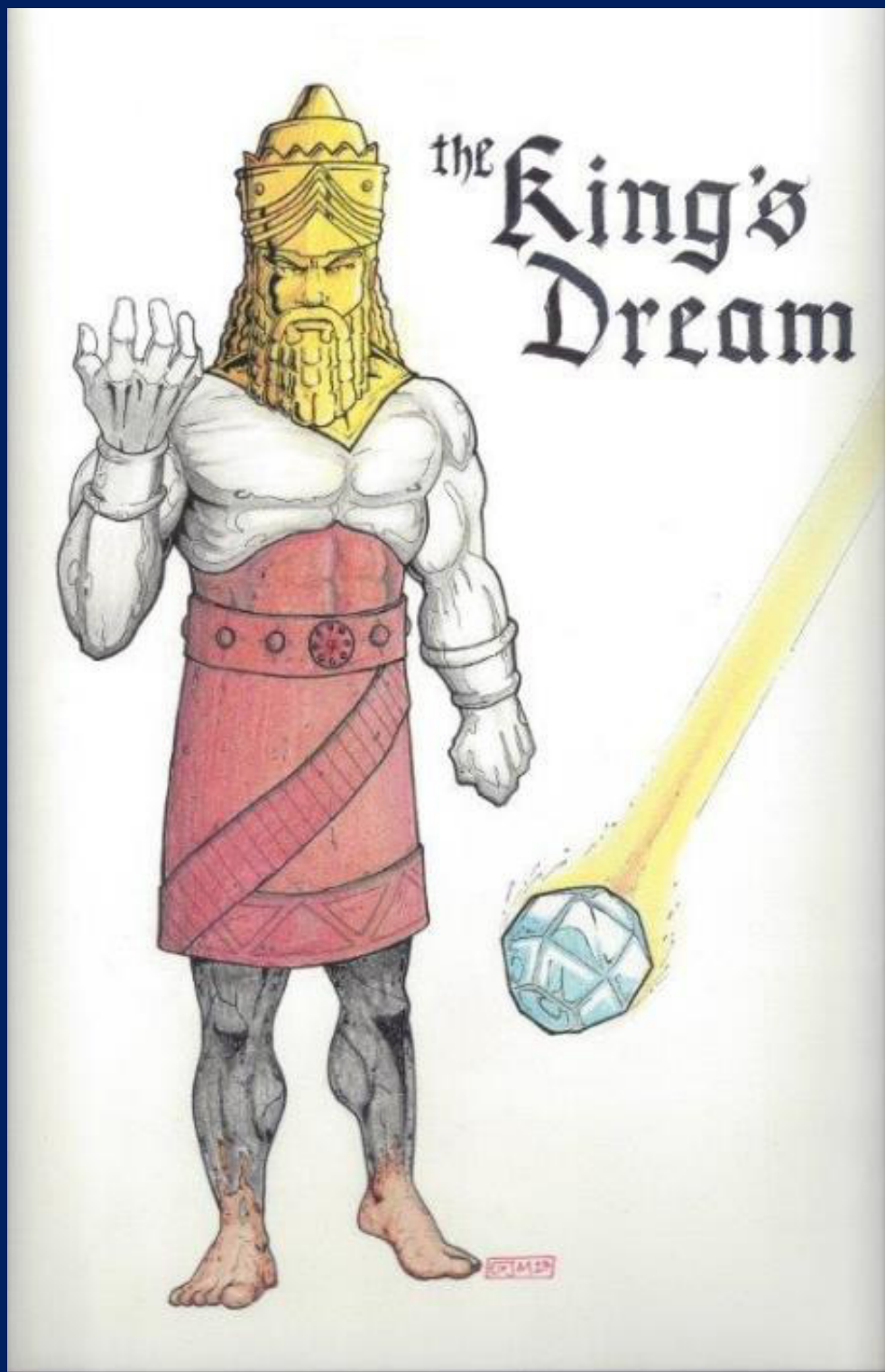
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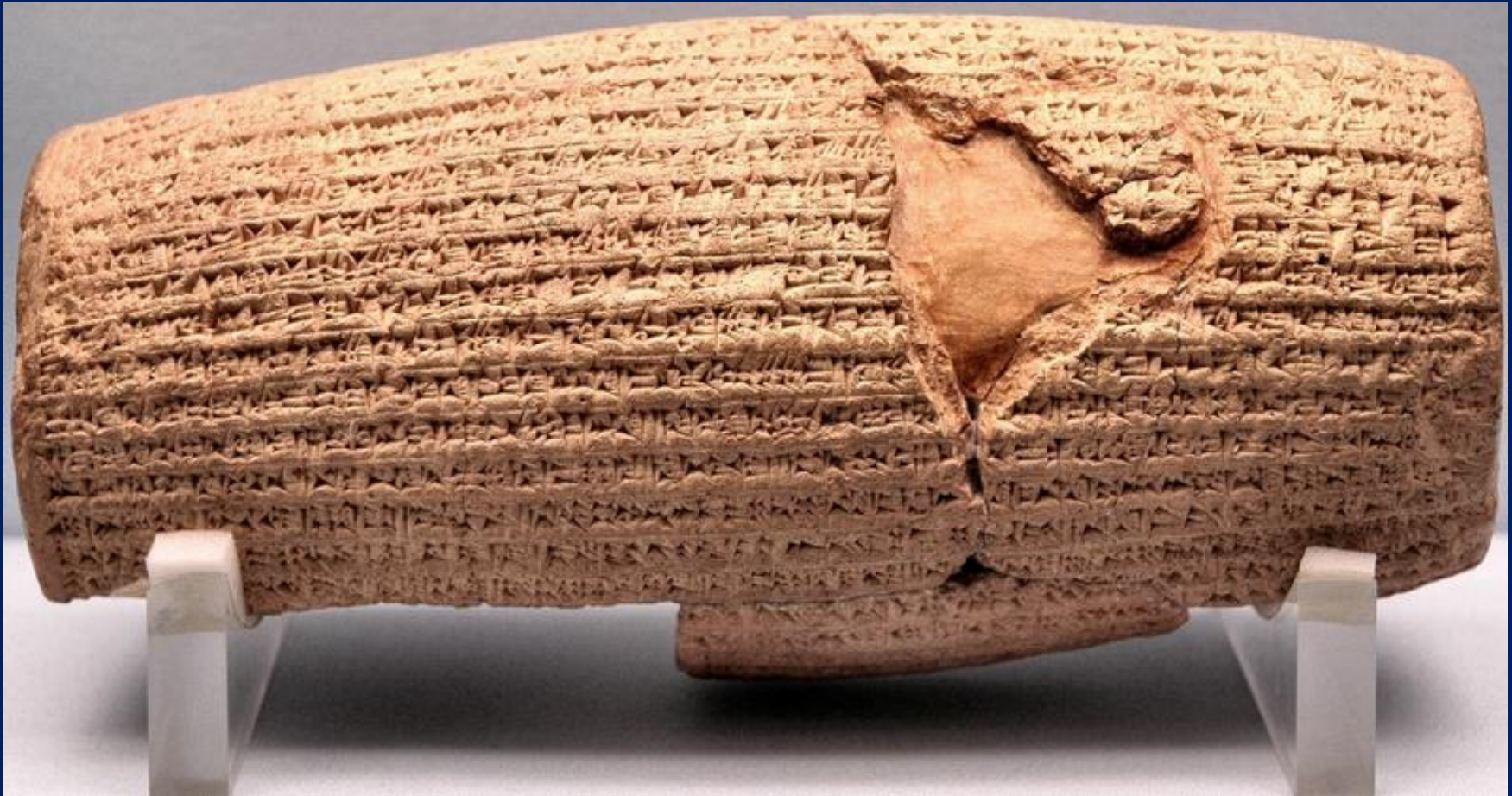
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Three Returns

	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	

Cyrus Cylinder



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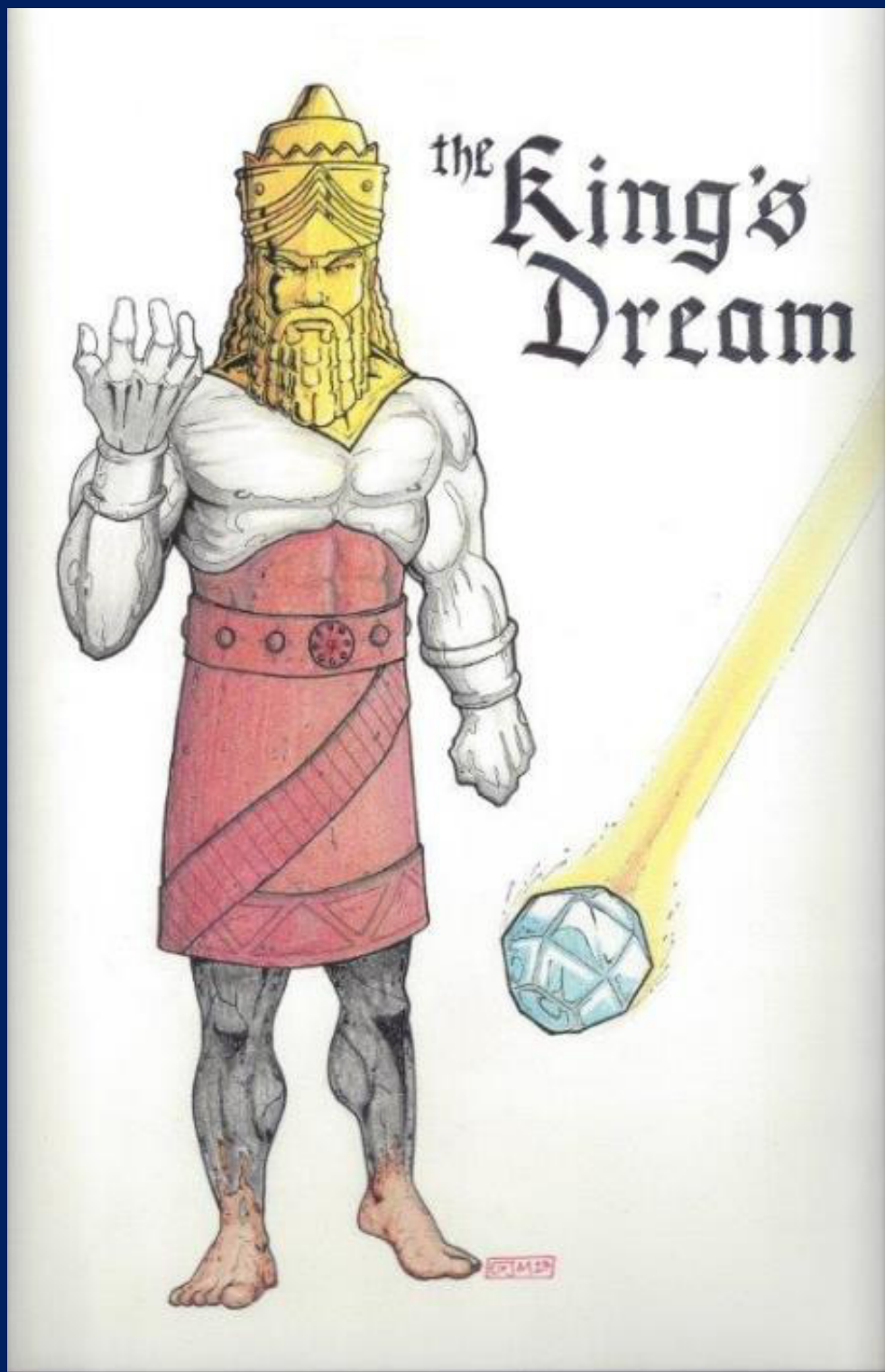
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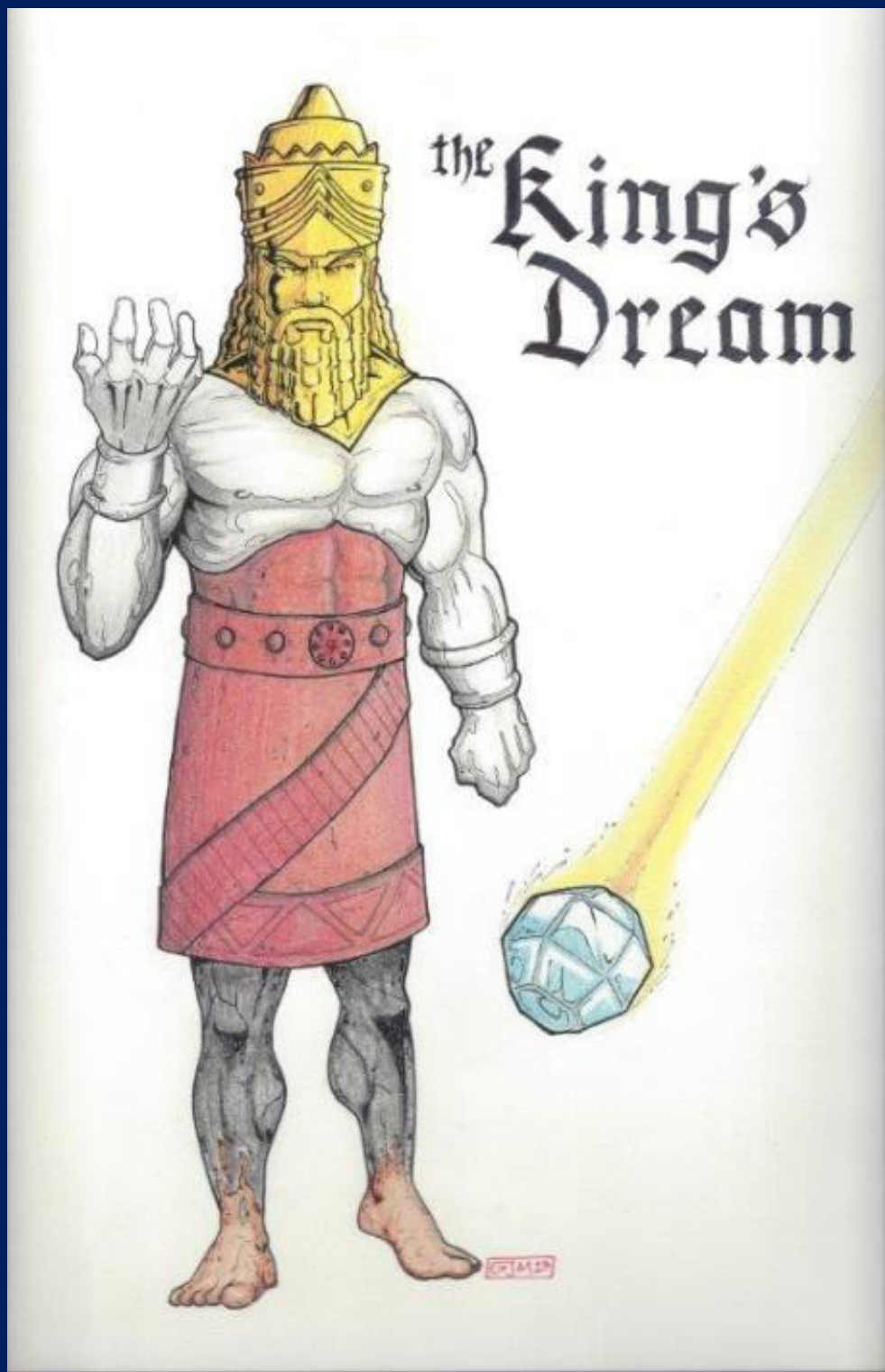
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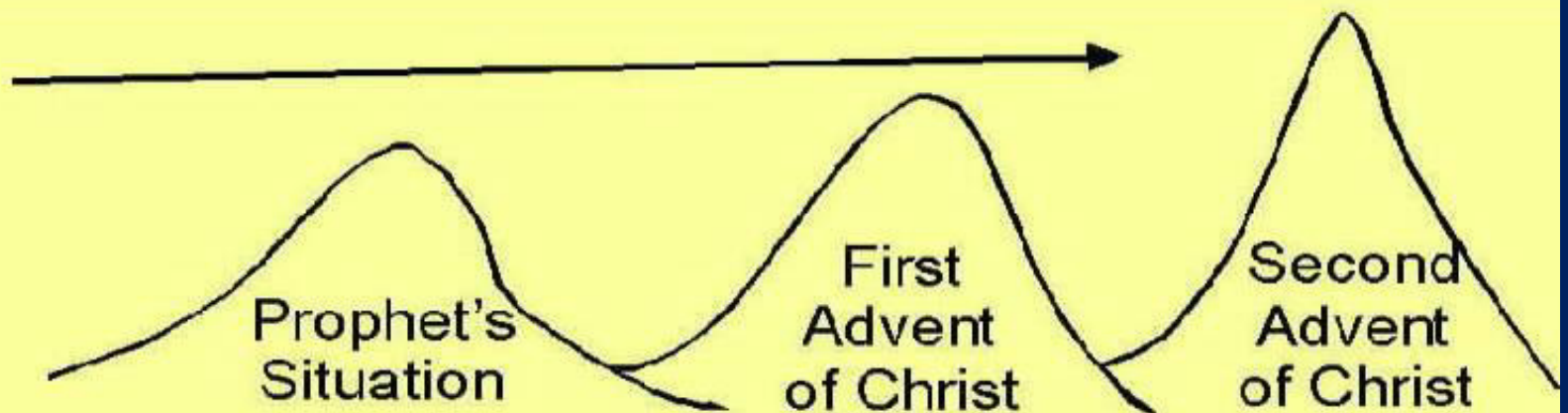
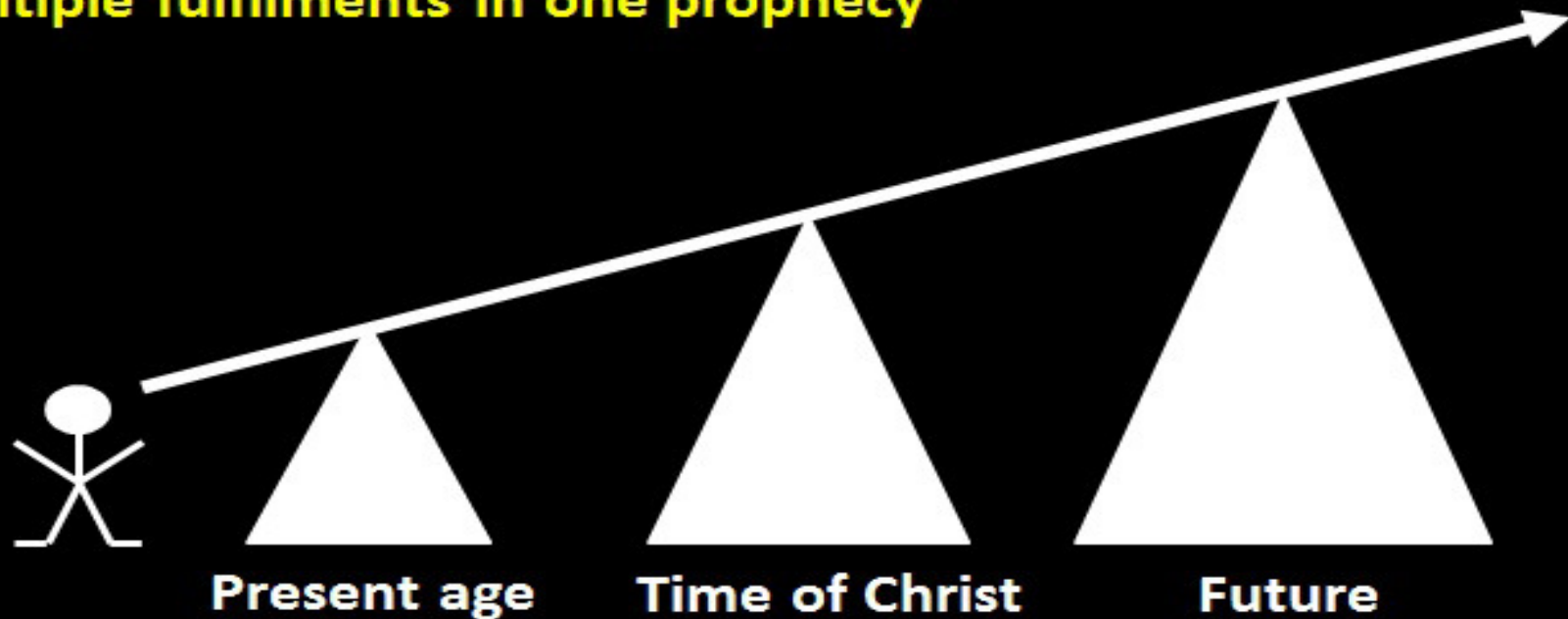
Isaiah 9:6-7 (NASB)

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.⁷ 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.

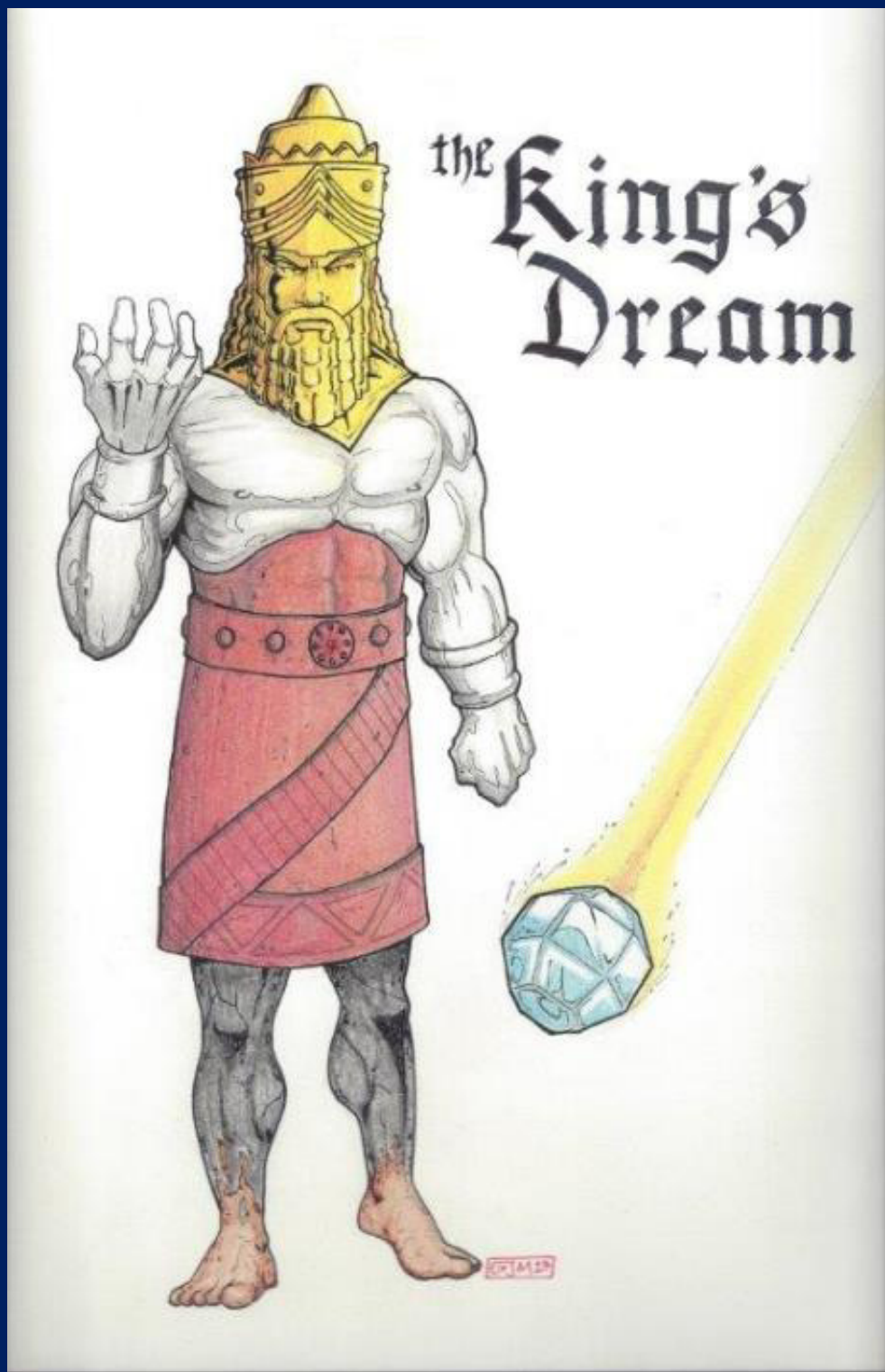


Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy



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OT PROPHETS DESCRIBE THE KINGDOM



- Kingdom Characteristics
- Is. 2:1-4; 11:6-9
 - ◆ Jerusalem = center of world spiritual and political authority
 - ◆ Perfect justice
 - ◆ World peace
 - ◆ Peace in the animal kingdom
 - ◆ Universal spiritual knowledge.



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Daniel 2:44-45 is Future

- Christianity did not suddenly fill the whole earth
- Christ did not destroy Rome
- No 10 simultaneous kings in the time of Christ
- Christ was not the smiting stone
- Christ did not destroy all the kingdoms of the world
- The church is not a political kingdom

J. Dwight Pentecost, *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 1336



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 no application whatever to the church.”

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Emergent: Kingdom

“The Kingdom of God is a central conversation in emerging communities... And let me tell you ‘Kingdom of God’ language is really big in the emerging church” (Italics added).



Doug Pagitt, cited in Roger Oakland, *Faith Undone*, 163.

Kingdom

“If we are to be a part of this coming kingdom, God expects our lives – our churches and faith communities too – to be characterized by these authentic signs of our own transformation: compassion, mercy, justice, and love – demonstrated *tangibly*. Only then will our light break forth like the dawn, our healing quickly appear, and our cries for help be answered with a divine *Here am I.*”



Stearns, *Hole in the Gospel*, 57.

Kingdom

“The gospel that we have been given – the whole gospel – is God’s vision for a new way of living...Christ’s vision was of a redeemed world order populated by redeemed people – now. *To accomplish this, we are to be salt and light in a dark and fallen world, the “yeast” that leavens the whole loaf of bread (the whole of society). We are the ones God has called to be His Church. It’s up to us. We are to be the change. But a changed world requires change agents, and change agents are people who have first been changed themselves.*”



Stearns, *Hole in the Gospel*, 276, 243-44.

Russell Moore

President: Ethics and Religious Liberties
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“The locus of the kingdom of God in this age is within the church, where Jesus rules as king. As we live our lives together, we see the transforming power of the gospel and the in breaking of the future kingdom.”

Justin Taylor, “An Interview with Russell Moore,”
www.thegospelcoalition.org.

Emergent: Kingdom

“He selected 12 and trained them in a new way of life. He sent them to teach everyone this new way of life...Even if only a few would practice this new way, many would benefit. Oppressed people would be free. Poor people would be liberated from poverty. Minorities would be treated with respect. Sinners would be loved, not resented.”



Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 111.

Emergent: Kingdom

“Industrialists would realize that God cares for sparrows and wildflowers-so their industries should respect, not rape, the environment. The homeless would be invited in for a hot meal. *The kingdom of God would come* – not everywhere at once, not suddenly, but gradually like a seed growing in a field, like yeast spreading in a lump of bread dough, like light spreading across the sky at dawn.”



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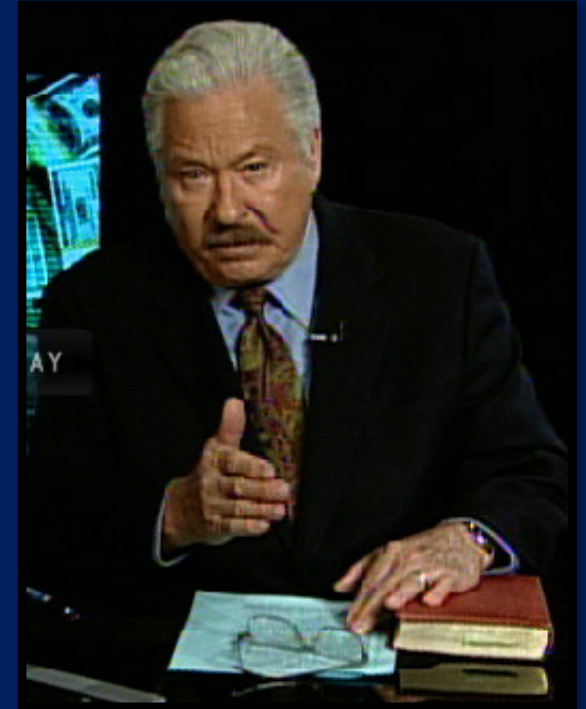
Rick Warren, cited in
Oakland, *Faith Undone*,
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“I stand before you confidently right now and say to you that God is going to use you to change the world...I'm looking at a stadium full of people right now who are telling God they will do **whatever it takes to establish God's Kingdom "on earth"** as it is in heaven.” What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, “We are yours?” What kind of spiritual awakening will occur?”

Hal Lindsey

The Road to Holocaust, 269

Bestselling author Hal Lindsey warned what could happen to the church in the last days if she began to see herself as the establisher of God's kingdom: “The last days of the church on the earth may be largely wasted seeking to accomplish a task that only the LORD Himself can and will do directly.”



Purposes of the Local Church

- Glorify God (Eph 3:21)
- Edify the saints (Eph 4:11-16)
- Fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)

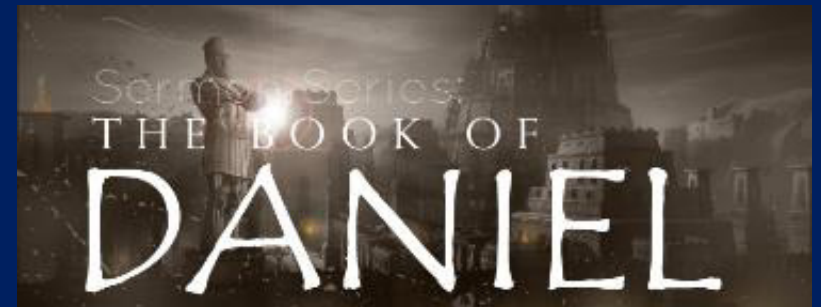




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