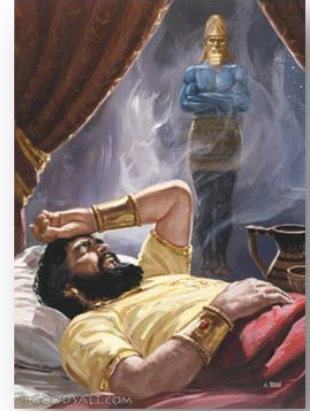




The Colossus



Chapter Two



The Kings Dream

THE FORGOTTEN DREAM

Daniel 2:1-11 (NASB), ¹Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. ²Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. ³The king said to them, "I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream." ⁴Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation." ⁵The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap. ⁶But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation." ⁷They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation." ⁸The king replied, "I know for certain that you are bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm, ⁹that if you

do not make the dream known to me, there is only one decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the situation is changed; therefore tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation.”¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has *ever* asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.”¹¹ Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh.”



Chapter two opens with King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream that so upsets him that he could not go back to sleep (v1).

The king wanted some answers right now and so they brought to him the group called “Chaldeans” (a group of learned Babylonians who taught all the arts and sciences of that day, these became the spokesmen for all the others v4) However there was one catch they hadn’t counted on, the king could not remember the dream and the king demanded they tell him what he dreamed and the interpretation of it, or they would all be killed and their families. Now, whether or not this was true, that the king couldn’t remember his dream has been debated, but for now we just have to say only the king and God know that answer.

Chaldeans were the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, Dream Interpreters.

The fact that all these “Wise men” of Babylon couldn’t tell the king what he had dreamed caused the king to order that they all (including Daniel and his three friends) to be put to death. As a footnote to this, remember that God had given to Daniel and his three friend’s knowledge, wisdom and skill in all matters just the year before this v17, and were living in the king’s palace and were thus counted among the wise men of Babylon. Daniel asked for an audience with the king and then to be given twenty-four hours to hear from his God, the king agreed. Daniel quickly gathered his three friends Hananiah (Shadrach), Mishael (Meshach) and Azariah (Abednego) together and the four teenagers had a prayer meeting and sought the face of God v18-19. That night in a dream God revealed to Daniel what the king was looking for.

Having the answer to the king’s dream Daniel was quickly brought to the king where he declared to him, “There is a God in Heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the **LATTER DAYS.**”



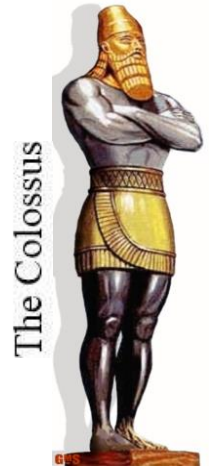


THE KINGS DREAM

Daniel 2:28, 31-35 (NASB), ²⁸ However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the **LATTER DAYS**.¹ This was your dream and the visions in your mind *while* on your bed. ...

... ³¹ “You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. ³² The **HEAD** of that statue *was made* of fine gold, its **BREAST and its ARMS** of silver, its **BELLY and its THIGHS** of bronze, ³³ its **LEGS** of iron, its **FEET** partly of iron and partly of clay.

³⁴ You continued looking until a **STONE** was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and **FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH**.

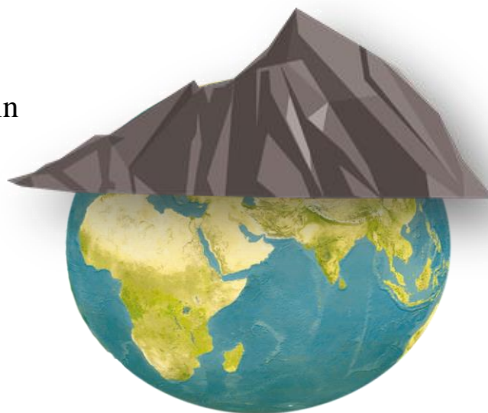


The Colossus



Q: How does a mountain fill the entire earth?

A: The Mountain is a Kingdom



¹ Dan.11:4, 12:4

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S

Dream

(Daniel 2:28-35)

The Kingdoms of Men

with Historical References



God made known what would be in the "latter Days."
(Dan. 2:1, 19, 28)

The 8 World Kingdoms
(Daniel 2:36-45)

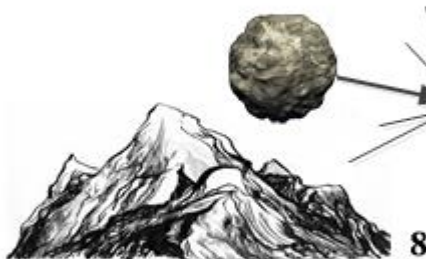
1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Medo-Persian
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. Mixed
8. Divine Kingdom

Times of
the
Gentiles



The Stone Cut out of the Mountain destroys the Image
(Dan 2:34-35,45)

The Rock is Jesus
(Matthew 21:42-44)



Roman / Ottoman Mix

Dream Interpretation
Daniel 2:36-45

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Head of **Gold**
Nebuchadnezzar & The
Babylonian Empire
(Dan 2:36-38)
606 B.C.

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Chest and Arms of **Silver**
Medo-Persia
(Dan 2:39, 5:28, 8:20)
536 B.C.

5



Belly/Thighs of **Brass**
Greek Empire
(Dan 2:39; 8:21-22)
330 B.C.

6



Legs of **Iron**
Roman Empire
(Dan 2:40)
27 B.C.

V.41 – Divided kingdom
V.42-43 – Mixed kingdom
(future)

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Feet and Toes
Rome & Ottoman Empire
Iron & Clay mix (Dan 2:41-43)

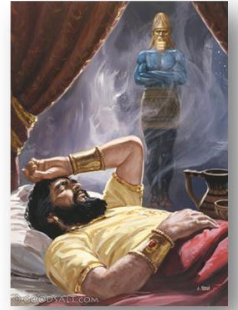
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the Great Mountain which is the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Crushes the other kingdoms
(Dan 2:35, 44-45; Micah 4:1)

Daniel 2:40 (NASB)

Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

Daniel was about to reveal to the king that which would come to pass in the “**LATTER DAYS**” (Dan. 10:14, 11:40, 12:4,9) The term “Latter days” is also spoken of as “Last Days,” “End of Time,” “End of the Age” and “Time of the End.” All these terms refer to specific times and events which would come to pass, culminating in the return of the Messiah Jesus. Together they reference the bigger picture of the prophetic events of Gentile World History.



In the distant future God would rise up a man name John who was prisoned for his preaching of the word and for his testimony for God. The Apostle John was on the Island of Patmos, when Jesus reveals to him additional future events which would come onto the world in the “**END TIMES.**”

There will be a total of **EIGHT** (the number of man) “**WORLD EMPIRES,**” of which by this time in the life of Daniel two had come and gone and six more would come to pass. The “**TIMES OF THE GENTILES**” started with Babylon even though it was historically the third after Egypt and Assyria.

The eight world kingdoms (**Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, Rome/Ottoman mix, Divine Kingdom**)

Daniel begins by telling the king what he had dreamed (v31-35). The king dreamed of an image with the head of gold, the chest and the arms were made of silver, his belly and thighs were of brass, his legs of iron and his feet were a composite of both iron and clay. This image of a man made of five different metals formed what we call today as the **COLOSSUS.**

In the image of the Colossus not only do we find the future six kingdoms of the world, but we see the digression of the quality of the metal and its significance to the Kingdoms of this world.

²THE METAL³

The deterioration of the Colossus is shown in the character of the metals composing it. This was prophetic of the character of the governments as they were to succeed one another. Daniel says the power of Nebuchadnezzar was **ABSOLUTE.**

The second Kingdom was inferior to the first. It was a Monarchy dependent upon the support of a **HEREDITARY ARISTOCRACY.** The king could by no means do as he wanted. This is seen in the case of Darius, who desired to save Daniel from the "Lions' Den," and could not, (Dan. 6:12-16) and in the case of Xerxes Ahasuerus who could only save the Jews from slaughter by a counter decree (Ester 8:3-12).

² <http://twelvetribe.org/publication/dream-colossus>

³ <https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/larkin/dt/10.cfm>

The metal of the third Kingdom was brass, and the government of Alexander the Great was a Monarchy supported by a **MILITARY ARISTOCRACY**, that was as weak as the ambitions of its leaders. The Roman government was a strange mix of a democracy and a **REPUBLIC**. Since the Ancient Romans did not want one man to make all of the laws, they decided to balance the power of the government between three branches; there was first the executive branch, then the legislative branch, and finally the judicial branch. This type of government would be copied by countries for centuries In fact; the government of the United States is based partly on Rome's model.

THE INTERPRETATION

Six Kingdoms Seen

A Lesson in the Metal – The Times of the Gentiles
(Daniel 2:36-45)⁴

1. **Babylon** is the head of **(Gold)**.



³⁶“This was the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king. ³⁷ You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory; ³⁸ and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the **HEAD of GOLD**.

Head of Gold



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Daniel 5:19 (NASB) ¹⁹ Because of the grandeur which He bestowed on him, all the peoples, nations and *men of every* language feared and trembled before him; whomever he wished he killed and whomever he wished he spared alive; and whomever he wished he elevated and whomever he wished he humbled.

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2. Medo-Persia: (Silver) ³⁹ “After you there will arise another kingdom INFERIOR to you ...”

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Chest & Arms



3. Greece: (Bronze) “...then another third kingdom of BRONZE, which will rule over all the earth.”

The metal of the third Kingdom was bronze and the government of Alexander the Great was a Monarchy supported by a **MILITARY ARISTOCRACY** that was as weak as the ambitions of its leaders.

Stomach & Thighs



4. Roman Empire: (Iron) ⁴⁰ Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

The iron power of the fourth Kingdom shows a still further depreciation. The Caesars were nominally elected by the people; they were merely called First Magistrates of the State or Generals; and for a long time they wore no diadem, but only the laurel crown of a successful commander. They had also a Senate which was supposed to counsel and control them. The people were neither allowed to legislate for them, nor to interfere with them, and if a Senator became too independent he was banished. Thus the Empire remained metallic and coherent. Iron is more perishable, more easily corroded or rusted than brass, or silver, or gold; but in the form of **STEEL** it is harder than any of them, and cuts through every other metal. Such was Rome with her iron rule.

Legs



5. Roman and Ottoman Empires Mixed: (Iron / Clay) ⁴¹ In that you saw the **FEET** and **TOES**, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. ⁴² As the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of pottery, *so* some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. ⁴³ And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

Rome and Ottoman Empire



Iron & the Clay Mixed but not equal,

The “Colossus” grows weaker and weaker until the feet and toes become a mixture of Iron and Clay. In other words the government degenerates from an **ABSOLUTE MONARCHY** to an **AUTOCRATIC DEMOCRACY**. An Autocratic form of government means “rule by one.” In an autocratic government, one person -- the autocrat -- has all the power and makes all the decisions. There are no laws or constitution that restrains the authority of the autocrat. The people who are governed have no processes, such as elections, through which they can express their desires for how their government operates. The advantages of an autocratic government are that decisions can be made and implemented quickly however, individual rights are usually ignored and power is often maintained by force. Some autocracies are theocratic governments, in which the ruler claims to have been put in power by a deity.

6. The **Divine** Kingdom: Theocracy (Ruled over by a diety.)



⁴⁴ In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will **CRUSH** and **put an end to all these kingdoms**, but it will itself endure **forever**. ⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it **crushed⁵ the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold**, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

The “Colossus” comes to an end by being struck on the **FEET** by a **“STONE CUT OUT of a MOUNTAIN.”** The stone does not fill the earth by degrees, and thus crowd the “Colossus” out, rather with **ONE BLOW DEMOLISES IT**. The action of the stone indicates **JUDGMENT**, it is **SUDDEN** and **CALAMITOUS**, it is not a picture of grace.

The time of the destruction is not until after the formations of the ten toes, and we know that the “TEN TOES” of the “Colossus” did not appear until A.D. 364, and the “Ten Toes” have not yet developed. The time when the “Stone” falls on the “**Colossus**” is distinctly stated in the interpretation as **“in the days of those kings,”** that is, in the days of the kingdoms represented by the “Ten Toes.”

The “Stone” which smites the “Colossus” must be interpreted as Christ who is called a “Stone” in scripture.



⁵ Crush, [Strong's #7490] Word Origin: Aramaic, meaning to crush, shatter, break in pieces

Matthew 21:44 (NASB), “And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

THE KINGS RESPONSE to DANIEL

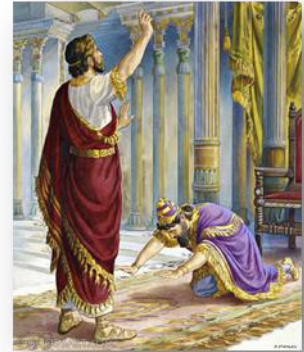
After the entire dream had been spoken and the interpretation of it given, the king fell down on his face and worships Daniel, as he must have been visibly shaken by the words he had just heard.

King Nebuchadnezzar finally acknowledges God and His Lordship saying, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret" (Daniel 2:47).

One of the goals of scripture is to reveal to men who God is and to get men's focus on their creator. Whether you are a king or the lowest of servants, God wants to reveal Himself to you and in so doing draw you closer to Himself.

King Nebuchadnezzar just had his eyes opened, if but for a moment and he understood the greatness and the power of Daniel's God, the Lord Jehovah and the one true God of the Hebrews.

As Daniel was the only man in Babylon who could interpret the king's dream, the king in response made him ruler over all Babylon, including his three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, but Daniel was exalted more than the others in that it was he who sat in the gate (or Court) of the king.



FUTURE PROPHETIC EVENTS

THE STONE

Daniel predicted that the kingdom that God raises up in the last days will crush to powder the Colossus. This final kingdom of stone is something that the finger of God cuts out of the mountain and it causes all other kingdoms of the **LATTER DAYS** v28, to be crushed like a fine powder and blown away by the wind. So what is this kingdom that Daniel described as the “Stone?”

MADE WITH HUMAN HANDS

First let's describe what it is not. The Stone is not in any way a part of Colossus. It is not a physical nation with natural boundaries or with a military to defend it. It is not polished and desirable, nor valuable as men regard earthly treasure. Unlike other kingdoms, it has no desire to conquer others for the sake of wealth or power. Its very essence is of no value to the Colossus, which he would regard as a meaningless material for his use.

Colossus is prime stuff, not mere rock or rubble. He has been painstakingly forged by man into magnificent civilizations. He has been forged by human effort and with human hands, the culmination of the human dream of the perfect life, a polished treasure in man's eyes. He is the ultimate in world order and every one of the kingdoms of man it represents; past and present have bowed their knee to the evil of this world which is represented by the Colossus ... Jesus will put an end to these kingdoms.

THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

If Colossus is the civilization and society created by human effort and by human hands, then what is this Stone carved out by God, which grows to become a great mountain which covers the earth. All made without human hands. What kind of society would God create if He had His way?

It would be a society of people whose priorities and values were the same as His. Instead of placing a high premium on wealth, they would share with those who had need. They would not fear for their own lives, or raise their fist in anger, but would trust Him to protect them. They would respond to evil with humility and kindness. And as to power, their only desire for power would be the power over their own sin, whatever hurts others and displeases their Maker.

Just like God, their most obvious characteristic would be love from a pure heart, taking no thought for themselves. There would be no place in their lives for the self-oriented pursuit of careers, for the restless search for pleasure or fulfillment. God Himself would be their career goal, their pleasure, and their fulfillment. In short, they would be just like the Son of God if he were here on earth. Their love and unity, their oneness of heart and soul would astound the world.

If the **STONE KINGDOM** were any other way, it would be more like Colossus than it would be like God.

Daniel says it will be hewn out of the mountain at the same time as a portion of the Roman Empire is mixed with the new (the clay). Considering the current events of this world and the powers that we see arising now and on our horizon I believe the clay mixture can be no other group, but the Muslim's (Old Ottoman Empire). This combined kingdom will not last long, a period of 1260 days or 3 ½ years and it will be in a more brittle and less glorious form.



7 Prophecies of Jesus Christ and the Millennial Kingdom

1. “He shall judge between the nations” (Isaiah 2:4).
2. He was to be the “Branch of the Lord” (Isaiah 4:2; Isaiah 11:1).
3. He would be born of a virgin and be called “Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 8:8, 10).
4. He would be a “stone of stumbling and a rock of offense” (Isaiah 8:14).
5. An eternal “government will be upon His shoulder” and He would be called the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6-7).
6. The Holy Spirit would “rest upon Him” (Isaiah 11:2).
7. He would be “a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation” (Isaiah 28:16).

Prophetic Word from Isaiah of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 2:2-4 (NASB), ²Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. ³And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.



THE FEET OF IRON AND CLAY

Colossus portrays ancient history and the nature of the “Kingdoms of Men” that dominated the earth. Even his legs of iron reflect how the Roman Empire split into an eastern and western division in its latter years. But where have his legs been for the past 1500 years? History tells us that as Rome’s unity and civil power grew fainter, Rome turned to Christianity to find renewed vigor. In 312 AD, under Emperor Constantine, the

Roman Empire turned from persecuting the church to embracing the church made over in someone else's image, (hence Jesus' letter to the seven churches Rev.2-3). It was a fatal embrace.

This makes Rome unique from all other kingdoms: it crucified the Messiah and then turned Christian under the evil influence of the devil. Where once the followers of the Messiah had hidden to escape evil persecution from Rome, now Christian Rome hunted down and even killed those with different beliefs. The iron of Rome never rested for centuries hidden behind the church and used for its purposes.

The last of the churches spoken to in Revelation 3 ... Laodicea, gets a front row seat to the coming together of history and prophecy and the beginning of the fulfilment of Daniels 70th week. So where do we find ourselves in the scope of world history and the rise of today's kingdoms?

WHAT IS COMING

No one would have predicted 100 or even 50 years ago of the rise of Bedouin desert dwellers to a position of wealth and power that makes the Muslim nations players on the world stage and certainly in **END TIME ESCHATOLOGY**.



With the Antichrist coming out of the area of Turkey and therefore having Muslim roots, he will appoint ten (Muslim) kings to rule over ten world kingdoms (the 10 horns and ten toes) that he will established. I believe the church in Rome will be a part of this end time kingdom (the iron mixed), to what degree of involvement will be revealed when the time for it has come.

There is today a movement in the Muslim community to see the rise again of the old **OTTOMAN EMPIRE**. It will be that head (of the seven heads from the **Beast out of the Sea**) that recovers from its head wound (Rev.13:3).

In all the cases of recorded history since the fall of Rome that no kingdom (nation) has risen to the level of a World Empire. Daniel tells us that there is another one coming. This will be the seventh world kingdom and for the first time it will have Muslim roots. This 7th kingdom will not be a perfect fit (Roman and Muslim) and the two will not cleave to one another (Dan.2:43).

