

Daniel – Series Two
07 – The Interpretation of the Image II
Chapter Two
Lesson VII
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Review

In considering the symbols of the image in Daniel chapter two, we have concluded that the **Head of gold** represented the Gentile world-kingdom of Babylon. **The arms of silver** the Gentile world-kingdom of the Medes and Persians. **The belly and thighs of brass**, the Gentile world-kingdom of Greece, and the **legs of iron** the Gentile world-kingdom of the Roman Empire. At the time of writing, only Babylon had appeared in history. Now, all four of these kingdoms have come and gone!

I Daniel 2:41-43 Another symbol of the Image

1 Daniel 2:41 "...the feet and toes part of potters clay and part of iron."

If all the other parts of the image represent 'Gentile World Kingdoms' is it not logical to believe that the last part of the Image is to be interpreted as another Kingdom? In verses 41 and 42 we note that not only does it mention the feet, but twice, the toes of the image are named.

Thus we believe the feet and toes represent the *last* Gentile World Kingdom.

Verse 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. **Verse 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. **Verse 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.

Daniel 2:41-43

II A brief Recap.

The five parts of the image represent **five** world Kingdoms , **not four**.

The fact that iron is mixed with clay in the last part of the image indicates a connection with the Old Roman Empire but because of the Clay, not identical to the Old Roman Empire

III Here we ask two questions

- 1 Are the Iron and Clay, feet and toes, a separate Kingdom from Rome?
- 2 Are the feet and toes also history, as the other parts, or are they still to be fulfilled prophecy?

IV We answer with our reasons.

1 Daniel 2:44 "in the days of these Kings" What Kings?

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel 2:44

- 2 We believe these refer to the Ten toes. To make them refer to the ten Roman Caesars of history is to mix the time of Iron with the time of Iron and Clay.
- 3 The Caesars all belong to the time of the Legs of Iron of the Image.
- 4 In Revelation 17:12, we learn there are 10 Kings (or Leaders) that will arise during the time of the Beast or Anti-Christ.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Revelation 17:12

- 5 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 tells us about the Wicked man, the man of sin, who will appear and be destroyed by the Coming of the Lord. If this one is to be destroyed by the Coming of the Lord he must be here when the Lord comes.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8

- 6 Therefore, this part of the image must be still in the future.

V Daniel 2:42 therefore predicts a fifth Gentile World Government.

1. Daniel 7:23 the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom (Rome)
 2. Daniel 7:24 the ten horns out of this Kingdom shall arise
- Notice, the fifth Kingdom is not *of* Rome but rather *out of* Rome the fourth Kingdom. We have already shown the connection of this last Kingdom with the *Time* of the Second Coming.

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.

Daniel 2:42

Verse 23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. **Verse 24** And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Daniel 7:23,24

VI Attempts have already been made to form a World Government

1. By men such as Napoleon, Hitler and Stalin
2. By Nations In 1922 the League of Nations to keep peace in the world. It failed
- 3 By the United Nations. I think it is already dead but not yet buried. Has it helped to keep world peace?

VII World Trouble will Demand a World Government

Jesus foretold the kind of problems that would come before His Return

- 1 Crime and lawlessness
Matthew 24:37, Genesis 6:5,11

But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:37

Verse 5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. **Verse 11** The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Genesis 6:5,11

- 2 Severe Earthquakes
Matthew 24:7,8, Revelation 16:18

Verse 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **Verse 8** All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:7,8

And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

Revelation 16:18

- 3 Great famines
Matthew 24: 7-8, Revelation 6:6

Verse 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **Verse 8** All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:7,8

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Revelation 6:6

4 Famines caused by pestilences
Matthew 24:7, Revelation 6:8

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
Matthew 24:7

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.
Revelation 6:8

5 Famines because of pollution
corrupt
Genesis 6:11, Revelation 8:8-11

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
Genesis 6:11

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.
Revelation 8:8-11

6 Famine because of population increase
Daniel 12:4 note the word “many’

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
Daniel 12:4

Revelation 9:16 two hundred thousand,thousand

And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.
Revelation 9:16

- 7 Nuclear Danger is very real
Matthew 24:22, Luke 21: 26

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:22

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luke 21: 26

We are seeing but shadows of what is ahead for this world. And with Israel here as a Nation among the Nations, the shadows are larger all the time.

VIII It no longer takes great faith to believe in a Coming world-wide Tribulation

- 1 There is a spirit of hate in the world
 - 2 a spirit of lawlessness is now more evident
 - 3 a spirit of iniquity is now here (Matthew 24:12)
 - 4 labour unrest is ever increasing
 - 5 economic instability is now a world reality
 - 6 a constant threat of war, suicide bombers have created a spirit of fear
- Said a youth: The past depresses me
The present bores me
The future scares me to death.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:12

IX Here are some quotes made during the past thirty or so years.

- 1 World wide security can be found only in world-wide organization.
- 2 The only alternative to world-war is world law. We can only have world law by establishing world government.
- 3 Said Arthur Campton: World government has become inevitable
- 4 Said Owen J Roberts: If we want the best in our time, if we want to endow our sons and grandsons with a durable peace, in which to pursue their destinies, then we must lift the torch to a union that will have a single foreign policy, one secretary of state, free exchange, a universal currency, a union which will have one army, one navy, one air force and one atomic bomb.
- 5 Said another world government or none. The only hope for humanity is world federation, world government
- 6 Albert Einstein said: Do I fear the tyranny of a world government? Of course I do. But I fear still more the coming of another war of wars. I believe that world government is certain to come in time

- 7 Arnold Toynbee wrote: “I believe it is a forgone conclusion that the world is in any event going to be unified politically in the near future.
- 8 There is a growing belief that only a world government can save mankind from annihilation by nuclear weapons.
- 9 September 19, 1946 Winston Churchill said “we must build a United States of Europe.’
- 10 About that time one wrote: “If Briton goes to war again with an adequately equipped enemy her cities and her population in them will last 15 minutes

The World war threat is demanding world government. World government will pave the way for a world-dictator, who will be none other than the Bible Anti-Christ.

In 1843, Lord Tennyson wrote: “Till the war drum throbs no longer and the battle flags were furled. In the Parliament of men – the federation of the world.”

X Conclusion

The world is certainly not a safer place today in which to live.

We are of the opinion that the feet and toes of the image represent the last gentile world kingdom that will be a greater failure than all before it.

Because of the Iron, it will arise out of Europe.

There is no place in Scripture for world leadership to come from the U.S.A or Russia.

Because of the clay, it will be a mix that will not be able to stand.