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From 1:1–2:3, it is written in Hebrew; from 2:4–7:28, it is written in Aramaic, with a little Chaldean; and from 8:1–12:13, it is written in Hebrew again.

Writer: Daniel

Confirmed by Jesus Christ himself during his earthly ministry.

Matthew 24:15 — *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

Mark 13:14 — *But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:*

Daniel 9:27 — *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

Daniel's name means "God is my judge"

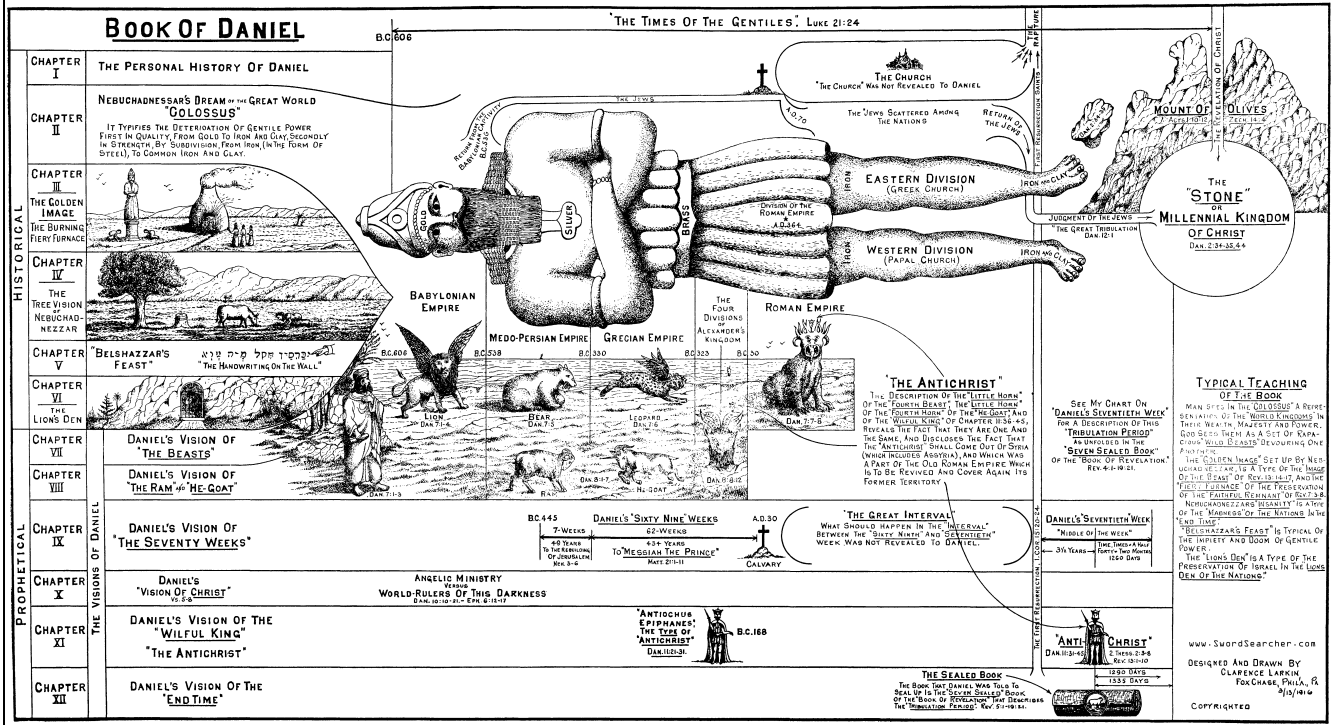
Genesis 30:6 — *And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.*

Time Frame

Jewish captivity in Babylon with Nebuchadnezzar and by the Medes and Persians. About 607 B.C. to about 534 B.C during the reign of Cyrus King of Persia.

Daniel 1:1 — *In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.*

Daniel 10:1 — *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.*


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1-2	**Daniel 1:1-2 —** *In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.* Book of Daniel begins when King Nebuchadnezzar of the Neo Babylonian Empire came against Judah while King Jehoiakim was reigning. Israel was a divided county with the north 10 tribes (Reuben, Simeon, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, and Zebulon) and the south 2 tribes (Judah & Benjamin). The 10 northern tribe succumbed to captivity in about 722 BC by the Assyrian Empire. The time frame of Daniel 1 is about 605-606 BC. Judah had already been under Pharoah rule when Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city. Some background and history are provided in the other books of the Old Testament. Jeremiah prophesied the fall of Judah in chapter 25. **Jeremiah 25:11-12 —** *And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.* **Jeremiah 29:10 —** *For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.* The details of the sequence of events is written in 2 Chronicles and in 2 Kings.	Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10

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1-2 (cont)	Daniel recognized the prophecy of Jeremiah while he was in captivity as noted in Daniel 9. **Daniel 9:2 —** In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. **2 Chronicles 36:1-8 —** *Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.* ***And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim.*** *And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt. Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and* ***he reigned <u>eleven years</u> in Jerusalem****: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. Against him `came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.* **2 Kings 23:34-37 —** *And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there. And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh. Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign;* ***and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem****. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.*	Dan. 9:2 2 Chr. 36:1-8 2 Kings 23:34-37

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1-2 (cont)	Nebuchadnezzar is considered the greatest of all Neo-Babylonian monarchs. In 605, he made his first attack of Jerusalem during the reign of Judah's King Jehoiakim. The prophet Daniel and his companions are taken captive. In 597 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar came up again against Jerusalem during the reign of Judah's King Jehoiachin (2Chronicles 36:10). Jehoiachin is captured and taken captive to Babylon, as well as the prophet Ezekiel and others. Nebuchadnezzar sets up Zedekiah as the new "puppet" King of Judah (2Kings 24 - 25). In 586 B.C., Jerusalem is attacked a third time by Nebuchadnezzar, this time during the reign of Judah's king Zedekiah. The Babylonians not only destroy the city but also burn Jerusalem's temple and carry away all its treasures.	



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3-7	**Daniel 1:3-7 —** *And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the **children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes**; Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.* Another prophecy fulfilled as stated.	

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3-7 (cont)	**2 Kings 20:1-3 —** *In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.* **Isaiah 39:1-7 —** *At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them. Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: Behold, the days come, that* ***all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.*** So, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah are taken and made as eunuchs – made to not have kids. They had no blemish and were very smart in several fields. But the end goal of Nebuchadnezzar lies at the end of verse 4. To basically convert them to be Chaldeans in their language and ways and methods. But he picked the wrong ones to try and convert. He attempts to alter their diet in verse 5 for 3 years so they might stand before the king and show how well they learned. Then the master of the eunuchs gives them new names. Notice the distinction made that Daniel is always spoken now by his Hebrew name, but we always refer to the other 3 by their Chaldean names.	2 Kings 20:1-3 Isa. 39:1-7

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3-7 (cont)	Their Hebrew names (all from Judah) of the other 3 and their meanings are as follows: "Hananiah" ("Jehovah has given"), "Mishael" ("Who is like God!"), and "Azariah" ("Whom Jehovah helps")	
8	**Daniel 1:8 —** *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.* Daniel is still very young as are the other three. It is estimated he was only about 15-17 years old. Daniel shows what we today have very little of as described by the apostle Paul. **Romans 12:2 —** *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* **2 Corinthians 6:17 —** *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,* Notice how Daniel still refers to the other three by their Hebrew names when not in public. **Daniel 2:17 —** *Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:* Not knowing the kind of meat that may be served, Daniel had to abstain to ensure he was keeping the Mosaic Law for things that were forbidden as well as things that may have been offered to idols which was still identified as forbidden – even during this dispensation. **Acts 15:29 —** *That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.*	Rom. 12:2 2 Cor. 6:17 Dan. 2:17 Acts 15:29

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9-16	**Daniel 1:9-16 —** *Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.* Daniel was favored by the prince of the eunuchs and Daniel's request made him fear for his life. But Daniel had great wisdom in offering a test for 10 days rather than bucking the king for 3 years. This option gave the prince of the eunuchs a good option to test Daniel's desire and still not get in trouble with the king. This reminds us of Joseph's trials. Remember that Daniel has been made a eunuch before this action, but he still desires to please God more than men. Notice in verse 12 the time frame for the testing – ten days. The length is consistent with the length provided for the church at Smyrna in Revelation. **Revelation 2:10 —** *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.* The number 10 is the number of the Gentiles. The Gentile nations are first mentioned in Genesis 10. Noah is the tenth from Adam and father of the Gentiles. The Gentile convert to prove to Peter that God was going to the Gentiles is in Acts 10. Romans 10 deals with taking the gospel to the Gentiles. This is the first hint that Daniel is going to focus on the Gentile nations in his prophecy.	Rev. 2:10

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17-21	**Daniel 1:17-21 —** *As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.* God is the one that gives wisdom and knowledge and understanding. Another similarity between Daniel and Joseph in understanding dreams and visions. After three years the four Hebrew children totally awed Nebuchadnezzar – even among his own magicians and astrologers. Also notice the quote from Ezekiel relative to Satan. **Ezekiel 28:2-3 —***Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God*: *Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:* God was against those men that were magicians and astrologers as indicated in the law. **Deuteronomy 18:10-12 —** *There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.*	Eze. 28:2-3 Deu. 18:10-12

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	Let's look at the spiritual lessons we can learn from Daniel 1. 1. *A simple thing can be an opportunity to witness*. Daniel turned the direction to eat the King's meals into an opportunity to be a witness for what he believed in a non-offending manner to both the keeper of the eunuchs all the way up to the king. You too can turn simple opportunities into a witness (gas station visits, someone calling the wrong number, someone asking a question, etc.) 2. *As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he (Prov. 23:7).* Man's decisions and actions are based on what is in his heart. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." **Luke 6:45 —** *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.* **Colossians 3:2 —** *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.* 3. *Human opposition can be overcome.* As a Christian – you will face adversity and opposition in this life. **John 16:33 —** *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.* 4. *God will take care of those who take care of Him.* God will take care of His own. **Mark 8:35 —** *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.* **1 John 2:14 —** *I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.*	Prov. 23:7) Luke 6:45 Col. 3:2 John 16:33 Mark 8:35 1 Joh. 2:14

Daniel Chapter 2

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Daniel Chapter 2 is a very important chapter is unlocking God prophetic future because of the accuracy and level of detail it provides relative to the last 2600 years of history. It also reveals the basic concept of the fundamental doctrines of Pre-millennial versus Post-millennial doctrines in the bible.		
1-2	**Daniel 2:1-2 —** *And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.* If you think God only reveals things through His prophets and apostles – you got it wrong. This is not the first time God reveals things through lost rulers via dreams. Remember Pharoah's dream of 7 good years and 7 years of famine. Also remember Abimelech's dream about Sarah, Abraham's wife. God sends Nebuchadnezzar a dream (what we call a nightmare). Three immediate things come from this nightmare. 1. God reveals what he will do to the Kingdom as well as the next 2600 years. 2. It shows that the magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans are fake. 3. It reveals that Daniel is truly God's servant and a prophet and that he is very similar to Joseph on interpreting dreams.	

Daniel Chapter 2

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3-11	**Daniel 2:3-11 —** *And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it. The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.* How many of you have woken up from a dream that seemed so real but once you woke up – you couldn't recall most of the dream but knew it shook you up? That's what happened to Nebuchadnezzar. So he calls in the whole crew of men with "special talents" to help him understand the dream. But this time he throws in a big twist. Since he can't remember the details of the dream, he also demands that they tell him what the dream was AND the interpretation. They keep asking the king what he dreamed so they could tell the interpretation, but the king is getting wise to their shenanigans and says – if you are who you say you are, you can tell me the dreams also. If not – all of you are just fakes and I will have you all killed for your lies, etc. They replied truthfully in verse 10 that says "There is not a man upon the earth" and verse 11 follows with – Only the gods can do this who are not flesh. Daniel and the three Hebrews are not present, but the king does remember how much more they are wiser than his own folks.	

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12-18	**Daniel 2:12-18 —** *For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain. Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.* The king got fed up with the double talk and sends out the decree to kill all the wise men of Babylon – which included Daniel and company. So when they came to get Daniel to carry out the death sentence. Daniel asked what was going on and once he heard the situation, he did the only thing possible and went in and asked for some time to get Nebuchadnezzar his answer. Although Daniel did not know the dream, he knew someone who did and if God chose to reveal it – he would be spared. If not, the decree would still be carried out and he would die anyway. Therefore, he had nothing to lose by asking for more time and promising to reveal the dream. Daniel gets the time he needs and goes back to his place and begins a prayer meeting with his other three brothers and begs God to reveal the dream and interpretation. So when you have problems understanding God's Word, the only true interpreter is the Holy Spirit and you have a direct line to him for helping you understand.	

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19-23	**Daniel 2:19-23 —** *Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.* God reveals the dream to Daniel in a night vision and then Daniel gives God all the praise. We are instructed to do the same when God answers our prayers. Our God is worthy to be praised!! **Philippians 4:6 —** *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.* **Colossians 2:7 —** *Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.* **Psalm 113:1-9 —** *Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.* Can you imagine how Daniel felt when not only the dream was revealed – but the interpretation with it also and how God's kingdom would be established after all this time of the Gentiles?	Phil. 4:6 Col. 2:7 Psa. 113

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19-23 (cont)	Notice the phrase in verse 21 – "And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:" This is referring to God establishing Christ kingdom on earth – notice the parallel passages. **Acts 1:6-7 —** *When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.* **1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 —** *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.* God controls when Christ will set up His kingdom and he can change the time and seasons – just like he did when the Jews rejected Christ at Calvary and rejected the Holy Spirit in Acts 7. He removeth kings and setteth up kings – which Nebuchadnezzar will learn soon in Chapter 4. Daniel then praises God for revealing the thing that Nebuchadnezzar had desired to save his life and his fellow brethren. What a God we serve!!! **James 1:5 —** *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*	Acts 1:6-7 1 Thes. 5:1-2 James 1:5

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24-30	**Daniel 2:24-30 —** *Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.* Once God reveals the dream and interpretation to Daniel, Daniel lets Arioch know that he knows what the king wanted and bring him to the king to let it be known. Do all the other magicians, etc., have their lives spared because of Daniel's intervention. Chapter 3 will show they are not very grateful, but very jealous. Daniel immediately let's the king know that his secret can't be told by anyone, other than the REAL GOD of heaven who revealeth secrets. Daniel lets him know – that this thing is revealed to allow him and others to know the future and what shall come to pass. Notice the specific reference to the "Latter Days". God has referred to Isreal in the latter days more than ten times in the Old Testament.	

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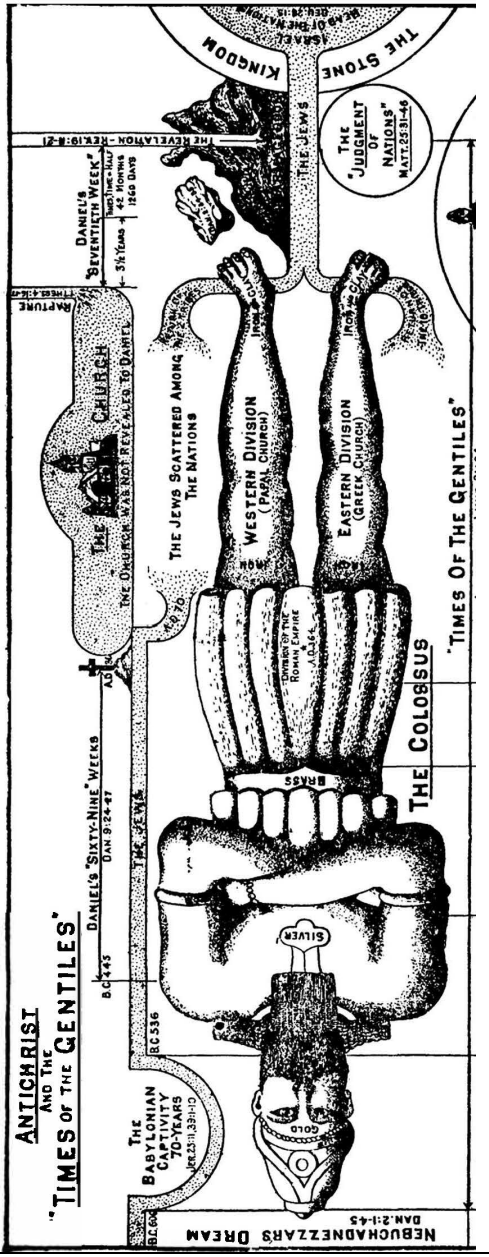
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24-30 (cont)	**Numbers 24:14 —** *And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.* **Deuteronomy 4:30** — *When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;* **Deuteronomy 31:29** — *For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.* **Jeremiah 23:20** — *The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.* **Jeremiah 30:24** — *The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.* **Jeremiah 48:47** — *Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.* **Jeremiah 49:39** — *But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.* **Ezekiel 38:8** — *After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.* **Ezekiel 38:16** — *And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.* **Daniel 10:14** — *Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.* **Hosea 3:5** — *Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.* Know that what Daniel is about to reveal from God will extend from Nebuchadnezzar until Christ sets up His kingdom on the earth.	See verses

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31-45	**Daniel 2:31-45** — *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. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 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. 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 threshingfloors; 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. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. 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. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*	

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31-45 (cont)	The image provided is an illustration of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. We will concentrate on the image from Chapter 2 and draw comparisons to other chapters as we go. The image illustrates the period of time defined in Luke as the "Time of the Gentiles" **Luke 21:24** — *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.* As we mentioned earlier, Jeremiah prophesied in Jer. 25:11-12 & 29:10 that the Jews would spend 70 years of captivity in Babylon. With ancient dates, it is hard to pinpoint all of the exact times, but one thing is certain. When God said 70 years – it lasted 70 years – regardless of man's timelines for these ancient dates. Daniel comes into the presence of the King with total confidence based on God's revelation to him. He says it was a terrible image and thus the nightmare for the king. Daniel summarizes the image in verses 31 through 36 and then goes into the interpretation of the dream. Notice the decline of the value of the medals as the image goes from the head to the feet. The head was made of gold – most precious metal, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet part iron and clay. This indicates that the progression of the world empires will be eroding as time goes. The head represents Nebuchadnezzar first and his associated kingdom.  	Luke 21:24

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31-45 (cont)	Notice the phrase in verse 37 – "Thou, O king, art **a** king of kings". He is a "type" of the Antichrist since he is a king of kings who rules over all the other kings he has conquered. So is each successive kingdom and king. **Daniel 7:24** — *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.* **Revelation 17:12** — *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.* But when the rock comes down and destroys the last kingdom – it will never be overthrown and it will be ruled by **The King of Kings and Lord of Lords** – not **a** king of kings!! **1 Timothy 6:15** — *Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;* **Revelation 19:16** — *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written,* ***KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*** A very important item to recognize is that each portion represents a "king" and not just a kingdom. This is very important when it comes to grasping Daniel's visions in chapter 7 as well. **Daniel 7:17** — ***These great beasts, which are four, are four kings****, which shall arise out of the earth.* A lot of history estimates Nebuchadnezzar's taking Judah was in about 606 B.C and the Medes and Persians conquered Belshazzar in 539 B.C. This does not add up to the 70 years and Ezra indicates the decree to rebuild Jerusalem was in the first year of Cyrus – that king.	Dan. 7:24 Rev. 17:12 1 Tim. 6:15 Rev. 19:6 Dan. 7:17

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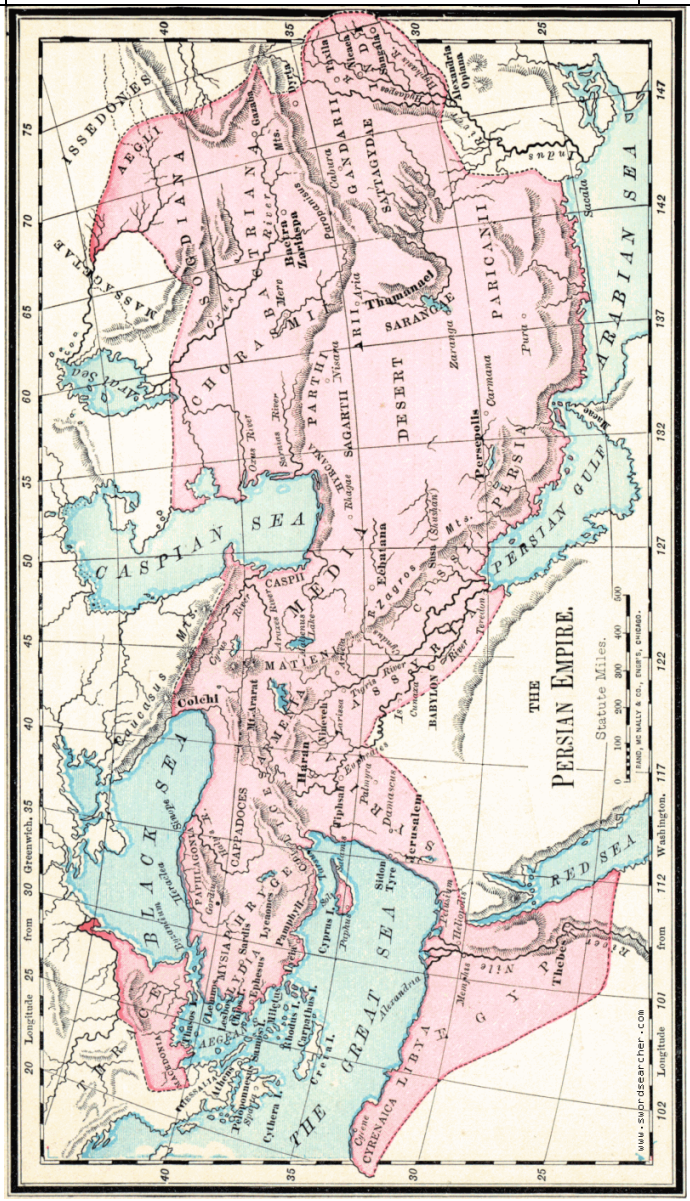
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31-45 (cont)	**Ezra 1:1-2** — *Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king `of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.* Over 42,000 Jews went back to Jerusalem area to start the re-building of the temple and city. **Ezra 2:64** — *The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,* Then trouble starts and the governors of the area didn't like what was happening and wrote a letter to the king to complain and got the work to stop on Cyrus was replaced by Darius. Once the ruler was changed and was not familiar with the previous decree he was convinced to stop the work. **Ezra 4:21** — *Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me.* Then the Jews were forced to stop building until Haggai and Zechariah started prophesying and they started building the temple again and was challenged. They appealed to Darius to look for the decree from Cyrus and he did so and found the original decree and thus they were allowed to restart the building. **Ezra 6:8** — *Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.* You ask me why this is important to emphasize the decree to go back and rebuild Jerusalem. Daniel 9 refers to this in his prophecy of 70 weeks.	Ezra 1:1-2; 2:64; 4:21; 6:8

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31-45 (cont)	**Daniel 9:24-25** — *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand,* ***that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks****: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.* The decree starts the clock for when Christ would be sacrificed at Calvary!!! Babylon falls to the Medes and Persians as described in Daniel Chapter 5 when Belshazzar used the Jewish vessels to drink wine from them. The Medes and Persians come in and become the overall kingdom after Babylon falls. As you can see by the map on the next page – their territory extends all the way over to Greece and even down to Egypt. It basically starts at the fall of Babylon and extends until Alexander the Great becomes the next empire from Greece. Greece takes over in about 330 B.C. based on historical accounts. The Medes and Persian empire is inferior to Nebuchadnezzar's empire as indicated in verse 39. This kingdom is represented by the silver breast and arms. Verse 39 then describes the Grecian empire that defeats the Medes and Persians. It is led by Alexander the Great who is primarily a general that wants to keep conquering, and he appoints rulers over all the various areas to rule the country. His empire is represented by the belly and thighs made of brass. The Grecian empire lasted from about 330 B.C. until the Roman empire took it over in about 146 B.C. when Rome defeats Corinth and continues to take over the remaining Grecian empire from about 31 B.C. to 30 A.D. This is the primary language of the New Testament while to Old Testament is primarily in Hebrew. Notice the two legs representing the Roman empire and it splitting into a Western and Eastern Division which officially occurred in 395 A.D. as illustrated in the Map. Even the split is properly prophesied!!	Dan. 9:24-25

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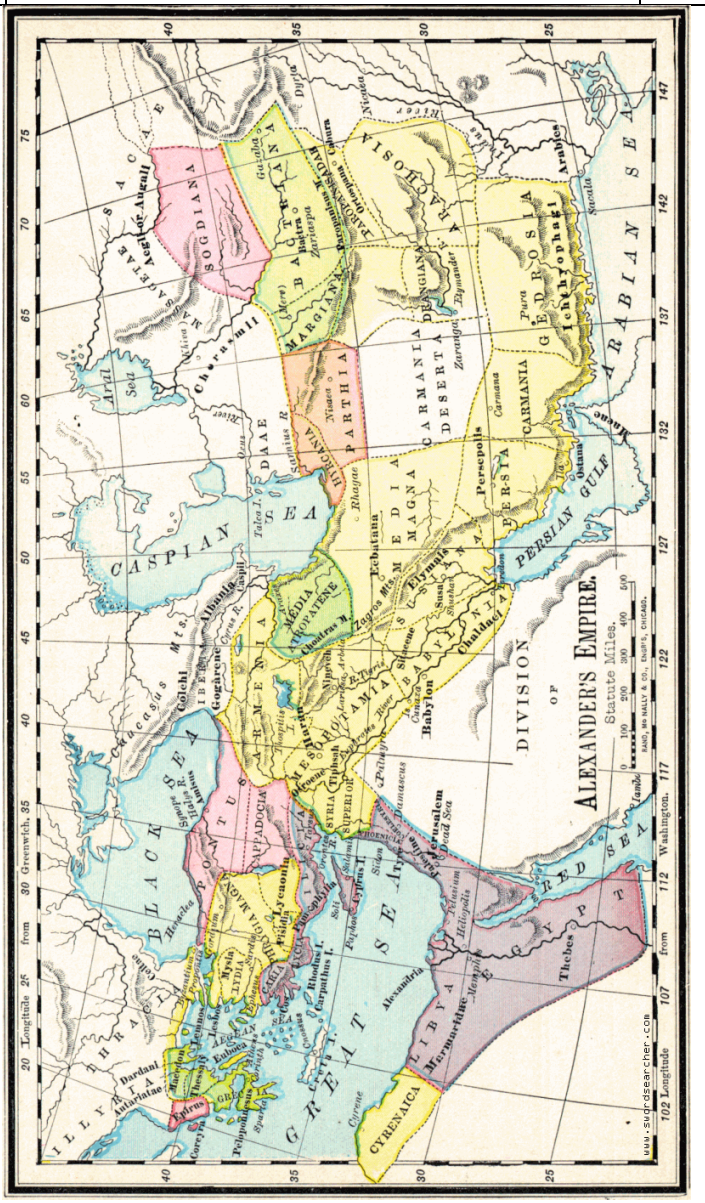
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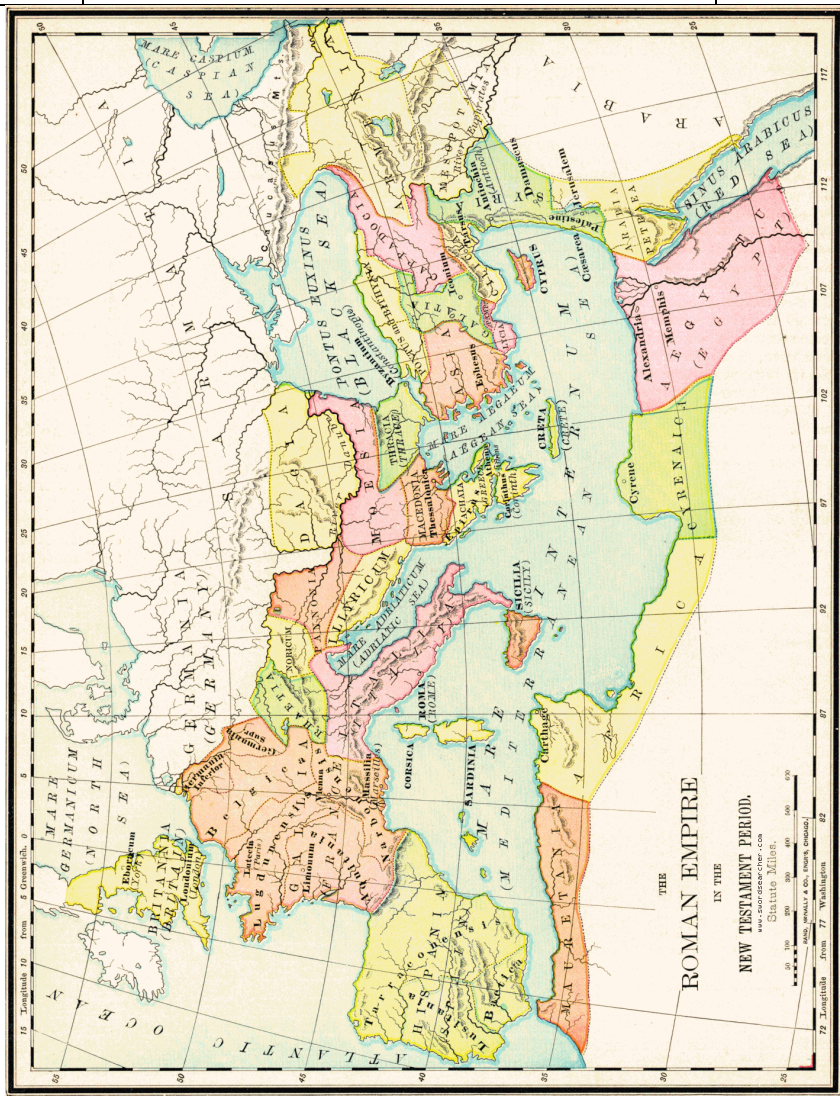
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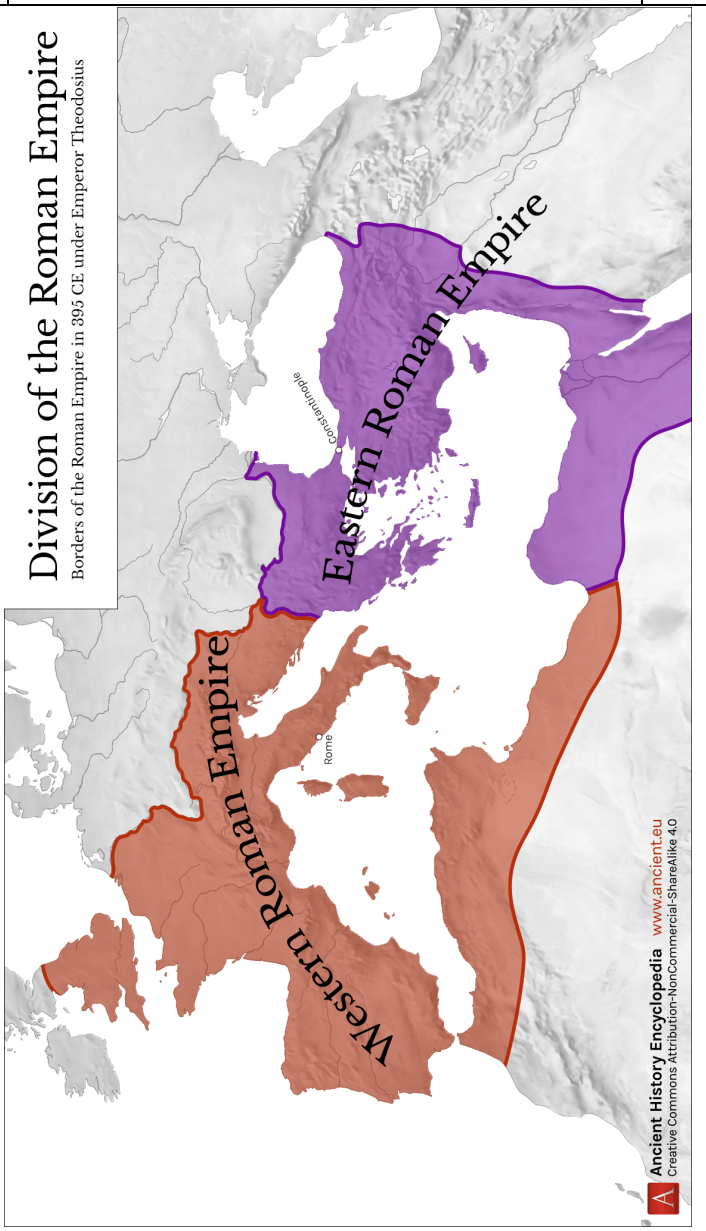
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31-45 (cont)	The Western empire collapses in 476 A.D. and the Eastern empire falls in about 1453 A.D. by the Ottoman Empire (Islamic Rule). The feet are then identified as part iron and clay – with a mixture and not as strong as the iron. The final description goes all the way down into the toes (10 toes). Notice the number of the Gentiles once again. The ten toes are described in several other prophecies about the conditions during the Tribulation period in Daniel and in Revelation. **Daniel 7:24** — *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.* **Revelation 17:12** — *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**.* With the ten toes representing 10 kings during the tribulation period then this provides the basic connection of Rev. 17 of how the Roman empire has never ceased!! Well, there is definitely not a Roman empire currently. The Roamn empire still exists today in its mystery form as described in the 17th Chapter of Revelation. The following is an excerpt from our study in the book of Revelation two years ago. We will only discuss the highlights of this study here but reprint the whole study for your personal study. Now how the ten kings will come about is still a mystery, but they will be part of the Antichrist rule during the Tribulation period. At the end of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, a stone cut out without hands smote the image at the feet – not the legs – and broke the entire image into pieces. The stone became a great mountain that filled the whole earth. Daniel provides the interpretation of this in verse 44-45 and indicates that Christ is going to subdue all kingdoms and set up His Kingdom to rule the whole earth and it shall stand forever!!! This is also discussed in Revelation 19 when Christ returns and destroys the armies of the Antichrist at the battle of Armageddon. Therefore, Daniel describes the pre-millennial version of the return of Christ.	Dan. 7:24 Rev. 17:12

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46-49	**Daniel 2:46-49** — *Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.* Nebuchadnezzar praises Daniel for revealing the dream and the interpretation. He actually worships Daniel and Daniel does not refuse the worship or say anything – the king rewards Daniel with great gifts and made him ruler over the province of Babylon and over all the governors and wise men. Then Daniel request that his three brothers be placed over the affairs of the province of Babylon and Daniel sits in the gate of the King.	

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