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Keys To Understanding A Must Read!!!!

I. Rightly Dividing the Word

2 Tim. 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (KJV)*

The Bible is the Word of Truth.

It must be rightly divided.

If it can be *rightly divided*; it can also be *wrongly divided*.

Error comes from a wrong division of the Word of God.

To, or About Whom is it Written?

To rightly divide Scripture, one must determine to or about whom it is written. Remember: All the Bible is for the church; but not all the Bible is about the Church.

Scripture can be to or about a group of people.

Brim note: I learned this important fact from listening to Kenneth E. Hagin. (Some of you may remember my potato-peeling story.) But just lately I came across a statement by E. W. Bullinger, commentator of *The Companion Bible*. This amazing scholar wrote in the preface to his book, *How To Enjoy The Bible*:

I pointed out that there was a precept which specially set forth our responsibility to the Bible as being “the Word of Truth” (2 Tim. ii.15), and that was that it must be *rightly divided*. This command to rightly divide, being given us in connection with this special title “The Word of Truth,” spoke to us, if we had ears to hear, and told us that **unless we rightly divided the Word of Truth we should not...get the truth...**

I showed that, if we would indeed *enjoy the Bible* it was absolutely necessary that we should rightly divide all that it contained, in connection with its subject matter, as well as in connection with its **times and dispensations.**

II. The Jews, The Nations, and the Church

1 Cor. 10:32 *Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. (KJV)*

The three primary groups of peoples to or about whom Scripture is written are:

1. The Jews
2. The Nations
(*Hebrew: Goyim*, meaning nations)
N.T. Gentiles or Greeks
3. The Church

Kenneth E. Hagin, *Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage*, page 18

“When I first got saved and started in the ministry, I heard someone give this simple rule of Bible interpretation, and it registered on me. In studying the Bible, always ask yourself. ‘Who’s doing the speaking?’ ‘What are they speaking about?’ ‘And to whom are they speaking?’

It’s very easy to take some of the things that God said and say, ‘Well, now, *God* is saying this.’ But you have to look at whom God was talking to. Sometimes He was speaking to the Jews; and what He said didn’t even apply to anyone else.

Brim note: The Book of Daniel reveals much about the character of God, which blesses all. But its primary focus is God’s dealing with Israel. We learn much from its prophetic message concerning Israel, the Jews, Jerusalem, the Holy Temple, etc., which allows us to obey Jesus’ command in Luke 21 to “watch the fig tree and the other trees” (the nations). But the church is not the subject here. While it is not included in its prophecies, a time space for the church is allowed between *Daniel’s 69th and 70th Weeks* (Chapter 9).

1. The Nations

The first of the three groups introduced to us in Scripture is the *Goyim* (nations).

By the law of first mention, the biblical account of the roots of this group is of utmost importance.

After the flood, the Bible introduces the nations (*goyim*) in the progeny of Noah’s three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

In Genesis 10, we meet them as the 70 foundational nations. (To arrive at 70, do not count Noah’s three sons, nor the Philistines of verse 14.)

God's Will and Instructions After the Flood

Gen. 9:1 *AND GOD pronounced a blessing upon Noah and his sons and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. (Amp.)*

The Rebellion of the Goyim (Nations)

God commanded what they were to do when the waters receded. To fill the earth they would have had to move through the earth, but 340 years after the flood they still were together. Concentrated in present-day Iraq. In the Bible, *Shinar* is Babylon.

Gen. 11:1 *And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*

Gen. 11:2 *And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.*

Gen. 11:3 *And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.*

Gen. 11:4 *And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. (KJV)*

Open rebellion against the commandment of God.

Gen. 11:5 *And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.*

Gen. 11:6 *And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*

Gen. 11:7 *Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.*

Gen. 11:8 *So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.*

Gen. 11:9 *Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. (KJV)*

Instigators of the Rebellion

Satan means adversary. he is the ancient adversary of God, and the author of confusion. Satan, certainly was behind the rebellion of the nations. The human instrument he used was Nimrod.

Gen. 10:8 *And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.*

Gen. 10:9 *He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.*

Gen. 10:10 *And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (KJV)*

The Stone Edition of the Chumash, page 47

Before Nimrod there were neither wars nor reigning monarchs. He subjugated the Babylonians until they crowned him (v.10), after which he went to Assyria and built great cities (Radak; Ramban). The Torah calls him a mighty hunter, which Rashi and most commentators interpret figuratively: Nimrod ensnared men with his words and incited them to rebel against God (R. Hirsch). His first conquest, which laid the basis for his subsequent empire building was Babel, which became the center of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian Empire. It was one of the greatest cities of the ancient world.

With this rebellion began the Babylonian System—and all things Babylon.

Kenneth Copeland, in teaching about the Babylonian System called it, "Man's attempt to meet his own needs without God."

2. The Jews, The Separated Nation

The Jews are the second group of peoples to be introduced in God's Word.

Only two of the three groups appear in the Old Testament:
The Jews and the Nations.

Not willing that the nations perish, God initiated the plan He'd designed long before its need manifested. He separated a nation unto Himself for His use. A Holy Nation. With a Holy Call. He would use the separated nation to reveal Himself to the rebellious nations.

Gen. 12:1 *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*

Gen. 12:2 *And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

Gen. 12:3 *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (KJV)*

God called a man who would live by faith to be the Patriarch of a “great nation” separated, holy unto God.

He rewarded Abraham, the first Jew, and his natural seed by promising them a Land. And He proclaimed a blessing upon them.

God promised to personally bless those who bless them.
God promised to personally curse him who curses them.

In many ways, the families of the earth are blessed in Abraham and his seed. Foremost in the Seed Who is the Messiah.
But, also, in the Millennium and the ages to follow, the blessings of the earth and the sheep nations are tied up in the blessings of Israel.

Israel’s Purpose and Call

The call that Israel as a nation has upon it is: To reveal God to the nations.

First, to the rebellious nations of Genesis 11, and subsequently to their progeny.

In Romans 9, 10, and 11—a revelation of “the mystery of Israel” to the church—the Lord declares that He has not withdrawn that call.

Rom. 11:25 *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

Rom. 11:26 *And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

Rom. 11:27 *For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

Rom. 11:28 *As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers’ sakes.*

Rom. 11:29 **For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.**
(KJV)

(We often use verse 29 to show that if one is called by God into a certain office, God never repents, or changes His mind, regarding the call. And that is all right to do that, for this verse shows the character of God. However, the verse is not to be removed from its first meaning, that God does not repent of His call upon Israel.)

Plan “A”

God’s Plan “A” was for Israel to reveal God to the nations by living in the Promised Land and demonstrating God and blessings upon them there. This ancient map shows the strategic location of that Land:

Read all of Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Deut. 28:10 *And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.*

Deut. 28:11 *And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee...*

Deut. 28:14 *And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (KJV)*

Israel’s strategic location as a land bridge between three continents made it an easier route for caravans and armies. When they traveled through, the nations were to see a people who worshiped the One True God who blessed them. All the blessings of Deuteronomy were material, physical, and financial. They could be seen. Thus the Chosen People—chosen to reveal God—could fulfill their calling.

Plan “B”

Deut. 28:64 *And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other...*

If Israel did not hearken to the commandments of God in obedience, He would scatter them from one end of earth to the other. And then in the “end of days,” He promised to gather them back to their Promised Land. In the evident keeping of His Word to bring them home, the nations would be provided a revelation of God.

God Prophesied Through Moses What Would Happen:

Deut. 30:1 *And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither Jehovah thy God hath driven thee,*

Deut. 30:2 *and shalt return unto Jehovah thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul;*

Deut. 30:3 *that then Jehovah thy God will 1turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither Jehovah thy God hath scattered thee.*

Deut. 30:4 *If any of thine outcasts be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from thence will Jehovah thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:*

Deut. 30:5 *and Jehovah thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.*

Deut. 30:6 *And Jehovah thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

Deut. 30:7 *And Jehovah thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, that persecuted thee.*

Deut. 30:8 *And thou shalt return and obey the voice of Jehovah, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.*

Deut. 30:9 *And Jehovah thy God will make thee plenteous in all the work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, for good: for Jehovah will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers;... (ASV)*

The Scattering and The Ingathering are dealt with in most of the O.T. Prophets.

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Historical Background (A Short Synopsis)

After the death of Moses, Joshua led the Children of Israel into the Promised Land.

Josh. 18:1 *And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.*

Using the *Urim* and *Thumim*, the breastplate of the High Priest, Joshua and Eleazar divided the Land by inheritance to the various tribes (Joshua 14:1, 2; 18:10)

The Ark of the Covenant stood in Shiloh, in the land of Ephraim, for 369 years.

David

David brought the Ark of the Presence to Jerusalem.

He yearned to build a permanent dwelling for the Presence as manifested in the *Shechinah Glory*. Eventually he located "The Place" (Ha Makom) which the LORD had chosen to place His name. David received the pattern for the Temple, but Solomon His Son was allowed to build it.

The Glory Moves Into The Temple

2Chr. 5:1 *Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished:...*

2Chr. 5:2 *Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.*

2Chr. 5:3 *Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. [Tabernacles]*

2Chr. 5:4 *And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark...*

2Chr. 5:11 *And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:*

2Chr. 5:12 *Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)*

2Chr. 5:13 *It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;*

2Chr. 5:14 *So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.*

The Divided Kingdom

The height of the kingdom was reached during the reigns of David and Solomon. Upon the death of Solomon, his sons divided the kingdom. Ten tribes seceded and in direct rebellion to God's command, built local worship sites. The ten northern tribes were known as Israel. The two southern tribes were known as Judah.

The northern tribes fell to Assyria in 721 BC. Assyria so scattered the northern tribes that they have become known as "the ten lost tribes."

Judah's digression from the ways of God led to its fall a century and a half or so later to Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon.

The Glory Moves Out of The Temple

Lost to most readers is that fact that Ezekiel witnessed the *Shechinah* Glory moving out of the First Temple in stages. In fact, had the Glory of God not moved out, the Temple could never have been destroyed. (See Ezekiel 8:1-4; 9:3; 10:3, 18, 19; 11:22, 23...) Without the *Shechinah*, the Temple was a building. Nebuchadnezzar burned it.

[The Second Temple did not have the *Shechinah* Glory.]

Before this, however, Nebuchadnezzar had besieged Jerusalem and carried off some of its finest....

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Chapter 1

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

Dan. 1:2 *The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with *some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of **Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god. (NAS95S)*

Prior to the burning of the Temple, Nebuchadnezzar made this siege and foray into Jerusalem.

** some of the vessels of the house of God*

Certainly not the Holy Ark and its vessels. Jewish sources say these were hidden previously by King Josiah and Jeremiah in a place prepared by Solomon.

***Shinar*

Another name for Babylon. Present day Iraq.

Dan. 1:3 *Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,*

Dan. 1:4 *youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. (NAS95S)*

The Jews then, as well as now, had a reputation of outstanding wisdom and knowledge. In capturing the "intelligencia" of the royal family of Judea, Nebuchadnezzar hoped to put it to use in his kingdom, and to rob Judea of it.

Dan. 1:5 *The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.*

Dan. 1:6 *Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah.*

Dan. 1:7 *Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishaël Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego. (NAS95S)*

- Verse 6 contains the Hebrew names, of these very young men. Interestingly, we usually call the three Hebrew children by their Chaldean names, much as we do Esther. (Her Hebrew name was *Hadassah*; myrtle in English.) And yet, Daniel retains his Hebrew name in our thinking.
- Daniel's Chaldean name was assigned to him by Nebuchadnezzar himself (Dan. 5:12.) Belteshazzar was derived from a Chaldean god.

Dan. 1:8 *But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.*

Dan. 1:9 *Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials, (NAS95S)*

Dan. 1:12, 13

Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us pulse to eat and water to drink. 13 Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be seen by you...

15 *At the end of ten days they looked better and fatter than all the youths eating the king's food. (ArtScrolls)*

- Food could have been offered to idols.
Certainly would not have been kosher.
"Pulse", is defined in the ArtScrolls commentary as raw seeds; e.g. rice, peas, beans, etc.

Dan. 1:17 *As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.*

Dan. 1:18 *Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar.*

Dan. 1:19 *The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service.*

Dan. 1:20 *As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm. (NAS95S)*

Though this book is about God's dealings with Israel. And we study it to watch the fig tree and the nations, I think of an example of how Kenneth E. Hagin put its principles to use in a practical way:

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Daniel, Chapter 1

I received eternal life as a teenage boy on the bed of sickness, April 22, 1933. Then on August 8, 1934, I was healed by the power of God through faith and prayer.

After my healing, I returned to high school. During the 16 months I'd been bedfast, I missed one school year. And in the 2 years of high school I had completed before, I had been a "D" student.

I had two favorite scriptures I either read or quoted to the Lord and on which I based my confession every morning as I walked to school. John 1:4 and Daniel Chapter 1.

...I had my Bible, and the Spirit of God led me. Every day as I went to school I would say this: 'In Him was life, and the life was the light of men That life is in me. The life of God is in me. That life is the light (I knew light stood for development.) That life is developing me. That life is developing my spirit. That life is developing my mentality. I've got God in me. I've got God's wisdom in me. I've got God's life in me. I've got God's power in me.'

The Bible says that Daniel "purposed in his heart." I used this phrase with the Lord. I knew that even though I wasn't living under the old Covenant, there still was a principle here I could abide by... So I acted upon the same principle Daniel did. I said this to the Lord every morning, 'I purpose in my heart to walk in the light of life.'

Sometimes a bunch of us students took up the whole street as we walked... They thought I was crazy, but I'd explain it to them as we walked along.

I would say, 'Now, you see Daniel had favor with the prince of eunuchs, or as we would say in modern times, the dean of the college. And it was God who gave Daniel favor with him.'

Then I would say to God, 'God, give me favor with every teacher. Thank You for it. It is mine. Now impart to me—because I have the life and nature of God in me—knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom that I may be ten times better...'

Now, I'm not bragging on me; I'm bragging on what God gave me. Because although I had been a "D" student...after being born again and healed, I was the only student in my classes who made a straight "A: report card.

I could take a history book—they tested me on this— read a chapter I'd never read before, put the book down, and recite it word for word. Now, I couldn't do that because I had developed my memory. I didn't know a thing about memorization. I was able to do that because I looked to my spirit.

Most believers have never developed their spirits as they could have. They have just never really walked in the light of what they've had all the time.

—Kenneth E. Hagin, *Faith Food Devotions*, pages 174-178

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Chapter 2

The Times of the Gentiles

Jesus identified a period of time to be known as “the times of the Gentiles.”

When His disciples exclaimed in amazement about Herod’s rebuilding of the Second Temple Jesus prophesied it would be destroyed, *“See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down”* (Matthew 24:2).

That destruction happened 40 years later in 70 AD when Titus the Roman burned the Temple. Daniel had prophesied this destruction half a millennium earlier; *“the people [the Romans] of the prince that shall come [the antichrist] shall destroy the city and the sanctuary”* (Daniel 9:26).

Jesus said, to those listening as He spoke the prophesy, *“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh...for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 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”* (Luke 21:20, 23, 24).

Mighty Rome then carried away Jewish captives and its iron legs trod down Jerusalem. Later they plowed under the Holy City with a yoke of oxen. Jerusalem was turned into a pagan city which Rome renamed Aelia Capitolina and Jews were forbidden to live there. Emperor Hadrian changed the country’s name from Judea to Syria Palestina. Thus originating the name of Palestine.

But with the little word translated “until,” Jesus looked ahead 2000 years and prophesied the assured end of “the times of the Gentiles.”

The beginning of the period was the Babylonian captivity.

David Baron, *Israel in the Plan of God*, page 111

Idolatry was the climax of the first stage in the progressive apostasy of Israel which brought about the Babylonian captivity *with which commences “the times of the Gentiles,”* which only close with the end of this age, when the Kingdom shall once again be restored to Israel.

God gave King Nebuchadnezzar dreams of the entire period called “*the times of the Gentiles*,” which started with him and will end with the King of Kings, the King Messiah.

Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

Dan. 2:1 *And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and *his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. (ASV)*

*Hebrew literally: *his spirit pounded itself*

The Creator gave dreams to this earthly king of a super power.
[God can still give dreams to earthly kings. And He probably is doing it whether or not we know it. (See Job 33:14-17.)]

The dreams—so powerfully ominous to Nebuchadnezzar and the subsequent Gentile trodders down of Jerusalem—shook the Babylonian ruler’s very spirit. He claimed not to remember them and he called upon “*the necromancers, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans*,” (ArtScrolls translation of verse 2) to tell him his dreams and the interpretation. When they could not, he ordered the destruction of all the wise men of Babylon. Daniel and his three companions stood in this category.

Dan. 2:16 *And Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the king the interpretation.*

Dan. 2:17 *Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:*

Dan. 2:18 *that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

Dan. 2:19 *Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.*

Dan. 2:20 *Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his.*

Dan. 2:21 *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 have understanding;*

Dan. 2:22 *he revealeth the deep and secret [Hebrew: hidden] things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.*

Dan. 2:23 *I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast now made known unto me what we desired of thee; for thou hast made known unto us the king’s matter...*

Dan. 2:25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

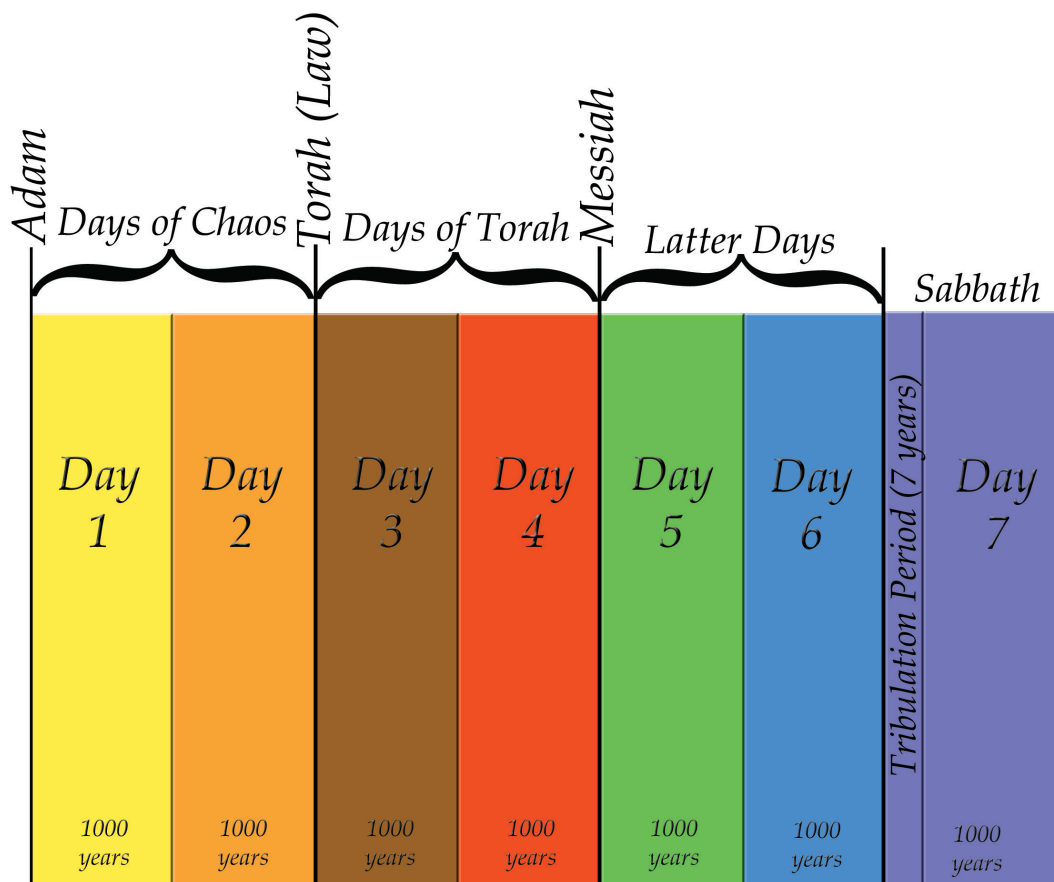
Dan. 2:26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

Dan. 2:27 Daniel answered before the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded can neither wise men, enchanter, magicians, nor soothsayers, show unto the king;

Dan. 2:28 but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and he hath made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar **what shall be in the latter days**. [Hebrew: the end of days] Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these:

Dan. 2:29 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 hath made known to thee **what shall come to pass**.

Dan. 2:30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that thou mayest know the thoughts of thy heart. (ASV)



The Latter Days (v. 28)

What we often call the latter days, the Hebrew calls “the end of days.”

It does not mean the end of time—but the end of the days of the seven-day period where a thousand years equals a day (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8).

The Oral Tradition speaks of a 6-day workweek that the Lord gave Adam. In it each day is a thousand years. After that would come the 7th day.

The Talmud, Tractate Sanhedrin, Folio 97a divides the years since the creation of Adam as: 2000 years of desolation (chaos); 2000 years the Torah flourished; and the 2000 years is the messianic era.

A footnote reads: 1. He should have come at the beginning of the last two thousand years; the delay is due to our sins.

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Four Gentile Empires

Dan. 2:31 *Thou, O king, sawest, and, behold, a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof was terrible.*

Dan. 2:32 *As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass (copper),*

Dan. 2:33 *its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay.*

Dan. 2:34 *Thou sawest **till** that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces.*

Dan. 2:35 *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass (copper), the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like **the chaff of the summer threshing-floors**; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.*

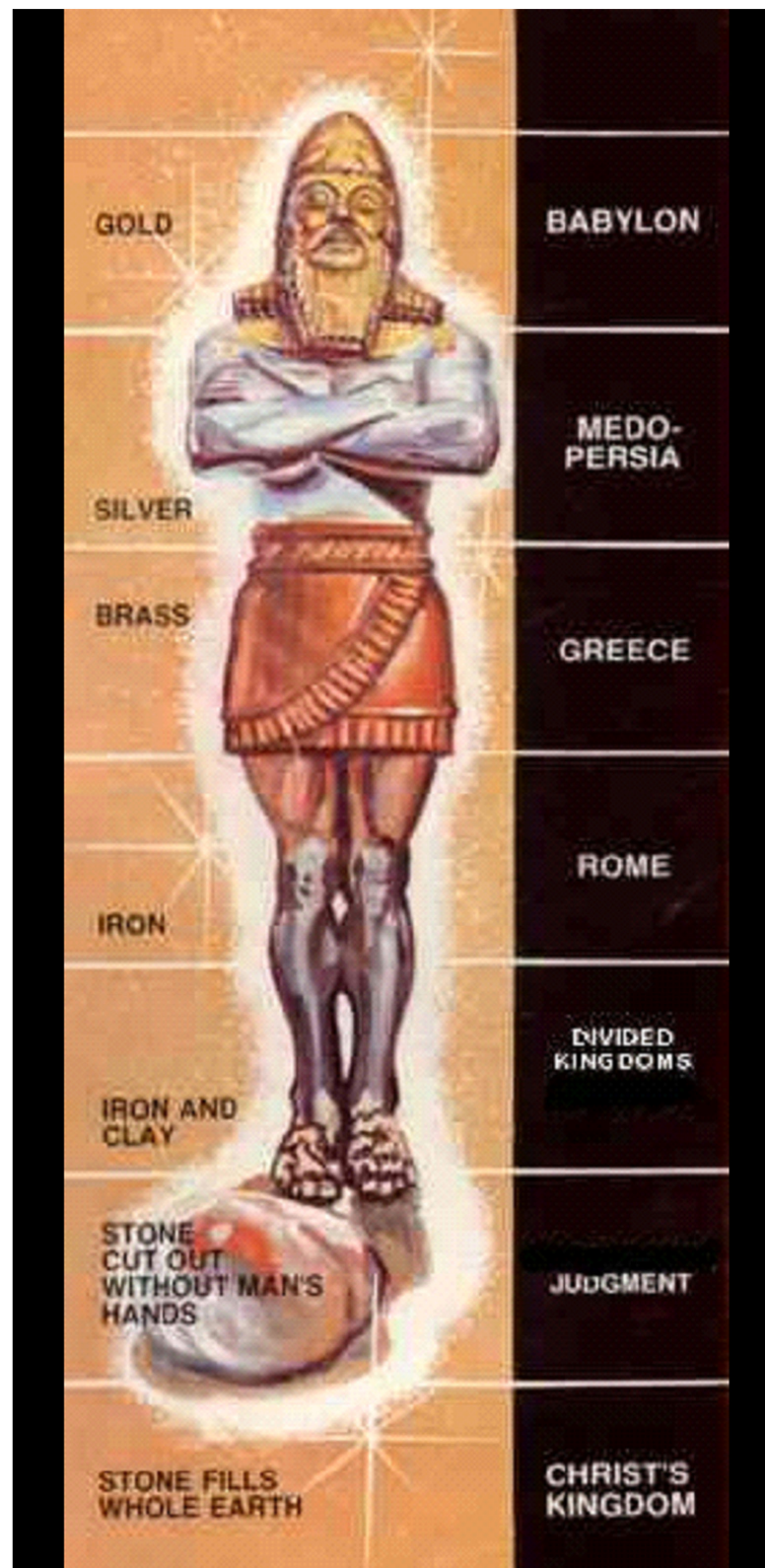
Dan. 2:36 *This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.*

Dan. 2:37 *Thou, O king, art king of kings, unto whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory;*

Dan. 2:38 *and wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens hath he given into thy hand, and hath made thee to rule over them all: **thou art the head of gold.***

Dan. 2:39 *And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of brass [copper], which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

Dan. 2:40 *And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that crusheth all these, shall it break in pieces and crush.*



Dan. 2:41 *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.*

Dan. 2:42 *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.*

Dan. 2:43 *And whereas thou sawest the 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 doth not mingle with clay.*

Dan. 2:44 *And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

Dan. 2:45 *Forasmuch as thou sawest that a 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. (ASV)*

The Four Gentile Kingdoms

The highly esteemed Jewish Rabbi known as the *Ramban* (1194-1270) interpreted:

...the four kingdoms are not meant to embrace all of mankind's history, but are to include, in outline form, the history of the Jewish exile. Therefore only the kingdoms considered responsible for the exile are mentioned. Other kingdoms, no matter how great their might, are not named...Babylon, responsible for the first exile, is named. Persia, successor in its totality to the Babylonian empire is considered the second kingdom; and Greece the third for the same reason. Rome is identified as the fourth kingdom for two reasons: 1) Its conquests included *Eretz Israel*...; 2) It was directly responsible for the subsequent exile from the Holy Land.

The Kingdoms, or Empires:

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| 1. The Golden Head | Babylon |
| 2. The Two Silver Arms | Medo-Persian |
| 3. Copper Belly and Thighs | Greece |
| 4. Iron Legs | Rome (Early Roman Empire) |
| a. Iron and Clay Feet/Toes | Roman Empire Revived
(Headed up in Europe
from the place of
the Old Roman Empire) |

Judgment and Elimination of the Kingdoms

The Stone
Cut out without hands

The Kingdom of God
(No human involvement)

Crushes the image in the time of the multi-toed Roman Empire revived.
All the Empires left their evil upon civilization. The last vestiges of each kingdom shall be crushed. All the mess of 6000 years will be like chaff. The Wind of the Holy Spirit will carry it away forever. This is God's doing. His kingdom fills the earth.

The Summer Threshing Floor

Dan. 2:35 *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (ASV)*

There is a connection in Daniel 2:35 with Jesus' prophetic answers to the disciples' questions of "When?...."

Luke 21:29 And he spake to them a parable:

Behold the fig tree, and all the trees:

Luke 21:30 *when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh.*

The fig tree in this passage is the nation of Israel.
"all the trees" are the nations of prophecy...the nations the O.T. prophets spoke of when they prophesied about "the end of days."

Jesus answered their "When?" with instruction to watch Israel and the nations of prophecy. When they shoot forth into their prophesied outcomes, then we can *see and know* of our own selves that the "summer threshing floor" of Daniel 2:35 is nigh.

What The Prophets Say

It is of utmost importance to know what the O.T. prophets spoke if you want to "see and know of your own selves" about the signs of the times.
The Holy Spirit through Peter said that they are the light shining in the dark.

2Pet. 1:18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

2Pet. 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2Pet. 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2Pet. 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
(KJV)

[v. 19: Greek – The Prophetikos, i.e., The O.T. Prophets]

Rom. 16:25 Now to him that is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal,

Rom. 16:26 but now is manifested, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the nations unto obedience of faith:

[Bullinger; The Companion Bible: v. 26, the...prophets = prophetic writings. Gr. *graphe prophetikos*. The term *prophetikos* occurs only here and in 2 Peter 1:19.]

Matt. 26:56 But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

Rev. 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

“Without the prophets we’d have little to tell us what God is up to and what to expect next” (Pinchas Winston, The End of Days.)

Nebuchadnezzar Promoted Daniel to the office of “Rab Mag”

Dan. 2:48 Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon. (ASV)

Babylon’s high offices included one known as the Rab Mag.
Rab Mag is a title. Chief or Head of the Magi, the Wise Men.

Jer. 39:1 And it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken, (in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and besieged it;

Jer. 39:2 in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city),

Jer. 39:3 that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *to wit*, Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, **Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag**, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

Jer. 39:13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rab-saris, and **Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag**, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon;

Daniel became the chief of all the wise men, or the Rab Mag.

The ancient Chaldeans were known as studiers of the heavens.

Astronomy, as well as astrology, was their forte.

(By the way, we still count time on their base 60 system.

60 minutes in an hour; 60 seconds in a minute; etc.)

Daniel, as the Rab Mag, would have taught those who studied the heavens that there would be a star connected with the coming of the Messiah.

Num. 24:17 I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not nigh:
There shall come forth a star out of Jacob,
And a sceptre shall rise out of Israel,.

Num. 24:19 And out of Jacob shall one have dominion,

Daniel knew this prophecy. He would have taught it to the magi of the Babylonian Empire. Perhaps that's why the magi came from the East at our Savior's birth.

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Chapter 3

Dan. 3:1 *Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was three-score cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.*

Dan. 3:2 *Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. (ASV)*

The “head of gold” made an image of gold.

According to Bullinger and Jewish sources its dimensions reveal that it was impossible to stand.

...Rabbi Ravai, They put it up and it kept falling, until they brought all the gold of Jerusalem and poured a base for its feet, to fulfill the prophecy “Their gold will be for an object of disgust” (Ezekiel 7:19).

Representatives from the vast Babylonian Empire were invited to “the dedication of the image.”

They arrived at the dedication and were told to face the image.

The representatives of the nations and peoples obeyed the instructions they were given, thereby representing their nations as submitting to Babylon and King Nebuchadnezzar.

Dan. 3:8 *Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews.*

Dan. 3:9 *They answered and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, live for ever.*

Dan. 3:10 *Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image;*

Dan. 3:11 *and whoso falleth not down and worshipping, shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.*

Dan. 3:12 *There are certain Jews whom thou hast appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. (ASV)*

Inspired by Satan, the accuser. Jealousy. Perhaps what we would call Anti-Semitic.

According to Jewish history, Daniel was not in Babylon at the time.

Nebuchadnezzar's Rage and Fury

Dan. 3:13 *Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.*

Dan. 3:14 *Nebuchadnezzar answered and said unto them, Is it of purpose, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye serve not my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?*

Dan. 3:15 *Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands? (ASV)*

The Confession of the Three Hebrews

Daniel 3:16-18, ArtScrolls Translation

16 *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed nego answered the king: 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not concerned to reply to you about this matter.*

17 *Behold there is our God Whom we worship — He is able to save us; from the flaming kiln and from your hand, O king, He can rescue.*

18 *But if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not worship your god, and before the golden image you set up we shall not prostrate ourselves.'*

Into the Fiery Furnace

Dan. 3:19 *Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed [his face was contorted] against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated.*

Dan. 3:20 *And he commanded certain mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.*

Dan. 3:21 *Then these men were bound in their hosen, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.*

Dan. 3:22 *Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.*

Dan. 3:23 *And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. (ASV)*

Considering the terrible persecution the Jewish people have known throughout the centuries, I was touched to note something they learned from this passage and put to use through the years of exile:

ArtScrolls Commentary Verse 21

They went to the king arrayed in their official vestments. Though they knew that sentence was to be pronounced upon themselves, they did not change their clothing in order not to demean their noble standing. From this our Sages learn: Even in the time of danger a person should not change from [the garb of] his high office (Sanhedrin 92). By not appearing afraid and confused, he will shame his enemies (*Rashi*, *ibid.*).

...Chananyah and his companions did not don sackcloth when they went to the king, rather they went arrayed in their best (*Toaliyos*).

Four Men Walking

Dan. 3:24 *Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.*

Dan. 3:25 *He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.*

Dan. 3:26 *Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.*

Dan. 3:27 *And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. (KJV)*

The Fourth Man Oral Roberts

Excerpts from what might be his most requested sermon.

These three young men came face-to-face with this inescapable fact of life: *True salvation will be tried!* Whether God's people live in Jerusalem, Babylon, or Tulsa, Oklahoma, at some point we will have the opportunity to prove what we are made of. We will face some kind of ultimatum as these three young men faced—*either bow or burn...*

When Nebuchadnezzar said, "And what god can deliver you out of my hands then?"...

Without a moment's hesitation, without the flicker of an eyelash, the three young men declared, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us!"

Filled with fury, Nebuchadnezzar ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual. But when his soldiers threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego into the fiery furnace, the Fourth Man hurled Himself through space and in a moment's time was beside them, walking through the burning fiery flames with them!

And by the time the door was shut, the Lord had ripped off their bonds and clothed them with divine protection.

When the king looked into the furnace, he shouted in amazement, "Didn't we cast three men into the furnace? I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound, unhurt, and untouched by the flames! And the form of the Fourth Man is like the Son of God."

The Fourth Man had come forth in the urgency of the three Hebrew children's needs, subduing the crackling flames, robbing the fire of its violence, and delivering them.

Nebuchadnezzar shouted into the flames, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, come forth!" The three young men stepped out of the furnace, rejoicing and praising God, without even the smell of the fire upon them!

Upon witnessing this mighty miracle, Nebuchadnezzar...declared, "There is no other God that can deliver after this sort!"

And this truth is as genuine and eternal today as it has ever been. **There is no other God who can deliver like our God can!**

...It's very easy to meet this Fourth Man. His name is Jesus...Once you receive Him, He'll never leave you or forsake you...He'll go with you into the storms of life, and He can bring you safely to the other side.

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Chapter 4

Read the entire chapter. For here we will deal only with excerpts from it.

In this chapter we see the last of Nebuchadnezzar in Scripture.

(The first six chapters of The Book of Daniel are a chronological account of events in Daniel's life and in the Babylonian captivity.)

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the Tree

Dan. 4:5 *I saw a dream which made me afraid...*

Dan. 4:8 *But at the last Daniel came in before me...*

Dan. 4:9 *O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians,...tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.*

Dan. 4:10 *... I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth; and the height thereof was great.*

Dan. 4:11 *The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth.*

Dan. 4:12 *The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was food for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in the branches thereof, and all flesh was fed from it.*

Dan. 4:13 *I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, ***a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven.***

Dan. 4:14 *He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches.*

Dan. 4:15 *Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven: and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:*

Dan. 4:16 *let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.*

Dan. 4:17 *The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the lowest of men. (ASV)*

* Bullinger: A holy angel. A Chaldee name for a heavenly being watching over the affairs of men.

Brim note: We see here another example of Heaven's inspection and intervention on earth. For example:

- The vision of the angelic horsemen going about in the earth, and reporting to the Most High (Zechariah 1:7-11).
See David Baron's *Commentary on Zechariah* for wonderful insight.
- Jesus walking among the churches in the Book of Revelation.

Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, page 71

"The Book of Daniel reveals the close connection between the earth and the Spirit World."

Certain rulers, throughout time, have been so lifted in pride that they considered themselves to be gods. Pharaohs, Roman Emperors, etc. Nebuchadnezzar was in their ranks, but he was humbled to show all he was but a frail man (Psalm 9:20).

Nebuchadnezzar lived only a short while after returning to sanity.
His son, Evil Meradoch, succeeded him.

Prov. 16:18 Pride *goeth* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall. (ASV)

Prov. 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low;
But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor. (ASV)

Prov. 29:26 Many seek the ruler's favor;
But a man's judgment *cometh* from Jehovah. (ASV)

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Chapter 5

“Babylon is Fallen”

These words from the Book of Revelation reveal the final fall of “the Babylonian System.”

Genesis 10 and 11 reveal that system’s origins when the nations (gentiles) rebelled. The four kingdoms in Neb’s metallic image, and Daniel’s later bestial visions, operated in the worldly system known as the Babylonian System.

Daniel 5 records the fall in one night of the golden head known as The Babylonian Empire, with which began “the times of the Gentiles.”

Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian Empire was the First World Empire.

Assyria and Egypt did not conquer the known world.

Nebuchadnezzar did and subjugated it to Babylon.

The Babylonian Empire was built upon the foundations of the Tower of Babel; in the same geographical area.

Dan. 5:1 *Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.*

Dan. 5:2 *Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring **the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem;** that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink therefrom.*

Dan. 5:3 *Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them.*

Dan. 5:4 *They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. (ASV)*

Most agree Belshazzar was the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar.
Some say grandson-in-law.

It is interesting to know that the Medes and the Persians were even then besieging the city. However, Belshazzar’s daring blasphemy may have been the result of a victory over the besiegers, some say, that very day. They also believed that Babylon contained resources to withstand any siege.

Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, pp 79, 80

Babylon was well fortified. One of the most amazing cities of all time.

The city of Babylon was the most magnificent city the world has ever seen...[it] was built in an exact square of 15 miles on a side, or 60 miles around. It was surrounded by a brick wall 87 feet thick, which, according to Herodotus, was 350 feet high. On the walls were 250 towers, and the top of the wall was wide enough to permit six chariots to drive abreast. Outside this wall was a vast ditch or moat surrounding the city kept filled with water from the river Euphrates, and crossed by draw-bridges in front of the gates. Inside the wall, and not far from it, was another wall...

At the end of cross avenues magnificently burnished two-leafed gates of brass were built in the city walls that shone as they were opened or closed...

The city was divided into two equal parts by the river Euphrates that flowed diagonally across it...

Babylon contained one of the "Seven Wonders of the World," the famous "Hanging Gardens" These gardens were 400 feet square, and were raised in terraces one above the other, to the height of 350 feet, and were reached by stairways ten feet wide. The top of each terrace was covered with large stone slabs on which were laid a bed of rushes, then a thick layer of asphalt, next two courses of brick, cemented together, and finally plates of lead to prevent leakage; the whole was then covered with earth and planted with shrubbery and large trees. The whole had the appearance from a distance of a forest-covered mountain, which would be a remarkable sight in the level plain of the Euphrates.

These "Gardens" were built by Nebuchadnezzar simply to please his wife, Amiytis, daughter of Cyaxares, king of the mountainous country of Media, and who was made more contented with her surroundings. The rest of the city was in its glory and magnificence in keeping with these palaces, towers, and "Hanging Gardens."

It contained many beautiful parks, and there was much unoccupied land that could be tilled, and help support the over 1 million population.

The character of its inhabitants, and of its official life at the zenith of its history, is seen in the description of "Belshazzar's Feast." Never before or since has this earth seen its equal. The Prophet Isaiah speaks of it as: "Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' Excellency..." (Isaiah 13:19).

Dan. 5:5 *In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.*

Dan. 5:6 *Then the king's countenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.*

Dan. 5:7 *The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. ...*

Dan. 5:8 *Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation.*

Dan. 5:9 *Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed. (ASV)*

The writing was near the light, where it could be seen.

The Queen mother remembered Daniel, a man of God, who knew the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's dreams 65 years earlier (Daniel 5:10-12).

Dan. 5:13 *Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, who art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah?*

Dan. 5:14 *I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in thee...*

Dan. 5:17 *Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation...*

[Then Daniel rehearsed Nebuchadnezzar's God-given lesson in pride and humility.]

Dan. 5:22 *And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou knewest all this,*

Dan. 5:23 *but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine from them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver and gold... which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.*

Dan. 5:24 *Then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed.*

Dan. 5:25 *And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.*

Dan. 5:26 *This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to an end;*

Dan. 5:27 *TEKEL; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.*

Dan. 5:28 *PERES; thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians...*

Dan. 5:30 *In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.*

Dan. 5:31 *And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old. (ASV)*

Prophecy fulfilled. The two-armed silver kingdom, the Medo-Persians, toppled the golden head. In deference to Cyrus' uncle, Darius the Mede became the first ruler.

Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, p. 91

The Babylonians entrenched behind the impregnable walls of the city, with provisions to last them for years, and sufficient tillable soil to supplement the supply, scoffed at Cyrus, and made light of the siege...But it was a false security, for God had decreed over 175 years before that the city should be taken by a man not then born, Cyrus.

Is. 44:28 *That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying of Jerusalem, She shall be built; and of the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.*

Is. 45:1 Thus saith Jehovah to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings; to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut:

Is. 45:2 I will go before thee, and make the rough places smooth; I will break in pieces the doors of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron;

Is. 45:3 and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that it is I, Jehovah, who call thee by thy name, even the God of Israel.

Is. 45:4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

Is. 45:5 I am Jehovah, and there is none else; besides me there is no God. I will gird thee, though thou hast not known me;

Is. 45:6 that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me: I am Jehovah, and there is none else.

Persia captures Babylon (Wikipedia)

In 539 BC, the Neo-Babylonian Empire fell to Cyrus the Great, king of Persia, with a military engagement known as the Battle of Opis. The famed walls of Babylon were indeed impenetrable, with the only way into the city through one of its many gates or through the Euphrates, which ebbed beneath its thick walls. Metal gates at the river's in-flow and out-flow prevented underwater intruders, if one could hold one's breath to reach them. Cyrus (or his generals) devised a plan to use the Euphrates as the mode of entry to the city, ordering large camps of troops at each point and instructed them to wait for the signal. Awaiting an evening of a national feast among Babylonians (generally thought to refer to the feast of Belshazzar mentioned in Daniel V), Cyrus' troops diverted the Euphrates river upstream, causing the Euphrates to drop to about 'mid thigh level on a man' or to dry up altogether. The soldiers marched under the walls through the lowered water. The Persian Army conquered the outlying areas of the city's interior while a majority of Babylonians at the city center were oblivious to the breach. The account was elaborated upon by Herodotus, and is also mentioned by passages in the Hebrew Bible.

See pictures herein of the Ishtar Gate and Processional Way reconstructed in The Pergamon Museum in Berlin.

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Chapter 6

In the Lion's Den

Dan. 5:31 *And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.*

Dan. 6:1 *It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom;*

Dan. 6:2 *and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account unto them, and that the king should have no damage.*

Dan. 6:3 *Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. (ASV)*

Prophecy fulfilled.

The two-armed silver empire of the Medes and the Persians replaces the golden head of Babylon.

Cyrus, the Persian, led the invasion.

Deferred to older relative, Darius the Mede.

The Hebrew sages say that Darius' rule lasted only one year.

Then the rule passed to the Persians.

Daniel is about 90 years old.

Persia was not an absolute monarchy like Babylon.

The council of three presidents had a vote in the government.

Daniel's gift has again brought him into favor.

He is promoted to one of the three top positions.

And then, another satanically inspired plan against this man of God and the plan of God for Israel, the revelation of which was in this Prophet.

Dan. 6:4 *Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, forasmuch as **he was faithful**, neither was there any error or fault found in him.*

Dan. 6:5 *Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.*

Dan. 6:6 *Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.*

Dan. 6:7 *All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.*

Dan. 6:8 *Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.*

Dan. 6:9 *Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the interdict. (ASV)*

Verse 7: They lied. "All the presidents..." Daniel was not consulted.

Verse 8: A Persian law that once the king signed an edict, it could not be changed, even by the king himself.

Dan. 6:10 *And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem); and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.*

Dan. 6:11 *Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.*

Dan. 6:12 *Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's interdict: Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall make petition unto any god or man within thirty days, save unto thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.*

Dan. 6:13 *Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.*

Dan. 6:14 *Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to rescue him.*

Dan. 6:15 *Then these men assembled together unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.*

Out of the Mouths of Lions
Because he trusted God.

Dan. 6:16 *Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.*

Dan. 6:17 *And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.*

Dan. 6:18 *Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him.*

Dan. 6:19 *Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.*

Dan. 6:20 *And when he came near unto the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice; the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?*

Dan. 6:21 *Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.*

Dan. 6:22 *My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.*

Dan. 6:23 *Then was the king exceeding glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, **because he had trusted in his God.***

By Faith

In the Hall of Fame of Faith those are honored “*who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions*” (Hebrews 11:33).

Daniel was delivered through his faith.

Daniel obtained his faith the same way we obtain ours:

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

Daniel had the Word of God.

The Torah (the five books of Moses).

The Prophets

The Psalms

A Psalm of David.

Psa. 27:1 *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Psa. 27:2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Paul said that he was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

2Tim. 4:16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge.

2Tim. 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

2Tim. 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sometimes people feel as if they are “in the mouth of the lion.”

Christians in many countries, especially where radical Islamists either are in charge, or where rogue jihadists operate, are threatened by the lion’s mouth.

I know personally the pastor of one Christian congregation in the Middle East, which faces this daily.

But the pastor’s confession to me is, “We are in victory!”

They refuse to deny their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in Israel’s right to the Land of Promise.

If Daniel’s faith in God delivered him, and it did, then our faith will deliver us.

Stay on the Watch
Constant watchfulness assures constant victory!!!!

1Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Pet. 5:9 **Whom resist stedfast in the faith,** knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

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Chapter 7

We come now to a division in the Book of Daniel.

Chapters 1-6	Chronological account of events in the life of Daniel and the Babylonian captivity of Israel.
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Chapters 7-12	Chronological account of Daniel's Prophetic Visions
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What God revealed to pagan King Nebuchadnezzar as a metallic colossus made of four kingdoms, He now reveals to Daniel as bestial kingdoms.

Man sees material wealth and majesty in empires.
God sees the attributes of brute beasts that devour one another.

Daniel was probably in his late teens when he interpreted Neb's dreams.
He is now about 85 years old when his own visions begin.

Having concluded the historical portion of Daniel, chapter 7 goes back to the latter years of the Babylonian kingdom when Belshazzar was still king.

Daniel's First Vision of the Four Kingdoms

Dan. 7:1 *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters.*

Dan. 7:2 *Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven brake forth upon the great sea.*

Dan. 7:3 *And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. (ASV)*

Verse 3

"The Great Sea" in the Old Testament is The Mediterranean Sea.

This is important to remember when considering "the prophetic earth" at the "end of days." For the rule of the antichrist is in the prophetic world.

Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, page 118

...this locates the geographical position of the Nations symbolized by the "four Wild Beasts." For while the "Babylonian" and "Medo-Persian" Empires were not located

on the Mediterranean Sea, as were the “Grecian” and “Roman” Empires, they were greatly indebted for their wealth and power to their Mediterranean coast land which they had conquered. And as more and more of this coast land was absorbed as the “Grecian” and “Roman” Empires came into existence, the “Prophetic Earth,” including “*Palestine” as a centre, became the boundary of the Mediterranean Sea, and the “Great Sea” became little more than a “Roman Lake” within the Roman Empire.” [See Maps in the Appendix.]

*Brim note: The Land of Israel was not known as Palestine in Bible times. The Roman Emperor Hadrian gave the land that name, really as a slap in the face to the Jews whom he banned from Jerusalem. The name held an association with the ancient enemies of the Jews, the Philistines. However, when Larkin wrote in 1929, the world had become accustomed to referring to the Land as Palestine. Everyone born there was considered a Palestinian, including Jews.

The four kingdoms rise up from the area surrounding The Mediterranean Sea.

Verse 2

“The four winds of heaven”

Winds from all four directions stir up the peoples.

In Hebrew the word *ruach* is translatable as either *spirit*, *wind*, or *breath*.

Evil spirits under the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2) influence the bestial kingdoms. (See Ephesians 6:12.)

Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, page 119

We are to understand then by the “Four Winds of Heaven,” the “Evil Powers” of the air that Satan uses to cause unrest among the nations of the earth. And as the closing days of this Dispensation draw near, and Palestine is repopled by the Jews, the nations that centre around it will be more and more thrown into commotion, as Satan in his last great effort to checkmate the plans of God will bring into play all the “Evil Forces” of the air.

Wow! Larkin wrote this in 1929!

The Lion With Eagle’s Wings Babylon

Dan. 7:4 *The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon two feet as a man; and a man’s heart was given to it. (ASV)*

Brim note: See the Appendix where I have included pictures from my visit to

the Pergamon Museum in Berlin. Built to house the altar of Zeus from ancient Pergamon, it also houses reconstructed ruins of the famous Ishtar Gate and Processional way from ancient Babylon. The walls of that processional way are decorated with a lion with eagle's wings. The Babylonians themselves had an association with this symbol.

"Fillments" and "Fulfillments" of Prophecy

An important fact of prophecy is that it can have "fillments" as well as the final "fulfillment." Scriptural examples include Antiochus Epiphanes, whom some mistakenly take as the fulfillment of the antichrist of prophecy, when he was a type along the way.

That said, I believe some of the biblical judgments against Babylon were "filled" in Gulf Wars I and II. (See Jeremiah 50 and 51.)

Sadaam Hussein, attempted to rebuild Babylon. He had HUGE pictures of himself dressed as Nebuchadnezzar posted throughout Iraq. Was he the "most proud" king who would stumble and fall, while his cities burned around him? Was He the King of Babylon who heard the report of the foreign armies from the coasts of the earth, and waxed feeble? (Jeremiah 50:9, 32, 41, 43, etc.).

It is worth noting the reason for Babylon's judgment,

Jer. 50:4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

[This refers to the return at "the end of days." for the northern kingdom, Israel, and the southern kingdom, Judah, return together.]

Jer. 50:5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

Jer. 50:6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

Jer. 50:7 *All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD,* the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

[The Lord holds nations accountable for how they treat the ones He called here "My people" during the Scattering, the Diaspora."
Is verse 7 the excuse of those who called them "Christ killers"—often before murdering them?]

Jer. 50:9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

Jer. 50:10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

Jer. 50:41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

[An army was assembled from the “coasts of the earth” who fired terrible arrows. And what brought on this judgment:]

Jer. 50:11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage,...

God’s revealed will for the Jews in the Diaspora is one of blessing and increase. Nations will be judged, as nations, for treating them otherwise.

[See my book: *Judgment of the Nations for How They Treat Israel.*]

Jer. 29:4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

Jer. 29:5 Build ye houses, and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

Jer. 29:6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

Jer. 29:7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

This was made real to me in a Rosh HaShanah service at a synagogue in Sydney, Australia. After the morning service my daughter Shelli and I were invited to a meal in the Rabbi’s home. I’d noticed that during the service he prayed for the leaders of Australia, and for the Queen of England and her family. I asked why did he do that? He pointed me to Jeremiah 29:4-7.

Daniel 7:4

Larkin offers the idea that “the plucking of the wings may refer to the insanity of Nebuchadnezzar, and the standing on two feet like a man, and the receiving of a man’s heart, to his recovery from his beastly state....”

The Persian Bear

Dan. 7:5 *And, behold, another beast, a second, like to a bear; and it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.*

The Persian army was huge and lumbering.

The Persian Empire enveloped vast amounts of geography and peoples.

The side that “raised up” was the Persian side over the Median.

There are differences of opinion about the three ribs.
Perhaps allied kingdoms Persia “ate.”

Watching Iran

Brim note: For years I have watched Persia (Iran) of our day. It is one of those “nations” the Prophets spoke of, and Jesus told us to watch.

First, *Elam*, its biblical name as is *Persia*, was brought back to the forefront of modernity just as the Lord said it would be.

Jer. 49:39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days [Hebrew: *end of days*] that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

The entire Middle East was brought from the captivity of lying dormant for the centuries Israel lay in desolation. Two things woke up the Middle East:

- 1) World War I, when the Allied Armies freed it from the long held hold of the Ottoman Turks.
- 2) The discovery of oil.

Both brought the Middle East to the headlines, so to speak, of the news.

I remember looking at pictures in *The National Geographic* of the display of wealth and opulence by the Western leaning Shah of Iran when He threw a “birthday bash” reminiscent of Ahasuerus’ party in Esther Chapter 1.

From Wikipedia

The **2,500 year celebration of the Persian Empire** consisted of an elaborate set of festivities that took place on 12–16 October 1971 on the occasion of the 2,500th anniversary of the founding of the Iranian monarchy (Persian Empire) by Cyrus the Great. The intent of the celebration was to demonstrate Iran’s long history and to showcase its contemporary advancements under Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran.

The Tent City of Persepolis [Picture in public domain.]

The Tent City (also Golden City) was planned by the Parisian interior-design firm of Maison Jansen on 160 acres (0.65 km²)...Fifty ‘tents’ (actually prefabricated luxury apartments with traditional Persian tent-cloth surrounds) were arranged in a star pattern around a central fountain, and vast numbers of trees were planted



Tent City of Persepolis in 1971

around them in the desert, recreating something of how the ancient Persepolis would have looked.

The festivities were opened on 12 October 1971 when the Shah and the Shahbanu paid homage to Cyrus the Great at his mausoleum at Pasargadae.

Six hundred guests dined over five and a half hours thus making for the longest and most lavish official banquet in modern history as recorded in successive editions of the Guinness Book of World Records

Orson Welles said of the event: "This was no party of the year, it was the celebration of 25 centuries!"

Criticism

Critiques were voiced in the western press and by Khomeini and his followers – Khomeini called it the "Devil's Festival." [1] Expenses were said to be as high as \$200 million, while the Ministry of the Court placed the cost at \$17 million.

Brim note: In 1979, the Ayatolla Khomeini led a revolution which overthrew the western-associating Shah and turned Iran into the Sharia Law nation of today.

Brief Synopsis of Long Bible History: Elam, son of Shem. Chedorlaomer. Esther and Mordeciah. Cyrus, who gave the command to return and rebuild Jerusalem. Thought by some to be the son of Esther and Ahasuerus.) The Wise Men. Jews from Persia in Acts 2.

Today: Shia Iran extends its terroristic arm through its well funded and armed Hezbollah based in southern Lebanon. The world watches alarmed as Iran's fanatical leaders threaten to make it a nuclear power.

The Grecian Leopard

Dan. 7:6 *After this I beheld, and, lo, another, like a leopard, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. (ASV)*

Alexander the Great was swift like the leopard in his conquests.

Conquered the Greek Empire by the age of 32.

More about him in Chapter 8.

Died in Babylon at 33 or so of mysterious causes.

His empire was split up among four of his generals (the four wings).

Ptolemy – Egypt
Seleucas – Assyria and Babylon
Antigonas – Persia and Asia Minor
Phillip (Alexander's brother) – Macedonia

The Roman Empire

Dan. 7:7 *After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.* (KJV)

Daniel sees the Roman Empire in its first manifestation.
John in the Book of Revelation sees it in its revived state (Chapters 13 and 17).

Terrible. Frightening.

Iron teeth tie it to the iron legs of Neb's image.

The iron teeth crushed nations and devoured them for the good of Rome as one's teeth crush food for the good of the physical body.

ArtScrolls Note *The Book of Daniel*:

The fourth beast did not resemble any known beast...The Roman Empire dwarfed every nation known to history. Rome's military power, its genius in administration, and its cleverness in dealing brooked no comparison. Never had an empire held sway over so much foreign territory for so long a time.

Brim note:

Rome evolved from tribes, to city states, to a Republic. Then with power falling into hands of a few, it became an Empire. Even from the time of the Republic, it began to take in other provinces and territories.

How long did it last?

It depends on when you count and what you count.

But at the least 700 to 800 years.

The Little Horn

Dan. 7:8 *I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.* (KJV)

First mention of one later to be called “the antichrist.”
He is an orator. A great deceiver with his words.

See Appendix: The Antichrist in Scripture.

Brim note: There was a time when I was reluctant to speak about the anti-christ. I'd heard preachers say, “I'm not looking for the antichrist, I'm looking for the Christ.” The Lord corrected me. For He has called me to be a witness of these “end of days.” He said to me, “Don't be afraid to mention the antichrist, for everywhere he is mentioned in Scripture, immediately thereafter it speaks of his judgment and end.” And so it is at this first mention of that personification of evil:

Vision of A Judgment Scene

Dan. 7:9 *I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.*

Dan. 7:10 *A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*

Dan. 7:11 *I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake [kept speaking]: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.*

Dan. 7:12 *As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.* [KJV]

Not the Great White Throne Judgment which takes place after the Millennium

A judgment declaring the end of things introduced in the Book of Daniel.

A Subsequent Vision The Son of Man Receiving the Kingdom

Dan. 7:13 *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with*

the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Dan. 7:14 *And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (KJV)*

The King Messiah receives the Kingdom.

Hannah's prayers birth seven (1 Samuel 2:5).

But her natural children numbered six (1 Samuel 2:21).

Who was the seventh?

Her anointed prophetic prayer tells us:

1Sam. 2:10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall He thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto **his king**, and exalt the horn of **his anointed [Hebrew: Messiah]**.

Her prayers birthed The King Messiah.

In Hannah's prophecy, is the first mention of His King Messiah.

And notice it is in connection with judgment of the nations.

In Daniel's vision, the handing of the kingdoms of this world to Him is prophesied.

In John the Revelator's vision, it is fulfilled.

Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The **kingdoms of this world** are become **the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ [Messiah]**; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Daniel Questions

Dan. 7:15 *I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. (KJV)*

The Hebrew literally says: My spirit was uneasy in its sheath.

An unusual picture of the spirit and body relationship.

Dan. 7:16 *I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.*

Dan. 7:17 *These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.*

Dan. 7:18 *But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. (KJV)*

Dan. 7:19 *Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;*

Dan. 7:20 *And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.*

Dan. 7:21 *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;*

Dan. 7:22 *Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*

Dan. 7:23 *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.*

Dan. 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.*

Dan. 7:25 *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

Dan. 7:26 *But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.*

Dan. 7:27 *And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

V. 21

“war with the saints”

The Jewish remnant.

The Body of Christ is in Heaven at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

I offer here for your consideration what two able ministers wrote as to the ruling and reigning during the Millennium....Later in Daniel we meet heavenly princes identified as “the prince of Persia” and “the prince of Grecia.”
Satan’s throne is not in hell at this time, but in the mid-heavens.

Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, pp 130 and 131

Who are these “Saints of the Most High?”

They are not the “Saints of the Church” for the “Saints of the Church” are “caught out” before the “Little Horn” makes “War with the Saints” (verse 25)...

the “Saints of the Most High” are the Jews, for they are to be the “Head” of the Nations during the Millennium (Deut. 28:13). and the “Saints of the Most High” are the God-fearing Jews that shall escape destruction by the “Little Horn” during the “Great Tribulation.”

John A. MacMillan, *The Authority of the Believer*, pp 10, 12, 13-15

...the kingdoms of this world are under the control and leadership of satanic principalities. The great head of these is, in the Gospel of John, acknowledged as “god of this world” by our Lord Himself. His asserted claim to the suzerainty of the world kingdoms, made in the presence of the Lord Jesus (Luke 4:6), was not denied by Christ.

Although a rebel against the Most High and now under judgment of dispossession (John 12:31), he is still at large, and as the masses of mankind are also rebels, he maintains over them an unquestioned, because unsuspected rule, their eyes being blinded to his dominance (2 Cor. 4:4). [See also Ephesians 2:2].

...The seats of authority of these rebellious spiritual rulers are also in the heavenlies. From there they have dominated the human race since its fall. There they will remain until the divine “purpose of the ages” is complete. [Eph. 3:9-11.]

The “God of the whole earth” does not purpose to tolerate forever this rebellion against His righteousness... “...unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear” (Isaiah 45:23). Ere this can be accomplished, **the instigators of human rebellion must be cast down...**

[Brim note: Interestingly, Larkin thinks this may be the “casting down of thrones” referred to in Daniel 7:9.]

...God having redeemed a people and purified them, has introduced them potentially into the heavenlies...they will in actuality take the seats of the “powers of the air,”...

...This purpose, present and future, is very definitely stated in Ephesians chapter 3:9-11. Here it is revealed as the divine will that “now” (nun, the present time) unto the principalities and powers in the heavenly places [literally: heavenlies] might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God” (3-10). The Church is to be God’s instrument in declaring to these rebellious and now usurping powers the divine purpose and in administering their principalities after they have been unseated and cast down.

...This is further declared to be “according to the eternal purpose of the ages which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord” (3:11). That is to say, God, through all the past ages, has had in view this wonderful plan of preparing in Christ Jesus a people, chosen and called and faithful, whom He might place in these heavenly seats to rule through the ages yet to come...

...the Church [is] raised to sit in the heavenlies. Below them... are the people of Israel... Israel will administer the earthly kingdom and will be head of the nations, but overall will rule the exalted Church as the executive of God.

Dan. 7:28 *Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.* (KJV)

Another Division in the Book of Daniel

After Daniel 7:28, the original language of the Book of Daniel changes. From here on it is in Hebrew.

The Book begins in Hebrew until 2:4. That verse begins, “Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack [Aramaic]” From there through the 7th chapter, Daniel is written in Aramaic.

Daniel, Syllabus
Daniel, Chapter 7

Brim Note: For more complete exposition of the Little Horn, see the Appendix: *The Antichrist in Scripture*.

The Book of Daniel Syllabus

Chapter 8

Dan. 8:1 *In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.*

Dan. 8:2 *And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. (KJV)*

Though still the Babylonian time, Daniel was not in the capital city, but in Shushan, the capital of Persia.

Two Horned Ram
Medea and Persia

Dan. 8:3 *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.*

Dan. 8:4 *I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.*

Of course, the horn that was higher and came up last was Persia. Persia was dominant. But Darius the Mede was the first ruler, followed by Cyrus the Persian.

The Swift He Goat
Alexandar the Great

Dan. 8:5 *And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.*

Dan. 8:6 *And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.*

Dan. 8:7 *And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.*

Dan. 8:8 *Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.*

Another picture of Alexandar as “a notable horn.”
He moved swiftly to conquer the Persian Empire.
Once broken (he died at 33 in Babylon) four generals divided the territory he conquered. (See chapter 7.)

Another Look at the Little Horn

Dan. 8:9 *And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.*

Dan. 8:10 *And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.*

Dan. 8:11 *Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.*

Dan. 8:12 *And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.*

Verse 9: “out of one of them”

If this refers to the origin of the antichrist, it indicates an area where one of “the four notable ones,” Alexandar’s generals ruled.

Ptolemy – Egypt
Seleucas – Assyria and Babylon
Antigonas – Persia and Asia Minor
Phillip – Macedonia

Many prophecy teachers think he will come from the Seleucids. At various times, the Seleucids rule included Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Israel, etc.

When I was editing a book for Lester Sumrall, we talked about this. Since I knew that Dr. Sumrall thought the Revised Roman Empire, headed up in Europe, would be the platform off which the antichrist would rule, I asked him, “Then how could he be middle-eastern?”

In his own inimitable way, he answered, “Don’t you know that men of destiny always gravitate to the center of power in their times? People may not even know that he is of middle-eastern origin.”

Verse 9: “and toward the pleasant land”

The Land of Israel. The antichrist will set his sights on Jerusalem where he will seat himself in the Temple and proclaim that he is god.

See the Appendix: Seat of Satan

See the Appendix: The Antichrist in Scripture

A Conversation Overheard

The *ArtScrolls* translation from the Hebrew is a more accurate translation of the conversation Daniel overheard. None of the comments I’ve read unlock its meaning to me.

ArtScrolls, Daniel 8:13, 14

13 *I heard a holy one speaking. And the holy one said to the anonymous one who was speaking, ‘For how long, this vision concerning the daily sacrifice and the mute abomination, permitting the trampling of the holy and the host?’*

14 *And he said to me, ‘Till nightfall, morning two thousand and three hundred, and the holy will be rectified.’*

Gabriel Interprets The Vision

Dan. 8:15 *And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.*

Dan. 8:16 *And I heard a man’s voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. (KJV)*

Now I’ll switch to the *ArtScrolls* for the more accurate translation of verse 19.

ArtScrolls, Daniel 8:18-19

18 *As he spoke to me, I fell asleep with my face earthward; but he touched me and stood me up in my place. 19 he said, ‘I am ready to inform you what will be after the wrath, for at the appointed time [moed] is the End.*

End of the times of the Gentiles and the arrival of The King Messiah.

“after the wrath” (See Revelation 6:17; Romans 5:9; 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9.)

Divine Revelation of History
Before It Happens

Dan. 8:20 *The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.*

Dan. 8:21 *And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.*

Dan. 8:22 *Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. (KJV)*

Media and Persia identified by name.

King of Greece identified by name.

Alexandar took the “untakeable” city of Tyre, which stood like an island with-
in a rock fortress, unreachable.

Ezekiel 28 prophesied its fall. And illustrated the working of the double king-
dom system where the evil heavenly prince called “the King of Tyre” (Lucifer)
ruled down through “the prince of Tyre,” the earthly ruler.

The taking of Tyre was no little accomplishment. Tyre was located off the
coast of Phoenicia, now Lebanon. The news reached Israel. Josephus, the his-
torian, gives an amazing historical account.

Josephus, *The Antiquities of the Jews*, Book XI, page 244

4. ...when the 7 months of the siege of Tyre were over...Alexander, when he had tak-
en Gaza, made haste to go up to Jerusalem;

...Jaddua, the high priest, when he heard that, was in an agony, and under terror, as
not knowing how he should meet the Macedonians...

He therefore ordained that the people should make supplications, and...sacrifices
to God, whom he sought to protect that nation, and to deliver them from the perils that were
coming upon them;

whereupon God warned him in a dream, which came upon him after he had offered
sacrifice that he should take courage, and adorn the city, and open the gates; that the rest
should appear in white garments, but that he and the priests should meet the king in the
habits proper to their order, without the dread of any ill consequences, which the providence
of God would prevent.

Upon which, when he rose from his sleep, he greatly rejoiced; and declared to all
the warning he had received from God. According to which dream he acted entirely, and so
waited for the coming of the king.

5. And when he understood that he was not far from the city, he went out in proces-
sion with the priests, and the multitude of citizens. The procession was venerable, and the
manner of it different from that of other nations. It reached to a place called Sapha... which
signifies a *prospect*, for you have thence a prospect both of Jerusalem and of the temple; and
when the Phoenicians and the Chaldeans that followed him, thought they should have liberty
to plunder the city, and torment the high priest to death, which the king’s displeasure fairly
promised them, the very reverse of it happened; for Alexander, when he saw the multitude
at a distance, in white garments, while the priests stood clothed with fine linen, and the high
priest in purple and scarlet clothing, with his mitre on his head, having the golden plate
whereon the name of God was engraved, he approached by himself, and adored that name,
and first saluted the high priest.

The Jews also did all together, with one voice, salute Alexander, and encompass him about; whereupon the kings of Syria and the rest were surprised at what Alexander had done and supposed him disordered in his mind. However, Parmenio alone went up to him, and asked him how it came to pass that, when all others adored him, he should adore the high priest of the Jews?

To whom he replied, "I did not adore him, but that God who hath honoured him with his high priesthood; for I saw this very person in a dream, in this very habit, when I was at Dios in Macedonia, who, when I was considering with myself how I might obtain the dominion of Asia, exhorted me to make no delay, but boldly to pass over the sea thither; for that he would conduct my army, and would give me the dominion over the Persians; whence it is,... remembering that vision, and the exhortation which I had in my dream, I believe that I bring this army under the divine conduct, and shall therewith conquer Darius and destroy the power of the Persians, and that all things will succeed according to what is in my own mind.

And when he had said this...and had given the high priest his right hand, the priests ran along by him, and he came into the city; and when he went into the temple, he offered sacrifice to God, according to the high priest's direction, and magnificently treated both the high priest and the priests.

And when the book of Daniel was showed him, wherein Daniel* declared that one of the Greeks would destroy the empire of the Persians, he supposed that himself was the person intended...

Josephus' own note:

*The place showed Alexander might be Dan. vii. 6; viii 3-8, 20, 21, 22; xi 3; some or all of them very plain predictions of Alexander's conquests and successors.

The Dark King

Dan. 8:23 *And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*

Dan. 8:24 *And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.*

Dan. 8:25 *And through his policy also he shall cause craft [deceit] to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.* (KJV)

Verse 23: "and in the latter time of their kingdom..."

This verse puzzled me. For it speaks of the latter time of the kingdom of the Greeks. Why did it say the latter time of the Greek kingdom.

I believe that the kingdom upon which the antichrist will reign is the Old Roman Empire revived. I found an answer that satisfied me in a series of *Time Life* books on the empires. The book is lost to me in several moves since then.

The book stated that the empire which most affected us, is the one of the Greeks. Rome spread throughout the world what the Greeks originated.

From the Greeks we have: Democracy. Drama. Sports. Design. Beauty of form. Architecture. Mathematics. Etc.

I found this simplistic short synopsis on line.

BBC Primary History

Where Western civilization began

Where Western civilisation began Ancient Greece is called 'the birthplace of Western civilisation'. About 2500 years ago, the Greeks created a way of life that other people admired and copied. The Romans copied Greek art and Greek gods, for example. The Ancient Greeks tried out *democracy*, started the *Olympic Games*, and left new ideas in science, art and philosophy...

Verse 24: "his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power..."

"and the dragon gave him his power (dunamis) and his seat (throne), and great authority (exousia)" (Revelation 13:2).

Once I was in a very religious yeshiva near Hebron. The rabbi had said to me, for it was during one of the intifadas and he realized we were standing for the same thing, "We are very strange bedfellows."

At the opening he'd thus offered, I dared ask him, "Do you know there is a very evil person coming upon the scene?" I wanted to know that Israel knew not to trust The European Union.

"Yes," he replied. "Do you know who he is?" Then he told me about their ancient prophecy, which I have now located in the Talmud.

Babylonian Talmud: Tractate Sanhedrin, Folio 97b

... the Holy One, blessed be He, will set up a king over them, whose decrees shall be as cruel as Haman's, whereby Israel shall engage in repentance, and he will thus bring them back to the right path.

Dan. 8:26 *And the vision of the evenings and mornings which hath been told is true: but shut thou up the vision; for it belongeth to many days to come.*

Dan. 8:27 *And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I wondered at the vision, but none understood it. (ASV)*

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Chapter 9

The Times of the Gentiles Review

Hilton Sutton, *Revelation Revealed*, p.159

Daniel was the only prophet who had all-inclusive insight into the times of the Gentiles as related to Israel's captivity. The Gentile Age began with the captivity of Israel (721-608 BC) and will reach its conclusion with Israel's restoration (1948 AD until the Millennium). From its beginning, the times of the Gentiles produce the great empires: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman."

David Baron, *Israel in the Plan of God*, p. 111

...The Babylonian captivity...commences "the times of the Gentiles," which only close with the end of this age, when the Kingdom shall once again be restored to Israel.

Daniel Witnesses Prophecy Come To Pass And Prays

Daniel saw prophecy come to pass when the two-armed silver empire (the Medo-Persian) toppled the golden head of Babylon. So he went to the written word of the Lord. He searched the scrolls of the prophesies of Jeremiah concerning the number of years of the Babylonian exile (Jeremiah 25:11; 29:4-10). As a young man of the seed royal in Jerusalem, Daniel would have heard Jeremiah himself. For the prophets spoke primarily in the areas of the king's palace and the Temple.

Again, the *ArtScrolls* translation and comments throw light upon Daniel's exact actions:

1 In the first year of Dairus, the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of Media, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans:

2 In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, contemplated the calculation, the number of years about which the word of HASHEM [literally: The Name; used in place of the Name of the LORD] had come to the prophet Jeremiah, to complete the seventy years from the ruins of Jerusalem.

3 And I set my face toward my Lord, God, to request prayer and supplication, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 I prayed to HASHEM, my God, and I confessed....

Daniel did what we should do concerning prophecy coming to pass.

1. Obey the Lord's command to watch....
2. Go to the Word ...
3. Seek prayer; utterance...
4. Pray...

ArtScrolls comment to verse 3: "To request prayer and supplication".

Besides his actual prayer, he asked God to grant him prayer — i.e., to give him the wisdom and eloquence needed to pray.

Read Daniel's God-Given Prayer, 9:4-15

Note particularly that he mentions *Judah, Jerusalem, all Israel...*

This prayer has only to do prophetically with those specified.

It has no reference to the church.

We take it up at verse 16:

Dan. 9:16 *O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.*

Dan. 9:17 *Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.*

Dan. 9:18 *O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.*

Dan. 9:19 *O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. (KJV)*

Note: This concerns only:

Thy city Jerusalem
Thy holy mountain, (The Temple Mount)
Our sins
Thy people, who are become a reproach
Thy sanctuary, that is desolate
Our desolations,
For Thy city and Thy people, called by Thy Name

Gabriel Interrupts Daniel's Prayer

Dan. 9:20 *And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;*

Dan. 9:21 *Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*

Dan. 9:22 *And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*

Dan. 9:23 *At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. (KJV)*

Again we note the prayer is for:

My people Israel
The holy mountain of my God.

Seventy Weeks of Years

Dan. 9:24 *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.*

Dan. 9:25 *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. (KJV)*

Seventy weeks of years:

Years on God's calendar are in 7-year cycles (Leviticus 25).

Daniel would have understood this to be seventy weeks of seven-year shmittah cycles.

See Appendix: *Shmittah Cycles*

The following note I've written in my Bible is from a source I failed to identify:

"The 70 weeks measure the time from 'the incomplete restoration' from the Babylonish captivity to the time of 'the complete one' when Israel will be returned to full favor of the Lord."

Brim note: Seventy weeks of years totals 490 years. Some Jewish sources say that the First Temple was destroyed in 423 BCE. This differs with the Western reckoning date of 590 BC. By either calculation it has been more than 2400 years since Daniel Chapter 9. How could this be?

The answer is simple. I'm a basketball fan. A professional NBA game is played in four 12-minute quarters. That's 48 minutes playing time. But with time outs, games take about two hours and thirty minutes.

The seventy weeks of years of God's dealings with Israel are interrupted at given points. These are the time-outs.

The *ArtScrolls* translation helps us understand what is to be completed in those seventy weeks of years:

24 Seventy weeks have been decreed upon your people and your holy city to terminate transgression, to end sin, to wipe away iniquity, to bring everlasting righteousness, to seal vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. (ArtScrolls)

1. To finish transgression (Only that of Israel.)
2. To end sin
3. To make reconciliation for iniquity (Zechariah 12:9-13:1; Isaiah 66:8,)
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness – Millennial Kingdom (Isaiah 26:1, 2, 7, 8; Jeremiah 31:33, 34; Ezekiel 37:21-28.)
5. To seal up vision and prophecy. (To complete the fulfillment.)
6. To anoint the Holy of Holies in the Millennial Temple. (Ezekiel 40-47.)

God's Division Points

Dan. 9:26 *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

Dan. 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 over-spreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (KJV)*

Verse 26: "after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off."

Of course, after 69 weeks of years, the Messiah, was "cut off"

Is. 53:8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who among them considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due? (ASV)

When Messiah is cut off, 69 of the 70 seven-year cycles of years have passed.
69 of the 70 shmittah cycles have passed.
One shmittah cycle is left.
One 7-year cycle of years is left.

That 7-year cycle, known as Daniel's 70th week, is the period of God's dealings with Israel in the Book of Revelation.

Verse 26: "the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary..."

"The prince that shall come" is the antichrist.

"The people of the prince that shall come shall destroy..."

The Romans

Titus destroyed the city and the Temple in 70 AD.

Therefore, the prince that shall come, the antichrist, is a Roman prince.
He will operate off the platform of the Roman Empire Revived.
(Revelation 17:11-13, 17.)

Dan. 9:27 *And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate.* (KJV)

This is the week of 7 years, that is Daniel's 70th week.
It is the week of the "time of Jacob's trouble."

The antichrist will appear as a man with the answers.
However, in the midst of the week, his true colors show.
He comes to Jerusalem and from the Holy Place announces that he is god.

The Holy Spirit through Paul said of these times:

2Th. 2:3 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;

2Th. 2:4 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.

Jesus said of this time:

Matt. 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:)

Matt. 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:...

Matt. 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes....

Matt. 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Matt. 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened....

Matt. 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matt. 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Matt. 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Matt. 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matt. 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect [the Jewish remnant] from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The *ArtScrolls* ends the 9th Chapter with this phrase: “...until extermination as decreed will pour down upon the abomination”

Time Space for the Church Age

Brim Note: Though the church is a hidden mystery in the Old Testament. And though the church is not a part of the answer to Daniel's prayer, a time space is left for the church in the “time out” between the 69th and 70th week of Daniel's Seventy Weeks of Years.

Some have called this space of now about 2000 years, a parenthesis.

A parenthesis which covers the church age upon the earth.

A parenthesis which includes the day of salvation by grace (Acts 20:24).

A parenthesis which begins with the birth of the church and ends with her catching up.

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Chapter 10

Dan. 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, even a great warfare: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.*

Dan. 10:2 *In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks.*

Dan. 10:3 *I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. (ASV)*

Daniel is about 90 years old.

We can only surmise why he was mourning.

Some have offered the idea that it was over something to do with those Jews who had gone back to Jerusalem. Some Jewish sources say it may have had to do with Cyrus rescinding his proclamation (Ezra 4:5).

Daniel did not go back with those who returned.

Only a relatively few did go back (Ezra 1:1-11.)

The majority remained in Babylonia until after 1948 when they were robbed of their belongings and forced to return to the reborn state of Israel.

Tombs of Saints and Synagogues in Babylonia.

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A tradition held by the Jews of the Iraqi city of Kirkuk, the prophet Daniel and his three companions, Hananya, Mishael, and 'Azarya are buried within the precinct of the citadel mosque in the old city of Kirkuk, about 250 km north of Baghdad.

Dan. 10:4 *And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel (Tigris),*

Dan. 10:5 *I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz:*

Dan. 10:6 *his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like unto burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

Dan. 10:7 *And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.*

Dan. 10:8 *So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.*

Dan. 10:9 *Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. (ASV)*

Insight Into the Double Kingdom System
The Mid-Heavens

Dan. 10:10 *And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.*

Dan. 10:11 *And he said unto me, O Daniel, thou man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.*

Dan. 10:12 *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard: and I am come for thy words' sake.*

Dan. 10:13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia. (ASV) ...*

Dan. 10:20 *Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I am come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I go forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come.*

Dan. 10:21 *But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me against these, but Michael your prince.*

Verses 10-13 and 20 and 21 give us insight into the mid-heavens where “the prince of the powers of the air” now operates.

See the Appendix: *The Seat of Satan*.

The Purpose of the Heavenly Messenger

Dan. 10:14 *Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days [Hebrew: the end of days]; for the vision is yet for many days.*

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Chapter 11

Gabriel Shows The More Immediate Future

Dan. 11:1 *And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.*

Dan. 11:2 *And now will I show thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he is waxed strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.*

Dan. 11:3 *And a mighty king shall stand up [Alexandar], that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.*

Dan. 11:4 *And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion wherewith he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides these. (ASV)*

History Before It Happened (Then Future to Daniel, Past History to Us) Verses 2-35

Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, page 228

In this chapter, we have what Gabriel calls the "Scripture of Truth."

It is a PRE-WRITTEN HISTORY of the wars of the Ptolemies of Egypt, "the Kings of the South;" and the Seleucidae of Syria, "the Kings of the North." Here we have history so accurately foretold and "written in advance," that the critics [the higher criticism, so called, rampant in Larkin's time, but long since hushed] claim that the Book of Daniel could not have written as early as is claimed (BC 533), but that it must have been written after the wars of the Ptolemies and Seleucidae were over, or about BC 160...

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The angel skips to the "end of days" and further information is given re the evil one introduced in Chapter 8:23.

Dan. 11:36 *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper till the indignation [Hebrew: wrath] be accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done.*

Dan. 11:37 *Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above all.*

Dan. 11:38 *But in his place shall he honor the god of fortresses; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.*

Dan. 11:39 *And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god: whosoever acknowledgeth him he will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price. (ASV)*

History Before It Happens Still Future

Dan. 11:40 *And at the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through.*

Dan. 11:41 *He shall enter also into the glorious land [Israel], and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.*

Dan. 11:42 *He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.*

Dan. 11:43 *But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.*

Dan. 11:44 *But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him [China, perhaps]; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many.*

Dan. 11:45 *And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet **he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.** (ASV)*

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Chapter 12

Dan. 12:1 *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (ASV)*

Jer. 30:7 *Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.*

This is the 7-year cycle we call the tribulation period.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

In his wonderful book, *Zechariah, A Commentary on His Visions and Prophecies*, David Baron makes this observation concerning the last chapters of that prophetic book:

“The overthrow of world-power, and the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom, may be given as the epitome of the last chapters of Zechariah...
[T]wo oracles...make up the whole of the second half of the book (chaps. 9-11 and 12-14)...Both sections treat of war between the heathen world and Israel, though in different ways.

In the first (chaps. 9-11), *the judgment through which Gentile world-power over Israel is finally destroyed...*

In the second (chaps. 12-14), *the judgment through which Israel itself is sifted and purged in the final great conflict with the nations, and transformed into the holy nation of Jehovah....”*

Chapters 30 and 31 of Jeremiah are a book within a book that the LORD told the prophet to write (30:1,2). These enlightening chapters succinctly put forth God's plans and purposes in the restoration of Israel. The book within a book begins:

Jer. 30:3 *For, lo, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel [the northern kingdom] and Judah [the southern kingdom] saith Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. (ASV)*

The LORD closes this book within a book with His amazing declaration that as long as the sun, the moon, and the stars exist, there will be a nation of Israel upon the earth before Him forever. This completely obliterates “replacement theology.”

Jer. 31:35 Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name:

Jer. 31:36 If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Jer. 31:37 Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith Jehovah. (ASV)

Yet it is in these promising chapters that we hear of “the time of Jacob’s” trouble.

[I would interject a word here about His calling the nation Jacob.

He does not call it Abraham. Abraham had other sons: Ishmael, and Keturah’s six sons.

He does not call it Isaac. Isaac had another son, Esau.

All of Jacob’s sons head up the twelve tribes of Israel. Therefore, when speaking of the natural seed of Israel, He often calls them Jacob.]

Jer. 30:4 And these are the words that Jehovah spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

Jer. 30:5 For thus saith Jehovah: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

Jer. 30:6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

Jer. 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Jer. 30:8 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondman;

Jer. 30:9 but they shall serve Jehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Jer. 30:10 Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith Jehovah; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

Jer. 30:11 For I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to save thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in measure, and will in no wise leave thee unpunished.

Dan. 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be **a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:** and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.yr

Matt. 24:15 When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand),

Matt. 24:16 then let them that are in Judaea flee unto the mountains:

Matt. 24:17 let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house:

Matt. 24:18 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak.

Matt. 24:19 But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days!

Matt. 24:20 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath:

Matt. 24:21 for then shall be **great tribulation**, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be.

Matt. 24:22 And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake [the Jewish remnant] those days shall be shortened.

All these scriptural references refer to Daniel's Seventieth Week.
The Shmittah Cycle of the Book of Revelation.

The Hebrew word *tsar* is translated variously as *tribulation*, *trouble*, *affliction*, and *travail*.

It means literally "a narrow place...created by outside pressure."

The references to travail and the birth of a child illustrate it well.

The child passes through the narrow place of the birth canal.

Pain is associated with the passage.

But at the end, a baby is born!

During one of the Intifadas (uprisings) in Israel, I took a group to the new community next to ancient Shiloh. Constant attacks were happening on the roads to and from Shiloh. A young mother named Rachel had just been murdered in an attack upon her car.

In those days there were no facilities for tourists, so my friend, Batia, kindly let our whole busload of about 40 use her bathroom. I noticed she had a fragment of cloth pinned to the shoulder of her dress. The cloth was torn in the middle as a sign of mourning.

She pointed to it and said, "We know there is to be travail in the fulfilling of prophecy, but at least in the end, we will get a baby!"

And they will. The nation will be born in a day.

Is. 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion **travailed**, she brought forth her children.

Dan. 12:2 *And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

Dan. 12:3 *And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

Dan. 12:4 *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.*

Dan. 12:5 *Then I, Daniel, looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink of the river on that side.*

Dan. 12:6 *And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?*

Dan. 12:7 *And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.*

Dan. 12:8 *And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things?*

Dan. 12:9 *And he said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end.*

Dan. 12:10 *Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but they that are wise shall understand.*

Dan. 12:11 *And from the time that the continual burnt-offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand and two hundred and ninety days.*

Dan. 12:12 *Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.*

Dan. 12:13 *But go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days. (ASV)*

The Lord will reveal the full meaning of these verses.

For though Daniel was told to shut up the book, the time of revelation and opening of these things is at hand.

Appendix: The Antichrist in Scripture

Only John refers to him as the antichrist—a title which seems to have stuck. And in its literal meaning, anti the Anointed One (Christ), we can see why it did. For the forty or more years I have been looking at these things, people have been trying to figure out his exact identity. Early on, I heard Dr. Hilton say, that we will not be able to do that. Here is the scriptural proof of that fact. Note his titles given through the Apostle Paul:

The Man of Sin, The Lawless One, The Son of Perdition

2Th. 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
2Th. 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
2Th. 2:3 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**;
2Th. 2:4 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.
2Th. 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
2Th. 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
2Th. 2:7 For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.
2Th. 2:8 And then shall **that Wicked** [lawless one] be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
2Th. 2:9 *Even him*, **whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders**,
2Th. 2:10 **And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

In one of the first Letters to the Church, false doctrine is already spreading concerning the personage of the man of sin. The Spirit, through Paul, corrects it. He will not be revealed until “that which restrains” is “taken out of the way.” That which restrains, or hinders, is the Spirit-filled Body of Christ. His identity cannot be known until the Church is caught up. (The Holy Spirit is Omnipresent. He is in Heaven with the Church. But He is still active on earth.)

How does the Church restrain the antichrist? One way is prayer in the Spirit. Here in verse 7 the system is called, “*the mystery of lawlessness*.” The King James translation calls it “*the mystery of iniquity*.”

Various subjects in the New Testament are called *mysteries*, such as, the mystery of the Church, the mystery of Israel, etc.

Praying in tongues, is the Bible way, to pray about things our heads cannot fathom:

1Cor. 14:2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit **in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.**

1Cor. 14:14 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

I watched prayer groups in France hold back the voting in of a constitution for the EU that would have come down hard on independent churches.
(See Appendix: Image of Europe.)

The Assyrian

Is. 30:27 Behold, the name of Jehovah cometh from far, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is as a devouring fire;

Is. 30:28 and his breath is as an overflowing stream, that reacheth even unto the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction: and a bridle that causeth to err *shall be* in the jaws of the peoples.

Is. 30:29 Ye shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come unto the mountain of Jehovah, to the Rock of Israel.

Is. 30:30 And Jehovah will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, and tempest, and hailstones.

Is. 30:31 For through the voice of Jehovah shall **the Assyrian** be dismayed; with his rod will he smite *him*.

Is. 30:32 And every stroke of the appointed staff, which Jehovah shall lay upon him, shall be with *the sound of* tabrets and harps; and in battles with the brandishing *of his arm* will he fight with them.

Is. 30:33 For a Topheth is prepared of old; yea, for the king it is made ready; he hath made it deep and large; the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of Jehovah, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it. (ASV)

The Little Horn of Daniel's Fourth Wild Beast

Dan. 7:7 After this I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, a fourth beast, terrible and powerful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

Dan. 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Dan. 7:9 I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, *and the wheels thereof burning fire.*

Dan. 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands of thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Dan. 7:11 I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire.

He is a great orator. A deceiver with his words.

In 1958, we became friends with the couple who lived across the hall from our apartment. She was a German who had married an American soldier. She told us of hearing Hitler speak. She was only a little girl, but her mother took her to hear him. Even as a child, she realized the power he held over the people. She said it was indescribable.

Dr. Lester Sumrall said, "The devil has had his candidate for the antichrist in every generation."

Dan. 7:19 Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was diverse from all of them, exceeding terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet;

Dan. 7:20 and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows.

Dan. 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

Dan. 7:22 until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Dan. 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Dan. 7:24 And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings.

Dan. 7:25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.

Dan. 7:26 But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Dan. 7:27 And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. He makes war with the saints of the remnant of Israel.

A Hebrew commentary on verse 25 suggests he will think to change the moeds and the torah. (See Appendix: Times: Moeds.)

And notice something else that was brought to my attention by the Lord's dealing with me:

It was 1975 that I heard the Voice of the Lord in my spirit saying, "I want you to preach that Jesus is coming soon." I said, "Lord I don't hear that being said in my circles." He said, "I don't want you to say it because others are saying it. I want you to say it because I say it."

Not long after that I heard someone say, "Look for the Christ. Don't look for the antichrist." So, I avoided the subject of the antichrist. The Lord corrected me again.

"Don't be afraid to speak of the antichrist. Every where he is mentioned, it says that he 'gets it!'"

The Little Horn

Dan. 8:18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright.

Dan. 8:19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation; for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end.

Dan. 8:20 The ram which thou sawest, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia.

Dan. 8:21 And the rough he-goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Dan. 8:22 And as for that which was broken, in the place whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power.

Dan. 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

Dan. 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do *his pleasure*; and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people.

Dan. 8:25 And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in *their* security shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Dan. 8:26 And the vision of the evenings and mornings which hath been told is true: but shut thou up the vision; for it belongeth to many days *to come*.

Dan. 8:27 And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I wondered at the vision, but none understood it. (ASV)

[See Daniel, Chapter 8 of this Syllabus]

The Prince That Shall Come

Dan. 9:26 And after the threescore and two weeks shall the anointed one be cut off, and shall have nothing: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and

the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined, (ASV)

The Willful King

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Dan. 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through.

Dan. 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

Dan. 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

Dan. 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Dan. 11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many.

Dan. 11:45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

The Antichrist

1John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour: and as ye heard that **antichrist** cometh, even now have there arisen many **antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last hour. (KJV)

The Beast

Rev. 13:1 ...And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

Rev. 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.

Rev. 13:3 And *I saw* one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast;

Rev. 13:4 and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with him?

Rev. 13:5 and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority to continue forty and two months.

Rev. 13:6 And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, *even* them that dwell in the heaven.

Rev. 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. (ASV)

[See my Syllabus on *The Book of Revelation* for more.]

The beast is both a person and a system. The beast system upon which the beast, the antichrist, operates is a conglomerate of the beasts of Daniel's visions.

Daniel 7:2,3 declares that the beasts come up from The Great Sea. The Great Sea in the O.T. is The Mediterranean Sea. The four Empires were vast, stretching all around the Mediterranean. By the time of the Roman Empire, that sea was like a lake surrounded by the Empire of Rome. This shows us "the prophetic earth." It limits the scope of the antichrist's greatest authority.

The conglomerate beast of the tribulation carries attributes of the Four Empires.

The body of the beast is like unto a leopard: Greece, Grecian in appearance.

Greek influence is the largest residue left in western society, therefore represented by the largest part of the beast in Revelation.

Daniel foresaw the beasts in their beginnings.

John saw them in their end.

Appendix Time: God's Calendar, *Moeds*

On my first trip to Australia, I called my daughter, Brenda. Her then young and very inquisitive son, Jared, answered the phone. I decided to get him going, so I said, "Hello, Jared, this is MiMi. I'm calling from tomorrow. Don't be concerned about yesterday; it turned out all right."

It is possible when flying from Sydney, to arrive in Los Angeles before you left Sydney.

That is, as far as time on the clock and calendar is concerned.

On the way home from that first trip, the Captain made an announcement that we had just crossed the International Date Line. At that, I heard distinctly the authoritative Voice of the Holy Spirit in my spirit.

God invented time.

Precisely.

Scientifically.

Mathematically.

He measured out a piece of Eternity, and called it Time, for His dealings with man.

Each passing second, counts off time, until the end of time, and its usefulness to God.

God Inhabits Eternity

Is. 57:15 *For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity,
whose name is Holy:...* (ASV)

I used to say that God knows the future better than we know the past. And of course, He does. But it is deeper than that. He knows the future, because He lives there. He inhabits Eternity. As His Name יהוה declares: *He is, He was, He is to Come.*

Kenneth E. Hagin said, "When science discovered timelessness, they discovered God."

God is in no way affected or limited by time, except in His dealings with man.

God's Calendar

Man fell. Earth came under the curse.

God is the Redeemer of both.

God will bring both to perfection according to His plan.

And He orchestrates it as is revealed in His Great Calendar of Redemption.

God does not work according to the Gregorian calendar most of the world accepts today.

The world grew anxious and worried in anticipation of the year 2000.

I knew nothing was going to happen. God doesn't work by our calendar.

Pope Gregory XIII introduced the calendar in February 1582.

It was commissioned to more accurately calculate the date of Easter.

It counted years from the traditional date of the nativity of Jesus.

But it counted incorrectly. Jesus had to have been born before Herod died.

Herod the Great died a terrible death in the Spring of 4 BC.

Since Jesus was born in the days of Herod the king (Matthew 2:1), and Herod killed the innocents 2 years and under, our calendar is incorrect.

Certainly God did not work by the Julian calendar before the Gregorian.

Nor the Roman calendar before that.

Nor by the Mayan calendar.

Nor by any of men's flawed calendars.

But God does have His own calendar by which He works, and according to which The Great Events of Redemption have occurred right on time. For example:

Gal. 4:4 but **when the fulness of the time** came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Luke 22:7 Then came **the day of unleavened bread**, when **the passover** must be killed.

Luke 22:8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

Luke 22:15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this **passover** with you before I suffer:

Acts 2:1 And when **the day of Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Moeds God's Special Appointed Times

On the LORD's Calendar, there are special days called *Moeds*. These are the days that stand apart from all others.

Moed means *an appointed time; a fixed time*.

It can also mean *an appointed place*.

We first meet the word *moed* in Genesis 1:14.

Gen. 1:14 *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons [moeds], and for days and years:*

Gen. 1:15 *and let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.*

Gen. 1:16 *And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. (ASV)*

The sun and the moon are for *signs* and for *seasons*, verse 14 reveals.
That they are for *signs* is interesting enough.
But even more interesting is that they are made for *moeds*.

The Hebrew word translated seasons is the plural of *moed*.
I will use the letter s to indicate the plural of *moed*, although the Hebrew plural is different.

God's Two Calendar Years

The Bible marks out, and Israel keeps two calendar years:
a sacred year, and what I will call, a civil year.
The new year begins in the autumn with Rosh HaShanah, but in Exodus 12:1 at the first Pesach (Passover) God initiated a sacred calendar year beginning the first day of the month of Pesach (Passover).

The Sacred Year

Ex. 12:1 *And Jehovah spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,*
Ex. 12:2 *This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. (ASV)*

Time is marked with sevens.

With what He said to Moses and Aaron in Exodus 12:1, God took the seventh month of the civil year and made it the first month of the sacred year.
The first month of the civil year became the seventh month of the sacred year.
If your head spins a little at this, the important thing to remember is that time is marked with sevens. That's easy enough. There are seven days in a week, etc.

Moeds, the special days God circles, so to speak, on his calendar, occur in seven months of the 12-month year.

I wrote the following note in my Bible at the beginning of Exodus 12. I failed to note the source:

The Jewish people have been keeping track of time since God spoke this to Moses...

[He gave them] the responsibility of keeping track of years, time....

Exodus 12 records the coming out of Egypt and the first Pesach (Passover). Prior to marking out what is to be done, and on which day it is to be done, the LORD gives them the beginning date of the new sacred calendar year (Exodus 12:2). It is now called *Rosh Hodesh Nissan*. The Head, or First Day of the month of Nissan.

The New Year (I've called it the civil year) begins in Tishrei, the month of Rosh Ha-Shanah.

(*Rosh HaShanah* translates: the Head of the Year.)

However, the months are counted from the First of Nissan, the sacred year.

God's Great Calendar of Redemption

God's Calendar is given us in Leviticus 23. I have taken the liberty to insert the word *moed* where it is in the original Hebrew. And I am leaving out the word *feasts or festivals*. Notice the sevens. I have highlighted all sevens. I have also highlighted Sabbath, for the word is a form of seven, the seventh day. I have put into bold type the names of the Moeds.

Lev. 23:1 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev. 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, The moeds of Jehovah, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my moeds.

Lev. 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but on the **seventh** day is a **sabbath** of solemn rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of work: it is a **sabbath** unto Jehovah in all your dwellings.

Lev. 23:4 These are the moeds of Jehovah, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their appointed moeds.

Lev. 23:5 In the first month, on the **fourteenth** [2 x 7] day of the month at even, is Jehovah's **Passover [Pesach]**.

Lev. 23:6 And on the **fifteenth** day of the same month is the **feast of unleavened bread** unto Jehovah: **seven** days ye shall eat unleavened bread.

Lev. 23:7 In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work.

Lev. 23:8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah **seven** days: in the **seventh** day is a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

Lev. 23:9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev. 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring the sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest:

Lev. 23:11 and he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the **sabbath** the priest shall wave it.

Lev. 23:12 And in the day when ye wave the sheaf, ye shall offer a he-lamb without blemish a year old for a burnt-offering unto Jehovah...

Lev. 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the **sabbath**, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; **seven sabbaths** shall there be complete:

Lev. 23:16 even unto the morrow after the **seventh sabbath** shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meal-offering unto Jehovah...

[Hebrew: Shavuot – Weeks. Translated Pentecost in the first Greek translation, the Septuagint for in the Greek $7 \times 7 = 49$, plus 1 equals 50, therefore Pentecost.]

Lev. 23:23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev. 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the **seventh month**, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial of blowing of **trumpets**, a holy convocation... [Rosh HaShanah – Head of the Civil Year, i.e. the New Years Day of the Civil Year.]

Lev. 23:26 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev. 23:27 Howbeit on the tenth day of this **seventh month** is the **day of atonement**: it shall be a holy convocation unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

Lev. 23:28 And ye shall do no manner of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before Jehovah your God...

Lev. 23:32 It shall be unto you a **sabbath** of solemn rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye keep your **sabbath**.

Lev. 23:33 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev. 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this **seventh month** is the **feast of tabernacles [Sukkot]** for **seven days** unto Jehovah.

Lev. 23:35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work.

Lev. 23:36 **Seven days** ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah: it is a solemn assembly; ye shall do no servile work.

Lev. 23:37 These are the moeds of Jehovah, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on its own day;

Lev. 23:38 besides the **sabbaths** of Jehovah, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill-offerings, which ye give unto Jehovah.

Lev. 23:39 Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the **seventh month**, when ye have gathered in the fruits of the land, ye shall keep the festival of Jehovah **seven days**: on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest.

Lev. 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before Jehovah your God **seven days**.

Lev. 23:41 And ye shall keep it a festival unto Jehovah **seven days** in the year: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations; ye shall keep it in the **seventh month**.

Lev. 23:42 Ye shall dwell in booths **seven days**; all that are home-born in Israel shall dwell in booths;

Lev. 23:43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am Jehovah your God.

Lev. 23:44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the moeds of Jehovah.

- The Sacred Calendar of the History of Redemption...[It] foretells and sets forth The Great Plan of Redemption. (David Baron, *Types in the Psalms*.)
- The Great Calendar of Prophecy. (*The Numerical Bible*).
- Seven marks in Scripture the sacred measurement of Time.

The Three "Feasts of the Feet"
(With Your Feet, You Go Up Before the LORD)

Deut. 16:16 *Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread (Pesach), and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Jehovah empty: (ASV)*

Each of these three *Moeds* have three criteria:

- 1) A Historical Event
- 2) Harvest
- 3) Prophetic Fulfillment

Pesach (Passover)

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| 1) Historic Event | The Exodus |
| 2) Harvest | Barley |
| 3) Fulfillment | Jesus, The Passover Lamb |

Shavuot (Weeks) (Pentecost)

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| 1) Historic Event | The Giving of the Word, the Ten Commandments |
| 2) Harvest | Wheat |
| 3) Fulfillment | The Giving of the Holy Spirit, Acts 2 |

Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)

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| 1) Historic Event | The Shelter the LORD Provided in the Wilderness |
| 2) Harvest | Wine and Oil (Grapes and Olives) |
| 3) Fulfillment | Not yet fulfilled. Probably the Jubilee when the King Messiah sets up His earthly, kingdom. |

Note: The Spring and early Summer *moeds* are fulfilled. (Pesach and Pentecost.) There is a lapse of about 4 months between the fulfilled and the unfulfilled *moeds*. None of the *moeds* of the High Holy Days in the Autumn month of Tishrei have reached fulfillment. These are: Rosh HaShanah (Trumpets), Yom Kippur, Sukkot (Tabernacles.)

The Moon and *Moeds*

Psa. 104:19 *He appointed the moon for seasons [moeds]:*

When I first saw this verse in the Hebrew, I was aware of its great meaning.
(See Time: Eclipses)

Stone Edition of the Chumash (ArtScrolls) pages 682 and 683

(Commenting on Leviticus 23:2, "*moeds that you are to designate...*")

According to *Sifra*, this designation refers to the Sanhedrin's regulation of the calendar, by means of proclaiming the new months. The festivals must be based on the calendar, as fixed by the court, and this requirement is symbolic of the relationship between God and Israel. The calendar is based upon the sighting of the newly visible moon and upon the responsibility of the Sages to add months when necessary to assure that Pesach will always fall in the springtime...(R. Hirsch).

Brim Note: For hundreds, even thousands of years, they had no pre-calculated calendar. Witnesses appointed by the Sanhedrin, watched for the new moon. How important was this? If they got the first day of the month wrong, all other *moeds* of that month would be wrong.

Leap Years

Months were determined by the new moon, therefore the calendar is lunar. However, the calendar must also be solar for the harvests to be at the right time. Otherwise the *moeds* would change with the seasons. For instance, Ramadan is constantly appearing at another time on the Islamic lunar calendar.

So, the chosen witnesses of the Sanhedrin would examine the crops. They would "feel" the barley, for instance, to make sure it was in the "*aviv*" stage. *Aviv* is literally a stage in the ripening of the grain. The LORD declared that Pesach had to be in the month of "*Aviv*." [*Aviv* is the word currently used for Spring. The name of the month now is *Nissan*.]

Deut. 16:1 Observe [Hebrew: *shamor*, guard] the month of Aviv, and keep the **pass-over** unto Jehovah thy God; for in the month of Aviv Jehovah thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. (ASV)

The lunar calendar = 29.5 days in a month. (Approximately)
The lunar calendar = 354 days in a year.

The solar calendar = 365 days in a year.

So, to catch up, in leap years, an entire month is added to the calendar.

It is called Second Adar.

It follows the month of Adar, which in leap years is called First Adar.

First and Second Adars occur in the Gregorian months of February and March.

How often is this done?

In every cycle of 19 years there are 7 leap years.

There's that number again: Seven!

Be sure to study the Appendix: Time: The *Shmittah* Cycles

Appendix Time: Shmittah Cycles and the Jubilee

Calendar of Years

Our subject here is the seven-year cycle of years.
The LORD introduced the seven-year *Shmittah* cycle and the 50th year Jubilee (Yovel) to Moses at Sinai.

Lev. 25:1 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,
Lev. 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto Jehovah.
Lev. 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruits thereof;
Lev. 25:4 but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath unto Jehovah: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

Lev. 25:8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and there shall be unto thee the days of seven sabbaths of years, even forty and nine years.
Lev. 25:9 Then shalt thou send abroad the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement shall ye send abroad the trumpet throughout all your land.
Lev. 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

The years, too, followed the work/rest cycle of Creation.
Shmittah means suspension.
In the 7th year agricultural work was suspended while the land rested.

The Shmittah Year is the Seventh Year of the Seven-year Cycle

The *Shmittah* year begins on *Rosh HaShanah*, the 1st of the month of Tisrei, and ends the next year at that time.

The three *Shmittah* years (from *Rosh HaShanah* to *Rosh HaShanah*—the Civil New Year) from 2014 are as follows:

<u>Hebrew</u>	<u>Gregorian</u>
5775	Sept 24, 2014 to Sept 13, 2015
5782	Sept 7, 2021 to Sept 25, 2022
5789	Sept 21, 2018 to Sept 9, 2029

The *Yovel* (Jubilee – The Fiftieth Year)

Though Jews count the *shmittah* cycles, they do not count the *yovels*.
The *yovel* count ceased with the destructions of the Temples.

Brim note: I believe that the count will not be taken up again until the King Messiah sets up His earthly visible kingdom. Then and only then can the Jubilee be fulfilled. Perhaps the *shmittah* seven-year cycle of the judgments of The Book of Revelation is the 49th year before the Year of Jubilee.

Rosh HaShanah is also known as *Yom Teruah*, The Day of Sounding the *Teruah*.
Hence we know it as “Feast of Trumpets.”

The *teruah*: A distinctive blowing of the shofar.
Hebrew sages, *Rashi* and *Ibn Ezra* say that the word *yovel* means ram. And that it alludes to the blowing of the shofar (ram’s horn) that consecrates that day.

Some of the things, among others, Jews think upon when they hear the *Shofar* are:
Declaring God as King of the Universe
The shofar will be heard at the coming of the *Mashiach* (Messiah)
The shofar will be heard at the complete Ingathering of the Jews.

EXT SHEMITAH YEARS:

- SEPT. 24,25, 2014 - SEPT. 13,14, 2015
- SEPT. 06,07, 2021 - SEPT. 25,26, 2022
- SEPT. 20,21, 2028 - SEPT. 09,10, 2029

ROSH HASHANA & THE 7-YEAR CYCLES (SHEMITAH-SABBATICAL CYCLES)

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Appendix The Seat of Satan

Rev. 2:12 *and to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword:*

Rev. 2:13 *I know where thou dwellest, even where Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth (sits). (ASV)*

One day as I crossed The Rhema Bible Training Center campus in Tulsa, Patsy Behrman (now Camaneti) called me to the prayer room to pray with a young couple who felt called to Brussels. As we prayed, we were overcome—in a wonderful way—by the power of God. Soon after I received an invitation to accompany them to Brussels for a prayer conference they were calling “Breakthrough for Brussels.”

On March 25, 1991, I walked down to the water's edge from my home on a bluff overlooking a lake near Pryor, Oklahoma. Seated on a rock in a secluded place, I began to pray about whether I should go.

Immediately the Lord spoke to me. He unveiled strategies of Satan and his seats (thrones) of rule from what I will call the mid-heavens, or the double kingdom system set up after Adam allowed the adversary a place in this world.

The Double Kingdom System

In Ezekiel 28, the Lord directs His message to a human earthly ruler, *the prince of Tyre*. He says, “Thou art a man” (v. 2).

But then, starting in verse 11, He addresses one as the *King of Tyre*. This one is identified as having been in Eden, an anointed cherub who had been upon the holy mountain of God—a created being (Ez. 28:13-15).

This reveals how the double-kingdom system operates; an evil spirit in the heavenlies influences an earthly ruler, a man. Satan, called “the king of Tyre,” ruled down through the earthly ruler called “the prince of Tyre.”

Satan used the royal family of Tyre to oppose the plan of God for the Jews. Jezebel was of that family. She married the king of Israel and brought with her prophets of Baal.

Daniel, who'd been carried off to Babylon just before the fall of the Temple, saw prophecy coming to pass. The Bible states that, “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia...” Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks” (Dan. 10:1-3).

What the angel said when he came with the answer enlightens us about the double kingdom system:

Dan. 10:12 Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

Dan. 10:13 “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the *kings of Persia*. (ASV)

After delivering the message, the angel refers again to the evil spirits in the heavenlies:

Dan. 10:20 Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. (ASV)

Persia (present day Iran) then ruled over the captive children of Israel. It was through the Persian kingdom the evil Haman attempted to wipe out the Jews. God destroyed Haman through Esther and Mordechai. When Daniel prayed, God's prophecy concerning Cyrus' helping the Jews return home was challenged. Satan, who had set up a throne over Persia, attempted to thwart God's plans for Israel.

Lucifer Lusts After the Throne of God

Lucifer was created an anointed angel. He made a devil out of himself. We are told how it happened.

Satan's throne is not now in hell. The Bible calls him, *the prince of the powers of the air* (Eph. 2:2). He has set up his headquarters in the mid-heavens. This place of rule was intended for Adam. The first man, legally, but not morally, delivered the operations from the heavenlies to Satan.

John A. MacMillan writes in *The Authority of the Believer* (page 10):

[It] is commonly understood by those who carefully study the Word, that the kingdoms of this world are under the control and leadership of satanic principalities. The great head of these is...acknowledged as the "prince of this world" by our Lord Himself (John 12:31). His [Satan's] asserted claim to the suzerainty of the world kingdoms, made in the presence of the Lord Jesus (Luke 4:6) was not denied by Christ. Although a rebel against the Most High and now under judgment, of dispossession, he is still at large, and as the masses of mankind are also rebels, he maintains over them an unquestioned, because unsuspected rule, their eyes being blinded to his dominance (2 Cor. 4:4).

When Satan does at last descend into hell, the kings of the earth who followed him during their reigns will ask him, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground which didst weaken the nations!" (Is. 14:12).

Then comes God's answer, "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit" (Is. 14:13-15).

Lucifer had a throne. It was in a place that required ascending to approach heaven. It was in a place that had clouds. It was on earth in the pre-Adamic civilization. (See my book, *The Blood and the Glory*.) Lucifer led an attack on Heaven with the goal of setting up his throne on God's Holy Mountain in Heaven.

Jesus told us how it turned out, "*I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven*" (Luke 10:18).

The Seat of Satan at Pergamon

As I sat on that rock beside Lake Hudson in Oklahoma, the Lord reminded me of what Jesus said to the angel of the church at Pergamon. (See Scripture above.)

The Lord showed me that Satan moves his throne from place to place — and that history reflects it.

Bullinger's note in *The Companion Bible*

"Pergamos. A city in Mysia famous for the worship of Aesculapius, to whom the title soter (saviour) was given and whose emblem was the serpent...Some trace the Babylonian pagan priesthood as removing to Pergamos."

The Lord made known to me that at the time of Jesus' appearing to John on the Isle of Patmos, Satan had set up his throne over Pergamon. Pagan cults and emperor worship were centered there. The huge Altar of Zeus dominated the acropolis over the ancient Greek city in what is now Turkey.

The Lord made known to my spirit that Satan had since set up his throne over Berlin in World Wars I and II. And that his throne was over Moscow during the Cold War.

I heard in my spirit, *The adversary will set up his throne over Brussels before he attempts the move to Jerusalem where he plans to set himself up in the rebuilt Temple* (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3, 4). *I want you in Brussels as my witness.*

So for years I have been going to Brussels in my ministry as a witness (Acts 26:16).

The Lord has since made me to know that earthly Jerusalem is not Satan's final goal. He plans another attempt to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem and the throne of God. How wonderful to read the Book of Revelation and the utter frustration of the plans of the enemy in the judgments of God.

Tracing the Moves

Eerily there has been a physical counterpart—an *earthly reflection of the seat of Satan in the heavenlies*—in each of the cities the Lord pointed out to me. That counterpart is a huge structure. Yet in modern times it has moved from ancient Pergamon to Berlin. From Berlin to Moscow. And then back to Berlin where it now sits.

Here is the story of the seemingly impossible travels of such a gargantuan structure, the great Pergamon Altar of Zeus.

The New German Empire began in 1871. Associations were made with the Ottoman Empire of Turkey. A German road builder who was also an archeologist, discovered the ruins of Pergamon and the Altar of Zeus. Kaiser Wilhelm became passionately involved with transporting the huge altar to Berlin. And there it stood in a specially constructed museum during World War I.

Hitler was enamored with the altar and some say, worshiped at it. In 1934 he ordered the building of a sports field in Nuremberg patterned after the altar. Here huge Nazi rallies with swastika-emblazoned-flags were staged in cultish array. Hitler spoke from the altar-like edifice. All during the Nazi reign of horror the altar stood in their capital.

U.S. General George Patton led the allied armies in the final land thrust resulting in the taking of Berlin. Under orders, the U.S. led forces stepped back to allow Russia to actually take the city because of the Nazi siege of Leningrad. This step, however, led to the dividing of Berlin during the Cold War and the building of the Berlin Wall. Guess on which side of the

wall the Pergamon Museum stood! It stood in Communist East Berlin. However, the altar itself was dismantled and taken to Moscow.

The massive Pergamon Altar, originally removed from the Greek city of Pergamon to Germany, was dismembered, carefully packed and sent to Moscow in 1945...the Russians discovered it hidden [imagine hiding something that large] by the Germans in the Zoo tower in Berlin which was supposed to be bomb proof. The Zoo tower contained crates of art treasures stolen by the Germans from victims during the Allied bombings.

("THE TRAIL OF PAINT
The Nazi Art Obsession" by Phyllis Farber, April 1998).

Some years before the actual transportation of the altar to Moscow, however, the Soviet architect Alexey Schusev designed Lenin's tomb using the altar of Zeus as his pattern. During the height of Communism the Soviet leaders stood atop the tomb as the power of the Russian Communist army and artillery paraded before them in a fashion memorable of the Nazi parades in Hitler's Nuremberg arena.

In 1957 the altar itself returned to Berlin—the capital of one of the two powerful states (Germany and France) which drive the European Union.

The entrance to the strange building, *The Palais de Justice* in Brussels, built by Leopold II and the architect Pouilart, bears a remarkable resemblance to the altar of Zeus. It was the largest building in the Western Hemisphere when it was built between 1866-1883. Conglomerations of architectural design from the Four Empires of the Times of the Gentiles from the Book of Daniel are used in the huge structure. Stairways and passages, which go nowhere, add to the eeriness of the building. The architect was declared mad.

We Saw the Seat of Satan

In the summer of 2003, four of us traveled to Berlin to see the Pergamon Museum. The size of the Altar of Zeus is as staggering as its history. Then too, it is housed alongside another ancient artifact the Germany also transported into its kingdom—the Ishtar Gates of Babylon. The Ishtar Gates and their passageway, through which the children of Israel entered captive into Babylon, stand like a tribute to those who captured the Chosen People.



Model of the Pergamon Acropolis



The Pergamon Altar of Zeus - Berlin, Germany
Billye Brim and pastors on the steps



The Zeppelin Grandstand - Nuremberg, Germany (1938)
Architect Albert Speer used the Pergamon Altar as a model.



Palais de
Justice
Brussels,
Belgium



The
Lenin
Mausoleum
with the
Kremlin
buildings
behind it
Red Square,
Moscow





Model of The Ishtar Gates and the Processional Way

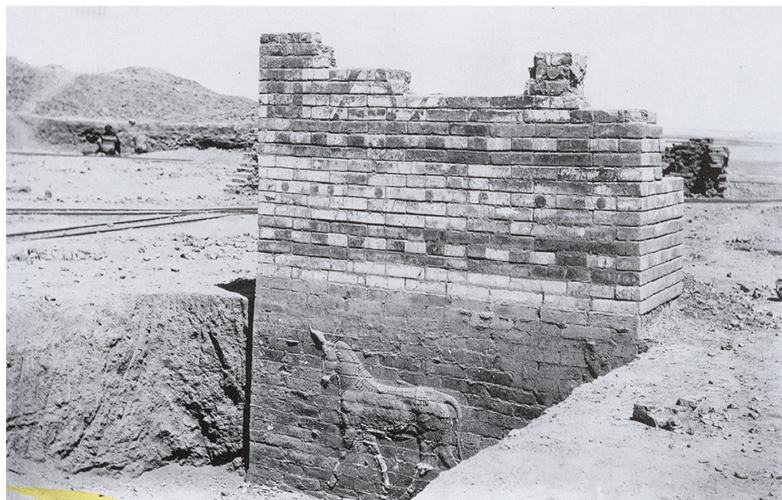


Reconstructed part of the Processional Way of Babylon



Lion friezes of the Processional Way

*Remains of
one of the
gate towers
during
Excavation,
1902*



Appendix: The Image of Europe

Please refer to the Appendix: Seat of Satan.

As shared in the Appendix: Seat of Satan, for years I have travelled to Brussels, seat of the European Union Commission and Parliament. In 2004, the pastor there phoned me and said, "You have to get over here. All the things we've been saying and trying to prove about the European Union, they are saying about themselves."

And so, I quickly arranged to go see the exposition they had put up in a large colorful tent in Brussels. Inside the tent was a large golden image of a man credited with the original idea to create an economic union.

In concentric circles around the tent, a history of Europe evolved into a futuristic view of what they hoped to accomplish. The pictures included here we took ourselves.

Here are some of the statements unabashedly made on the large panels.
Here is what they said about themselves. Only the emphasis and bracketed comments are mine.

The Image of Europe,
Belgium, Brussels, 2004

Image of Europe, Belgium, Brussels

Internet

The creation of the European Union will ultimately be recorded as one of history's quietest revolutions. Europe's reticence has clearly had its benefits: the European Union has already – without fan fair or retribution – become the largest economy on earth, its population nearing 500 million – almost twice that of the world's last remaining 'super power.' But increasingly, as the EU grows in size and importance, the ineffectiveness of its communication is proving to be a serious political liability that weakens its external manifestations and has unnecessarily eroded its internal support.

To mark the occasion of the Netherlands' 2004 Presidency of the European Union, ___ was asked by the European Commission to create an exhibition in Brussels (which then travelled to Munich and Vienna), "The Image of Europe" celebrating an end to the EU's inhibited iconography, its coming out...

On two panoramic murals – concentric circles of 60 and 80 meters in length – the evolution of "Europe", as a concept, identity, and political reality, is sketched...The story closes somewhere in the 2020s, in a speculative conclusion on Europe's possible future.

The bureaucrats in Brussels have created a new political space that has the power to make the 21st century the European Century.

The EU's geographical expansion to 25 countries, which will grow to include a dozen smaller ones and maybe even Russia, is nothing compared with its increasing legal and moral reach. The 80,000 pages of laws the EU has developed since the common market was formed in 1957 – the acquis – influencing everything from genetic labeling to human rights – have

made Europe the world's first viral political space.

Even though it legislates up to half of its member states, it was part of their trade, and many policy decisions – from agriculture to economics – the EU is practically invisible.

...

By creating common standards that are implemented through national institutions, Europe can take over the world without becoming a target for hostility.

While every US company, embassy, and military base is a potential terrorist target, Europe's invisibility allows it to spread its influence without provocation.

Europe "syndicates" its legislation and values, often by threatening others with economic isolation. Many governments outside the continent have adopted Europe's regulations to get access to its market. Even US companies have been forced to follow European regulations in at least three spheres: M&A, GM foods, and data privacy.

The overblown rhetoric directed at the "American Empire" misses the fact that the US reach is shallow and narrow. The lonely superpower can bribe, bully, or impose its will almost anywhere in the world – but when its back is turned, its potency wanes.

The strength of the EU, conversely, is broad and deep: Once sucked into its sphere of influence, countries are changed forever.

Europe is a state of mind that cannot be contained by traditional boundaries.

NEW DAWN

2004 - To Infinity

Direct democracy

From instituting a Europe-wide flat tax to imposing a ban on Coca Cola, a petition with more than one million signatures allows Europe's citizens to make any subject of their choice or whim part of the European agenda.

Plans for a directly elected EU President are already underway.

EURO as Global Currency

Europe at 50

Once the current EU reaches stability, the next expansion needs to be plotted.

Just as all of mankind's ancestors had to pass through the narrow Rift Valley in Kenya, the EU could expand through a narrow passage between Saudi Arabia and Russia to produce an Eastward probe that borders Russia, Mongolia, China, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

The EU will be at the frontline of every pressing political issue—present and future.

2015 SOUTHWARD

The southern half of the former Roman Empire returns: Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Jordan, Israel and Palestine (finally having achieved a lasting settlement thanks to the EU roadmap to peace) join.

From now on the European Union will be known as The UNION.

EUROPE AS MODEL

In 3000 years Europe has given us democracy and fascism.

In the past 50 years Europe has reinvented itself.
Today Europe has achieved democracy, prosperity, and lasting peace.
The EU's success creates a positive **contamination** beyond Europe's borders.
Through syndicated – i.e. borrowed – legislation, the EU **infiltrates** the legal systems of other nations, silently remaking the world – an end to the crusades.

Vending Machine – Passport to Europe

Passport to Europe

The Image of Europe
Nine Previous Europes,
Brussels Part of each of them.

EU" half a century of treaty signing.

[Brim Note:

At the time of this display in 2004, the EU had been entirely a product of treaties.
The founding treaty was **The Treaty of Rome** signed in 1957. It is amazing to research some of the founding statements and the references to the Roman Empire.

[The push was on to ratify an 80,000 page constitution.

That failed due to France's voting no.

This due to French intercessors.]

2004: **After 52 Years of Stealth, Europe Has A Constitution**

[They did not get the constitution. But this seems to be the proposed preamble]

Conscious that Europe is a continent that has brought forth civilization; that its inhabitants, arriving in successive waves from earliest times, have gradually developed the values underlying **humanism**, equality of persons, freedom, respect for reason, Drawing inspiration from the cultural, religious and **humanist** inheritance of Europe, the values of which, still represent in its heritage, have embedded within the life of society the central role of the human person and his or her inviolable and inalienable rights and respect for law, Believing that **reunited Europe** intends to continue along the path of civilization, progress and prosperity, for the good of all its inhabitants, including the weakest and most deprived; that it wishes to remain a continent open to culture, learning and social progress; and that it wishes to deepen the democratic and transparent nature of its public life, and to strive for peace, justice, and solidarity throughout the world, Convinced that, while remaining proud of their own national identities and history, **the peoples of Europe are determined to transcend their ancient divisions**, and united ever more closely, to forge a common destiny, Convinced that, thus united in its diversity, Europe offers them the best chance of pursuing, with due regard for the rights of each individual and in awareness of their responsibilities towards future generations and the Earth, the great venture which makes of it a special area of human hope, Grateful to the members of the European Convention for having prepared this Constitution on behalf of the citizens and States of Europe, **Who, having exchanged their full powers**, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:...

Passport to Europe

Left Page:

Under back neck

The Image of Europe

This passport is part of 'The Image of Europe',

Right Page:

In 3000 years Europe has given us democracy and fascism.

Not surprisingly, over the past fifty years it has been trying to reinvent itself.

Instead of accepting its complex history as an alibi to excuse more turmoil and tragedy, it decided to reverse history.

After WWII, visionary politicians created a new structure with new codes of behavior for the entire continent in a series of highly improvised steps and arrangements.

Because the operation was so radical, it could only take place by stealth; for the initial part of the EU's existence, its ulterior motives could never be openly stated. Because of the complexity of the operation, the treaties and blueprints that defined the new Europe were hard to communicate.

For the average European the EU now is a parallel universe that coexists – inexplicably and unexplained – with the real world, as we know it.

Too often, this double life has been perceived as negative – as if the 'blue' territory of Europe would take away our national identities; in fact the creation of a new Europe gives each of us new space to imagine ourselves.

The EU perplexes, more than it inspires...yet at 50, the EU has accomplished Schengen, the Euro, prosperity, and lasting peace. This exhibition celebrates an end to its inhibited iconography, its coming out.

From now on the EU will be bold, explicit, popular...

The Automium Symbol of Brussels

Quite apart from the temporary exhibition just quoted, a gigantic permanent symbol of Brussels has stood since the World's Fair of 1958 in that city.

Interestingly enough, the gargantuan structure is an IRON crystal, magnified 165 billion times. [Hmmm! Considering iron legs, and iron teeth!]

Strict copyright laws (they sued the pastor for posting a picture) claim "worldwide intellectual property rights to all reproductions of the image"—even pictures you take yourself! Talk about control!

So, we will not show you a picture. However, you can find one on the Internet. Look it up.

The Image of Europe exhibit in Brussels, Beglium, 2004



Golden image of a man credited with the original idea to create an economic union.



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2004 to Infinity

Euro as
Global Currency



“Say Yes to Everything”

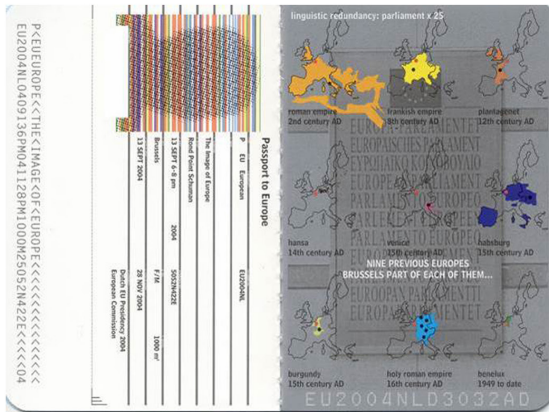
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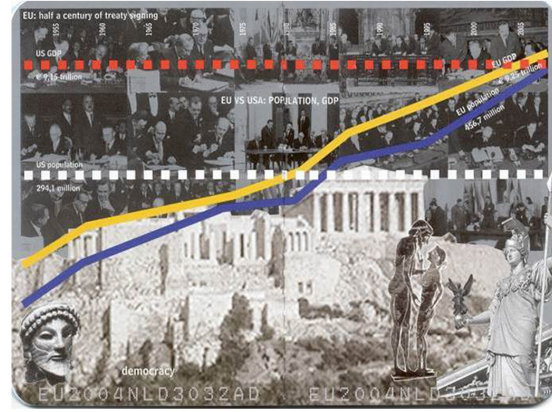




Vending Machine for
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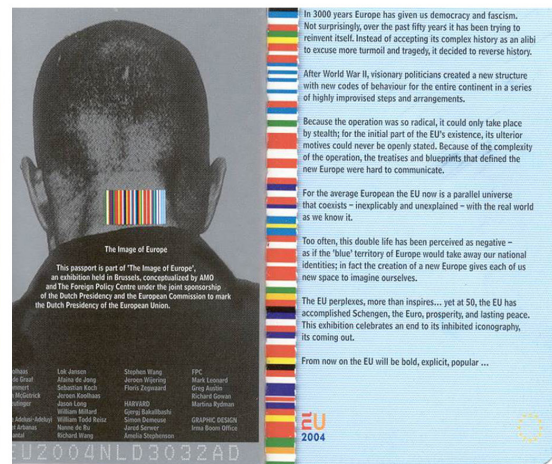
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EU: half a century of treaty signing



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