

WHEN KINGDOMS COLLAPSE



“Now it will come about in the last days, the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of mountains...and all the nations will stream to it. And many people will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways, and that we may walk in his paths.’ For the law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” Isa. 2:2-3

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.” Isa. 9:6-7

“...the great God has made known what will take place in the future...” vs. 45

1. THE IMAGE DESCRIBED. Vs. 31-36

“You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great stature; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome.” vs. 31

“The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.” vs. 32-33

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

2. THE INTERPRETATION DELIVERED. Vs. 36-45

This was the dream; now we shall tell its interpretation before the king.” vs. 36

“I have heard these prophets say, ‘Listen to the dream I had from God last night.’ And then they proceed to tell lies in my name. How long will this go on? If they are prophets, they are prophets of deceit, inventing everything they say. By telling these false dreams, they are trying to get my people to forget me, just as their ancestors did by worshiping the idols of Baal.” Jer. 23:25-27 (NLT)

“And when they say to you, ‘Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter,’ should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.” Isa. 8:19-20

A. King of Babylon. 609 B.C.-539 B.C.

“You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory; and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.” vs. 37-38

“...the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future...” vs. 45

B. Medo-Persian empire. 539 B.C.- 331 B.C.

“And after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you...” vs. 39a

C. Greek empire. 331 B.C.-64 B.C.

“...then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.” vs. 39b

D. Roman Empire. Vs. 40-43

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

vs. 40

“And in that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.” vs. 41-43

“The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. And the shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. And the broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.” Dan. 8:20-22

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“...and I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.” Rev. 13:1

“And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and upon her forehead a name was written, a mystery, ‘Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth.’” Rev. 17:3-5

“And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus...” vs. 6

“And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.” vs. 12

“And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’ Rev. 18:19

“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her. And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, ‘Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer.’ vs. 20

APPLICATION FOR ME:

Curious?

Discouraged?

Worried?

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