

DURATION OF THE KINGDOM OF MEN

PORTRAYED BY THE FOUR GREAT EMPIRES AS REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURES OF TRUTH.

<p>PAST.</p> <p>THE KINGDOM OF GOD</p> <p>OR</p> <p>KINGDOM OF ISRAEL</p> <p>IN ITS ZENITH</p> <p>SOLOMON</p> <p>"SAT UPON THE THRONE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE LORD OVER ISRAEL."—(1 Chron. 28: 5; 29: 23; 2 Chron. 9: 8.)</p> <p>THE DETHRONEMENT</p> <p>OF THE</p> <p>ROYAL HOUSE OF JUDAH</p> <p>BY THE BABYLONIANS.</p> <p>"I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more, until He comes who is right it is; and I will give it Him." (Exe. 21: 25-27.)</p>	<p>BABYLONIAN EMPIRE.</p> <p>Head of Gold.</p> <p>About B. C. 576.</p> <p>FIRST BEAST</p> <p>A LION with eagle's wings. (Dan. 7: 4)</p> <p>A TREE in the midst of the earth. (Dan. iv: 22.)</p> <p>The Babylonian king, hewn down from his loftiness, made to herd with the beasts of the field "seven times" of days, (the Jewish time or year is 360 days), being typical of the Seven Times (a day for a year) or 2,520 years that should pass over the Tree-Dominion or Image-Kingdom of Men.</p>	<p>MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE.</p> <p>Breast and Arms of Silver.</p> <p>B. C. 542.</p> <p>SECOND BEAST</p> <p>A BEAR that raised itself on one side, having three ribs in its mouth (divided into three presidencies) and devoured much flesh (extending its dominion from India to Ethiopia by the sword). (Dan. 7: 5)</p> <p>A RAM with two horns, one higher (Cyrus, the Persian) than the other (Darius, the Mede) and the higher came up last. (Dan. 8: 3)</p> <p>The great BABYLONIAN TREE, hewn down by Cyrus but not uprooted. (Dan. 4: 23)</p>	<p>GRECIAN EMPIRE.</p> <p>Belly and Thighs of Brass.</p> <p>B. C. 334.</p> <p>THIRD BEAST</p> <p>A LEOPARD with four wings and four heads (divided into four kingdoms in the territory of the Kingdom of Men), and dominion was given it.—(Dan. 7: 6)</p> <p>An HE GOAT having a notable horn, destroyed the Ram with two horns; at length the great horn was broken (Alexander died); four horns came up (answering to the wings and heads of the Leopard).—(Dan. 8: 5-8.)</p> <p>The STUMP of the Tree-Dominion, banded with brass (the Grecian element). (Dan. 4: 23)</p>	<p>IMPERIAL ROMAN EMPIRE.</p> <p>Legs of Iron.</p> <p>B. C. 30.</p> <p>FOURTH BEAST</p> <p>A DREADFUL AND TERRIBLE BEAST having great iron teeth; it devoured and brake into pieces and stamped the residue (of the nations) with its feet, and it had ten horns (the division of the Roman Empire into the ten-toe kingdoms). There came up another Little Horn (of the West, the Pajal Power, about A. D. 799), before whom there were three horns (Vandals, Lombards and Huns) plucked up by the roots; and in this horn were the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.—(Dan. 7: 7-22).</p> <p>LEGS OF IRON divided into Eastern and Western Roman Empires (fully developed A. D. 396).</p> <p>The LITTLE HORN of the West (the Pajal Power) that arose from the ten horns of the Beast some centuries after the Little Horn (that "cut off the Messiah") of the Grecian Goat which appeared in the Eastern Roman Empire.</p> <p>The STUMP of the Tree-Dominion, banded also with iron (the Roman element). (Dan. 4: 23)</p>	<p>FUTURE.</p> <p>THE KINGDOM OF GOD</p> <p>OR</p> <p>KINGDOM OF ISRAEL</p> <p>OR</p> <p>CHRIST JESUS</p> <p>UPON THE</p> <p>THRONE OF DAVID.</p> <p>AT THAT TIME THEY SHALL CALL JERUSALEM THE THRONE OF THE LORD.—(Jer. 3: 17; Isa 9: 7; Luke 1: 32, 33.)</p> <p>HIS GLORIOUS REIGN</p> <p>WITH HIS SAINTS</p> <p>OVER THE WHOLE EARTH</p> <p>BEHOLD A KING SHALL REIGN IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND PRINCES SHALL RULE IN JUDGMENT." (Isa. 32: 1.)</p>
	<p>THE SEVENTY WEEKS.</p> <p>From the Restoration of the Hebrew Commonwealth (B. C. 457) to the cutting off of the Messiah ("who became the sacrifice), making reconciliation for iniquity and confirming the (New Abraham) covenant with many.—(Dan. 9: 24-27.)</p>		<p>THE APOCALYPTIC TIMES FROM A. D. 96.</p> <p>The opening of the SEVEN-SEALED SCROLL, embracing the Seven Trumpets, Seven Visits and Seven Thunders—revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos.</p> <p>"I will show thee things which must be hereafter."—(Rev. 4: 2.)</p> <p>See "The Great Drama," in <i>Index Reum</i>.</p>		
	<p>THE VISION OF THE EVENING-MORNING PERIOD.—"The time appointed for the sanctuary (Holy Land) to be trodden under foot and then shall it be cleansed" (Dan. viii: 14, 26); but at the present time is under the control of the Ottoman power, apocalyptically styled "the great river Euphrates, whose waters" are being polluted "dried up." (Rev. 15: 12.) The Holy Land will not be cleansed until the Constantinopolitan power, in its last development, is destroyed. This power will prove to be the Russo-Assyrian Cong. or "King of the North," standing up against the Prince of princes, who will return the second time to the earth as the NEW POWER that appears in the East, destroying Gog and his armies. (Exe. 38 and 39), thus cleansing the Holy Land of the Gentile; for "the Kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." (Mic. 4: 7, 8.) This long vexed Eastern Question will then be divinely solved!! (See "Index Reum," pp. 252-5.)</p>				
	<p>NOTE.—The visions of Daniel and John not only revealed the existence of the FOUR GREAT EMPIRES and other nations that should arise, but are also descriptive of their political career during the Seven Times of the Kingdom of Men; whereas the vision of the Image, seen by the King of Babylon, had SPECIAL REFERENCE to "what shall be in the latter days." In the interpretation of the dream, he was informed, however, that the metals composing the Image represented a succession of empires, each dynasty superseding and absorbing the other, but as the Image has never yet existed as a whole the constituents forming it must be brought together. The kingdoms found in the territory of these four successive empires will exist contemporaneously. This Image-Kingdom of men will then stand upon its feet, assuming an aggressive attitude when the Stone-Power (Christ) descends upon the feet of the Image of various metals, "then was the Iron, the Clay, the Silver, and the Gold broken to pieces TOGETHER, and the Stone that smote the Image became a great mountain" (or empire of nations). Dan. 2: 34, 35, 45. Therefore, all that Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream has never yet been fulfilled, but revealed to him "what shall come to pass hereafter"; and that the destruction of the whole Image would result in "the God of Heaven setting up a KINGDOM, which shall never be destroyed, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these Kingdoms, and it shall stand forever, the dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure."—Dan. 2: 44.</p>				

IN THE TIME OF THE END the Lord Jesus returns from Heaven to judge his household at his appearing and Kingdom. In his subsequent conflict with the nations for universal sovereignty Europe becomes "a lake of fire," symbolic of the fiery judgments, and the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. (Rev. 9: 13.) See "Index Reum," p. 23.



The above Colours represent the different Metals of the Image answering to the Four Beasts, &c.—the four great empires.

ADDENDA

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Continued under the control of foreign princes: until "taken away," as predicted by Jesus.

"The Hebrew Commonwealth, or Heavens and Earth (Mosaic), wherein dwelteth unrighteousness "passes away" through the Roman power, A. D. 70.

"I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem, and I will leave you there and melt you, and ye shall know that I the Lord have cut out my fury upon you." (Exe. 22: 18-22; Isa. 65: 17; Heb. 8: 13; 2 Pet. 9: 7-12.)

The children of Israel shall abide many days without a king. Afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days. (Hos. 3: 4.) Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21: 24.)

The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David; and he shall rule over the house of Jacob, and of his Kingdom there shall be no end. (Luke 1: 31, 32.) In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen and build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up, as in the days of old. (Amos 9: 11.)

When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand. (Luke 21: 31.) Surely the Lord will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets. (Amos 3: 7.) Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep these things which are written therein. (Rev. 1: 3.)

Give him no rest until he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62: 7) Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Zion, for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come. (Psa. 102: 13) The Lord shall inherit Judah His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. (Zec. 2: 12.)

THE LITTLE OPEN SCROLL, containing the Seven Thunders of war—a period of time devoted to the destruction of the Fourth Beast—See "Index Reum," vol. 2, p. 582.

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Or "New Heavens and Earth (Mesianic), wherein dwelteth righteousness," of one thousand years' duration.—(Isa. 65: 17, 18; Heb. 12: 28; 2 Pet. 3: 13.)

"Then cometh the end, when He shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father—The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death—Then shall the Son himself also be subject unto Him—that God may be all in all."—(1 Cor. 15: 24-28; Rev. 20: 7-14.)

Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12: 32.)—The time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. (Dan. 7: 22.)—And hath made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. (Rev. 5: 10.) The world, or things to come, are all yours. (1 Cor. 3: 22.)