

# The Most high God is Sovereign over the kingdoms of men.

**The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.**

Daniel Chapter 2

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The book of Daniel occupies itself with the fortunes of a series of successive kingdoms each of which made their mark on history before they were overcome or destroyed. This concludes with the Kingdom of the Messiah which is yet to be established upon the earth. The Prophecies in the book of Daniel cover a time of human history known as "The times of the Gentiles" reaching from Nebuchadnezzar to the Antichrist. As we remind ourselves of this history so far, it has to be said it is not long before the Lord comes again and takes those of us who are earnestly looking for Him out of this earthly mess to be with Him for ever. I pray you are looking for Him too.

## The kingdom of Babylon- Nebuchadnezzar-The head of Gold.

It started with the king of Babylon called Nebuchadnezzar. Babylon was a great city financed by possibly the greatest king in the ancient world. It was built on the banks of the river Euphrates. In 586 BC Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem destroying the city and its temple worship in the summer of 587 BC. In the Old Testament the city of Babylon gave birth to a kingdom that became brutal, proud, sinful and unforgiving. The spirit of Babylon is woven throughout the Bible and comes to its final end in Revelation. In Genesis we are told the people of Babylon decided to make a name for themselves in defiance of the Word of God. They also all spoke the same language and could understand each other. They built a tower with the intention of reaching heaven but the Trinity looked down and saw that men were wishing to become gods in their own eyes. So they came down to earth and looked at their efforts which they did not like knowing their hearts desire was to be equal with God or leave Him out altogether. The Trinity destroyed the tower and confounded the language of the people on the face of the earth so they could not understand one another. The people, not able to find others who spoke the same language scattered far and wide. The height of the tower, from the book of Jubilees and many commentators is estimated to be about 1.6 miles high (8,150 feet). This story can be found in Genesis chapter 11.

The Spirit of Babylon is everywhere and it is anti-God, so it is a spirit with which true believers in Christ must contend.

Two years after he had been made king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream which troubled him greatly. The next morning Nebuchadnezzar called the Chaldeans, a group of learned Babylonians who taught all the arts and sciences of the day, and asked them to interpret his dream. "Tell us the dream," they said "and we will tell you what it means". "Oh No!" said the king you must tell me the dream and the interpretation as well". The wise men answered the king and said "There is not a man upon the earth who can shew the king's matter; therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler that has asked such things of any magician, astrologer or Chaldean". *"It is a rare thing that the king requires and there is none other who can show it before the king, except the gods whose dwelling is not with flesh"* There is a favourite saying used down through the ages, it is used in many films by Hollywood and that is "it's in the lap of the gods". Who are these gods, how many are there, where do they live, are their laps big enough to carry the sin of the world? Do they care anyway? There are no other gods, only one God the God Jehovah who gave His life for the sins of the world on a cross. People use this phrase so casually giving the one true God other than first place in their lives. These Chaldeans were obviously not worshipping the God that Daniel was. This made the king furious, he realised

he could be the victim of deception and determined to be rid of them all. A decree went forth that all the wise men including Daniel and his friends should be slain.

This was the beginning of a plan, written and orchestrated by God Himself to reveal to us all down through the ages through the Prophet Daniel, through other prophets and through the Word of God, His divine plan that would culminate in the return of Jesus the Messiah. There must be no mistakes! If king Nebuchadnezzar had remembered his dream he would have told the Chaldeans what it was and not wishing to lose their heads would have told the king anything that would please him. There was far too much at stake in the next few chapters concerning the world's future and Christ's return to leave it to chance or the pride of a few Chaldeans. Thank God He has everything under control.

Those who do not know God or His son Jesus call on all sorts of gods to help them in time of need. They call out "Oh my god!" But they don't know who He is, where He is, or where He can be found. We see sportspeople pleased at their success on the pitch lift a finger to the sky and cross themselves, what for? Are they thanking a god they don't know or just seeing if it's starting to rain! Paul found the same thing on his visit to Athens (Acts 17:22). He came to preach Jesus and Him crucified and as it was against the law to introduce another deity other than Caesar, Paul simply used one of their own 'gods' inscribed on the altar. They inscribed, just to make sure and cover themselves, "*to the unknown god*" and Paul said it is He who I wish to tell you about. We thank Jesus that He went to the cross which enables man to experience the indwelling of Christ and the Holy Spirit that we may be grounded in His love and be sure of Salvation and eternal life.

Daniel (God is my Judge) and his fellow believers, Hananiah, (Gift of the Lord), Mishael (Who is as God), and Azariah (Helped of Jehovah) renamed by the king using pagan names relating to their moon god. Their new names were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, names that the three Hebrew boys did not like. These men were called before the king and asked to tell the king what his dream was and its interpretation. Daniel and his friends went before the Lord in united prayer to ask for His mercy. That night God gave Daniel the same dream that the king had. He also gave him the interpretation of the dream and the meaning of it. So when the king asked Daniel if he could interpret the dream he knew the answer. So he teased the king by asking if his Astrologers, magicians and soothsayers could do the job they were meant to do. Daniel immediately introduced the king to God Jehovah; *there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets* he told the king. With the threat of death the Chaldeans did their very best to find out what the dream was and the interpretation of it but were unable to do so. This made it all the more clear that Daniel got his dream and the interpretation from God. Daniel said "*and makes known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days*". Throughout all this Daniel praised his God and blessed His name forever and he took no glory for himself or his friends.

### **The kings image.**

From verse 31 of Daniel Chapter 2 to verse 35 is the first prophecy in the book of Daniel and these prophecies have been fulfilled up to half way through verse 35. These verses are extremely important because they make known the plan of God from Daniel's day into all eternity.

### **Let's read what Nebuchadnezzar dreamt.**

*Thou O king saw and behold a great image. This great image whose brightness was excellent, stood before you; and the form thereof was terrible. 32. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and thighs of brass. 33. His legs of iron, his feet part iron and part clay. 34. You saw until that a stone was cut out without hands which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and break them to pieces. 35. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away that no place was found for them and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*

Nebuchadnezzar was used by God to chasten the tribe of Judah for her sins; Judah was in rebellion against God, worshipping idols and leading Israel away from her God. Their king, Jehoiakim, Jerusalem's king of only 11 years was as evil as his father was. In 2.Kings 24:v2 we read the Lord sent bands of fighting men against Judah to destroy them, according to the word of the Lord via the prophets. Daniel explains to the

king what his dream was and also interprets it for him. Daniel was careful to give God the praise and glory all the time.

Daniel reminded the king, who had forgotten his dream altogether that he saw a giant image of a man whose brightness was excellent but the form thereof was terrible (meaning awe inspiring). Excellence is often greatly hindered by the terrible but they often exist side by side. Remember how the Bible explained how beautiful the angel Lucifer was, how bright he was made up of diamonds, pearls and all sorts of precious stones, and how the sin of pride made him the enemy of God his creator and he has been our enemy ever since. (See Satan's Ambition, [www.wordlightmypath.com](http://www.wordlightmypath.com)). Unrepented sin will rob us of our true purpose in just the same way it rubbed Lucifer of his position in God's throne room.

When Christ sets up His Millennial Kingdom only those made excellent by being justified by Jesus, made acceptable through the shedding of His blood which we appropriate in our daily lives will survive. This great image would represent the entire world's future Empires regarding their treatment of Israel, from the introduction of the image to Christ's coming again.

#### Daniel Chapter 2: verse 32

The king saw in his dream the head of this image was of fine gold.

The chest and arms were of silver.

The belly and thighs were of brass.

The legs were of iron.

The feet of part iron and part clay.

At the end of the dream the king saw a large stone not made by any human, came and crushed the feet of the image which were made of part iron and part clay and broke them into pieces causing all the world empires to fall into dust. Then the wind came and blew all the rubble away. The large stone became a mountain that filled the whole earth.

Daniel having told the king what the dream was he then explained what it meant.

### **Babylon...Nebuchadnezzar the head of Gold**

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*You O king are the head of gold which is Babylon. You are a king of kings for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength and glory.* God also gave him a 43 year reign. Notice all that king Neb was and had was given to him by God, as we said earlier this and all that followed was orchestrated by God himself. He had everything under His control. In the dream of Nebuchadnezzar God predicted the rise and fall of certain kingdoms but if any should overstep His will in the execution of their authority they would be judged by Him. As history unfolded we now know they all failed to honour God and went their own way but they also all paid the consequences.

Babylon was a great city becoming a symbol of power, materialism, cruelty and sin. It was also a religious city but it did not know God.

#### Ezekiel 21:21 tells us

*For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, and he looked in the liver.*

To determine whether to attack Jerusalem first or Ammon first, Nebuchadnezzar placed two arrows, one marked Jerusalem the other marked Ammon into a quiver on his back, reaching over his shoulder whichever one the king drew was accepted as an omen. Another way of divining was to throw the named arrows in the air and whichever way they fell pointing to one place or the other was the one to be taken first. This game of chance and luck and believing in omens to direct them was a form of idol worship the Children of Israel had been taught by pagans they had associated with against the will of God when they entered into Cannon. This is a Spirit of Babylon that has remained to this day, gambling or game of chance and betting has become an addiction for many and is promoted heavily by Television. So much so there is a move to legally reduce the advertising for the sake of children and young people because many of them are completely addicted leading them to big debts at such a young age. As I write a man being interviewed on TV admits getting help to be rid of his addiction completely only to fall again and now has a debt of just over £100,000!

About **£14 billion** was spent on gambling in Britain between October 2017 and September 2018 according to the Gambling Commission. The average gambling debt is about £50,000. Gambling is a tremendous problem proved to affect the brain, affect family relationships, their finances, health and now affects thousands of children causing big problems for parents. This is a form of idol worship and divination that God hates. It is also the Spirit of Babylon berthed from the time of Nimrod.

In ancient times people would look into the entrails of a dead animal to find answers to their problems or to find directions. To us in this day and age we may think this is a foolish thing to do, but this is the depth that Satan had brought these sin loving people to, and why God pursued them to bring them into His freedom.

The noted archaeologist Nelson Glueck said: "I have excavated for nearly thirty years with a Bible in one hand and a trowel in the other, and in matters of historical perspective I have never found the Bible to be in error"

The Jews were held captive for 70 years in Babylon. Despite its sinful ways, it developed into one of the most advanced civilizations in the ancient world. Babylon was situated about 1678 miles (2700 KM) from Jerusalem along the river Euphrates in present day Iraq. It had tremendous power and was monumental in size, archaeologists report standing in awe at the size and apparent grandeur of this great city that once was. According to Herodotus a Greek historian in 450 BC, the walls round the city were 56 miles in length, 80 feet thick, and 320 feet high.

The city was 14 miles square taking a total area of some 196 square miles. It had a very large moat around the city on which boats full of produce and people travelled. Houses were from 2 and 4 stories high. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were said to be one of the wonders of the then known world. It was founded by Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10). But Babylon was Godless.

*And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.* Nimrod and the city of Babylon, which Nimrod also built, foreshadowed the coming Antichrist; Nimrod led a rebellion against God. *And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel...in the land of Shinar.* This was the beginning of the empires among men. Outright rebellion against God started here, and the Spirit of Babylon was born. That spirit of Babylon produced men not guaranteeing law and order ordained by God but the achievements of lawless tyrants that taught men to revolt against divinely given laws and God given authority. It started with the Babylon and Assyria empires but both have had their day and today they are under God's judgement.

Gen: 10.10.

*And the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom was Babel... which became Babylon.*

The Tower of Babel, whose description was discovered in 1876, reached up toward heaven. Round the base there were many shrines dedicated to very many gods but not one to the God of heaven and earth. This tower was destroyed by God because He saw in men's hearts that they wanted to be like God. Josephus tells us that the city of Babylon was built on the ruins of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11). Babylon's foundation was rebellion, rejection of God, pride and sin, all the things that are objectionable to the creator of heaven and earth.

Daniel 4:30

***Is this not great Babylon that I have built for the house of my kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?***

But God will have the last word. Isaiah 13:19 told us over 100 years before king Neb came on the scene

***And Babylon, the glory of the kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees Excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.***

Babylon means "the gate of gods" even in the name there is blasphemy, Jesus is the door, and the only door, to the one true God. On a visit to Jerusalem the Babylonians stole the gold and silver from the Jewish Temple and took the best of the tradesmen and skilled workers together with 10 thousand Jews captives back to Babylon who no doubt helped with the building of this great city.

## 2 Kings 24:13-14

*And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house, and he cut in pieces all the articles of gold which Solomon king of Israel made in the Temple of the Lord, as the Lord had said. Also he carried into captivity all Jerusalem all the captains and all the mighty men of valour, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land.*

King Nebuchadnezzar simply ransacked the house of God and Judah was carried away captive, thus ended the kingdom of Judah as Jeremiah predicted.

Nimrod was a very ambitious man so after the flood and in defiance of God he built the Tower of Babel, not for the glory of God but the glory of man. The flood was made by God because He wanted to be rid of sin, idolatry and rebellion. He only saved 8 people who were obedient and honoured God, the rest of the people of the earth were destroyed in the flood. After the flood Nimrod, the great grandson of Noah became the builder of the Tower of Babel and the king was very much involved. This Tower was a symbol of defiance of the true God by a man under the influence of Satan who also was determined to be equal with God his creator. Nimrod built this very large city with the same purpose of setting up a kingdom of his own for the second time. Archaeologists confirm that the materials used to build the Tower were used as a foundation to build the city of Babylon when the Tower was demolished. The evil Spirit of Babylon was now established and monuments to this spirit were being built on the foundation of rebellion and rejection of almighty God.

Have you noticed the shape of the European Union Parliament building in Strasbourg? It is based on the 16<sup>th</sup> century painting by Pieter Bruegel who painted a very realistic painting of the Tower of Babel. The founders of the European Union used this painting of the Tower of Babel on its promotional material with the words "Many tongues, one voice".

## Genesis 11:4-8.

*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. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men built. And the Lord said, behold the people is one and they all have one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down and confound their language that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off building the city.*

## Genesis 11: 9

This was the very reason the Trinity in one accord came down from heaven and destroyed the Tower and took away the one voice of the people and scattered them far and wide. Professor Oppert was commissioned to unravel an inscription found in the ruins of Babylon and he came across the name Barzippa. Translating that word it was found to mean in Chaldean *Tongue-tower*. The Greeks used the same word to describe the ruins of the Tower of Babel. The promotional material and logo of the EU Parliament building is based on Bruegel's painting crowned with the 12 golden stars which are meant to signify the "Crown of Mary Queen of Heaven". In the Babylonian culture the title "Queen of Heaven" was given to the earthly mother of Nimrod the builder of the Tower of Babel and Babylon. On the logo of the EU and on their posters and promotional material are the words "Many tongues one voice".

## Genesis 11:1 tells us,

*And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech.*

In his book *The Signature of God*, Grant Jeffrey shows a photograph of a Babylonian brick with the name of Nebuchadnezzar on it. In his research he found king Nebuchadnezzar's inscription that was carved into the base of the Tower it reads as follows.

The tower, the eternal house which I founded and built.

I have completed its magnificence with silver, gold, other metals, stone, enamelled bricks, fir and pine. The first which is the house of the earth's base, the most ancient monument of Babylon; I built and finished it.

I have highly exalted its head with bricks covered with copper.

We say for the other, that is, this edifice, the house of the seven lights of the earth, (planets, moon and sun and other stars worshipped at the time) the most ancient monument of Barzippa (which means Tongue-tower).

A former king built it but he did not complete its head.

Since a remote time people had abandoned it, without order expressing their words.

Since that time the earthquake and the thunder had dispersed the sun-dried clay.

The bricks of the casing had been split, and the earth of the interior had been scattered in heaps.

Merodach, the great god excited my mind to repair this building.

I did not change the site nor did I take away the foundation.

In a fortunate month, in an auspicious day, I undertook to build porticoes around the crude brick masses, and the casing of burnt bricks.

I adapted the circuits; I put the inscription of my name in the Kitir of the portico.

I set my hand to finish it, and to exalt its head.

As it had been in ancient days, so I exalted its summit.

This was translated by Professor Oppert. Mr William Loftus also translated and made reference to this inscription in his book, Travels and Researches in Chaldea and Sinai (William Kennett Loftus) This incredible inscription confirms the accuracy of one of the most fascinating stories in the Bible.

We must note that although we may prove the evidence of history this whole story is bound up with a spiritual meaning. Nimrod and his followers were opposing God. He wanted to build a city called Babylon and a tower to reach heaven. God is building a heavenly city; He has an earthly city called Jerusalem. Satan, however is doing all he can to oppose and destroy God's plans. The pages of the Bible are full of the works of Satan and his opposing princes, but those in fellowship with Jesus know the end of the story, and we can rejoice in the triumph of our Lord and Saviour the Messiah Jesus Christ and the victory over the attack on Jerusalem the Antichrist, Satan and Babylon.

A Strasbourg-born journalist was asked by a friend of mine if she understood the meaning of the Tower and their logo. She said she did and confirmed that the members of the European Parliament also understood that it represented the Tower of Babel from the Bible, and the purpose of the European Union was "to finish what Nimrod and his people failed to do some 3,500 years ago". What arrogance, that Spirit of Babylon is very much alive today.

"In 2007 the European Council the **unelected undemocratic** controlling body of the EU met in Lisbon to set in motion a new constitution for Europe. Known as the Lisbon Treaty this was to modify and replace the founding 1957 Treaty of Rome together with the 1992 Maastricht Treaty which itself had been purposely drafted to "**drive forward the integration of Europe to its final conclusion.**" (Prophetic Vision) All member states were obliged to sign up to this new Lisbon Treaty without consultation with their general public, so most knew nothing about it! Only a few states allowed their peoples a referendum. You may remember in 2008 Ireland was under pressure NOT TO REJECT the proposal. No one in the South of Ireland knew of the referendum taking place the very next day with no consultation at all!! The British media had a total news blackout! The governments of Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Holland, and the Republic of Ireland all voted NO when given the opportunity to vote, but their wishes were ignored and they are now all full members of the European Union! That Spirit of Babylon prevails.

The groundwork has been laid, rules and regulations put in place for the controlling body in Europe to become the "Empire" that is represented by the feet of Nebuchadnezzar's image. Remember the words of that Strasbourg journalist? "**The purpose of the European Union is to finish what Nimrod and his people failed to complete some 3500 years ago!**" God took the extraordinary step and came down from heaven and destroyed Nimrod's Tower He was so displeased at Nimrod's pride, rebellion and ambition. Then what does He think of the EU's plans today?

He will destroy the feet of the image, the European Union; as soon as it sets up what will be the European kingdom which it said it would do taking away all other nations Sovereignty. It says it will have its own army, its own laws, its own religion, its own currency, its own police force and more importantly it will have the Spirit of Babylon at its centre which is rebellion against God. Yes we have *to come out from among them and be separate says the Lord* and by all accounts it is only God who can do that, because we are fighting a spiritual battle, the Spirit of Babylon through the EU.

It would appear that not only is the EU main building based on the Tower of Babel of the Bible but the Council of Europe is admitting to the fact they are building in the same Babylonian spirit that Nimrod introduced. We can confidently say that the European Union is an ungodly alliance, and consequently has become synonymous with the sin of rebellion against God.

I believe the European Union is the toes of iron and clay of Nebuchadnezzar's feet and will be the last kingdom or Empire to be destroyed at the coming of Christ. We are living in the last of the last days before Christ's return. You will notice that Satan, who is doing his best to destroy the Kingdom of God, aims to build a "kingdom" of his own using people like Nimrod, and more up to date Napoleon, Hitler, and Stalin to name a few. The European Union is no different, a report in the newspapers recently said that the EU planned to set up a 'kingdom' of their own and take away the Sovereignty of all other nations including Britain which has been a Sovereign nation since the 1500's, long before the EU was thought of. There are 191 separate states across the world and the United States of America has 52 of them. In another report in the New Paper we were told the EU was looking to create its own army made up of its member states. Britain has had its own army since the 1600's. The Rollright Stones, a very large circle of very large stones in Oxfordshire England for instance was placed there over 6000 years ago that's even well before Christ was born! When was the EU founded? Oh yes in 1957! That was the year Pauline and I got married! No wonder they do not want us to leave the European Union. The UK is probably the oldest and most experienced member they have!

Babylon, the golden head of Nebuchadnezzar's image, was conquered in about 539 BC, less than a century after its founding. The Lord can rise up and put down kings and kingdoms as He wills. The Persian king Cyrus the Great defeated Babylon placing it under Persian control thus was the end of the Babylonian kingdom and the beginning of the Persian Empire begun. But I believe the Spirit of Babylon went with it.

## **Medo-Persian Empire...Silver**

On the image of Nebuchadnezzar the Persian Empire was represented by the chest and the arms of silver and this Empire was defeated by the Greek Empire. This was an ancient Iranian Empire founded by Cyrus the Great and was one of the largest Empires that had ever been established. This Empire spanned from Egypt in the west to Turkey in the North including Mesopotamia to the Indus River in the east over 2500 miles long and 1200 miles wide, a very large area indeed. The Persian Empire was taken up by Syria and Iran two of the biggest trouble spots in the world today; are they motivated by that Spirit of Babylon?

The two arms of the image are the two nations of the Medes and the Persians and even put together were inferior to the kingdom of Babylon as silver is inferior to gold. In Babylon the king had absolute power and once the king had made a decree it became law and could not be changed.

### **Daniel 6:8**

*Now, O king, establish the decree, and signed the writing that it be not changed according to the law of the Medes and Persians which alters not.*

So this kingdom of the Medes and Persians under king Darius had a different rule and that was 'the law was superior to the king' as we find in Daniel 6:14-15. The king had commanded that any who asked a petition of any other than the king should be put into the den of lions, a trap set for Daniel and his friends. Daniel was found making a petition to his God and therefore had to be punished. This displeased the king, the Bible says he was "*displeased with himself*" because he made the law and left God out completely. The king now has a problem, the Bible says he "*set his heart on delivering Daniel and laboured all day*" to find a way to free Daniel from the law that he made. That is the problem; the law can sometimes get you into trouble. In the UK we watch on Television the debates in our Parliament on getting the UK out of the European Union. In some important cases a vote was needed and we could not proceed because of a law that was passed many years ago that prevented our progress! Another reason Brexit took so long is because the UK was included in

laws made for somebody else but because these laws had been passed by the Parliament and the Queen we too found ourselves in a similar situation as king Darius. Thank God for the freedom found in Christ Jesus who died on the cross to set us free from our own silly mistakes.

The Medo Persians invaded Babylon in June of 539 B.C. and captured its capital, and Daniel soon became a trusted adviser to the leader of the Empire. Today Persia is synonymous with modern Iran. The Television News and the News Papers have been full with reports and pictures of wars and skirmishes in that whole area resulting in photographs that show skeletons of houses and office buildings devoid of men, women, children and life of any kind for miles around. Is this the result of the Spirit of Babylon?

Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel all prophesied that the Medes and Persians would overtake the Babylon Empire and Isaiah quoted God as saying “*See I will stir up against the Babylonian Empire...Their bows will dash the young men to pieces and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb and they shall not spare the children*”. (Isaiah 13:17-18). Jeremiah 51:28-29 also provides the reason for the ascendancy of the Medo-Persian Empire “*to destroy Babylon*” and to gain “*vengeance for God’s temple*”. You remember Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, took all the sacred gold and silver vessels and treasure from the Temple of God as Israel was taken captive to Babylon. It was these vessels which belonged to God that king Belshazzar, (called king as he was a stand-in while his father was away in battle), used for a party for a thousand of his nobles, wives and concubines that they might drink from them and be merry. As they drank from these vessels they praised all the gods of gold silver iron wood and stone. The one true God was not in their thoughts at all. As you know as the party was in full swing a hand appeared and wrote a message on the wall calling the king to account.

When Nebuchadnezzar was still building his magnificent empire in Babylon, the Medes, the forerunner of the Persians, were already settled on the Tigris and a century later the Persians, in their own right helped to conquer half the world. (Herbert Wendt)

The Medes were an ancient Iranian people occupying a vast area of land in the Western Asia, and Western South Asia. On moving south into Iran the Medes played the dominant role and established themselves as powerful neighbours of Assyria. However the balance between the Medes and the Persians rapidly changes after Cyrus 2<sup>nd</sup> becomes king of the Persians in 559 BC. He rebels against the Medes in 553. Three years later he captures their king and takes their capital city. He then presses on westward to expand his empire conquering cities and towns all the way to the Aegean Sea. As we have said, today Persia is synonymous with modern Iran and that entire region has been bombed and shelled to destruction which we can see confirmed on our news programmes on Television.

So the Medes and Persia have been brought to a heap of rubble today.

## Greece: Belly and thighs of Brass

The civilization of ancient Greece emerged onto world history in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, its demise was ended when it fell to the Romans in 146 BC. Greece is considered to be the world’s first democracy; in fact a young man named Alexander made Greece the fifth world power in Bible history and eventually became known as Alexander the Great. Against overwhelming odds, he led his armies to victory across the Persian territories; his greatest victory was at the Battle of Gaugamela in north Iraq. This young king from Macedonia, leader of the Greeks, overlord of Asia Minor and a pharaoh of Egypt became a ‘great king’ of Persia at a very young age.

Over the next eight years Alexander led his armies a further 11,000 miles creating an empire that stretched across three continents and covered about two million square miles. This vast area became linked together in trade and commerce. The language and culture was united by the Greeks, even the king adopted these foreign customs and language in order to rule his millions of diverse subjects. Many tongues one voice, that Spirit of Babylon is still hovering in the background that ‘let us’ and ‘we will build’ and ‘we don’t need God’ mentality was a form of rebellion that has taken over the world. Alexander was acknowledged as a military genius who led by example but it is said his belief in his own indestructibility meant he was often reckless with his own life and those of the soldiers he inspired. He died at the age of 32 in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar in June 323 BC. God *always* has the last word.



No doubt you know a lot more about the history of Alexander and his exploits than I have written here, but my purpose is to show once again that Spirit of Babylon started by Satan with Nimrod's help to glorify man and not God, persists in the heart of man over many centuries and I believe is alive today. This spirit exalts man to be like God is now changed to reaching further and wider to conquer land and space to bring people to submission to the power of Satan. That is just what Satan plans to do with our lives. He wants to take our thoughts, control our minds, lead us into sin and rebellion towards Almighty God and trap us in a downward spiral. And he uses man to help him. Some readers may already be in that way of life, subject to alcohol, drugs, pornography and so on wishing in your heart to be free of that thing that binds you. Jesus is the answer. Satan thinks he has the victory over our lives; well he has all the time we give it to him. The death of Jesus on the cross took away Satan's victory over our lives and as Jesus is a personal Saviour He will give it back to you if you accept Him as your Lord and live for Him, switch sides so to speak. Satan took control of Nimrod and suggested he could reach heaven and be equal to God by building a Tower and his rebellion to God disrupted God's plans for peace, love and respect among His creation and ruined it because man followed Nimrod and did not give God His rightful place.

It is written of Alexander the Great, "The entire area from Greece in the west, north to the Danube, south into Egypt and as far to the east as the Indian Punjab, was linked together in a vast global network of trade and commerce just like the EU. This vast area was united by a common Greek language and culture while the king himself adopted many customs in order to be able to rule his millions of ethnically diverse subjects". (Many tongues, one voice!)

Doesn't this sound familiar? Isn't this the principle that Nimrod had in his mind when he planned the building of the Tower, to exalt himself to be equal with God creating the Spirit of Babylon? Nowhere do we read that Alexander entertained God in any of his conquests, he believed in himself, his own abilities and the loyalty he inspired from his army. All he knew was war and fighting, he died of a fever in Babylon in June 323 BC. But the Spirit of Babylon lived on; in fact it was passed on!

## **Rome: Legs of Iron**

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### Daniel 2:40

*And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: for as much as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

In verse Daniel 2:21 we read,

*He changes the times and the seasons: He removes kings and sets up kings: He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.*

Daniel tells king Nebuchadnezzar that God can change the times and the seasons, in other words the successive empires that made up the image he dreamt about are totally under the control of Almighty God. God can use anyone saved or unsaved for His purposes on earth. He rose up Pharaoh who would resist His will so that He could make His power known (Ex. 4-15). He rose up the Assyrians to punish the 10 tribes (2 Kings 17). He rose up Nebuchadnezzar to punish Judah for her sins and to fulfil prophecy (2 Kings 24). He is still at work among the nations today to bring about His eternal purpose of testing and proving man and bringing him back to Himself.

From where Nebuchadnezzar stood and at that time he could not see and was not shown the future history that was to unfold. The God that Daniel introduced to king Neb was able to bring kings into being and able remove kings from their thrones however big their army was.

These legs were of iron which is the strongest of all metals and represents the Roman Empire. Like all the other 'Empires' in our study we find that during their lifetime kings and leaders fight and squabble for position and power, for ever building their 'towers' to become gods in their own eyes. Rome was no different it was often a dictatorship. Iron was the metal that was used in weapons and armour of the Roman Empire that made them a strong army hard to beat. What about the two legs of iron of the image, history confirms that Rome was split into two political areas. The Western Empire ruled from Rome and the Eastern Empire ruled from Constantinople.

We notice that the image began with gold the most glorious metal, and as we progress down the image we get to iron the kingdom of Rome, probably the least glorious of them all but certainly the strongest. Rome was known for its so called iron grip over the armies, towns and cities and people during its reign.

In their history they had over 71 emperors and co-regents from Julius to Theodosius, it was mainly a unified Empire but it finally broke up about 476 AD and had lasted for almost 1000 years but was no more. The Roman Empire completely dominated the Mediterranean world for centuries and the emperors that led it were some of the most powerful men in history for good and bad. Many were accused of wanton killings of families, parents, wives, children, and of raping whoever they wished. Twenty Roman emperors died of a natural death, twenty three were assassinated, eight were suspected to have been assassinated, five were forced to commit suicide, three were executed and nine died in battle.

## **Feet of IRON and CLAY**

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The Roman Empire disintegrated due to continued attacks from barbarian tribes. By 476 AD Rome had lost its power and the tribes that ransacked the Roman Empire became the 10 nations of Europe. They were the Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Alemanni, Sueves, Anglo-Saxons, Heruli, Lombards and Burgundians.

**The Ostrogoths and the Visigoths** played an important role in the fall of Western Roman Empire and the emergence of Medieval Europe eventually becoming a part of Italy.

**The Franks**, with Charlemagne as king would enter into the medieval era and occupy most of Western Europe. They rose to become the most powerful political entity after the decline of Rome.

**The Vandals** were again a barbarian people who sacked Rome, fought the Huns and the Goths and founded a kingdom in North Africa and flourished for about 100 years until it succumbed to the Byzantine Empire in AD534.

**Alemanni** was the territory inhabited by Germanic peoples after they broke through Roman lines in 213 AD. They settled on the left bank of the Rhine River.

**Sueves** was another Germanic post-Roman kingdom that was one of the first to separate from the Roman Empire.

**Anglo-Saxons** were originally seven Saxon kingdoms. These were Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Sussex and Wessex. Most of these kingdoms were pagan and worshipped many different gods.

**Heruli** were an East Germanic tribe who lived north of the Black Sea in the 3<sup>RD</sup> AD.

**Lombard Kingdom** later became the kingdom of Italy and was an early medieval state established by the Lombards, a Germanic people on the Italian Peninsula in the 6<sup>TH</sup> century.

**Burgundian** is commonly used in English to refer to the Burgundi who settled in the Western Alps, in the 5<sup>TH</sup> century. Between the 6<sup>TH</sup> and the 20<sup>TH</sup> centuries the boundaries and political connections of Burgundy have changed often. In modern times the only area still referred to as Burgundy is in France.

I have given this limited information to show that after the demise of the 'legs of iron' and the introduction of the 10 toes kingdoms. The people still followed the pattern of Nimrod and became 'kingdoms' each wanting to make a name for themselves. Most made their way westward to the land we now call Europe but still keeping their own identity. As we know in the European Union there are 27 countries who are members of that Union but still keep their own identity. The ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image, those mentioned above, are still a part of God's plan but who will be destroyed by Jesus Christ represented by the large stone on His return. He will destroy these nations established by the Spirit of Babylon, and set up His everlasting Kingdom. All of the kingdoms of Nebuchadnezzar's image were set up to glorify man, but God will remove all hindrances to His will and purposes.

### Daniel 2:41-43

*And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it the strength of the iron, forasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.*

We read from this that the Roman Empire was the last single world kingdom to rule the earth. The Roman Empire is partly broken but still has the strength of iron and is still amongst the nations of the earth. This Empire will remain partly broken never to cleave to one another again.

What is the Biblical meaning of iron and clay? Psalm 2:9 and Revelation 2:27 explain to us that iron is a symbol of 'ruling power' and clay is God's "true church". So it would appear that after the fall of the Roman Empire there will be a mingling of the church and civil power. In the last days it is believed by most Bible teachers that there will be a one world government, a one world currency, a one world Religion. The Roman Empire was never completely destroyed as such it was just disintegrated by barbarian tribes, Rome became divided and 10 smaller nations immersed in answer to God's plan of the 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image laying the foundation of modern Europe.

The influence of Rome has done its best to unite these nations together by religion and the ruthless power of Rome, and the catholic Religion is represented in all the 10 nations mentioned. It is a favoured Religion because its principles are lenient. As I have mentioned in another study a man was doing some work in our church and he and I got talking. I invited him to church the next Sunday and he said "no thanks I am a catholic and I can do what I like in the week, go to church on Sunday get absolution and I am free to do what I like the next week, I can't do that in your church" He was laughing all the time he was talking. But what if the Lord returns on Wednesday! No wonder Satan is using such falseness to pull men and women from the truth.

Daniel 2:41 says *that the iron will be mixed with miry clay and they (together) will mingle with the seed of men.* God's people are not miry clay they are made pure by the shed blood of Jesus and what He did at the cross. Like the man I spoke to at church, his experience with God is *miry* taught to him by false teachers that Paul spoke about and Jesus warned us about. The Bible tells us in Revelation 2 that *to the overcomer and the keeper of His word and to those that hold fast to what we now know of God to the very end, and the overcomer will rule the nations with Christ with a rod of iron.*

## **Here comes the Kingdom of God.**

For many years we have been told that Jesus is coming back soon. If you believe the Bible and can identify with what you have read in these pages you must agree that all we are waiting for is that Rock to come and smash the toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image. I know there are 27 members of the union, I know there are 10 toes to the feet, and I know you are asking what about the remaining 17! Well I don't know but I believe we are so close to that Rock, Jesus Christ, returning I don't think it matters, He will sort it out, just be ready. That Rock will smash the rebellion and the rejection of our Sovereign Lord and His son as the European Union does its best to "**finish what Nimrod started 3500 years ago**". And that they built their parliament on the pattern of Nimrod's tower which God Himself demolished. And that they have a logo on their publicity material that is partly a quote from the Bible, God will not tolerate this Spirit of Babylon so blatantly set up against Him for much longer. He will have the last word, and that includes what happens to the last 17 nations!

I believe the return of Jesus for His bride, the church is closer than we think. We must be watchful, keep our hearts clean and pure ever ready to meet Him. Because suddenly without warning that trumpet will sound and we will meet Him face to face. Those who do not know Jesus, those who have read this study and can see that even our history confirms the Bible but are not sure where you will be when Jesus returns, you must give your heart to Jesus and become a follower of Him. Find a Bible based church and start following Him today I want to meet you in heaven.

The United Kingdom has disappointed the European Union in our leaving them. The EU will no doubt devise rules and regulations, shrouded in that Spirit of Babylon and will be against God and His Word. The UK is now separated from that spirit of Babylon and as a nation we must return to our God and make Him Sovereign again over our lives and this kingdom.

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## Supplementary information

Here are just a few EU rules and laws that are set down in the Parliament of the European Union.

At the moment the EU will use the armed forces of the EU member states which are obliged to support based on the Treaty on European Union (TEU). The EU has the third largest arsenal of nuclear weapons after the USA and Russia.

The EU law takes supremacy over UK law, or the law of any member state, the norms of national law have to be set aside. Since 1972 EU law supersedes UK law.

The European Commission is to ensure that Member States obey EU rules and it can bring states before the European Court of Justice if it believes the EU rules have been broken. Over the last 5 years, 10 cases have been brought against the UK.

The European Commission has the right to make amendments to our laws and must give their consent for our laws to be passed.

In 2018 £20 billion gross contribution was required from the UK government to the EU in official payments.

Since 1964 EU law takes precedent over UK law who could not adopt national laws that were incompatible with European law.

## The General Data Protection Regulation

An EU employer can process personal data from any individual. For example, the telephone, mobile phone, credit card, a personal number, account numbers, number plate, appearance, a customer number, and address.

About the exit from the EU the Daily Mail writes.  
The EU says “Obey our rules if you want a quick deal”.

My wife and I watched the parting of England and the European Union on TV, all we have now is the transition period. We saw how quickly they took down the Union Jack inside and outside the Union building, but they still rule that we must pay our contribution, obey their laws, and come under their government rulings until the very end. As one commentator said “nothing has changed there may well be some hard times ahead”.

As I write Palestine has bombed Israel with 400 rockets in one day, and the world was quiet **including the European Union.**

All this information is on line or from the newspapers and there is much more! ...

**It started with the king of Babylon called Nebuchadnezzar. Two years after he had been made king he had a dream which troubled him.**

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon came against Jerusalem and besieged it. He took into the land of Shinar vessels he had taken from the Temple on a visit.