

Daniel's Prophetic Rock

Introduction

We have reviewed the crisis in the world today and that man would attempt to save himself through a false system of worship without would lead to a great tribulation that would end with a death decree and God would have to step in to stop it.

This was the result of humans trying to live life without God and to hate God and openly attack anything reminiscent of God.

Christians have always been horrified at the Eastern world's treatment of Christians and Middle Eastern hostility. But now, that is commonplace in the Western world.

Pastors are being harassed by policy and churches are being told to close down by the state – all in the name of health concerns. Freedom of religion has been a bastion to the world.

Something bad is on the horizon. But is this the end?

Bible prophecy will tell us where we are in the stream of time.

Prophecy and Purpose

Prophecy has a purpose

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:19-21

Prophecy reveals past, present and things to come.

Prophecy has one primary focus: the Revelation of Jesus Christ. In the revealing of Christ, we find answers to the coming world crisis.

Prophecy rises above human intervention, ideas and experiments

It is so absolute that it defies our human capacity for logic and forces our intelligence to yield to its prediction.

The Book of Daniel

Daniel was a prophet in the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) and was considered one of the great men of God. Islam accepts Daniel as a great prophet. He is revered throughout all Catholic and Protestant churches as one of the great prophets of the bible.

605 BC: Jerusalem is besieged by Babylon {a new rising kingdom in the middle east}, and its young powerful king Nebuchadnezzar.

586 BC: Nebuchadnezzar destroys the temple in Jerusalem, burns the city, knocks down the wall and carries off into captivity its people (Daniel is a young prince, age 18). He is taken into the court of Nebuchadnezzar to serve as a wise man (counselor to the king).

Daniel has the gift of prophecy – dreams and interpretation of dreams. Daniel becomes God's spokesman

God shows up to give a dream that is about a world that has broken the covenant with God, a world in rebellion and a world headed to Babylonian captivity.

God Gives the King a Dream

Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And the king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream." Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation." The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation." They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation." The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation.

Daniel 2: 1-9

For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave a command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. Daniel 2: 12

Two things about the king stand out:

- 1) If you can tell me the prophecy I will believe the interpretation
- 2) The king has problems:
 - a. Troubled spirit
 - b. Can't sleep
 - c. Anxious
 - d. Angry
 - e. Can't trust anyone
 - f. Can't remember the details of the dream

This is a picture of a world at the end of time that is ignorant to God

What is the solution? Turn to God "whose dwelling is not with flesh."

The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. Daniel 2: 10-11

God as the answers to your life. Not politics. Not miracle cures. Not unifying consciousness of mankind. Not mystics. Not drugs. Not philosophies of men. So God gives the king a dream about the destiny of the human race.

But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. Daniel 2: 28-29

It is a dream about the last days. Takes the king into bible prophecy

Daniel is in a similar situation to today. The world is lost in the mass of Babylonian confusion and God's people seem insignificant

The Interpretation of the Dream

You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. Daniel 2: 31-36

Babylon 605BC – 539BC

Medo/Persia 539BC – 331 BC

- Cyrus prophecy - Cyrus prophecy: threw food down at Cyrus army. Cyrus dug a series of canals and diverted the Euphrates River. Then he marched his army underneath the outer gate, and the two inner gates were left wide open. Thus as God predicted a 150 years before by Isaiah, the city fell in one hour.

Greece 331-168 BC: Alexander the Great

Rome 168BC to middle of the 4th century AD

Common history book will validate the rise and fall of ancient civilizations of Babylon, Medo/Persia, Greece and Rome.

But what's after Rome? What does God say happens after the fourth empire?

Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. Daniel 2: 41-42

The Mingling of Seed

Western civilization book calls this the Divided Empire.

- The kingdom would be divided. History confirms
- Map of Western Europe: Rome was divided

As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. Daniel 2:43

God says there would be various attempts to reunite the old Roman Empire.

Through Marriage Alliances: History confirms that during the medieval ages, the Holy Roman Empire was an attempt to unite the old Roman Empire through marriage contracts. This famous tapestry demonstrates the various lines of royalty down through the dark ages that intermarried for the purposes of power consolidation,

Through war: Napoleon, Mussolini, Hitler, Kaiser Wilhelm, Louis 14th. All were sure they could reunite the Roman Empire.

God has a Plan

Daniel saw God had a solution – he signs out

Daniel answered and said, “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him. Daniel 2: 20-22

God not only knows the future, but he controls it

The solution is to look for the final kingdom.

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And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Daniel 2: 44

We are at the tips of the toes of the prophecy

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10: 1-4

What is our relationship with this kingdom?

And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder. Matthew 21:44

That is a direct quote from *Daniel 2: 44*

The Stone Kingdom

The rock that strikes the kingdom of men was Jesus. God is promising that sin and suffering have a limited time, the human family will not suffer forever, the progression of the plan is moving along and prophecy is intended to get attention, make people aware and wake up that God is in control.

Nebuchadnezzar falls on the rock. He fell at his feet and worshipped and found peace *Daniel 2: 46-47*

The stone kingdom is the New World Order – the “Great Reset,” a universal collective consciousness.

- Old Testament prophecy of the first Angel's Message:
- The coming judgement
 - *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." Revelation 14: 6-7*

The first Angel's message is given to prepare the world for end time.

- Tells us we need to know the gospel because there is a judgement coming
- The Gospel has the keys to surviving that judgement

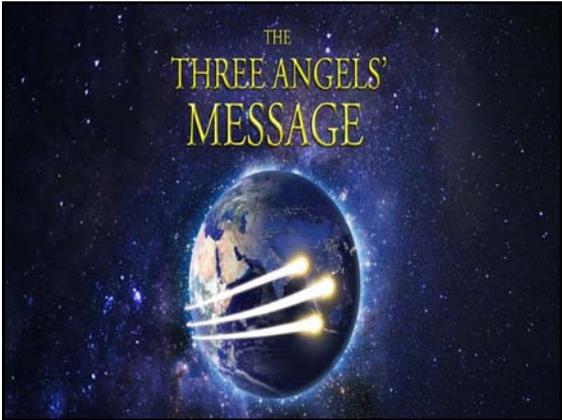
Judgement could be bad news for much of the world – but for you it is great news

The stone that strikes the image is the great judgement that culminates in the coming of God's eternal kingdom. It puts an end to the crisis of this world and brings peace

Be a part of the Kingdom

Was the stone of judgement really Christ? We will see this point proved prophetically through the 70-week prophecy. This tells us exactly what we need to know about falling on this rock.

There is safety in this coming judgement in this rock of Jesus.



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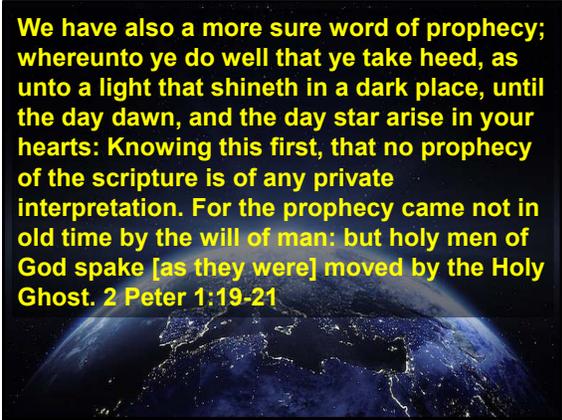
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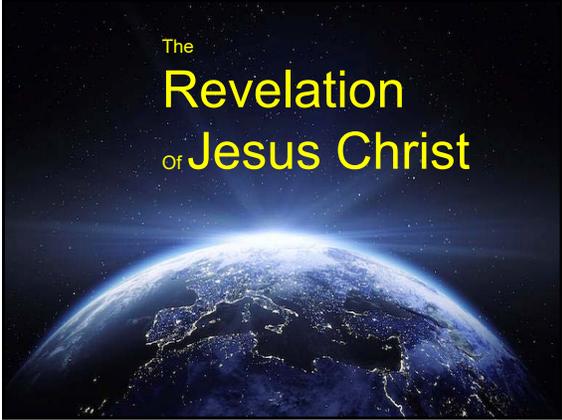
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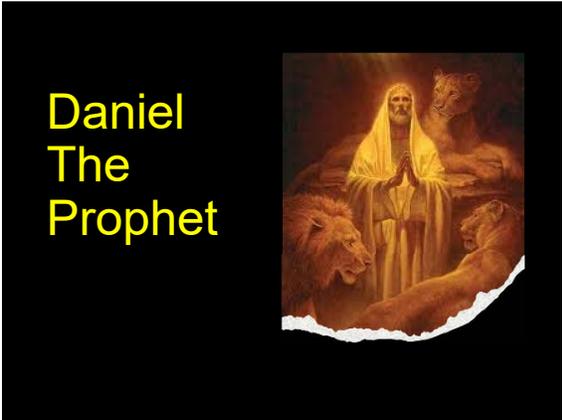
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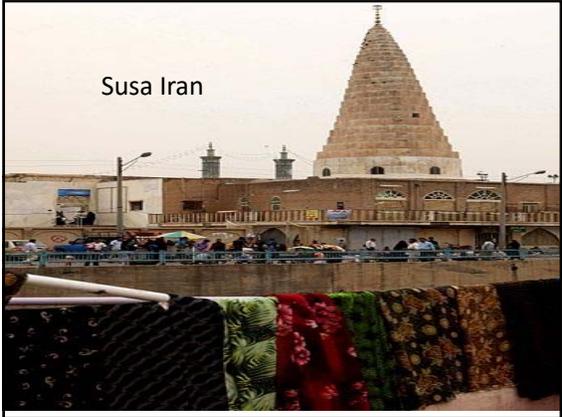
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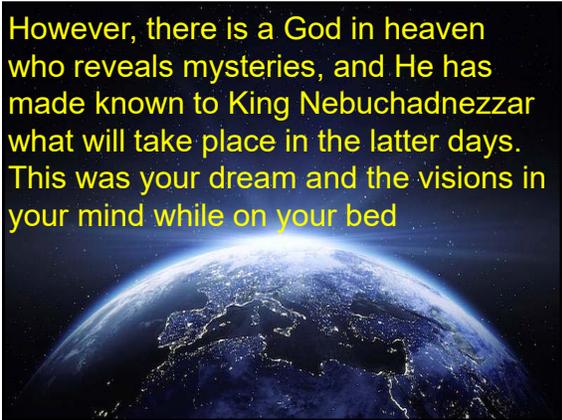
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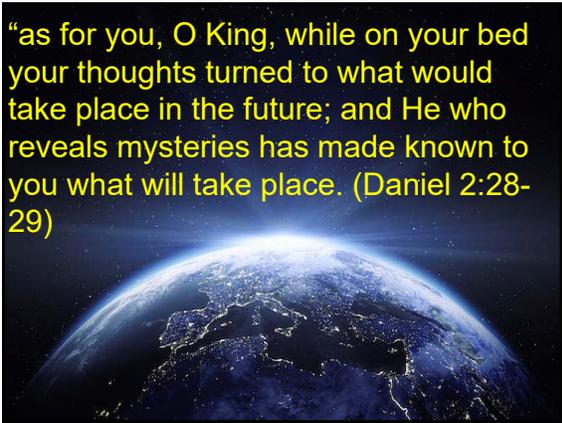
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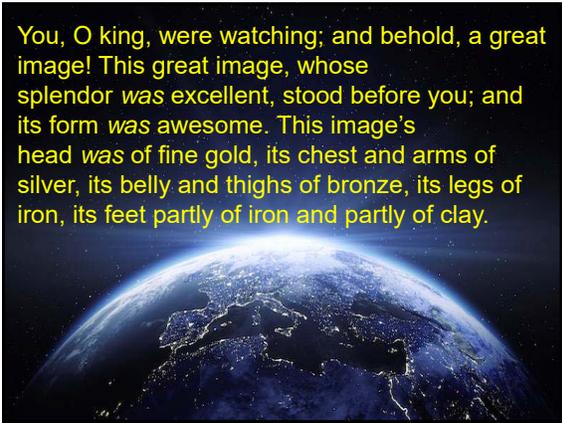
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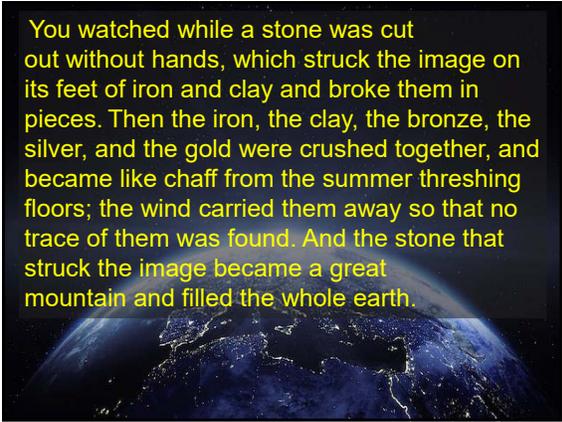
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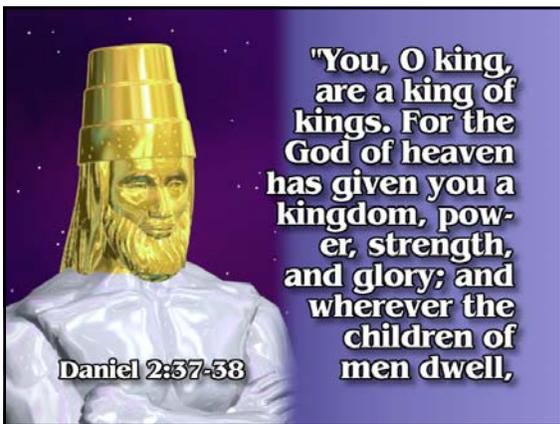
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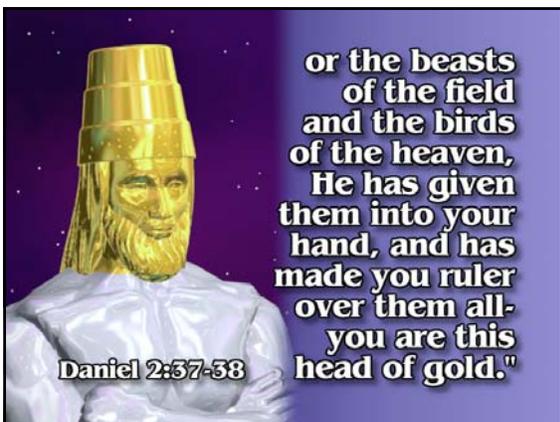
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**"But after
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Daniel 2:39

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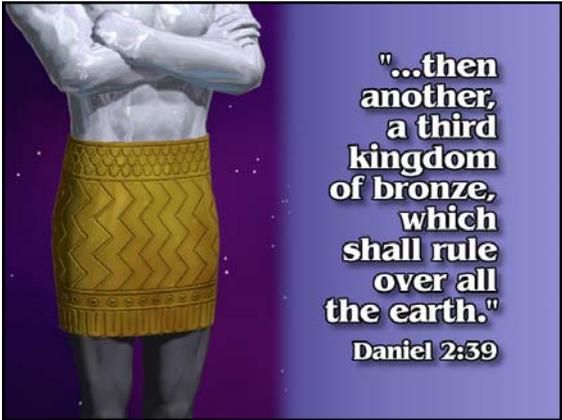
Medo-Persia
**"Thus says
the LORD to
His anointed,
To Cyrus,
whose right
hand I
have held--
To subdue
nations
before him**
Isaiah 45:1

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Medo-Persia
**And loose the
armor of
kings,
To open
before him
the double
doors,
So that the
gates will not
be shut."**
Isaiah 45:1

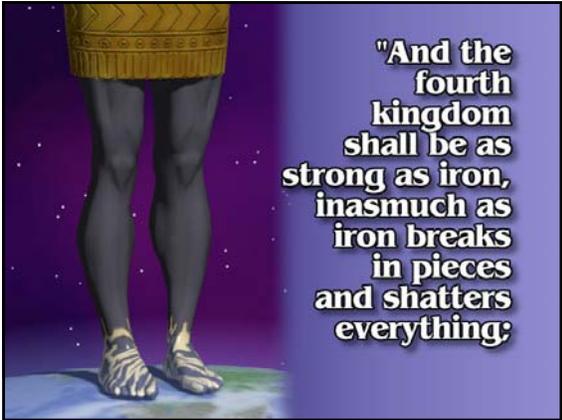
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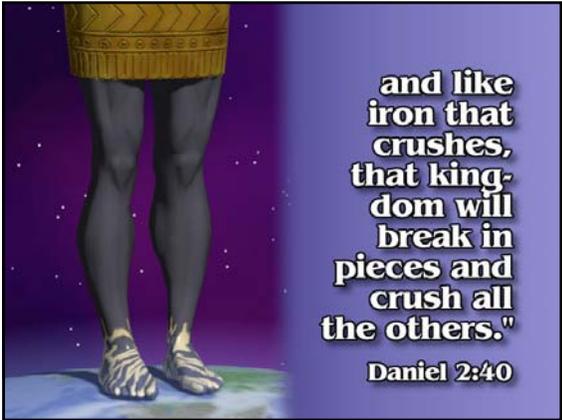
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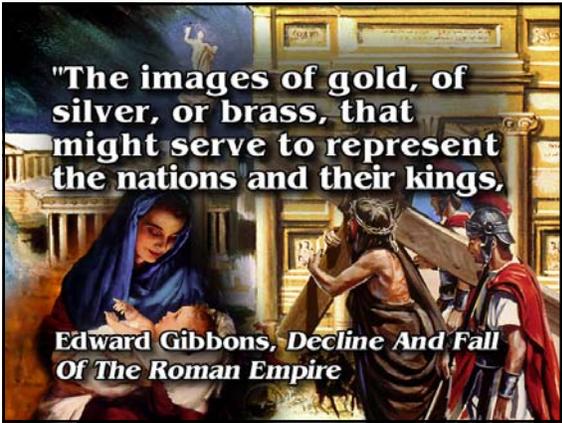
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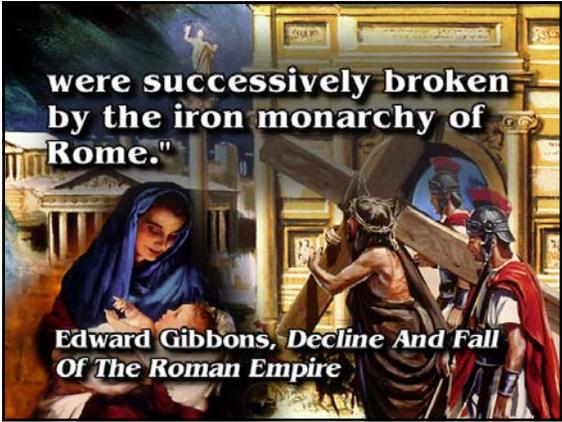
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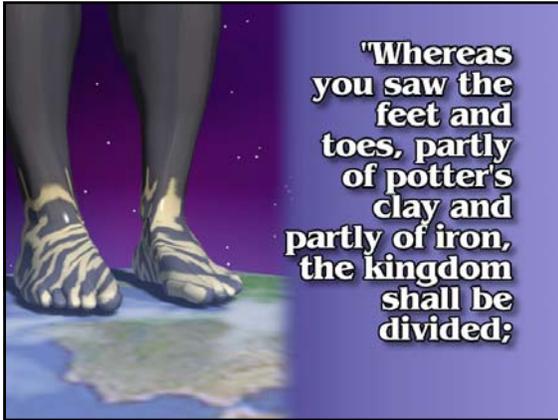
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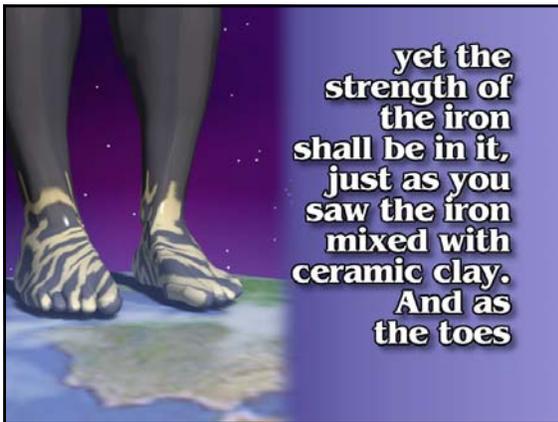
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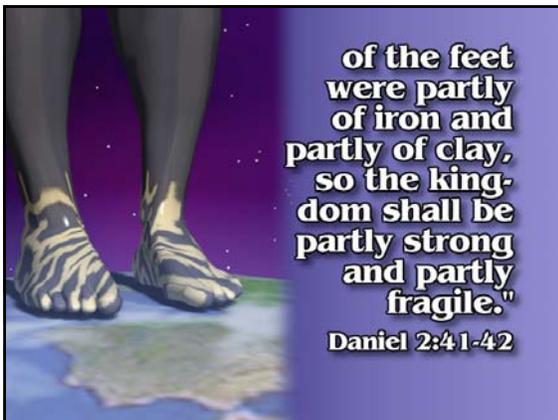
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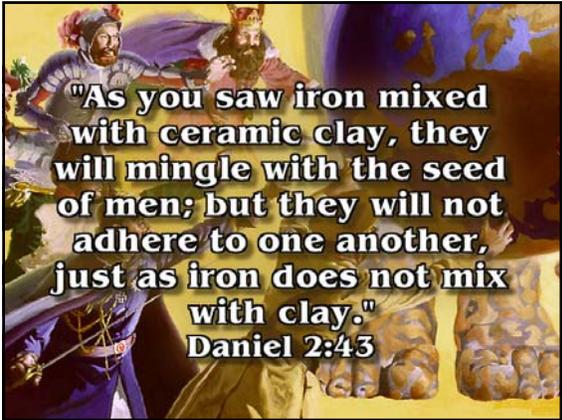
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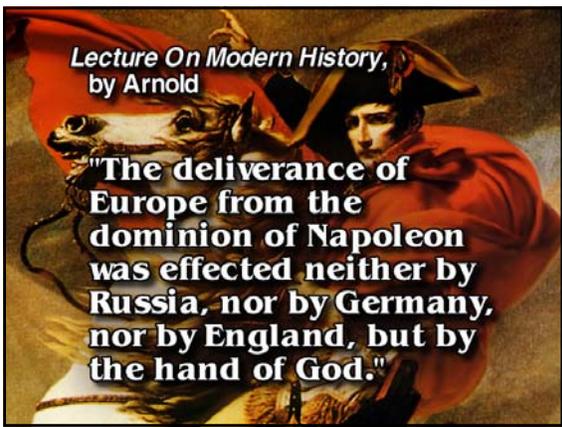
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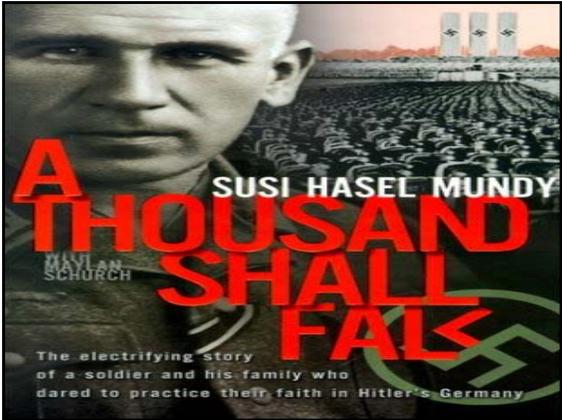
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