

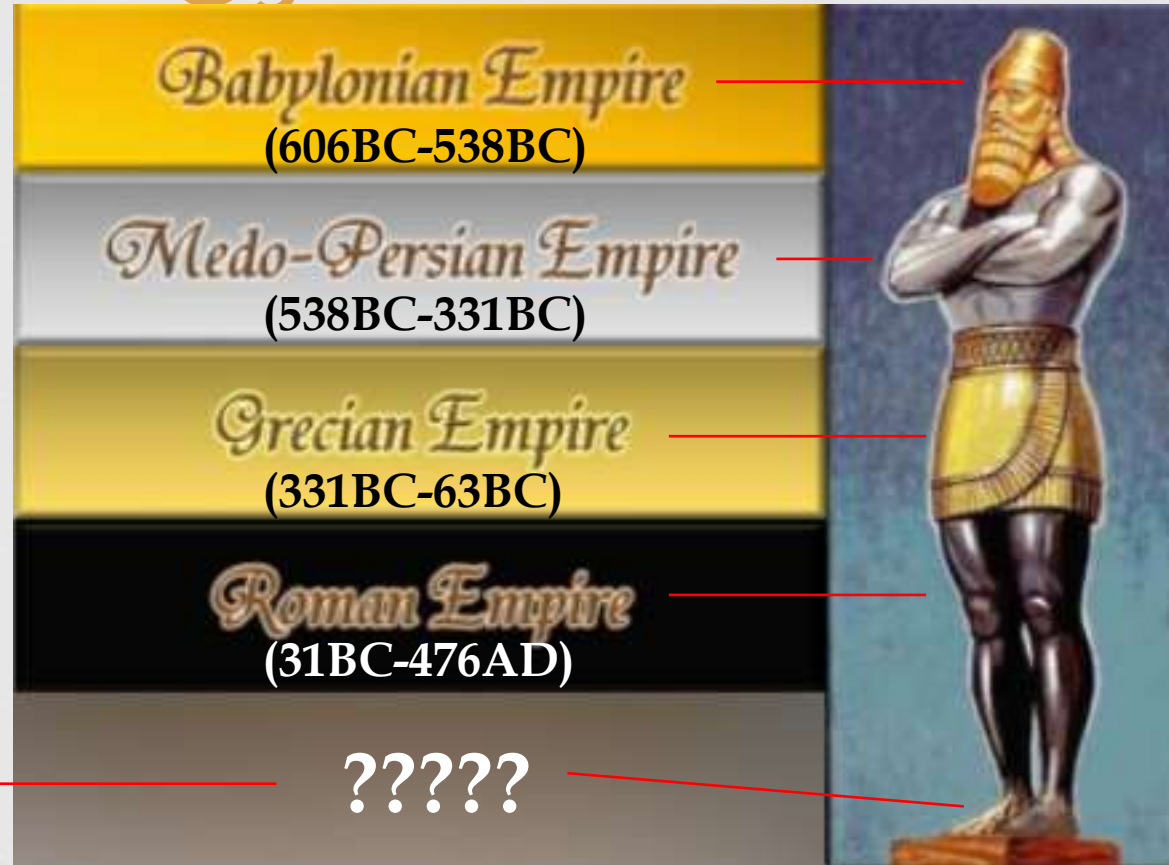
Mini Series: Daniel's Visions
"The Great Statue"



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The Great Statue:

Feet/Toes: partly iron partly clay



What kingdom or empire do the feet/toes (partly iron, partly clay) represent?

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To find out let's re-read:

Daniel 2:41-43

41 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. 42 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. 43 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.

❧ Feet and toes are likened to partly clay, partly iron

❧ And that it will be a *divided* kingdom

❧ Here is where it starts to get all over the place

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A couple of things on "it will be a *divided* kingdom"

☞ 'divided' is transliterated from root word 'pālag' which means to split or divide

☞ This does not mean divided in terms of being at odds

☞ This means divided in terms of dividing (or parceling out) the earth:

1 Chronicles 1:19 (concerning the lineage of Shem)

19 Two sons were born to Eber, the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided [pālag], and his brother's name was Joktan.

☞ Ok so who (what nations or empires or powers) will make up this divided kingdom?

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Answer: Scripture!

- ❧ Remember Rules of Engagement
 - ❧ Must be able to defend interpretation with Scripture

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☞ So let's re-read it again:

Daniel 2:44-45

44 **In the days of those kings** the God of heaven **will set up a kingdom** which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king **what will take place in the future**; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."

☞ "in the days of those kings" God will establish Messiah's Kingdom

☞ Messiah's kingdom is established towards the end of the age

☞ Thus, this is prophecy concerning the fall of **those** world powers at the end times

“those kings”



- ☞ Interpretive challenge regarding “those kings”
 - ☞ In immediate context: “those kings” are the divided kingdom
 - ☞ However, from a prophecy standpoint: “those kings” are all kingdoms in the Great Statue vision
 - ☞ Head of Gold: Babylonian Empire
 - ☞ Chest/ Arms of Silver: Medo-Persian Empire
 - ☞ Belly/ Thighs of Bronze: Grecian Empire
 - ☞ Legs of Iron: Roman Empire
 - ☞ Feet/ Toes of partly clay/ iron: ?????
- ☞ So because both are true, we’ll consider the entire Great Statue as being in play and part of “those kings” who will make up “the divided kingdom” who will be here when Messiah sets up His kingdom and crushes these kingdoms...

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Who will make up world powers in this vision in the end times?

Answer:

- ROE: Must use Scripture to define empires implicated in prophecy by keeping their designations (i.e. gold, silver, bronze, iron, clay), as well as, keep their ancient geographical locations intact
- Otherwise we'll continue to be all over the map

The Great Statue: Head of Gold



☞ Head of **Gold** = Babylonian Empire

☞ Present day: Turkey/Iraq/Syria/Israel/Jordan/Egypt/Iran/Saudi Arabia(wc)



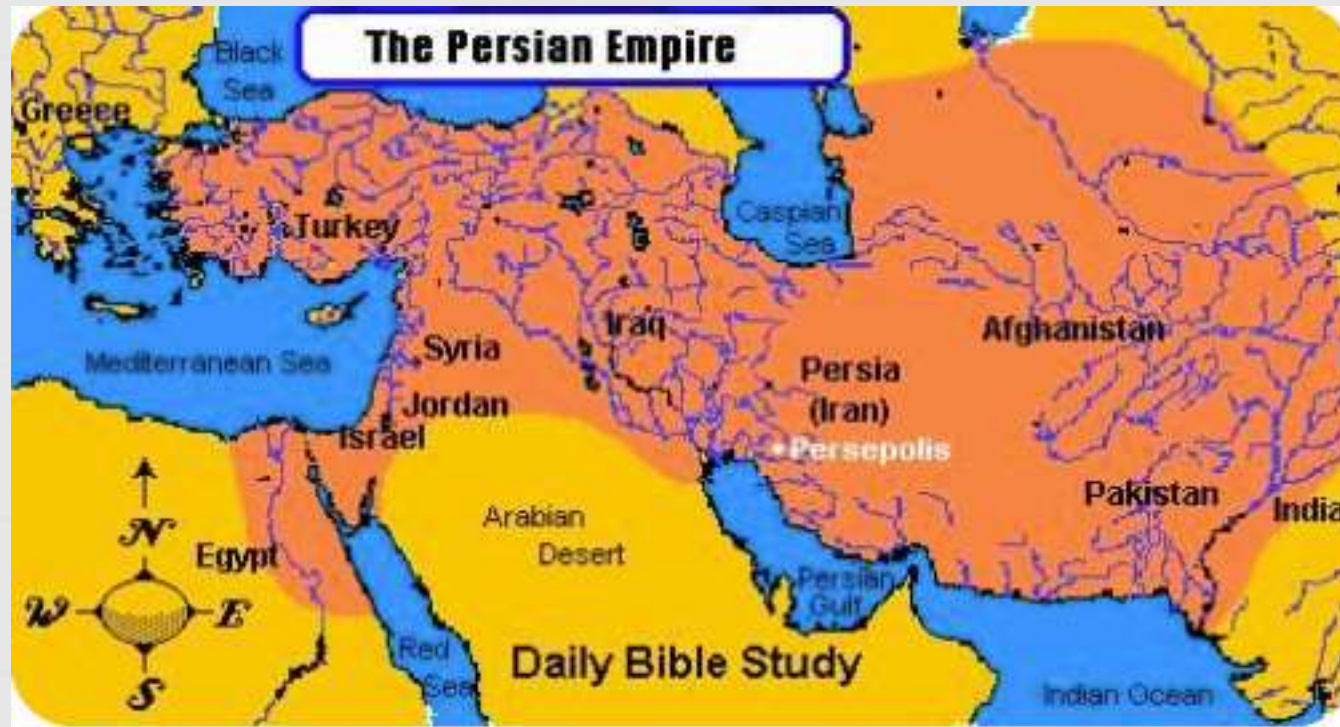
The Great Statue: Breast/ Arms of Silver



☞ Breast/ Arms of Silver = Medo-Persian Empire

☞ Present day:

Turkey/Syria/Jordan/Israel/Iraq/Iran/Afghanistan/Pakistan/India(*)



The Great Statue: Belly/Thighs of Bronze



- ☞ Belly/Thighs of **Bronze** = Greco-Macedonian Empire
- ☞ Present day: Greece/Turkey/Israel/Iraq/Iran/Egypt

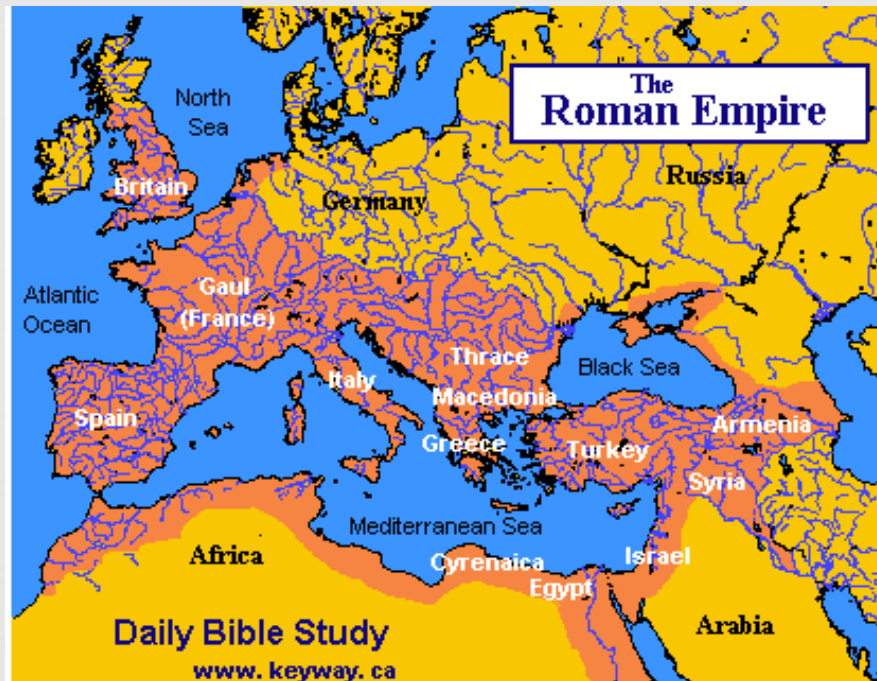


The Great Statue: Legs of Iron



Legs of **Iron** = Roman Empire

Present day: Britain/Spain/France/Italy (Rome)/Greece/Turkey/
Armenia/Syria/Israel/Egypt



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Feet/Toes of partly iron, partly clay



☞ Feet/Toes Partly Iron Partly Clay = ???

☞ ROE: Must use and defend from Scripture

☞ Iron (legs) = Roman Empire (I'm compelled not to deviate)

☞ Partly iron corresponds to the geographic location of ancient Rome

☞ Clay = ???

☞ Who is likened to "clay" in Scripture?

Isaiah 64:8

8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father,

We [the house of Israel] are the clay, and You our potter;

And all of us are the work of Your hand.

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Which house of Israel?

❧ The House of Israel (Northern Kingdom)? or

❧ The House of Judah (Southern Kingdom)?

❧ Answer: Northern Kingdom

❧ Thus, clay is likened to the house of Israel (N. Kingdom)...

Partly Clay:
House of Israel
(Northern Kingdom)

Present Day:
Israel, Jordan, Syria,
Lebanon



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- ❧ Another important question
- ❧ Is the Great Statue vision a chronological prophecy of world powers *beginning* from head to toe?
- ❧ For example:
 - ❧ Babylon (Head of Gold), then following them
 - ❧ Medes-Persians (Chest/ Arms of Silver), then following them
 - ❧ Greece (Belly/Thighs of Bronze), then following them
 - ❧ Roman Empire (Legs of Iron), then following them
 - ❧ Divided Empire (Feet/Toes of partly iron/partly clay)?
 - ❧ A lot of prophecy teachers advocate this, but what does the Scripture say?

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Let's re-look at Daniel's interpretation:

Daniel 2:31-35

31 "You, O king [Nebuchadnezzar], were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. 32 The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 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.** 35 Then **the iron [Roman Empire], the clay [the house of Israel], the bronze [Greco-Macedonian Empire], the silver [Medes-Persians Empire] and the gold [Babylonian Empire] were 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 [Messiah's Kingdom] filled the whole earth.

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Daniel's interpretation (Cont'd):

Daniel 2:44-45

44 In the days of those kings [world rulers at the end times] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that [Messiah's] kingdom will not be left for another people; it [Messiah's Kingdom] will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms [world rulers at the end times], but it [Messiah's Kingdom] will itself endure forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron [Roman Empire], the bronze [Greco-Macedonian Empire], the clay [House of Israel], the silver [Medes-Persians Empire] and the gold [Babylonian Empire], the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future [up to and including the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom]; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."

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Case in Point:

- ❧ The last world empire is NOT limited to just the feet/toes of the statue (partly iron/partly clay) as many prophecy teachers assert
 - ❧ Messiah will destroy all of them AT THE SAME TIME
- ❧ Although the Great Statue did depict the world powers who were to follow Babylon in succession, the vision of the Great Statue is a prophecy picture of the final world powers at the end times consisting of different nations
 - ❧ Hint: this is the Mystery Babylon in John's vision in Rev
- ❧ It will consist of a combination of the following present day countries (in the same geographic location as the vision)...

Observation



- ☞ United States, China, Russia, other countries not mentioned
- ☞ Can “partly clay” of vision include these? I suppose.
- ☞ Scripture also likens mankind as dwelling in houses of clay:
Job 4:17-19
17 ‘Can mankind be just before God?
Can a man be pure before his Maker?
18 ‘He puts no trust even in His servants;
And against His angels He charges error.
19 ‘How much more those who dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before the moth!
 - ☞ ROE: dwelling in houses of clay is quite different from being called clay
 - ☞ The house of Israel is explicitly called clay in the Potter’s hand

Closing comments



- ☞ As we continue on with Daniel's visions, in particular, the four beasts, we will get more insight into the end times super-power, super-Empire, made up of 10 kings who will be the greatest and strongest Empire of all time
 - ☞ Of which, Antichrist will finally arrive on the scene
 - ☞ We've narrowed down the countries in play and should be around (Great Statue vision) based on ancient geographic locations
 - ☞ Who can that be?
 - ☞ Well continue to stick with us as we continue our mini series into the visions and interpretations of Daniel to find out
- Amen. Amen