2Thess #111

The ROCK, Jesus Christ shatters all man-made kingdoms.

We will open back up in Daniel chapter two. As a reminder Daniel is one of several OT keys, to unlocking discernment into the end times highlighted in the book of Revelation.

The dream of king Nebuchadnezzar was of a large statue made of gold, silver, bronze and iron – yet at the bottom was the feet of clay and iron…which is a very interesting mix.

The interpretation of this dream by Daniel is very profound and almost all of it has come to pass.

/The Babylonian Empire stood for 66 years; the Medo-Persian Empire for 208 years; the Grecian Empire for 185 years, and the Roman Empire stood for more than 500 years. The GOLD of Babylon represented the wealth and absolute dominance of Babylon. The 3 other empires lacked that level of wealth or absolute power so the value decreases on the statue – silver, bronze and iron.\

Though the Roman military overall may have had the most advanced and fierce military – all these empires were powerhouse empires.

The Romans were great at studying history and adapting other cultures weapons and strategies after they defeated them.

Let us pick it up focusing on the Roman empire as the legs of Iron.

[Dan 2:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/33/s_852033) its legs of iron, *and* its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

[/Dan 2:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/34/s_852034) “You continued watching until **a stone was broken off without hands,** and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and **crushed them**.

The STONE, is the Rock Jesus Christ. HE will crush all man-made power and satanic ideologies in the end. The CROSS ensured the final victory.\

[Dan 2:35](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/35/s_852035) “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed to pieces all at the same time, and they were 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 entire earth.

The kingdom of GOD on earth will fill the whole earth at the 2nd Advent of Christ.

/Jesus Christ called Peter a chip off the large stone, a piece off of the mountain ledge (Mat 16:18).

Psa 118:22 **The stone** *which* the builders rejected Has become **the chief cornerstone.**

(Mat 21:42, Mar 12:10, Luk 20:17, Act 4:11, Eph 2:20, 1Pet 2:4)\

We all know Jesus Christ is referenced as the ROCK, among one of HIS many titles.

/Deu 32:3 For I proclaim the name of the LORD: **Ascribe greatness to our God**. 4 ***He is* the Rock, His work *is* perfect**;
For all His ways *are* justice, A God of
truth and without injustice;
Righteous and upright *is* He.\

By the way - just aligning these scriptures points directly to TLJC being equal to GOD the Father.

Jhn 10:30 “I and the Father are one.”

This is important to remember, because what is heading our way is a lot of deceptive teaching about TLJC and the twisting of the accuracy of the Bible.

John 17:9 thru 21 is TLJC speaking and praying to the FATHER – clearly telling all of us HE and the FATHER are ONE!

/Jhn 17:11 “I am no longer *going to be* in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, **so that they may be one just as We *are****.\*

The ROCK – Jesus Christ crushes all man-made empires… all satanic foundations will fall under the TRIUNE GOD once the plan of GOD is completed.

The prophet Zechariah also highlights something very prophetic that aligns with Daniel’s interpretation as well.

/Zec 3:8 Now listen, Joshua, *you* high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a sign: for behold, **I am going to bring in My servant the Branch.**

This speaks in a future tense and we see the title of the BRANCH, then the ROCK brought into light.\

Zechariah was speaking about a prophetic vision which was calling the spiritual leaders out of Babylonian rituals and evil practices.

Remember I taught you, many of the Jewish elders, priests and prophet’s fell into very wicked practices under Babylonian influence – the Talmud would arise from this evil generation.

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There would also arise counterfeit Judaism and counterfeit Jews from this period under Babylonian captivity.

In fact, these first few chapters of Zechariah are the prophecy related to the damage and evil that sprang up during, and then came out of Babylonian captivity.

The Joshua in this vison is believed to be an elder or leader in the nation of Israel, not the Joshua under Moses.

This Joshua was a high priest under the time of the prophet Haggi.

This is about two years after the 70 years of Babylonian captivity, when Darius the Persian conqueror allowed the Jews freedom.

/[Zec 3:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/zec/3/9/s_914009) ‘For behold, **the stone that I have put before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes**. Behold, I am going to engrave an inscription on it,’ declares the LORD of armies, ‘and **I will remove the guilt of that land in one day**.

The STONE like the BRANCH speaks to the person and work of Christ. The permanent inscription, points to the work upon the CROSS.\

This is probably where the ancient saying, of having something written in stone came from.

It lasts forever.

Because of that work and then the return of TLJC at the 2nd Advent, Israel will be redeemed – or at least the land and the Jews who believed upon Christ.

The seven eyes have dual meanings from what most scholars believe – 7 being a number of perfection – in this case (eyes, soul) divine wisdom is the sole property of TLJC.

There is also believed to be 7 elect angels, set into motion during the start of the 7 years of Tribulation.

They have the wisdom to know when each phase of the tribulation judgment needs to be opened up on the earth.

/[Zec 3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/zec/3/10/s_914010) ‘On that day,’ declares the LORD of armies, ‘every one *of you* will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under *his* fig tree.’”

At the 2nd Advent Christ reigns in peace and true prosperity for 1,000 years.\

Now we can see other prophecies intertwining with Daniel among others and pointing us into the book of Revelation.

Daniel does not highlight Egypt as the first empire and yet it was! But it is not held up in prophecy, because what I believe - is it was simply the first stage of a Nimrod dynasty.

Interesting, is in theology - Egypt is always referenced as the cosmic system – the world we live in today.

Satan is the prince and power of the atmosphere.

 He is in authority of the world we see around us – we know GOD is the ultimate authority, yet Satan was the one who usurped the man and woman in the garden.

What many people do not understand is that the first empire known by mankind was the Egyptian Empire – possibly formed some 5,000 years ago.

The formation of the early Egyptian dynasty developed either right around the time of the tower of babel or shortly afterward – which is probably more accurate. The early formation of Egypt is believed to have begun a few hundred years after the towel of babel incident.

Either way, it is believed that the descendants of Ham were the majority of its early culture and formation.

This means relatives of Canaan or Nimrod built Egypt.

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The historical context matters.

The empires highlighted in prophecy seem to begin with Babylon and this is because Egypt was subservient to Babylon as soon as it rose to power.

Egypt quickly bowed down to the Babylonian Empire because it was nothing more than a satanic proxy, designed as a foundational empire or first attempt at enslaving God’s people.

/Each of these kingdoms became extensions of what NIMROD began at the tower of babel (Gen 11). A defiant stance against the true GOD. Their failures and destructions – one leading into another give us a display that Satan and his army can never control the whole of the earth, or create anything of true value or eternal fortitude. Whether it was Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece or Rome, they all had idols and gods dedicated to Satan.\

Daniel speaks upon the Interpretation of the king’s dream—Babylon was the first powerhouse Kingdom which was established by a direct seed of Satan – NIMROD.

[Dan 2:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/36/s_852036) “This *was* the dream; and *now* we will tell its interpretation before the king.

[Dan 2:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/37/s_852037) “You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the honor;

[/Dan 2:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/38/s_852038) and wherever the sons of mankind live, *or* the animals of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has handed *them* over to you and has made you ruler over them all. **You are the head of gold.**

Daniel always remained calm and respectful toward authority. Even though the authority and the culture he was trapped in was demonic. \

The Medo-Persia and Greece age is then brought to light – all of this has historically come to pass in incredibly precise fashion.

[Dan 2:39](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/39/s_852039) “And after you another kingdom will arise inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

/The Medo-Persia and Greece eras of power were seen in this vision by the silver and bronze. Because each empire either discovered or found greater use for certain elements. The IRON represented in the Roman military as not only their strength of iron in military might. But all the weapons and armor they employed made from Iron.\

Rome is recognized as the fourth kingdom in the prophecy.

[Dan 2:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/40/s_852040) “Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; just as iron smashes and crushes everything, so, like iron that crushes, it will smash and crush all these things.

The military strength of the Roman Empire defeated Greek military dominance.

/[Dan 2:41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/41/s_852041) “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 within it some of the toughness of iron, since you saw **the iron mixed with common clay**.

The feet of the statue point to a final empire or a final authority of man-made empires.\

Keeping mind this is a world-wide superpower – all 4 dynasties held world dominance.

Therefore, the final superpower of the world is thought to be a revival of the Roman Empire, a continuation of this image. This will be the final world empire that the returning King Jesus will conquer over.

Many simply describe it as a revised version of the Roman empire, because it will hold its strongest roots in the same region of the ancient Roman Empire at its peak.

/Potters clay - *peḥār ḥăsap̄*

Common clay - *ṭîn ḥăsap̄*

These both speak to the most common clay and also, the Potter who uses common clay to bring forth useful items.

Isa 64:8 But now, LORD, You are our Father; **We are the clay, and You our potter,** And all of us are the work of Your hand. (Isa 29:16, Jer 18:4-6, Rom 9:20-21)\

PACH-HAR, HAS-SEFF, (TEEN).

Genesis 2:7 – God created us from clay… *ʿāp̄ār* (AH-FAR0) meaning not just dust but dirt or clay as well.

What you must understand is that the order of these empires starts at the head and ends at the toes.

This is pointing to the history of the world and how mankind, influenced by satanic ideologies, builds foundations that stand against the plan of GOD.

It is a repetitive story of the tower of babel from Genesis chapter 11.

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It also points to the layers I spoke of recently, concerning the parable of the WHEAT among the TARES.

[/Dan 2:42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/42/s_852042) “And *just 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 fragile.

Both Daniel and the Apostle John highlight the ten kingdoms or ten nations in end time prophecy.

 (Dan 7, Rev 17) \

What this is probably pointing to – Is the mixing of iron and clay speaking to a culture of God’s people and the dominant, or military force of Satan’s human armies and demonic governments that are intermixed.

/Rev 17:12 “**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. 13 “**These have one purpose,** and **they give their power and authority to the beast**.\

We are getting ready to close. We will need at least one more lesson to pull this puzzle together.

[/Dan 2:43](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/43/s_852043) “In that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, **they will combine with one another in their descendants; but they will not adhere to one another,** just as iron does not combine with pottery.\

That will be our key study in the next message.

Dan 2:44 And 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.

[Dan 2:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/dan/2/45/s_852045) “Just as you saw that a stone was broken off from 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 certain and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

We will pick it back up in Daniel chapter two on Thursday.