

Battles fought and lost trying to win the **KINGDOM**



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At the time of Babel, mankind began to rebel **again**. God had just destroyed the world with a flood because it was irreparable, but this, new rebellion could be corrected. God set into action a plan. He decided to divide the people into nations and give them their own place on the earth, ruling over them a member of His heavenly court. These trusted and experienced rulers would teach the nations the way of God. God, himself, participated in this project.

“When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples **according to the number in his heavenly court**” (New Living Translation Deuteronomy 32:8).

While the members of God’s heavenly court received the nations as their inheritance, God’s portion were the descendants of Jacob. “For the LORD’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance” (Deuteronomy 32:9).

A shocking and horrific turn of events occurred early into this project. All of these heavenly rulers eventually turned against the Almighty God and caused the people to worship them. The strongest and leading sons of God ruling the nations each, in time, claimed to be the supreme God as they began to battle against God and each other. The less powerful members formed alliances with the mighty seeking their own position of power. In ignorance, the people of the nations worshiped them as they were taught and in fear, they sacrificed to them as they were commanded.

- **The prince over Assyria:** “Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon... The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it... I made it beautiful... Because it towered on high, lifting its top above the thick foliage, and because **it was proud of its height**, I handed it over to the ruler of the nations, for him to deal with **according to its wickedness I cast it aside... All nations of the earth came out from under its shade and left it** (Ezekiel 31:1,8-10, 12).

The envied son in God’s heavenly court was the most skillful and trained. To God’s great dismay and deep sadness, this tall cedar fell. “I made the nations tremble at the sound

of its fall when **I brought it down** to the grave with those who go down to the pit” (Ezekiel 31:16).

- **The prince over Egypt:** “You say, ‘the Nile is mine; **I made it** for myself” (Ezekiel 29:3). “I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. It has not been bound up for healing or put in a splint so as to become strong enough to hold a sword... I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt I will break both arms, the good arm as well as the broken one, and make the sword fall from his hand... he will groan before the king of Babylon **like a mortally wounded man**... his arms will fall limp (Ezekiel 30:21-25).
- **NOT YET TOTALLY OVERTHROWN—Prince over Babylon:** “One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but **the fatal wound had been healed**” (Revelation 13:3).
- **NOT YET PUNISHED—King over Tyre [Satan]:** ““You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God... You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you... **Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor**... So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings... All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more” (Ezekiel 28:12-19).

“No other trees so well-watered are ever to reach such a height; they are **all destined for death, for the earth below, among mortal men, with those who go down to the pit**. Then all the trees of Eden, **the choicest and best of Lebanon, all the trees that were well-watered** [God’s heavenly council] were **consoled in the earth below**. Those who lived in its shade, its allies among the nations, had also gone down to the grave with it, joining those killed by the sword” (Ezekiel 31:14, 16-17).

These are the mythical gods of the 21st century who in Revelation are described as the beast that was, is not, but will be again. They established a rogue heavenly kingdom comprised of Satan, rebellious sons of God and offspring—the Nephilim of fallen angels. They initiated the civil war that continues to this day raging in heaven, battling for supremacy in God’s kingdom.

The remaining heavenly rulers over the nations who were not struck down by God in our ancient history were taken down by Christ. If they had known God Almighty’s plan, they would not have allowed Christ to die, for his sacrifice was their defeat.

“None of the **rulers of this age** [the rulers, principalities and powers in high places] understood it, for if they had, **THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY**” (1 Corinthians 2:8).

After Jesus was resurrected, he captured the rogue rulers and marched them into inner earth where he paraded them before the other defeated heavenly rulers imprisoned in the pit. “This is why it says: ‘When He ascended on high, **He led captives** [those rogue heavenly rulers] **away, and gave gifts to men** [authority to teach the Word of God].’ What does ‘He ascended’

mean, except that **He also descended to the lower parts of the earth?** He who descended is the very one who ascended above all the heavens, in order to fill all things" (Ephesians 4:8-10).

Now, this beastly heavenly kingdom ruling the nations was finally overthrown! All of the rogue rulers are imprisoned in the pit to this day. Their silence, due to their imprisonment, has led 21st century mankind to write these rogue gods off as "mythical" characters who were a figment of ancient man's imagination. But, alas, the Apostle John writes in Revelation that this beast will rise again! The Beast she rides **once was, now is not** [overthrown in Apostle John's time], and **will come up out of the Abyss** and go to his destruction (Revelation 17:8).

21st century mankind will be astonished when this heavenly power rises again. After all, they believe and teach that these gods are mythical. "The whole world was astonished and followed the beast" (Revelation 13:3). Of course, they will be astonished! Foolish man, they will follow the beast—not God—for they want the technology of the gods, their knowledge and science to solidify their presence in this rebellious relationship that resembles feet of iron and clay.

So, who are the rulers seen by Daniel in the great statue that correspond to the four beasts that come out of the sea from their rebel domain? (Daniel 7:3).

The beasts in Daniel identify the heavenly rulers and powers over the world-dominating kingdoms of earth that began as godly, but over time became wicked. The earthly kingdoms continue as a single body without a break in history. Unlike the beasts, which rise up and are given power by God to rule, but their rulership comes to an end. A break from their rulership occurs, but it rises up again in the latter days. Many of these rogue gods who participated in the heavenly rule over the nations have been overthrown by the Almighty God and are now imprisoned in the pit (Ezekiel 32). The remaining were overthrown by Christ during the time of John when Rome ruled the known world, bringing an end to these rogue heavenly rulers and powers **over the**

nations. The beast that was is now not, but will be again in the latter days.

These beasts are creatures without redemption. The earthly kingdoms are imaged as a man for they can be redeemed upon their repentance.



“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

“**The first beast was like a LION**, and it had **the wings of an eagle**. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it” (Daniel 7:4).



This beast was led by a royal member of God’s government at the highest level in God’s holy council for he was like a lion [royalty] with wings of an eagle [holy council member]. “A great eagle with powerful wings, long feathers and full plumage of varied colors [the heavenly holy council member—prince over Babylon] came to Lebanon [the symbolic location of God’s government]. Taking hold of the top of a cedar [the king of Judah], he broke off its topmost shoot and carried it away to the land of merchants [Babylon], where he planted it in a city of traders” (Ezekiel 17:2-4). Ezekiel provides the meaning of the allegory. “The king of Babylon went to Jerusalem and carried off her king and her nobles, bringing them back with him to Babylon” (Ezekiel 17:12).

Resurrected sons of God are portrayed by Isaiah as having the wings of eagles. “But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall **mount up with wings like eagles**; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

This prince over Babylon served the Almighty God for a time, allowing God to use him as a gold cup in His hand to correct the rulers both heavenly and earthly of the rebelling nations, as He did with the house of Judah. Over time, the heavenly ruler of the first beast fell into rebellion and his wings were torn off. He was dismembered from God’s holy council and reduced to resemble mortal man.



The head of gold was BABYLON.

Daniel said, “You, O king, are the king of kings. **The GOD OF HEAVEN has given you dominion and power and might and glory; in your hands he has placed mankind** and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, **he has made you ruler over them all. You are the head of gold**” (Daniel 2:37-38).

This must have been a humble realization for the house of Judah to see their God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who is the Almighty God, show favour to their captor—a gentile king. This earthly king was coming to know the Almighty God that is why this statue has the head of gold. The leadership at this time was honourable and recognized the God of Israel, humbling the house of Judah further, as they watched a gentile king command the nations he ruled over to acknowledge the God of Israel as the ALL MIGHTY GOD when they were disloyal,

disrespectful, and rebellious—like their brothers in the northern house. God’s people, His inheritance would not obey Him and did not fear His supremacy, but a gentile king did.

“Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. The king said to Daniel, ‘Surely **your God** is the **God of gods and the Lord of kings** and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery’” (Daniel 3:47).

An opportunity arose for God to teach King Nebuchadnezzar about the power of Daniel’s God—the God of Israel. The king had an image of gold made, commanding all to worship it. That image of gold was likely the image of their god, for the battle against God and the rogue gods was well into play. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the idol. King Nebuchadnezzar was angry and had them bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. “Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, ‘Wasn’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?’ They replied, ‘Certainly, O king.’ He said, ‘Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and **the fourth looks like a son of the gods**’” (Daniel 3:24-25).

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire unharmed with not even a hair on their head singed or robes scorched, nor the smell of fire on them. King Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants... **I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for NO OTHER GOD CAN SAVE IN THIS WAY**” (Daniel 3:28-29).

Despite the proclamations of the gods ruling the nations around the world declaring themselves as the most supreme, King Nebuchadnezzar recognized the power of the Almighty God and openly declared the greatness of **the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego** over the inferior ruling sons of God.

“I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble... His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. **No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’**” (Daniel 4:37, :34-35).

His head of gold reflected the respect and honor King Nebuchadnezzar gave to the Almighty God, but soon after his death when his son, Belshazzar, was ruling came the infamous writing on the wall, “Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin.” And so, the kingdom of Babylon fell to give rise to an earthly kingdom with a chest and arms of silver ruled by the second beast out of the sea. **The chest and two arms of silver was the Medo-Persian Empire.**



The night King Belshazzar received the meaning from Daniel of the writing on the wall, he died. Two powerful kingdoms, the Medo-Persian empire, invaded and overthrew the Babylonian empire.

The chest and arms of silver was the MEDO-PERSIAN Empire who acknowledged the supremacy of the God of Israel over the gods ruling their nation and the nations of the world. Darius, the Mede took over the kingdom along with Cyrus the Great of Persia.

Tricked into issuing an edict that prohibited the worship of any god or man but King Darius for thirty days, resulted in Daniel being thrown into the lion's den. **King Darius was greatly distressed** for he could not overturn the edict. He said, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" (Daniel 6:16).

King Darius spent the night distraught and without sleep. Early the next morning, he hurried to the lion's den and cried to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel replied, 'My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king'" (Daniel 6:20-22). The king was overjoyed. He wrote to **all the peoples, nations and men of every language throughout the land:**

"May you prosper greatly!

I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom
people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

For **he is the living God and he endures forever;**

his kingdom will not be destroyed,

his dominion will never end.

He rescues and he saves;

He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.

He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions" (Daniel 6:25-27).

"So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian" (Daniel 6:28).

One of the amazing prophecies recorded by Isaiah foretold the arrival of Cyrus the Great and his respect and honour for the Almighty God of Israel. "This is what the Lord says to **his anointed, to Cyrus**, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him... I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by name... **'I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor**, though you do not acknowledge me'" (Isaiah 45:1, 4) and "He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please" (Isaiah 44:28).

Cyrus the Great recognized the God of Israel and made possible the legislation for the Jews to return and rebuild God's temple in Jerusalem. "Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, **the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia**, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: 'Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, "**The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.** Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up'" (II Chronicles 36:22–23).

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, King Darius of the Medes and Cyrus the Great of Persia all recognized and gave honor to the Almighty God of Israel. In response, God honored them by representing them as precious metals: Babylon—the head of gold, Medes and Persians—the chest and arms of silver.

The heavenly rulers represented in the second beast who presided over this dual kingdom worked against the Almighty God to thwart His plan and hinder His servants. "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. But **the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days.** Then **Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me**, because I was **detained there with the king of Persia"** (Daniel 10:12-13).



This "prince of the Persian kingdom" in Daniel was not Cyrus the Great for no human leader has the power to restrain an angel. Gabriel is a high ranking angel, yet he needed the help of Michael, the archangel, to release him from the grips of this Persian prince. This royal ruler was a heavenly power with rulership over the kingdom of Persia. This heavenly ruler made every effort to prevent the interpretation of prophesy from reaching Daniel.

This beastly power had one leader—the head of a bear who pulled together an alliance that comprised of other heavenly powers of differing strengths. The earthly empire reflected this mix of inequality, but together, they became a superpower that moved slowly but with intense destruction. It was time for them to rise. The new king of Babylon, son of Nebuchadnezzar did not remember the events that humbled his father and turned his father's heart to respect and honor the Almighty God. King Belshazzar's insolence towards the Almighty God brought his defeat before he could take one breath to sound the alarm. To the Medo-Persians God commanded, "Get up and eat your fill of flesh!" God Almighty is in charge.

A civil war raged in heaven during these ancient times, which continues to this day. Gabriel would soon have to return to the battle zone against the prince of Persia, but it doesn't end with Persia, Gabriel warned, "the prince of Greece will come" (Daniel 10:20).

The third beast looked like a leopard. The battle for the kingdom continued. Alliances in the heavenly realm formed to plot and plan their rise. This beast represents the smallest of the large cat species. It is the strongest climber of the large cats and **most elusive**. In short bursts, it can reach high speeds. The four heavenly rulers of this beast may not hold the highest positions in the heavenly realm, but its strength is in its speed, elusive covering and decisive attacks. They plot and wait for the moment. Their empire rose suddenly and swiftly. They formed the earthly kingdom of Greece using Alexander the Great to establish their ruling force.



The belly and thigh of the statue was the kingdom of GREECE.

This is a resilient kingdom that endures, but its earthly leaders do not recognize the Almighty God, so no precious metals are reflected in the belly and thigh of the statue.



Alexander the Great is the large horn of the goat in Daniel 8:8, “The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.” After Alexander the Great died prematurely at 32 years old, his four generals divided the empire into four kingdoms. The northern and southern kingdoms representative of the bronze thighs of the statue warred against each other until Rome rose to power.

The beastly powers will come to an end “for many days.” Hosea writes, “The Israelites will live **many days** without king or **prince**” (Hosea 3:4). The Israelites have always had earthly leaders even while they were scattered and traveled west to safer locations. This mention of “without king or prince” is in reference to spiritual leaders. Christ is their king. He is King of kings and Lord of lords, but he has not yet returned, so, they are without their king. They are also without a prince for they no longer worship the gods and no gods rule over any of the nations today. The remnant of the gods ruling over the nations were captured by Christ upon his resurrection and remain imprisoned in the pit (Ezekiel), awaiting judgment.

After the ‘many days’ of Hosea—in the latter days, a leopard-like beast unlike the previous three, will appear suddenly and swiftly; it will rise to power. From this beast a small horn will grow. “**Out of one of them came another horn**, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land” (Daniel 8:9). This small horn from one of the previous four, rises and **resurrects the ancient-old ruling structure of gods over of the nations** prophesied in Revelation 17:8 “The beast, which you saw, **once was, now is not** [the final remnant overthrown completely by Christ], and **will come up** [yet in the future] out of the Abyss and go to his destruction.” Its fatal wound was healed (Revelation 13:12). God

prophesied through Jeremiah the arrival of an old enemy who will overpower the nations of 21st century Israel. “O, house of Israel. I am bringing a **distant nation against you an ancient and enduring nation**, a people whose language you do not know, whose speech you do not understand” (Jeremiah 5:15). The final battle for the kingdom arrives on the earth.

While the fourth beast rises, the remaining three remain stripped of their authority and imprisoned in the pit, awaiting judgment. “I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. **The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time**” (Daniel 7:11-12).

“In that day the LORD will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. **They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days**” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

The fourth beast was terrifying and frightening and very powerful. When Satan is thrown to earth, he knows then that his time is short. He summons the ancient-old structure of rulership—gods ruling over the nations from out of the sea and modifies it into a formidable war machine. The beast that was—gods ruling over the nations, is back again. “It had large iron teeth, it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it” (Daniel 7:7-8).



The beast resembles a leopard but has feet like a bear and speaks like a lion. It will rise into a superpower at the speed of a leopard and stand its ground with the steady and powerful feet of a bear. It will speak like a lion claiming to be a royal, divine kingdom. While in the shadows, Satan will give it power, a throne and authority. The leader of this beastly kingdom will claim to be superior to the God of Israel. He will blaspheme the Almighty God and perform “great and miraculous signs, even bringing fire down from heaven to earth **in full view of men**” (Revelation 13:13). Many will be deceived.

The final war of God against the rogue heavenly rulers will begin with fireworks on the international stage on earth as the gods arrive from the heavens displaying science defying technology to intrigue and capture the loyalty of 21st century mankind who have mythicized God, the gods, Satan, the angels and demons. Before the great battle of the beast and Christ, the final world-ruling kingdom on earth will be divided and at odds (Daniel 2:41). The king of



the North and the king of the South continue to form the two iron legs of the statue. All the people of the world whose names are not written in the Book of Life will worship the beast. They will be awestruck. *Who can overpower this immense supernatural force? They will ponder.*

In the latter days, this beast will have ten horns who are ten kings. These ten kings were promised a kingdom by God, but have not yet received it. Their kingship is given as promised, but for only one hour along with the beast (Revelation 17:12). A little horn will appear from out of the ten. He will quickly overthrow three kings, leaving seven. All of these remaining kings will join, giving their power to the last of the rogue heavenly kingdoms to stand before the enemy of whom they disdain. They believe they have a chance, but before them will stand Jesus Christ with the saints. Christ will over power them for he was given supreme power from God. He is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Prior to this final great battle, the Antichrist—the Assyrian—the blasphemous king will show no regard to any god past or present. He will honor the god of Fortress and receive help from a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him, he will greatly reward with rulership over many people (Daniel 11:37-39). He will ally with mortal nations forming a short-lived, brittle relationship, resembling the ten toes of iron and clay of both kingdoms of the North and the South.

The king will use flattery to “corrupt those who have violated the covenant, **but the people who know their God will firmly resist him**” (Daniel 11:32).

This boastful little horn will “wage war against the saints until the Ancient of Days comes and pronounces judgment **in favor of the saints of the Most High**, and the time comes when they possess the kingdom” (Daniel 7:21). This insolent leader will not prevail. Blinded by his arrogance and pride, he will stand against the Prince of princes but will be destroyed (Daniel 8:25).

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one **like a son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. **He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion** that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will **never be destroyed**” (Daniel 7:13-14).

Barbaric battles have been fought causing the loss of many, many lives to gain world dominion. Members of God’s holy council have fallen, yet to be judged, made mortal and lose their eternal life in their efforts to win God’s kingdom. Pride and the wielding of power blinded these rogue rulers where they could no longer see God’s generous heart. It was always His good

pleasure to **gift** His kingdom. Those who are poor in spirit—the humble people who recognize their utter spiritual bankruptcy before God and their need to rely on Him for wisdom, knowledge and truth and those persecuted because of righteousness are **promised that theirs is the kingdom of heaven** (Matthew 5:3, 10).

TO THE SAINTS, Christ said “Fear not, little flock, for it is **your Father’s good pleasure to GIVE you the kingdom**” (Luke 12:32). “**THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH WILL RECEIVE THE KINGDOM AND WILL POSSESS IT FOREVER—YES, FOR EVER AND EVER**” (Daniel 7:18).

There is no need to battle for the kingdom. It will be gifted to the humble, God-fearing, God-serving people who KNOW and LOVE their Creator—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—that God.



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