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CHAPTER 2

During the Babylonian captivity, four Judeans were chosen above all the wise men in Nebuchadnezzar's court. In discerning dreams and visions, the Jew Daniel was outstanding.

One night, the king had disturbing dreams. He called for his wise men to both reveal and interpret his dreams or be slain. But that was impossible, they said. Furious, he sent a decree to kill them all. The guards went out and found Daniel who learned of it and was granted the time he requested to pray. Then God gave the answer to Daniel. Saving the rest from the sword he said,

³¹ "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. ³² This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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.

³⁶ "This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ³⁷ You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; ³⁸ and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold. ³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ 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. 42 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. ⁴³As 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. 44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven shall 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. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold-the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure." (Daniel 2:31-45 NKJV)

Just One Stone

Throughout the analogy the metals represent empires. Like its metal each of them was inferior in splendor to the one it overtook, but each was stronger than its predecessor until its feet. Its bronze thighs and iron legs were divided kingdoms, but even more divided were its feet and toes, which were partly strong and partly fragile, divided within themselves.

David slew Goliath with just one stone, a perfect fit for the young man's sling. (1 Sam. 17:50) But another Stone will fell a giant far greater than Goliath. ... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. (2:44c)

When all nations unite against her, Israel's Cornerstone will destroy their armies, and Babylon the Great will turn to ashes: And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. (Mat. 21:44; cf. Is. 8:14-15) Israel's King will crush them all together.

Two events were foretold in the king's dream: In the days of the ten kings, a stone strikes its feet and breaks them in pieces (in 2:34) when God sets up a kingdom that will never be defeated or left to others (in 2:44). God established Israel after ending His vengeance in World War Two.

A Stone will crush her enemies when Jerusalem rises like a mountain over the earth (in 2:35, 44c). God gave His Son the Kingdom; as Immanuel, He redeemed the whole world. (Is. 7:14)

The Image

King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of an idol. Its gold head was the illustrious king himself. (Dan. 2:38) Daniel said God created the king to rule Babylon. (2:37) Isaiah had already condemned the worship of gold idols (in Is. 46); yet as kings before him had done, Nebuchadnezzar demanded worship from the city that had risen out of Babel itself. (See pp. 55-58)

Two other empires preceded Babylon—Egypt and Assyria, but go unmentioned in the king's dream. Why?

²³ In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. ²⁴ In that day Israel will be the third *party* with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, ²⁵ whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance. (Is. 19:23-25 NASB)

The dream Daniel revealed to him exalted Nebuchadnezzar, its gold head. His mind was inflated with pride. In the third chapter, he ordered his sculptors and goldsmiths to build a great gold statue and commanded its worship by the entire kingdom.

The Jewish prophets refused to bow to the idol and were cast into a blazing furnace. When its fiery flames had no effect on them—nor on a fourth [man] in the furnace, the king of Babylon passed a decree: No one may speak against the Hebrews' God. Yet the king himself was unchanged.

In Daniel 4 the king gave the testimony of his salvation. He said he had a dream about a tree, which Daniel interpreted as a prophetic warning before the king lost mind by exalting himself. His pride drove him mad so that he ate grass in the wild like a beast till he confessed, "God alone is Sovereign." Sent into the wilderness for months, the king was enlightened by humility and returned to reality. He learned God is greater than all kings and can humble the proud. Then he ordered Babylon to worship the God of Israel. He had come to the faith. The people obeyed his law but, unchanged by God, returned to idolatry at his death.

In Daniel 5 his son became king and held a banquet. The rich kingdom made gods out of its possessions. Drinking out of gold

goblets from the temple, he praised the gods of gold, stone, and wood. Within the hour, the new king saw the fingers of a man writing on the plaster wall. Visibly shaken he asked Daniel to interpret its meaning. Its prophetic words came to pass that night when King Belshezzar was slain and the kingdom went to Darius the Mede, raised up by God. Thus Medo-Persia gained Babylon as the silver chest and arms.

In Daniel 6 King Darius admired Daniel and planned to make him head of the kingdom. This incited Daniel's enemies who devised a law for the king to sign, commanding that no one may petition any god but must ask the king for all their needs for the next month; transgressors were thrown to the lions.

Darius was dismayed when they nabbed Daniel in prayer, but Persian laws signed by its king were permanent. He fasted the night Daniel was thrown to the lions, and no—not a scratch!

No idol is in the story, just the requirement of the people's dependency on the king for their needs. That makes us pause to think. Daniel escaped the lions' den unharmed, but his enemies and their families were thrown to the lions and eaten. At the end Darius sent a decree to his kingdom to fear Daniel's God.

When Greece overcame Persia, she accepted the Babylonian gods of Persia. Babylon's late dynasties were Persian and Greek; their kings proudly reckoned themselves Babylonian.

The idol's bronze belly, Greece, was metaphorically a goat whose great horn was broken (in Dan. 8:21). When Alexander the Great died, four horns divided his empire when four generals divvied up the lands. The greatest dynasties were the Seleucid and Ptolemaic, the idol's bronze thighs. Each of them overcame Israel, but as iron hammers bronze, Rome conquered all that was Greek, receiving all that was Babylonian by 30 BC. 83

Its peculiar geography made its empire untenable for Rome. Diocletian divided it with Byzantium and Rome as its capitals. The Byzantine Empire continued a thousand years after Rome fell in 476.⁸⁴ Its city became Constantinople but fell to Turkish jihadists as the second foot from its iron legs.

Because thou hast seen iron mixed with miry clay, they are mixing themselves with the seed of men: and they are not adhering one with another, even as iron is not mixed with clay (in Dan. 2:43 YLT).

Her scarlet beast (in Rev. 17:3) had been Babylon's dragon, passing <u>Greek and Roman</u> power to a terrible beast as the <u>bronze claws</u> and <u>iron teeth</u> of the (H)REGN (in Dan. 7:7). Afterward he ruled with his altar behind the walls of Babylon in Berlin.

Where Have All the Vandals Gone?

Daniel interpreted the king's dream, describing an unusual event: the iron kingdom was the strongest and most brutish but would be divided within itself (in 2:41). Its empire was split in two, and its iron mixed with humankind, the clay feet and toes.

What could have literally *mingled with the seed of men?* The iron kings are not men but fallen angels, leading devils to affect nations. Men who worship false gods are open to receive devils.

Savages out of the east and north invaded Rome, trashed the city, and forced marriages, mixing their seed with mortals. The bishops built an empire on a lie from their fear of the invasions.

The apostate church hired European kings to protect her as a false religio-political empire rose, divided by popes and kings, already partly weak and partly strong by the mixture. After its fall, the ten kings received their kingdoms out of its empire. At Hitler's rise, the people were divided and unable to oppose him.

In the days of these kings (from 2:44a) the dream's ten toes were kings in collusion with the dragon. These remain till Israel pulverizes them by the King of kings, a far-reaching prophecy in Revelation 13–16 and 17:15 through chapter 19.

Rome fell to the Visigoths and Vandals, savage tribes that migrated to central Europe. Fleeing from the Huns, they invaded Rome, raped their women, and married them for their offspring.

Both sides of the Roman Empire had professed Christianity for centuries. The city to the east was renamed Constantinople after its emperor died, but in 1453, jihadists broke through its walls and called it Istanbul. 85 They changed most of its churches into mosques and made it the head of the Ottoman Empire. Eyewitnesses described gory brutalities, "showing no mercy from the weakest to the greatest." Rape victims were forced to intermarry, mingling the seed of men with the iron savages. 86

Mixing iron with the seed of men affected human nature: Lombards, Celts, Turks, Vandals, Goths, Visigoths, Vikings, jihadists, and Huns—nomadic tribes—were fathers of nations

who'd become barbarians. When iron kings mixed with the seed of men, the civilizations fell.⁸⁷ How could they possibly stand while divided?

The Hunnic Effect

In the 8th century, out of weakness and fear, church leaders called on Europa's rulers; in the 9th they established a church empire with military power. In the 10th popes turned to the brutal Germanic kings whose forefathers were Huns. In 962 Otto the Great was the first German "Holy Roman Emperor." ⁸⁸

The church empire conquered its people by wars and oppression. From 962 till 1806, the REGN was most often ruled by Roman popes and German kings. When men worshiped idols and false gods, they physically received devils until their nations were divided by the unnatural composition of their seed.

The Hunnic effect and Hitler's interest in the occult incited the people to heinous crimes against Jews [the chosen people], and churches were ambivalent or complicit by the deceiver. The antichrist spirit rises when men receive evil ideas and are roused to hatred and slander. Their fascism silences its opposition till the day the Lord changes everything.

Other Huns left the Asian steppes to settle in Russia. Was it why Russian Marxists killed sixty-two million opponents, often for being Jews or Christians? ⁸⁹ Marxism incites genocide.

In *The Communist Manifesto*, Marx imagined socialism as a return to the Middle Ages' feudalism with its government as the landlord. Marxism is a repressive political theory that deceives its minions. It appears generous until faith and freedom are outlawed. Marxism sheds blood worldwide; its beast is the deceiver; the truth is his enemy.

Thy Kingdom Come!

After losing the war in heaven, Satan and his angels were cast down to the earth. Out of its abyss, foreign spirits entered mankind. (Rev. 12:9) Woe unto the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time (in Rev. 12:12).

Each kingdom was known by its capital city, the throne of its empire. The sixth kingdom was Rome, crushing all that opposed her, breaking lands into little pieces to destroy their strength.

Unlike the other parts of the idol, its feet came out of Rome's iron, but its iron mingled with the seed of men in its two feet until finally, its ten toes were also weakened by the mixture.

When iron kings mingled with the seed of men, it weakened the iron and divided the clay, proving the power was not of clay but of iron. Huns terrorized Europa with no objectives but to rape, murder, and pillage. Ancient historians said the Huns were "evil beasts who emerged from the wilderness to wreak havoc on civilization." ⁹¹ Even secular writers called them "devils."

Odoacer was a Hunnic general in the Roman army who deposed the last emperor, Romulus Augustus in 476. Unable to manage the sprawling Hunnic Empire after Attila died, his tribes had disbanded years before. Most tribes had spread throughout Europa, but the Huns had gone to Germania and Austria where they intermarried and raised families, creating divisions among the people. 93

After World War One, ten kings received nations for the red dragon. ⁹⁴ At the end of World War Two, he gave his throne to the beast that was like a leopard with a mouth like a lion and feet like a bear. It wasn't his idea to lose the greatest war of all on account of the Jews. It was God's plan. Israel's war and ours is against invisible forces. We see flesh and blood, but our war is not against what we see, but against the powers of darkness:

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. (Eph. 6:10-12)

The dragon has taken most of Eurasia with his kings. He'll unite the East and West to gain their worship. He's losing time and is frantic to achieve his goal. As the terrible beast, he nearly wiped out the Jews but lost his throne and faced the Judge who sent him to perdition and gave the Jews the Kingdom (in Dan. 7:18). The victims received their victories by the Name they'd profaned (in Rev.17:14)—what abundant grace!

An evil world serves Satan, hating the name and the nature of God, but that doesn't change the goodness of God. Slanderers

and liars continue to the end, but we look up to the Lord who helps and strengthens us. We cast our cares on Him by faith, for without faith, we can't please God. (Heb. 11:6)

The nations are coming together as the whole statue for a common cause—to annihilate Israel and destroy the Christian faith, trying to turn the faithfulness of God into a lie. The statue of Babylon the Great stands tall till the end of this age when the Stone that strikes the image becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. Though they pursue the depths of hell, the light of God's words prevail for eternity.

Mystery Babylon is the statue's gold head, its capital city, its great international throne. Imagine kings joining a plot with their enemies to destroy the only nation God calls His own. They say they are wise but are fools, giving in to depraved lusts, unnatural affections, and reprobate minds. (Rom. 1:18-32)

The European Union is divided. They are only united by the ten kings who agree to give their kingdom to the dragon (in Rev. 17:16-17). Jihadists and others are altering Europe. Each influx of violent extremists means more divisions, but the dragon's kings will force their union by conforming them to do their will by the most effective weapons of warfare: fear and deception.

In the days of the seven heads and their kings, men were empowered by far greater forces than the ten horns that received their kingdoms later, but the power of the later kings is in their weaponry, even to the point that the end of all flesh on earth is possible. Thus the lesser kings are abler to destroy than those who went before them though they aren't as great.

All nations have entered Babylon. Its image symbolizes all kingdoms—to the east and to the west—which have mingled their seed with the iron kings so that all of them fall together, crushed by the Stone of Israel.

⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven shall 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. (Dan. 2:43-44 NKJV)

After 1920 the ten nations were unable to unite against Hitler since their kings were in union with the dragon (in Rev. 17:12-13). Iron kings mixed with men to weaken and divide them till the dragon ruled them. Its pattern is being replicated in America.

A false politico-religious empire rises for the dragon's fourth kingdom, Mystery Babylon (in Rev. 13–18). Its nations are united against the Lamb of God, but the Stone that bruised the dragon's head will crush the idol's feet and toes, taking them all down:

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:11-16)

The once rejected Cornerstone crushes the clay, iron, bronze, silver, and gold together as one, turning them to dust, strewn to the wind, and forgotten: 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. (Dan. 2:35) The gold head of Babylon the Great falls at last, and Jerusalem rises above all the mountains on earth.

Israel's Savior is the Stone cut out of a mountain. His capital city, Jerusalem, is predestined as the highest mountain of all. (Is. 2:1-3, p. 188) In His eternal love for her, it's how Yeshua sees His Bride. Though deserted for nearly two thousand years, her people have returned to her, fulfilling the prophecies. His words call things into existence before they are, because *the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy (in Rev. 19:10)*.