

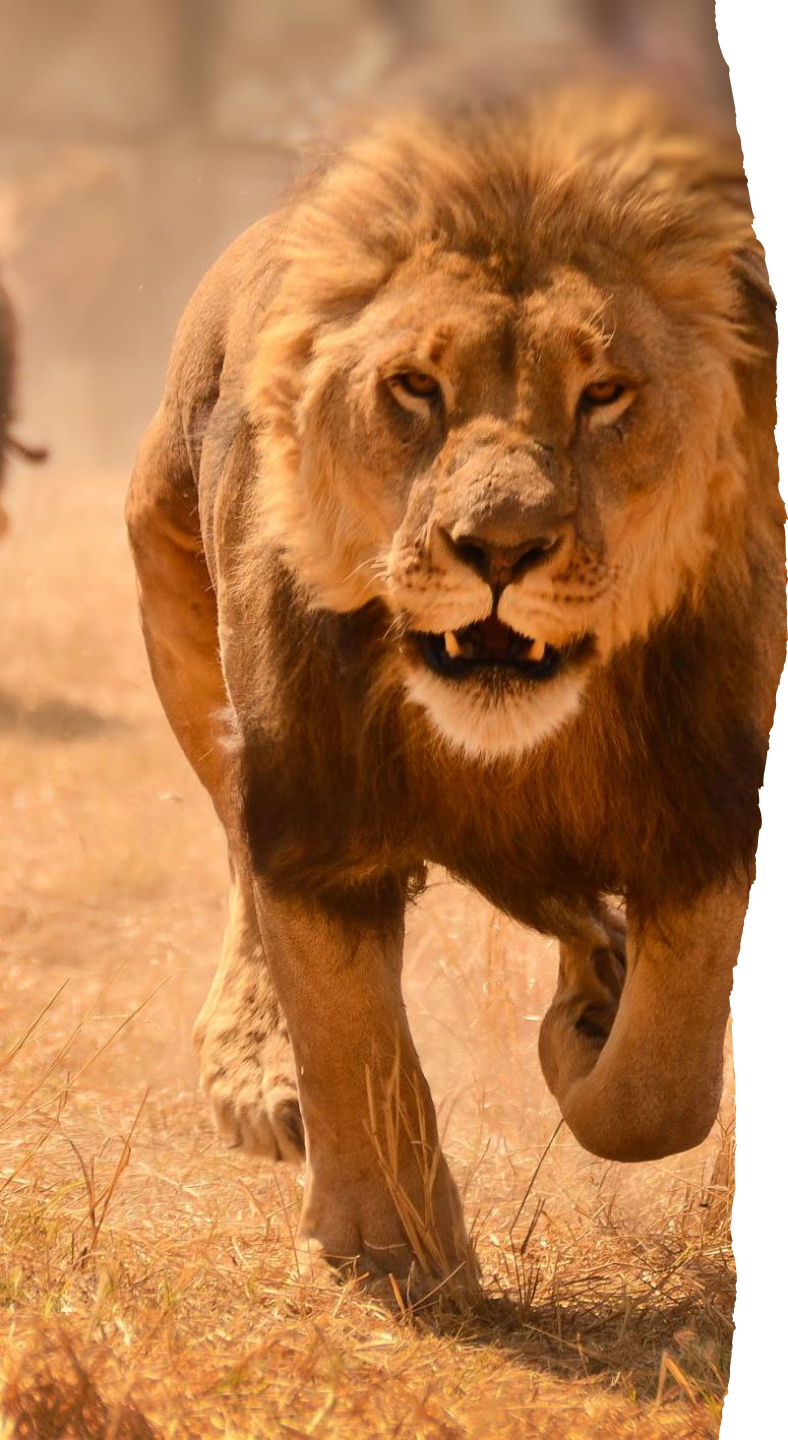
# Daniel: The Inspiration of Daniel in an Age of Relativism



## Hour Two The Dream of a King

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# Organization

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# Chronology

612 BC: Nineveh falls to an alliance of Babylon and Media

609 BC: Pharaoh Necho leads army against Assyria

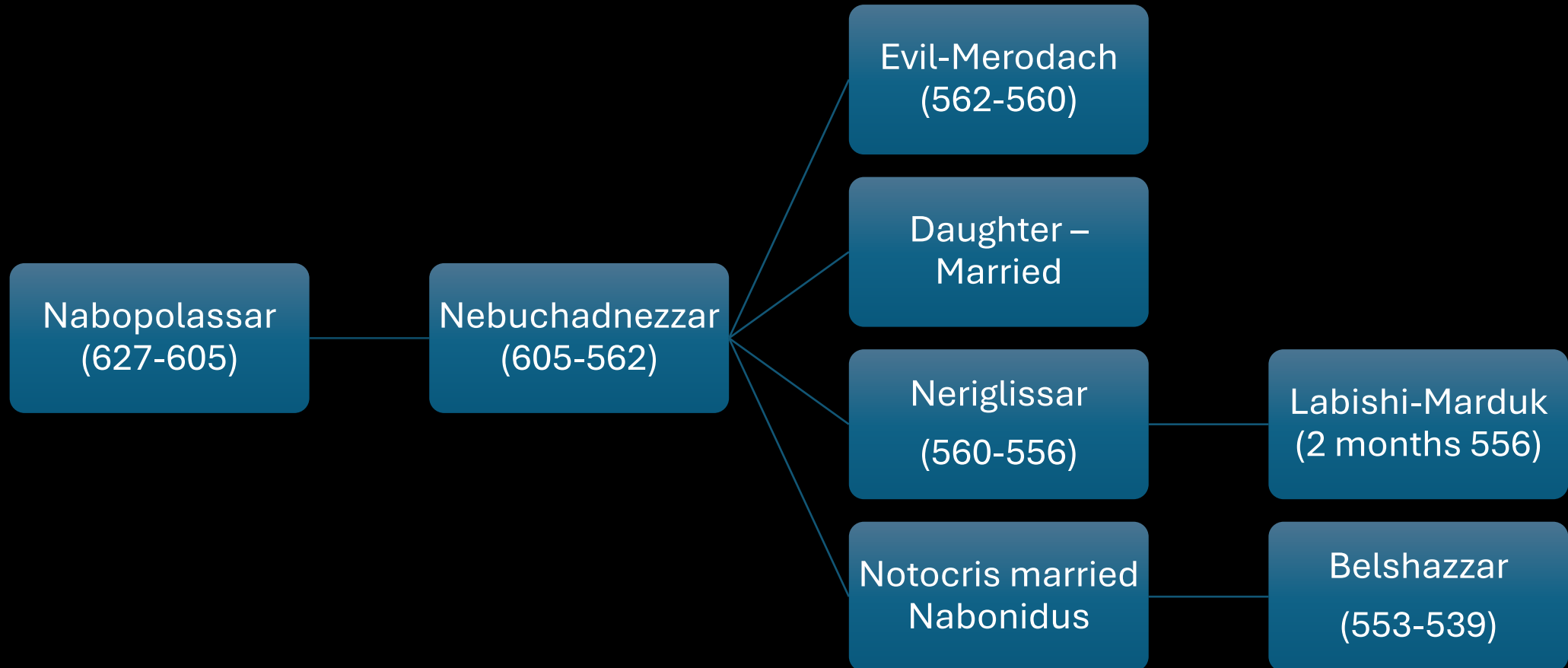
- Josiah fights Necho and gets killed
  - 2 Chron 35:20-24

606 BC: Battle of Carchemesh

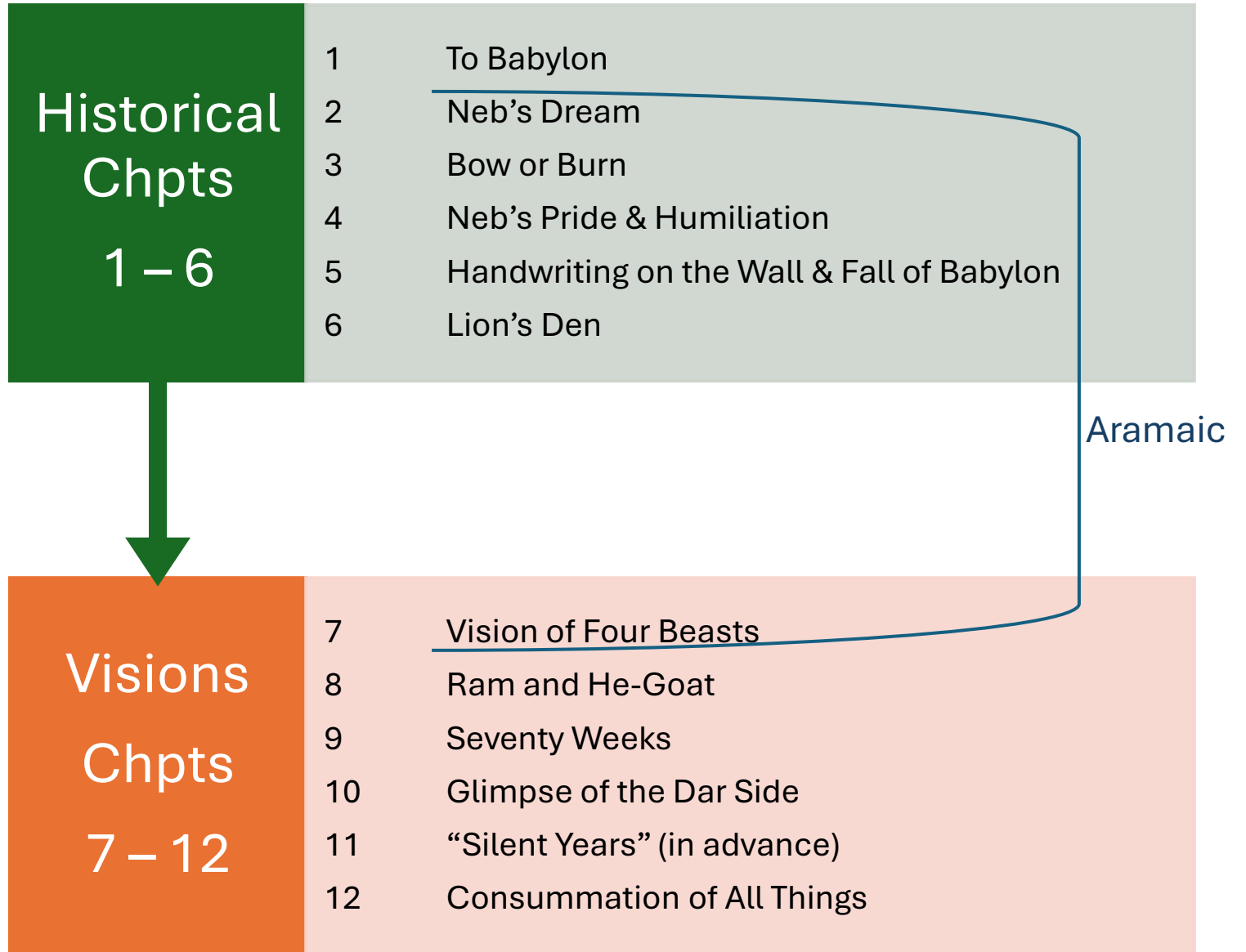
- Nebuchadnezzar vs Pharaoh Necho
- W bank of Euphrates Jer 46:1-6

# Kings of Babylon

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# Organization



# Times of the Gentiles

- In the famed Seventy Week prophecy in Daniel 9, where the Angel Gabriel outlines God's plan for Israel, we find four key verses:
  - 9:24 The scope of the prophecy;
  - 9:25 69 weeks (of years), climaxing in the presentation of the Messiah the King;
  - 9:26 An interval between the 69th and the 70th week;
  - 9:27 70th week.
- The time of the Gentiles is a biblical term that refers to the period of Gentile domination over the world and Jerusalem. It began with the Babylonian Captivity in 606 BC and will end with the return of Christ to the earth at the end of the Great Tribulation. During this time, the visible theocratic kingdom on earth is absent.
- Romans 11:25 where it is stated: "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in."

# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2

**Gold**

**Silver**

**Brass**

**Iron**

**Iron + Clay**



**Babylon**

**Persia**

**Greece**

**Rome I**

**“Rome II”**



# Golden Head Babylon

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- Currency Gold
- Persians to East
- Scythians from North
- Medes

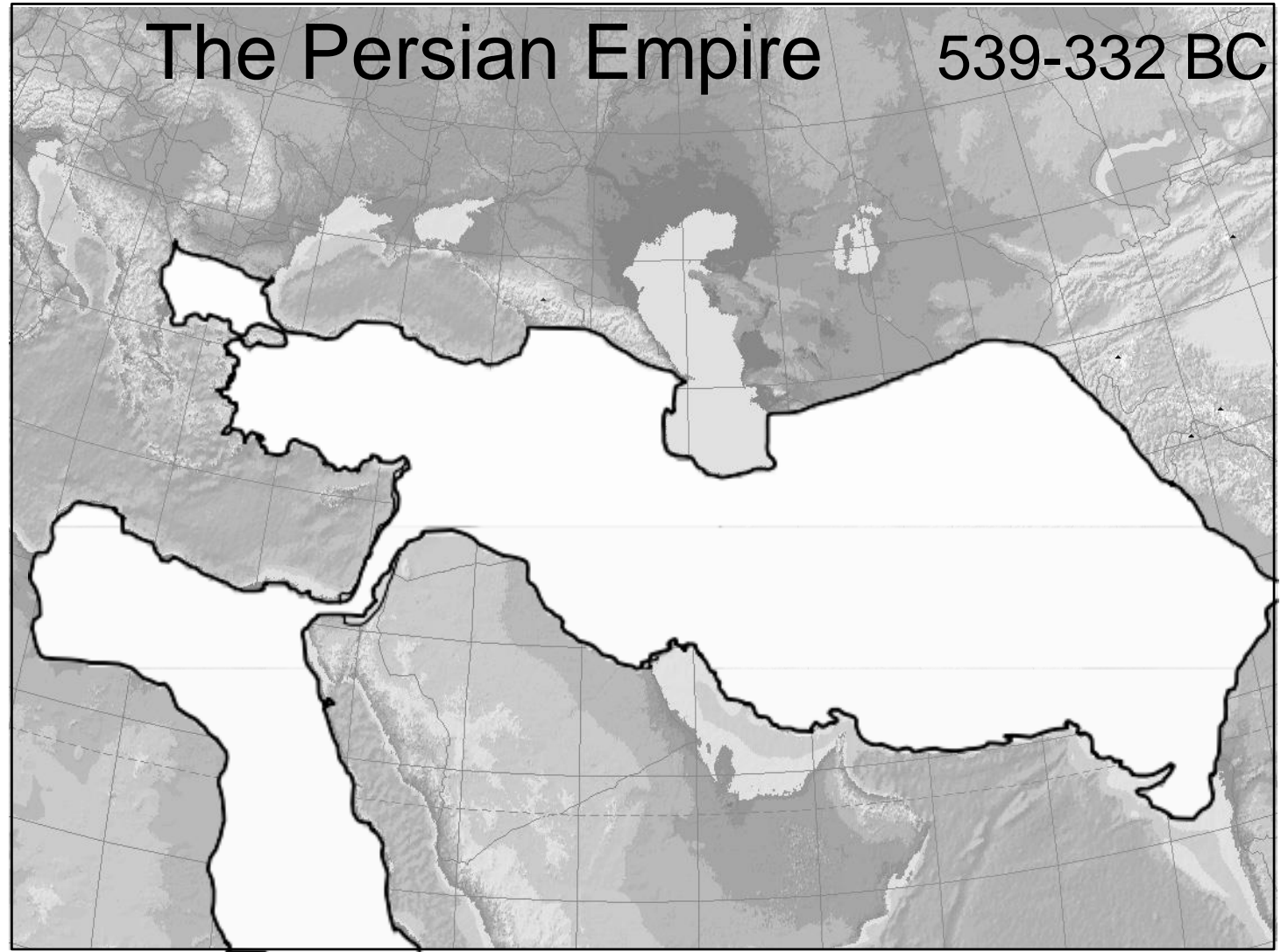




# Silver Chest Persia

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- Currency Silver
- Absorbed Babylon
- Greek Invasion defeated
  - Thermopylae
  - Decisive Athenian victory at the Battle of Marathon in 490 BC
- Egypt



## Greeks

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- Bronze
- Roads
- Philosophy – Initially to counter Babylon's Pagan Religions then used to frame it



# Empire Divided

- After Alexander
- **Cassander.** After Alexander's death, Cassander murdered Alexander's wife, Roxana, and only successor, Alexander IV who was not yet born when Alexander died. Alexander IV was approximately 14 years of age when he was murdered by Cassander. Cassander also murdered Alexander's illegitimate son Heracles. In addition, he ordered the death of Olympias, Alexander's mother. Now there was truly no heir. Cassander died of dropsy, and his kingdom was precluded by **Antigonos II Gonatas** – the grandson of Antigonos and the son of Demetrius – who took advantage of the anarchy that followed Cassander and Seleucus' death.
- **Lysimachus.** After Alexander's death, Lysimachus ruled Thrace, and expanded his territory to the north part of Asia Minor, Lydia, Ionia, and Phrygia. His third wife, Arsinoe II, wanted to secure the succession of her own son on the throne and forced Lysimachus to kill his first-born son, Agathocles. This murder caused a revolt and Seleucus took advantage of the situation, invaded and killed Lysimachus at the battle of Kouropedion in 281 BC. When Lysimachus died, the kingdom (Thrace) was absorbed into Syria and Macedonia.
- **Seleucus.** After Seleucus took part in the assassination of Perdiccas, for this service he was awarded the satrapy of Babylon. Seleucus punished one of the soldiers of Antigonos who had visited Babylon. Seleucus did not have permission to do this, and Antigonos requested monetary retribution; but Seleucus refused and fled to Egypt. While in Egypt, Seleucus helped coordinate the other diadochi against Antigonos who was now the strongest diadochos and who fought under Ptolemy as an admiral. Seleucus saw an opportunity and gathered a company and reclaimed Babylon, thus establishing his dynasty, the Seleucids. Seleucus continued to expand his territory. Just after Seleucus defeated Lysimachus, he was assassinated by his ally, Ptolemy Keraunos, the son of Ptolemy. The Seleucids were conquered by the Roman Empire in 63 BC.
- **Ptolemy I Soter.** Ptolemy became the strap of Egypt. Ptolemy stole Alexander's body and in Alexandria he constructed a luxurious tomb where Alexander was worshiped as a god. Ptolemy fought in the wars of the Diadochi, expanding his realm with Cyprus, Cyrenaica, and Judea. Ptolemy died in 282 BC. Ptolemy Keraunos (Ptolemy's son) came to power and assassinated Seleucus. After the last successor, Cleopatra, died the kingdom was absorbed by Rome.



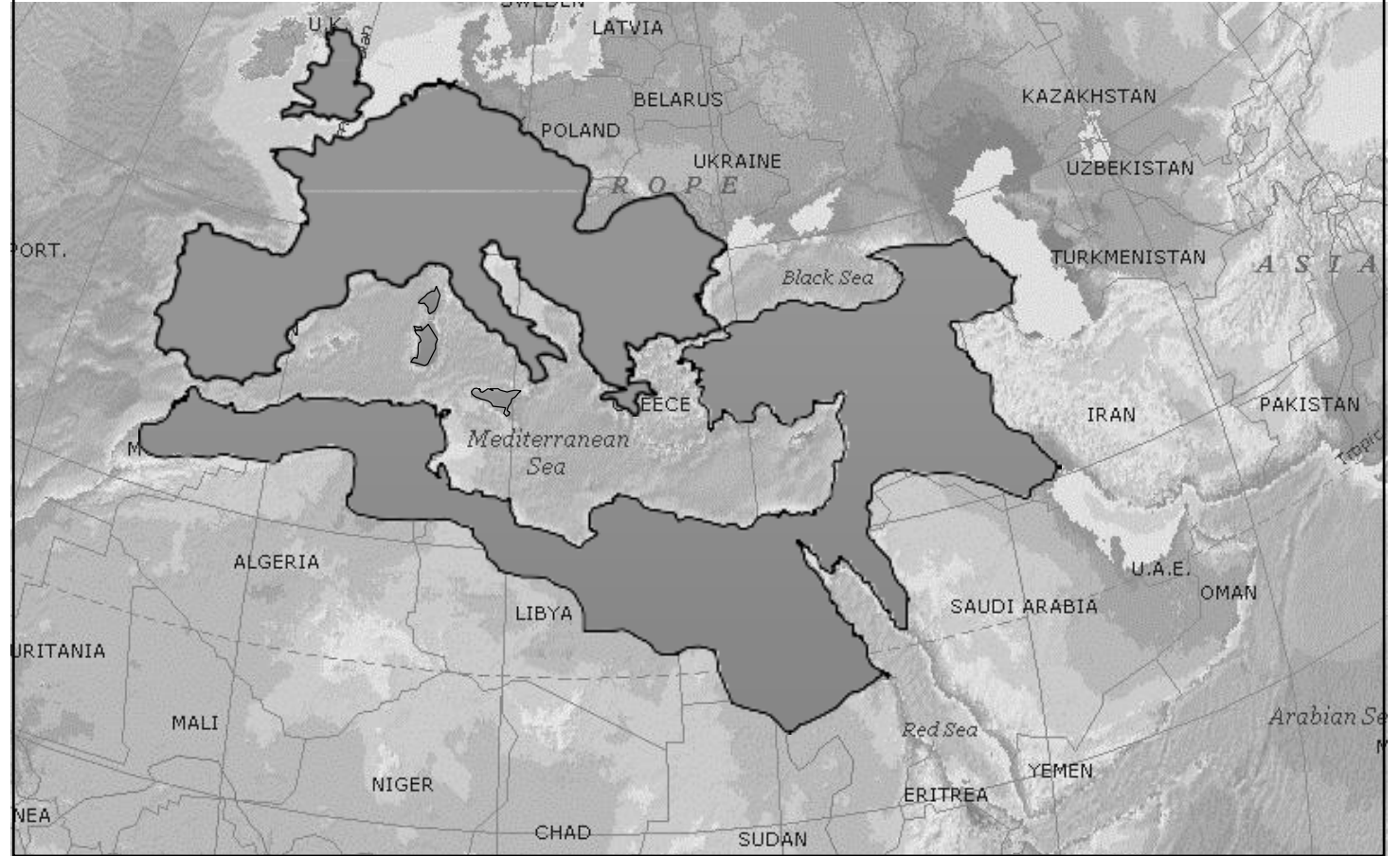
These generals fought and carried out plans of assassination. At times there were four kingdoms, three kingdoms, two kingdoms...but finally there were four kingdoms that emerged from what had been Alexander's empire.



## Rome

- Iron Legs
- Iron and clay Feet
- Paganistic Platonism
  - Convergence of Greek Philosophy and Paganism
  - Paganism from Babylon
  - New Age not so new

# The Roman Empire 68 BC – 476 AD





# Rome's Unique Role and Presence

- ***What made ancient Rome unique?***
  - Ancient Rome was a thriving and powerful empire
  - Left an impressive mark on labor, military, and culture.
  - Expansive domain across Europe, North Africa, and the Middle-East
  - Rome's influence was literally far-reaching.
  - Today, it is one of the oldest and most studied empires.
- Politics – Bricks ( **בֵּנָה וְלִבְנָה** **bênâh** - Hebrew word for Tyranny)
- Plumbing – Well... You know...
- Legal System – Not a Justice System
- Military Strategy – Continuous War
- Trade – Mortar ( **חֹמֶר** **chômer**, Hebrew word for Materialism)



***Ecc 1:9 That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done,  
And there is nothing new under the sun.***

# Mixed

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And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay,  
they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men:  
but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron  
is not mixed with clay.

Daniel 2:43

- **Miry clay is clay made from mire, dust**
  - **The context of the dream seems to imply that “they” constitute a significant political constituency**
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# Two Possibilities

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- First: Reached to Jesus' strange (to us) warning
- Second: Potter's Clay
- Maybe Both...







# First Possibility: Jesus' Strange Warning

- [Mat 24:37](#) *“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*
- What does that mean?
- What were the days of Noah like?
- Days of Noah perhaps only understood in context of the end days...
- Our Relativistic, Pagan, New Age, hedonism filled, technology infused, velocity of information deception might be the exact context needed to understand the days of Noah



# Strange Brew

*Gen 6:1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,*

*Gen 6:2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*

- Bene HaElohim “Sons of God”
- Benoth Adam “Daughters of Adam”

# Mixed Genetics

- Gen 6:4
- There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.
- Nephilim

# Into the Dictionary



**Nephilim: The Fallen Ones**



**Nephal: to fall, be cast down, to fall away, desert**

HaGibboram: the mighty ones



**Septuagint LXX**

Gigantes (Giants)

Gigas = Earth Born

# The Genesis 6 Seed Plot

These are the generations of Noah:

**Gen 6:9** This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

Perfect in his generations...

- *tamiym* = “without blemish, sound, healthful, without spot, unimpaired”



# Lines of Seth View

Has no Scriptural support

The Fallen Angel View

The view of the ancient Hebrew scholars

The view of the early church

Prevails among conservative scholarship today.

Confirmed in the New Testament:

- Jude 6, 7; 2 Peter 2:4, 5

# Angel View: BC

Traditional Rabbinical literature

*Book of Enoch* (2nd Century BC)

*Testimony of the 12 Patriarchs*

Josephus Flavius

Septuagint (LXX)

# “Angel” View: Church Fathers

Philo of  
Alexandria  
Tertullian •

Justin Martyr •  
Lactantius

Irenaeus •  
Amrose

Athenagoras •  
Julian

# Modern Scholarship

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G.H. Pember	• Donald Barnhouse
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M.R. DeHaan	• Henry Morris
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C.H. McIntosh	• Merrill F. Unger
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F. Delitzsch	• Arnold Fruchtenbaum
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A.W. Pink	• Chuck Smith
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# Sethite view Summary

Text Itself

Inferred Separation

Inferred Godliness of Sethites

Inferred Cainite subset Adamites

Unnatural Offspring

New Testament Confirmations

*Post-Flood & Prophetic Issues*

# Stratagems of Satan

Corruption of Adam's line	<i>Gen 6</i>
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Abraham's seed <i>Gen</i>	<i>12, 20</i>
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Famine	<i>Gen 50</i>
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Destruction of male line	<i>Exo 1</i>
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Pharaoh's pursuit	<i>Exo 14</i>
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The populating of Canaan	<i>Gen 12:6</i>
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Against David's line	<i>2 Sam 7</i>
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# Post Flood Nephilim

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... Also After that

Gen 6:4

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Rephaim, Emim, Horim, Zamsummim

Gen 14, 15

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Rephaim often translated “dead”  
21:16; Isa 14:9; 26:14

Psa 88:10; Prov 2:18; 9:18;

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Arba, Anak & his 7 sons (Anakim), encountered in Canaan      Num 13:33

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Og, King of Bashan:

Deut 3:11; Josh 12

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Goliath and his 4 brothers

2 Sam 21:16-18

# Uncompromising

## Unsparing Commands

- *Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.*
  - 1 Samuel 15:3

# First Conflict - Between Two Seeds

The “Seed of the Woman”

The “Seed of the Serpent”

- The Red Dragon: Satan
- The Coming World Leader
- The False Prophet

Spiritual and Physical Forces  
behind world powers today?

# Second Conflict - Between Two World Views

## Iron Represents Rome - RELATIVISM feeds the unbelief in the Clay Feet

- New Age
- Paganistic Platonism – Convergence of Greek pantheon, Greko-Roman Philosophy, and...
- If no interpreter, remain silent... Imitation Charismatic explosion in Pagan Temples

## Potter's Clay Represents Faithful - Faith Feeds Belief in clay feet

- **Isaiah 64:8** But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
- **Jeremiah 18:1-23** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do. Then the word of the Lord came to me: ...
- **Isaiah 45:9** "Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'?"
- **Romans 9:21** Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?
- **Jeremiah 18:6** "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
- **Isaiah 29:16** You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?
- **Romans 9:20-21** But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Agendas Revealing modern conflicts grinding down God's people?



A photograph of a red pawn and five yellow pawns on a wooden surface. The red pawn is on the left, and the five yellow pawns are on the right. The text "Which one?" is overlaid on the image, positioned above the pawns.

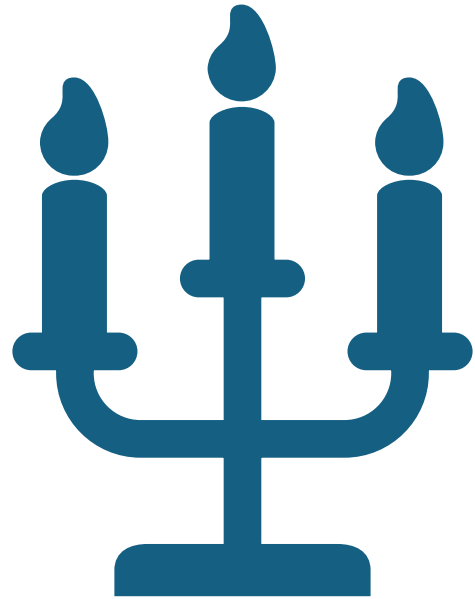
Which one?

Perhaps Both



# Premillennial View

- The Premillennial View
- The stone will become a mountain suddenly, not gradually.
- Christianity did not suddenly fill "the whole earth" at Christ's First Advent.
- Though Christ came in the days of the Roman Empire, He did not destroy it.
- During Christ's time on earth the Roman Empire did not have 10 kings at once.
- Yet Nebuchadnezzar's statue suggests that when Christ comes to establish His kingdom, 10 rulers will be in existence and will be destroyed by Him.



# Premillennial View

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- Though Christ is now the chief Cornerstone to the church *Eph. 2:20*
- and “a stone that causes [unbelievers] to stumble” *1 Peter 2:8*
- He is not yet a smiting Stone as He will be when He comes again.
- The Stone (Messiah) will crush and end all the kingdoms of the world.
- But the church has not and will not conquer the world’s kingdoms.
- The church is not a kingdom with a political realm, but the future Millennium will be.

# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

## Daniel 2

KEY: From head to toe on Neb's statue, transition from one to the next involved wars, conflict and struggles across the

'Time of the Gentiles'

Gold

Babylon

Silver

Persia

Brass

Greece

1st Coming of  
Messiah

Iron

Rome I

Paganism  
Platonism

2nd Coming  
of Messiah

Iron + Clay

"Rome II"

Paganism  
Platonism





# What can We DO?

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1. **Stay Connected** – Resist the temptation to fall out of fellowship. Don't allow the fear of confronting the tares among the wheat to frighten you away from fellowship with other believers. Hebrews 10: 23-25
2. **Stay Sharp** – Remain vigilant and always on your guard. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."
3. **Stay on Target** – Remember that the value of staying true to the Word of God is that it not only keeps you safe but it also is of eternal value to others that hear you. I Timothy 4: 13 – 16
4. **Stay in God's Word** – Our best source of direction for the course of our life is the resource of God's eternal Word. Most of us are familiar with 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Do we actually use the Word of God as our primary source for guidance and protection? Do we weigh our decisions on the scales of the Holy Scripture, do we drive our opinions through the gates of Biblical scrutiny, or do test our passions in the fire of God's judgment? Psalmist gives us the attitude we should have regarding the incorporation of God's Word into our daily lives. Psalm 119: 9 – 16

## Don't just Survive, Thrive!

5. **Stay Active for the Kingdom** – With great opposition comes great opportunity. The Bible predicts that the state of the world will grow darker and darker as we reach the end of the age. But, the Great Commission of Christ<sup>34</sup> is not accomplished if His disciples are hiding in a foxhole. Therefore, the responsibility of every Christian is to stand firm, stand bright, and stand tall in a world that still needs to know hope. Matt 5: 13 - 16

# Discussion

- Why do we believe that Nebuchadnezzar was “faking” his not remembering the dream?
- What does the sequence of gold/silver/brass/iron metals suggest? Gold? Silver? Brass? Iron? What does “iron mixed with clay” imply?
- What is meant by the “stone cut without hands”? What is the “mountain that filled the whole earth”? What did it do to the image?
- What is meant by the “time of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24)? How does this differ from the “fullness of the Gentiles” (Rom 11:25)?
- What two languages is Daniel written in, and why?
- List seven reasons why the Kingdom in 2:4 is yet future.
- **Preparation for the Next Session:**
- No good deed goes unpunished: Read Daniel Chapter 3: “Bow or burn” or, “A Symphony for sycophants.”

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## QUESTIONS?