

Hi John and Doves,
I am sorry for the long delay in completing this study, but events with greater priorities have intervened.
Praying for you John, and so glad you are making a good recovery from recent surgery.
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The Kingdom of God and the end time Kingdoms –

Daniel 2 and 7 – PART THREE

PART ONE: Posted on Five Doves on September 29, 2024, answered Question 1.

1. Who are the kings, where are they ruling, and what is meant by ‘in the days’ of these kings?

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PART TWO: Posted on Five Doves on October, 13, 2024, answered Question 2.

2. How can the four empires... i.e., **all these kingdoms** [made of **gold, silver, bronze** and **iron, which have already passed into history**], AND the **193 modern nation-states** [made of **iron and clay, which exist today**] ...possibly be **broken in pieces and crushed together (at the same time)**, and be **swept away like chaff, so no trace of them was found?**

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PART THREE will answer question 3...

3. What exactly is the **stone kingdom** ‘**cut out without hands**’ that **will consume all these kingdoms; ...fill the whole earth, and... stand forever?**

*This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. **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. 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.*** (Dan. 2:32–35)

*And in the days of these kings **the God of heaven will 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. 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.*** (Dan. 2:44–45)

Interestingly, we are told that this **general vision** of the great metallic-man statue seen by Nebuchadnezzar and by Daniel—which depicts the rise of four great gentile empires and shows their eventual destruction—**was given by God to the king to make known** [to the king of Babylon] **what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.** (Dan. 2:45)

Interesting indeed, BUT I don't know why the King of Babylon (c. 600 BC) needed to know what would occur at the end of the Gentile era unless the vision was intended to portray Nebuchadnezzar's own short-lived mortality (perhaps to provoke some humility within him); but for today we (at least) can be grateful that Daniel's record **informs us** of 'what will come to pass after this' and it **comforts us** to know that Daniel's *interpretation is sure* and it will all come to pass!

So let's look at the details that Daniel gives us about the **stone-strike** event that occurs at the end of the era of Gentile rule, as the Kingdom of God is brought into being:

1. **The stone was cut out of the mountain without hands,**
2. **It struck the image on its feet of iron and clay;**
3. **The feet of iron and clay were broken into pieces.**
4. **Then the elements that made up the statue [iron, clay, bronze, silver and gold] were crushed together like chaff; the wind carried them away to oblivion!**
5. **The stone became a great mountain [kingdom] and filled the whole earth.**
6. [Thus] **The kingdom... shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, (i.e., Roman] iron, [foreign] clay, [Grecian] bronze, [Media-Persian] silver, and [Babylonian] gold),**
7. **The kingdom shall not be left to other people, and it shall stand forever.**

So, there are seven important points to notice about this **stone-strike event**:

1. **The stone was cut out of the mountain without hands.** The metaphors used in this vision indicate that **the stone** comes from a non-earthly source OR divine origin.

First, we notice that **the stone** is **cut out of the mountain!** This begs the question... what mountain is it cut out from? We know from Old Testament scriptures that a mountain frequently portrays a kingdom, therefore, this particular *stone* must be cut out of a **larger kingdom**. Then, since we are also told the **stone** represents a **kingdom that God will set up**, the 'mountain' the stone comes from can only refer to the **Kingdom of God in heaven** as its divine or non-earthly source. Thus, 'the words' under consideration perfectly fit the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples...

*Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, **your kingdom come**, your will be done, **on earth as in heaven...***

It is unfortunate that our focus in this prayer seems to be more on securing our forgiveness from sin, rather than a heartfelt plea for God's will to be done on earth, and for Him to urgently set up His kingdom here—as a collaborative duplicate of His heavenly kingdom—based on the patterns portrayed in Revelation chapters 4–5 and 21.

Second, in the context of this prophetic vision in Daniel 2, the big question is whether the **stone-strike** comes from its heavenly source **suddenly**—like a calamitous large meteor that strikes the earth's nations and abolishes them in a violent physical sense—a dire possibility according to the verbs used here to describe the event: i.e., the stone **struck, broke, crushed, consumed all the kingdoms** that were portrayed in the vision causing the **oblivion** [extinction] of the whole statue that represents the four Gentile Empires and their descendant nations from 600 BC →.

Additional references in Revelation 6:12, 8:5–13 regarding the contents of the 6th and 7th Seals could well fit a sudden meteor-strike that pulverises the world's kingdoms into 'chaff' that is subsequently blown away by the impact. **N.B.** The timing of this **stone-strike** event is interpreted via the progress of history, and other relevant incidents outlined in scripture, e.g., the appearance of **foreign clay**. ¹

Third, on the other hand, this **stone-strike** may also refer to a **gradual process**—ongoing during the last two thousand years—whereby the ‘spiritual’ **Kingdom of God that is within you** (i.e., presently existing within born-again Christians, cf. Luke 17:21), has—via the Gospel and God’s Holy Spirit—eventually infiltrated the populations living in the modern earthly kingdoms previously occupied by the former Roman Empire during its divided feet and toe stage. This too is possible, according to the **mustard seed** and **leaven** parables told by Jesus (Matt. 13:31, 33), which will bring to fruition the **Kingdom of God on earth!** However, the Kingdom of God cannot ‘physically’ come into being on earth until **Jesus Christ**—who is the **corner-stone** of the Kingdom (Isaiah 28:16–17; Eph. 2:20)—returns via **His Second Coming**, to assume His rightful place!

But perhaps, when speaking about these parables to His disciples, Jesus meant that this gradual process of internal spiritual growth would continue only as long as the Gospel age; when ... **except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God** [John 3:3]. Thus, the prerequisite for anyone to **see the Kingdom of God in the future** is by **being born again now** during their earthly life; then—either by resurrection or by transformation at Jesus’ Second Coming to earth—we shall enter the Kingdom of God as it is being formed on earth [1 Thess. 4:13–18; Rev. 20:4]. Undoubtedly, this process whether sudden or gradual, or both—by fulfilling the scenarios above—it will eventually have a cataclysmic effect on the existing nations... [Cf. Matt. 24:23–27, Luke 17:24] ²

2. It struck the image on its feet of iron and clay. Noticeably, there are two more features about this prophecy, which reveal the timing and the target for this **stone-strike** event: first, it can only occur **AFTER the iron feet on the statue have been weakened by the infiltration of foreign clay** during a definitive historical period (See end note ¹) and second, this **stone-strike event targets the nation-states that evolved from the statue’s feet of iron and clay**, a.k.a. the ‘dreadful and terrible’ fourth beast Rome (Dan. 7:7). C/f. the Roman Empire map [Page 2] [Kingdomofgod.pdf \(fivedoves.com\)](#)

Whether one adheres to a Preterist, Historicist or Pre-Millennialist belief, this event can only fit into earth’s historical record **after the fall of the Western Roman Empire in AD 476 and after the fall of the Eastern New Rome/Byzantine Empire to Islam in AD 1453, i.e., AFTER** an influx of **foreign/clay** people groups had entered Rome’s divided territories to weaken both iron feet and cause Rome’s collapse. Thus, the **clay** that symbolises a **foreign** element being mixed into the **iron rule of Rome** portends the **foreign migrants’** disregard for Rome’s territorial integrity, its military institutions, its laws and its culture, while Rome’s religious schism in AD 1054 (Latin vs. Greek Orthodox), added to the divisiveness causing the **iron-clay** mixed populations to be strong or weak, or not to adhere at all.

So, in the context of Daniel’s proven historical record regarding the four great Gentile Empires that would rise up to subjugate Judah during the long history of the Jews, the timing of this **stone-strike** event points directly to the splitting up of Roman territories into multiple kingdoms of mixed ethnicities, beliefs and commitments in the latter days; thus, the stone strikes the statue’s **feet and of iron and clay** during the ultimate divisiveness of Rome’s descendant nations (Dan. 2:41–43). ³

3. The feet of iron and clay were broken into pieces. This subsequent event can only occur **after** the non-adhering IRON-CLAY FEET (multiple independent nations) had fulfilled their destiny at the conclusion of the thirty year period covering WWI and WWII (1914–1945), which brought an end to Rome’s feet/toes stage, and ended the tenure of four great Gentile Empires depicted in Daniel 2:31–45 and 7:28. **The two World Wars that became the ‘graveyard of empires’ also ended the tenure of the League of Nations (1920 →)** which was replaced by the United Nations on October 24, 1945. Worldwide, U.N. membership has since grown from an initial **51, to 193!** Many of these nations represent the **broken pieces/nations** arising from the European sub-empires that were descendant from the Western Roman Empire, and from the Muslim nations created after the abolition of the Ottoman Empire (heir to Eastern New Rome)! Today, it is estimated that approximately **30 of these modern nations** were once the **‘broken pieces’** of territory from within the Roman Empire’s domain!

So, I find it interesting... that just three years after the U.N. was formed in 1945, the **Nation of Israel was established on May 15, 1948** on the ancient Jewish land taken from Judah by the Roman Empire (circa AD 70 →): Israel now exists as a **precursor sovereign kingdom** waiting for the **Kingdom of God that is yet-to-come**. See Daniel 2:44; and 7:14, 18, 22, 27; these verses show that the 'saints of the Most High' received their 'preliminary' kingdom, on behalf of the One like the Son of Man.

N.B. The renewal/rebirth of the Jewish kingdom is an important and repetitive theme in Daniel whose attention was focussed on the future of His people. [Cf. Isaiah 66:7–8]

Furthermore, on **May 11, 1949**, the State of Israel became the **59th member in the United Nations**, joining the other **broken pieces** from the old Roman Empire's domain. Whether there will be a further breaking-up of the existing nations—caused by division or by war—I don't know; BUT, by the will of God His kingdom will be established on earth as it is in heaven...

4. *Then the elements that made up the statue [iron, clay, bronze, silver and gold] were crushed together like chaff; the wind carried them away to oblivion!*

This statement indicates a one-time-event that crushes and destroys the sovereignty of all the end time nation-states at the same time, thus ***putting an end to them*** (C/f. Dan. 2:44–45 margin). So, this ultimate stone-strike event must occur during **the last days of these multiple kings, after which *no trace of them was found*** (i.e. they are not delineated or remembered, they exist no more).

However, the details regarding the preparations for this **end time crushing together (i.e., during the war)** are spread out through several chapters in Revelation, so I will combine them for ease of understanding, with God's interventions **bolded in red**:

*Then the **sixth angel poured out his bowl** on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. (C/f. Rev. 9:15) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (Rev. 16:12–14) ***“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”*** (Rev. 16:15)*

This is when **the Lamb** announces He is coming to defeat His enemies during this war.

And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.
(Rev. 16:16 NKJV)

As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to perdition. And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are of one mind and give over their power and authority to the beast; they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.
(Rev. 17:11–14 RSV)

The Armageddon war commences:

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against **the rider on the horse and his army.** (Cf. 16:15 above) But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he [viz. the False Prophet, C/f. Rev. 13:11–17] had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with **the sword**

coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. (Rev.19:19–21 NIV)

Thus, discordantly, the Day of the Lord will be equally dark and light; there are two sides to it—judgment and blessing! God’s wrath and judgment is unleashed on evil, and His blessing rewards the **called, chosen and faithful who are with Him.**

For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory, says the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts. (Haggai 2:6–9)

Compare Joel 2:1–11, and especially verses 10–11 here:

Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? (Joel 2:10–11 NIV)

For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; it shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; for the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates. (Jeremiah 46:10 NKJV)

The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, ‘Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: “Wail, Woe to the day! For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near; it will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles...” (Ezekiel 30:1–3 NKJV)

However, it must be noted that other scripture verses show that—even after this war that involves the kings and nations of the world, who gather at Armageddon—many nations still exist [C/f. Zech. 14:16]; even while the Messiah is ruling His earthly Kingdom with a ‘rod of iron’ on earth for a thousand years, and even after the thousand years are finished during the rebellion by Gog and Magog whose **number is as the sand of the sea** [Rev. 20:7–9; Ezek. 38, 39:25–29].

I believe the intent of this statement—**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**—is simply to show the comparison between the **broken pieces/nations** we have now (which resemble chaff that is so fleeting that it will soon become invisible and forgettable), compared to the global influence of the glorious kingdom that is to come, which God will provide as an everlasting inheritance for His people. (Matthew 25:31–34)

5. The stone became a great mountain [kingdom] and filled the whole earth. Finally, this destructive **stone-strike** event—that occurs right at the end of the metallic-man statue (God-given) prophecy—affects the WHOLE EARTH! God’s ultimate victory and supremacy over all other kingdoms, powers and authorities is accompanied by violent upheavals in the physical earth—in its political, religious, civil and militaristic domains—as well as in heavenly celestial realms.

This event has long been anticipated by the Biblical prophets to follow a **cataclysmic war** (just as the Gentile ‘Gospel’ age is concluding), which precipitates and necessitates the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to intervene as Saviour, to prevent mankind from destroying itself and seriously damaging the world and its millennial-long future. His coming will re-order the affairs of humankind! He will come with His kingdom as **the desire of all nations**—in glory divine—to expel the darkness of war and

terror on the Day of the Lord, and replace it with His kingdom of peace, joy and righteousness! (C/f. Isaiah 60 → which beautifully portrays the Messiah's future kingdom rule.)

6. [Thus] ***The kingdom... shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms***, (i.e., the Roman] ***iron***, [foreign] ***clay***, [Grecian] ***bronze***, [Media-Persian] ***silver*** and [Babylonian] ***gold***),

For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that will leave them neither root nor branch.

But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet. On the day that I do this, says the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 4:1–3)

The greater universal blessing obviously arrives after the former kingdoms of iron and clay, and bronze, silver and gold have been consumed by God's universal kingdom of peace and prosperity, which will endure under the rule of the Lamb of God, the Saviour of the world! All that is past will be consumed and forgotten, and the 'ashes' that remain will be blown away by the glory of the Messianic Kingdom! ⁴

7. ***The kingdom shall not be left to other people, and it shall stand forever.***

But now He has promised, saying, 'Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.' Now this 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:26b–29)

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:10–11 NKJV)

Maranatha,
Blessings to the Doves,
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For further information regarding the Kingdom of God, and the Day of the Lord, see the following urls:

[A Basic Introduction To The Day Of The Lord In The Old Testament Writing Prophets | Bible.org](#)

[Haggai 2:6 Commentaries: "For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. \(biblehub.com\)](#)

End Notes:

¹ N.B. Because this 'divine stone' strikes the statue on its feet (**when they are composed of iron and clay**) the timing of such a cataclysmic event could not have taken place in the Roman Empire prior to AD 283, (because that is when the initial division of Rome into Western and Eastern parts took place under the Tetrarchy created by Emperor Diocletian); [Cf. This study Part 1, page 2]. Neither could this event occur prior to the declaration of Christianity as Rome's official state religion between AD 313 and AD 380 under Emperors Constantine and Theodosius; because the infiltration of '**clay**' into the **iron feet** on the Metallic Man statue, **did not historically take place until (foreign/clay) forces described as Germanic Barbarian**

invaders took control of the Western Roman Empire in AD 476. Meanwhile the Eastern Roman (Byzantine Empire) remained intact until the **fall of Constantinople to Muslim Turkish (foreign/clay) forces in AD 1423**, when it became the Ottoman Empire (heir to New Rome). It was only after the Ottoman Empire was defeated during WWI and divided up into many Arab and Muslim kingdoms that the **eastern part** could produce the multiple kings/rulers described in the 'statue' vision as toes.

Therefore, this **stone-strike** event could not take place until history arrived... **in the days of these kings...** i.e., when these multiple kings/rulers are actively reigning over the diverse nations descendant from the Roman Empire—comprising a mixture of iron and foreign/clay people groups—whose kingdoms do not adhere to one another in the end time. It could be noted, that while modern migration did not begin until after WWII in the mid. 20th Century, **the 21st Century has seen astonishing numbers of international migrants, ('foreign/clay' people groups)** flooding into ex. Roman territories in Western Europe, Western and Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa— like never before in history [Cf. Dan. 12:4].

² However, the extent and tone of **the stone's** appearance—and its consequences [previously described by Jesus in Matt. 24:29-31], pointing to the **cosmic disturbances** that occur prior to the **Day of the Lord**. When the sixth seal is opened in Revelation 6 [below] this passage infers that sudden destruction is inflicted on the world's kingdoms by **the stone kingdom**, rather than the gradual infiltration and conversion of earthly kingdoms into the Kingdom of God...

*I looked when He opened the **sixth seal**, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And **the kings of the earth**, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For **the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?**" (Rev. 6:12-17 NKJV)*

Subsequently, the seventh angel announces the Kingdom's fulfilment...

*Then the **seventh angel** sounded [his trumpet]; And there were loud voices in heaven saying, **The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ**, and He shall reign forever and ever! (Rev. 11:15 NKJV)*

*Then the **seventh angel** poured out his **bowl into the air**, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a **great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city [Babylon] was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And **great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. [75 pounds] Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.** (Rev. 16:17-21 NKJV)***

So, the description of this earthquake and the weight of the hail would infer that this assault from heaven is not just an uncommonly severe hail-storm, but a briefly foreseen, and then prolonged celestial disturbance, caused by a 'great meteor-shower' or icy-comet **stone-strike** that hits the earth with tremendous destruction, thus disturbing the celestial order, which announces the DAY OF THE LORD. We have been warned about this day...

Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? (Amos 5: 18-20, NIV)

³ It could also be argued that the intrusion of the Gospel into Roman culture in **AD 30** was a pre-emptive '**stone-strike**' that made Christianity a divisive entity in the Roman Empire, except for the fact that **Rome stayed intact until AD 286**, and then **Christianity became Rome's state religion in AD 380**, before the invasion by foreign 'clay' people groups took effect.

⁴ The word 'consume' used here carries connotations from Daniel 7:5 where it says '**arise, devour much flesh**' in relation to the Bear kingdom's consumption of the former Lion kingdom. In the same manner Daniel describes the fourth 'dreadful and terrible' kingdom as having **huge iron teeth**; with which **it was devouring... the residue** of the preceding Leopard kingdom. The meaning of **consume** in this context is basically that of the conqueror overcoming the conquered, i.e., consuming, overriding and overshadowing what existed before.