

Commercial and Political Babylon Destroyed

The LORD Setting Up His Kingdom On Earth

CREATION

1. Adam lost his authority to satan to rule the earth when he believed the lie of satan. Satan sets himself "Prince of this world." (Genesis chp 1-3 Matt 4:8-10; 12:25-26; Jn 14:30; 2Cor 4:4; Ephe 2:2)

2. After the flood, the Lor scatters the people. Instead of dispersing to populate the earth, they built a tower to reach the heavens to make a name for themselves. Gen 11:1-9)

3. The Lord establishes a Commonwealth through Abraham. Abraham obeys as he is called to form a great nation. Gen 12:1-9

4. The Lord reigns over the descendants of Abraham through the patriarchs, Moses, Joshua, the judges and separates them from the heathen through laws and oracles given to Moses. (Lev 18:2-4)

5. The Lord's theocracy through David, Solomon continued but due to their practice of idolatry and refusal to repent of the wickedness of the succeeding kings and the idolatry of the people, caused the Lord's glory to leave the Temple in Judah. (DEPARTURE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD) (Ezekiel 10:18-20; 11:22-25[21:25-27

6. The northern kingdom of Israel has been exiled to Assyria. (2Kings 17:3-5) About 120 years later, southern kingdom of Judah is exiled to Babylon for 70 years. (Dan 1:1) This is the beginning of...

Inaugural

Mediatorial

Monarchical

Exilic Era

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES. (Lk 21:24)

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- The phrase times of the Gentiles refers to Gentile domination over the world and control over Jerusalem. The era began during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. The Babylonians invaded Judah, destroyed Jerusalem, and exiled the Jewish people for 70 years (Jer. 25:11). Under King Cyrus of Persia the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem to rebuild their Temple (cf. 2 Chronicles 36:23; Nehemiah 2).
- The prophet Daniel interpreted the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar about the statue (see figure on the right) which is the successive Gentile nations that would rule throughout world history from Babylon kingdom to the reign of the Antichrist during the Great Tribulation (Daniel 2:31–45). Jesus predicted Jerusalem's future destruction and the scattering of the Jewish people during the Antichrist's persecution of Israel (Matthew 24:1–29). The Antichrist will seize Jerusalem and tread the city underfoot for 42 months (Revelation 11:2; Luke 21:24).
- The times of the Gentiles will not end until Jesus Christ returns to Earth at His Second Coming, destroys Gentile rule, and establishes His universal reign forever (Matthew 24:30; Luke 1:32–33; Revelation 19:16–21). Jerusalem will remain under Gentile domination until Jesus Christ returns. Therefore, the times of the Gentiles have not yet been fulfilled.

WORLD HISTORY
FORETOLD

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
Daniel 2:31–45

Head of Gold

BABYLON
B.C. 605–539

Arms of Silver

PERSIA
B.C. 539–331

Thighs of Brass

GREECE
B.C. 331–168

Legs of Iron

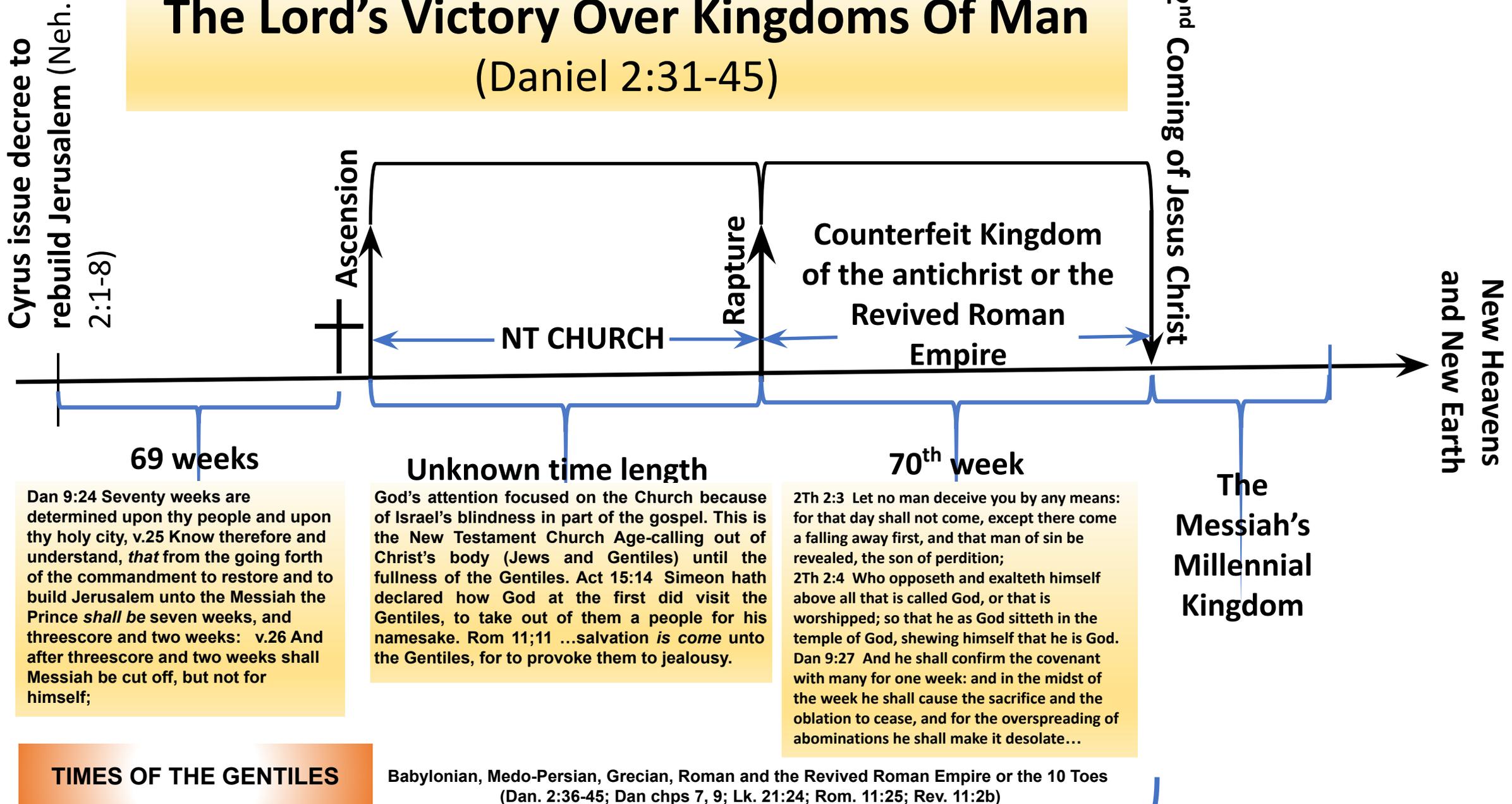
ROME
B.C. 168–A.D. 476

Feet of Iron & Clay

REVIVED ROMAN
EMPIRE
A.D. 476 – 2nd Advent
The European Union



The Lord's Victory Over Kingdoms Of Man (Daniel 2:31-45)



Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, v.25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: v.26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself;

God's attention focused on the Church because of Israel's blindness in part of the gospel. This is the New Testament Church Age-calling out of Christ's body (Jews and Gentiles) until the fullness of the Gentiles. Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his namesake. Rom 11:11 ...salvation *is* come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate...

Daniel Interprets the Kings Dream

- Dan 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.
- Dan 2:35 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 threshingfloors; 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 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.
- Dan 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.



Judgment Pronounced

- Rev 18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
- Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

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- Rev 18:12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,
- Rev 18:13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.
- Rev 18:23 ...for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.
- Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Judgment Avoided

- Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
- Rev 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
- Rev 18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Judgment Defined

- Rev 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
- Rev 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Judgment Lamented

- Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,
- Rev 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.
- Rev 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:
- Rev 18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.
- Rev 18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
- Rev 18:16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
- Rev 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.

Judgment Lamented

- And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,
- Rev 18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!
- Rev 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Judgment Enjoyed

Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Judgment Completed

- Rev 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.
- Rev 18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;
- Rev 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Judgment Justified

- Rev 18:23 ...for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.
- Rev 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.
- Rev 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
- Rev 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.
- Rev 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.