

“Ezekiel...when he was about to relate a prophetic vision he had seen, he prefaces his description by informing us that *‘there was upon me the hand of Yahweh, and he carried me out in the spirit of Yahweh.’* When ‘in the spirit’ then, he both sees visions, and hears, and then proceeds to narrate. This was the case with John. He was ‘in the spirit’ and then he beheld, or was caused to see, *what was invisible to men in their normal state.* Hitherto he had seen nothing; but as soon as he came to be ‘in the spirit’ he beheld a vision, and continued ‘in spirit’ so long as there was anything to be seen...Hence, from the general use of the phrase in this book, we are to understand that *when ‘in spirit,’ John was in such a relation to Deity as that he could see things of Deity,* which were known only to His Spirit; as Paul has said, ‘the things of the Deity knoweth no man, but the Spirit of the Deity;’ *in order, therefore, to know these things by primary visual representation, a man must be as John (and Ezekiel) were, ‘in the spirit.’*” —*Eureka, Vol. 1 pg, 132-133* *“natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit” 1Cor 2:14*

“John was *a dramatic person*; or, one through whom *was represented in actions certain things not narrated*. When in Patmos, and about to behold something pertaining to ‘the Day of the Lord,’ he says he was ‘in spirit.’ This is equivalent to saying that, when he shall behold the *reality* of the similitude he saw in spirit, he will also be ‘in spirit’; which likewise intimates, by implication, *that he will have previously risen from among the dead and be spirit*. The voice, then, he heard behind him as the loud sound of a trumpet, *was a symbolic voice of the seventh trumpet period, which will awake him from his death sleep...*” — *Eureka, Vol. 2, pg 23*. (prophet is interwoven into the prophecy)

- “The Spirit of Christ was in the prophets; so the apostle Peter says (1Pet 1:11). And this being so, the prophets NOT ONLY spoke beforehand of Christ, *and typically represented him*, but of necessity they spoke things that were only partially and proximately applicable to themselves” — *C.C. Walker, Ministry of the Prophets, pg. 707* (Prophets were “men of sign”)**

1Pe 5:13 The *church that is* AT BABYLON, elected together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* Marcus my son.

Strong's Concordance—"Allegorically, of Rome as the most corrupt seat of idolatry and the enemy of Christianity" (Strong's #897)

Rev 17:5 Strong's "'Babylon' i.e. Rome, the chief seat of idolatry"

"(the Papacy) is nothing else than the kingdom of Babylon and of very Antichrist...For who is the man of sin and the son of perdition, but he who by his teaching and his ordinances increases the sin and perdition of souls in the church, while he yet sits in the church as if he were God? All these conditions have now for many ages been fulfilled by the papal tyranny." (1520) **Martin Luther** (Tyndale, Wesley, Wycliffe, Knox)



**On the
Babylonian
Captivity of
the Church**

- The Bible Almanac, pg 687 reads: "Most scholars believe the references in First Peter 5:13; and Revelation 14:8; 18:2,10-21 are to Rome."

Dan 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar *king of Babylon* unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. *(Babylon—Rome A.D. 70)*

Dan 1:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of *the vessels* of the house of God: which *he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. (called “the temple of Babylon” Ezra 5:14)*

- Our introduction to Babylon immediately takes us into the religious arena. Vessels from God’s house are not destroyed, but transferred to the house of the Babylonian gods. *Babylon destroys the Hope of Israel, true worship*

Land of Shinar—“(Nimrod) the beginning of *his kingdom* was Babel...in the land of Shinar” Gen 10:8-10. Prophetically, this is the place of unification for the Flesh against the principles of God. * *First time the word “kingdom” is used (Gen 10:10)*⁴

Two systems of the Apocalypse: Truth and Counterfeit.

- Christ a Lamb (14:1)—Apostasy a Lamb with a horn (13:11)
- Christ rides horse (19:11)—Apostasy rides beast (17:3)
- Christ wears many crowns (19:12)—Apostasy the same (13:11)
- Saints worship Lamb (4-5)—Apostasy worship beast (13:4)
- Truth marked by “seven” (1:20)—Apostasy by “six” (13:18)
- Saints written in forehead (14:1)—Apostasy the same (13:16)
- City of Truth in gold (21)—Apostasy decked in gold (17:4)
- Truth redeems multitudes (5:9)—Apostasy rules same (17:15)
- Saints like unto virgin (14:4)—Apostasy like unto harlot (17:5)
- This is a “war in heaven” so-to-speak (12:7); the ecclesiastical battle between the Truth and the Apostasy. The latter is not only a perverted form of the Truth, but a persecuting power of it. Throughout the Word we find false heathen worship represented by offerings, priests and altars...etc. Though corrupt, the system of error mirrors the system of Truth!

Eze 1:10 “As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of A **MAN, and the face of A **LION**, on the right side: and they four had the face of AN **OX** on the left side; they four also had the face of AN **EAGLE**”**

- The very same features of the Cherubim—the Lion, Man, Ox, Eagle—are implemented in the great Babylonian Symbol of Power! (*Wings—transported Shinar—Zec 5*)



“And he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god” — There is a remarkable similarity between the pagan rites of ancient Babylonish religion and those of the Papacy as Hislop notes in *The Two Babylons*. A further point of similarity is the reference to the “treasure house” of Bel. The Papacy also has its *Treasury* at Peter’s Cathedral in the Vatican, in which is stored some of the glittering wealth of the Roman Catholic Church. It, too, is “decked with gold and precious stones and pearls” (Rev. 17:4).

Vessels removed from Jerusalem to Babylon

- Jerusalem—called the “City of Truth” (Zec 8:3)
 - Babylon—called great city “Mother of Harlots” (Rev 17:5)
- “Hope of Israel” is cast down and replaced with heathen worship.

Dan 1:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which *he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.* ***(Vatican: a politico-ecclesiastical State)***

House of his god—important: religious element of Babylon!

- This religious principle is sustained throughout, including the erection of the Golden Image and demand for all people to worship (Dan 3:1-6), and the drinking of wine in the vessels from the House of Yahweh (Dan 5:1-4). The object is to replace the Kingdom of Israel with Babylon.⁷

Vessels—represents Yahweh's people (remember: this is where the parable of Babylon begins and finishes).

2Co 4:7 "We have this treasure in earthen *vessels*..."

Act 9:15 "(Paul) is a chosen *vessel* unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles..."

2Ti 2:20 "In a GREAT HOUSE there are not only *vessels* of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour"

- The intent of the Babylonian system is to transform the servants of God into the servants of Babylon.

House—represents an ecclesia; the foundation of the Truth.

1Ti 3:15 "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself *in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth*"

Dan 1:3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his **EUNUCHS**, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, *and of the king's seed*, and of the princes; *(object: to cut off the king's seed—discontinue throne)*
Dan 1:4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and *whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans*. ***(Eunuchs—Mat 19:12—Catholic priests celibacy)***

Tongue—"Latin" is the official tongue of the Catholic Church, which employs unscriptural language: *purgatory, trinity, immaculate conception, immortal soul, Holy Mother Mary...etc.* (Deu 28:49)

- **The "Latin Kingdom" or *He Latiae Basileia* makes up the Greek numeric value of 666:** The *Latin language* was made the official religious tongue by Pope Vitalian in the year AD 666

Dan 1:5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of *the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank*: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. (*but Daniel would not eat v.8*)

King's Meat, Wine—digesting the doctrine from Babylon's Supreme Authority; intoxication of false teaching (Rev 17:2)

- ❑ “The duty of interpreting God's *word...whether the word is in Scriptural form or not*, has been entrusted exclusively to the teaching office of the Church. This teaching office is exercised by the Pope and the bishops in the name and authority of Christ”—*Catholic Belief and Practice pg 88*
- ❑ “Into this fold of Jesus Christ no man can enter if not under the guidance of *the Sovereign Pontiff*; and men can securely reach salvation *only* when they are united with him, since the Roman Pontiff is the Vicar of Christ and represents his person on this earth.”—*Roman Catholicism page 480*

Dan 1:11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, *(King's "eunuch" to feed them the diet)*

Dan 1:12 *Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.*

Pulse—RSV, NIV “vegetables.” Strong’s “something sown.” Food of that which is grown from “the seed.” LXX has “seeds” *“Wheat, barley, flour, corn, beans, lentils, pulse”(2Sam 17:28)!*

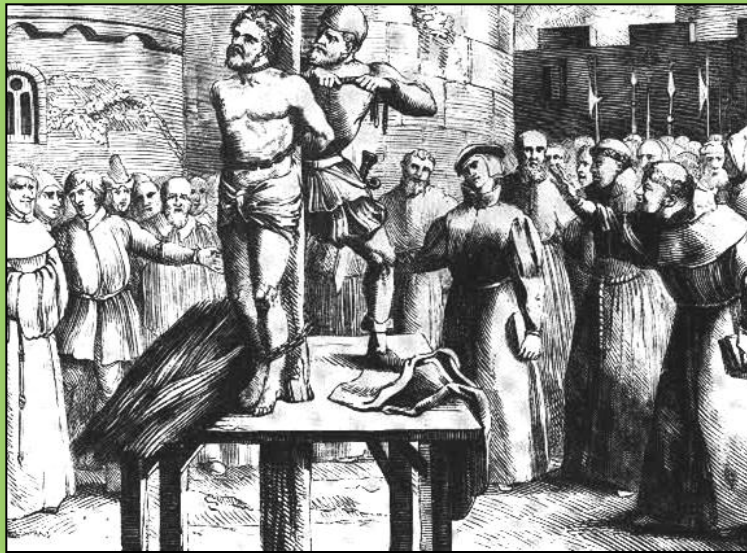
Mat 13:3-19 *“Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some SEEDS fell...Hear ye therefore THE PARABLE of the sower. When any one heareth the Word of the Kingdom”*

Mat 13:31 *“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field” (1Pet 1:23)*

Water—described as the “Word” (Eph 5:25-26), a necessary element by which “the seed of the kingdom” grows.

The **Word of God** verses the **Doctrine** of Babylon

Pope Leo XIII said of himself in 1890: “The supreme *teacher* in the Church is the Roman Pontiff. Union of minds, therefore, requires... complete submission and obedience of will to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff, as to God himself.”



Pope Pius IV “*The Bible is not for the people, whosoever will be saved must renounce it. It is a forbidden book. Bible societies are Satanic contrivances.*”

Bible placed on Index of 'Forbidden Books' (1559).

“When the pope speaks we have no business to examine. We have only to obey. We have no right to criticize his decisions or discuss his commands”—Watchmen! What of the Night? page 60-61

Ten Days—number of proving; “that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days” (Rev 2:10; Gen 31:7; Num 14:22).

Dan 1:15 And at the end of ten days *their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.*

Regardless of how many Jews compromised the Truth for preference of Babylon's influence, the end result of the faithful remnant is *spiritual health*.

- During the Inquisitions, for example, the Catholic church inflicted enormous persecutions on thousands of Jews. Because of the slaughter, many Jews converted to Catholicism. Capitulation gained them no benefit!

“She is not the child of the Bible, as many non-Catholics imagine, but its mother. She derives neither her existence nor her teaching authority from the New Testament. She had both before the New Testament was born”—*Faith of Millions* pg 176¹³

Dan 1:17 As for these four children, *God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*

Dan 1:18 Now at THE END OF THE DAYS that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

Dan 1:19 And the king communed with them; and *among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:* therefore stood they before the king.

Dan 1:20 And in all matters of wisdom *and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.*

The Two Mysteries—how significant Daniel and his friends were skilled in Babylon because they ate the “seed.” The Truth enlightens saints in both “mysteries”: Kingdom, Babylon. 14

Dan 2:1 And in the second year of the reign...
Nebuchadnezzar *dreamed dreams*, wherewith his spirit
was troubled, and *his sleep brake from him*.

NOTE: It is not unto Daniel that this dream is revealed, but the
Babylonian King. Because the record now brings the Babylonian
king directly into the religious realm; rep. a false prophet:

Num 12:6 "If there be *a prophet* among you, I the LORD
will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and will*
speak unto him in a dream" (Hos 12:10)

Deu 13:1-3 "If there arise among you *a prophet, or a*
dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And
the sign or the wonder *come to pass*, whereof he spake
unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou
hast not known, and let us serve them; *Thou shalt not*
hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of
dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you..."

Again, Babylon is more than a political power, it is a religious power; one which changes God's Truth into false idol worship (Dan 3)! In Deu. 13, it represents "signs and lying wonders" (2The 2:9) of the "false prophet" (Rev 16:13; 19:20; 20:10). Thus, the religious element is at the forefront when considering the Kingdom of Men in opposition to the Kingdom of God.

Dan 2:2 The king commanded to call *the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans*, for to shew the king his dreams...

Dan 2:10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, *There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.* (*earthy wisdom: science, religion, politics*)

Parables and prophetic symbolism is Divinely intended to "destroy the wisdom of the wise" of this world (1Cor 1:18¹⁶-26).

Dan 2:19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a *night vision*. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Dan 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: *(YHWH is the source of all wisdom, Who gives to others)*

Dan 2:21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: *he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: (Mat 13:11-12 parables revealed likewise)*

Dan 2:22 He *revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.*

Prophecy is “light” in a time of “darkness” for the enlightened.

2Pe 1:19 “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, *as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn...*”

Dan 2:38 *Thou art this head of gold...*

Dan 2:39 And after thee shall arise *another kingdom* inferior to thee, and another *third kingdom* of brass...

Dan 2:40 And *the fourth kingdom* shall be strong as iron

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.

One Issue: THE KINGDOM! The word appears almost 60 times in Daniel. This prophecy reveals a fundamental teaching of Scripture: while political & religious figures are themselves the very subject of Bible prophecy, they are without the ability to discern the “times” of which they are subject to, and active participants. Likewise, they cannot prevent the limits of their kingdom, nor prevent the setting up of God’s Kingdom.¹⁸

Dan 2:46 Then *the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel*, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

Dan 2:47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

Dan 2:48 Then *the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.*

Dan 2:49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and *he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.*

- The literal prophecy concludes with an enacted “sign”: that is, the symbolic “fall” of Babylon before Daniel, and the exaltation of him (Christ) and his friends with him in trial (Luke 22:28-30).

Dan 2:47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets*, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

The Kingdom of Babylon, like Balaam (Num 22), acknowledges the Supreme power of Israel's God, even Yahweh. However, like Balaam, who "forsook the right way, having gone astray, loving the wages of unrighteousness" (2Pet 2:15), the system of Babylon makes no hesitation attempting to subvert the plan and purpose of Yahweh's establishment of His Kingdom.

- The evil of this "fourth beast" is in what it speaks! The teaching that goes forth corrupts mankind and makes it "diverse" from all other before it; for it's a religious-political power. It possessed "*a mouth that spake very great things*" (Dan 7:20); "*he shall speak great words against the Most High*" (7:25); and "*made war with the saints*" (7:21).

Dan 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king *made* AN IMAGE of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof SIX CUBITS: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. * ***Golden Cup—Rev 17:4***

- This Babylonian power deliberately defies the clear testimony of Yahweh concerning “the kingdom” and erected “an image” of gold to be worshiped to represent another kingdom.

Rev 13:15 “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause *that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed*”

Rev 15:2 “I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory *over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name*, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God”

- Six Cubits—the number of flesh (Rev 13:18). *Dura*—“to encircle.”

Dan 3:2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king *sent to gather together* the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, *to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.*

Rev 17:2 “*With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication*”



Delegations from 132 countries attended the inauguration of Pope Francis' at the Vatican 3/13.



AP (3/15/01) “...the Holy See's unique and influential status at the United Nations. As a non-member state with permanent observer status, the Vatican enjoys many of the same rights and privileges as the 188 countries that are full-fledged U.N. members.”

Dan 3:3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, *were gathered together unto the dedication of the image* that Nebuchadnezzar the king HAD SET UP; and *they stood before the image* that Nebuchadnezzar had SET UP.

Like the dreadful “fourth beast” of Daniel 7. It was not like anything Yahweh had created. It was wholly man-made! And men will worship what they create with their own hands!

Rev 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years*”

Dan 3:4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, *O people, nations, and languages,*

Dan 3:5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, *ye fall down and worship the golden image* that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath SET UP: (8 x)

People, Nations, Languages—Rev 17:15 “The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*” (Catholic: “universal”)

Golden Image—this phrase is used SIX TIMES. The Apocalyptic Babylon is “decked with gold” (17:4): St. Peter’s in Rome.

Pope Leo XIII “...it is impossible for any legitimate interpretation to be extracted from the Bible that is at variance with the doctrine of the Church. Any interpretation is therefore false that makes the sacred writers disagree or that is opposed to Church doctrine”—
New Catholic Encyclopedia Vol. 2 page 515.

Dan 3:6 And whoso *falleth not down* and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of *a burning fiery furnace*.

Fire—represents trial for the perfection of faith. This trial is for the purging of the faithful remnant, not those who compromise.

1Pe 4:12 “Beloved, think it not strange concerning *the fiery trial which is to try you*, as though some strange thing happened unto you”

Falleth down—indicates idolatrous worship (Isa 44:15-17). This was strictly forbidden by the Jews, and even was the ultimate cause of the split of the Greek Church from Rome. The kissing and obeisance to idols in Catholicism is vast.

Dan 3:8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and *accused the Jews*.

These were a people specially marked by Mystical Babylon!

Literal and Mystical Babylon is very anti-Jew, and anti-Israel.

- “Briefly, in Vatican thinking, the stronger Israel became, the stronger would be the ambitions of world Zionism... Because of this, the Vatican could not and would not tolerate the establishment of an Israel which claimed messianic privileges, or rather, messianic uniqueness and which, therefore, would compete with the *Roman Catholic Church as the centre of a future spiritual kingdom...*” *The Vatican Moscow Washington Alliance, A. Manhattan*

The history of the Roman Catholic Church’s antagonism and persecution of the Jews and resistance to the State of Israel has been well documented.

- The Inquisitions, St. Bartholomew’s Massacre, the Holocaust, the numerous Papal Bulls against the Jews (*Book: “The Popes Against The Jews”*), the refusal to acknowledge the Jewish homeland of Israel in 1948...etc.

Numerous Papal Bulls/Encyclicals specifically targeted “the Jews”—
Honorius III (1218) Jews must wear identifying clothes (badges in 1221)
Gregory IX (1239) orders seizure of Talmud & other Jewish books, burned
Innocent IV (1244) French king ordered to burn Talmud; forbids Jews to employ Christian nurses.
Martin V (1425) obligates Jews to wear distinctive badges noting race
Eugene IV (1442) forbids Jews to fill public positions; eat, live or bathe with Christians
Sixtus IV (1482) appoints inquisitors to investigate heresy of Jewish converts
Pius V (1567) Jews forbidden to own real estate



Pius V (1569) orders all Jews expelled from Papal States
Clement VIII (1593) Jews are forbidden to read Talmud
Benedict XIV (1751) order baptism of Jewish children

- *Accused of plagues, using magic, all rights revoked, with different restrictions placed on Jews in society.*

Dan 3:12 There are *certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. (problem: religious)*

- Prominent Jews have been etched into History, with many serving in very high social, economic and political positions which has ignited the envy of the Catholic authorities. The Holocaust was strongly aided and instigated by Pius XII.

Certain Jews—sadly, not all the Jews maintained the same position as Daniel's friends. These represent the “remnant” of Jews that endure Babylonian persecution (Neh 1:3).

Isa 11:11 “And it shall come to pass in that day, *that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people...and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth*” (Jer 23:3)

Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, *we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.*

Dan 3:17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning FIERY FURNACE, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

Dan 3:18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that *we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.* ***Jews subject Babylon thru disobedience***

Furnace—reps. the purging dross of the Jews in fiery trial.

Eze 22:18-22 “The house of Israel is to me become dross... *into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it... and I will leave you there, and melt you*”

Psa 12:6 “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever²⁹”

Dan 3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the FURNACE one SEVEN TIMES *more than it was wont to be heated*.

Seven Times—a phrase representing purification by trial.

- Aaron sprinkled “seven times” to purify sin (Lev 4:6; 16:14); Naaman dipped “seven times” in Jordan to cleanse leprosy (2Kin 5:10); and the Jews to be punished “seven times.”

Lev 26:15-18 “If ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant...I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you...And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you SEVEN TIMES more for your sins³⁰”

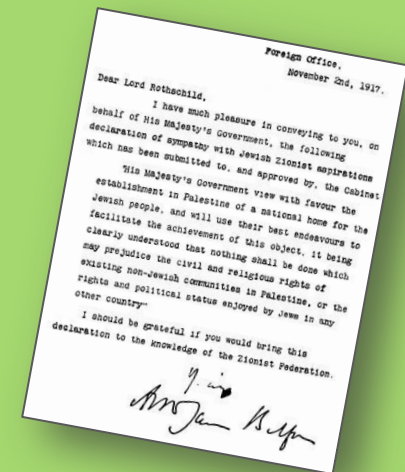
Dan 4:14-17 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree...Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, *even with a band of iron and brass...* Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and LET SEVEN TIMES PASS OVER HIM. This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: *to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men*, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. *(Seven Times: very significant) Remember this: Daniel 5!*



1,000 years: when Greek Orthodox Church Leader Bartholomew attended Pope Francis' inaugural Mass at the Vatican, it was the first time since the Great Schism of 1054. *(Dan 7 Iron and Brass)*

“A ‘time’ in Jewish reckoning is a year of 360 days. Seven times this number represents 2520 days; and on a prophetic reckoning of a day for a year (Eze 4:6), seven times represents 2520 years. Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem in the years 606-603 B.C. so that 2520 years from then would terminate in the years 1914-1917. In 1917 the Turks were driven from Jerusalem and the Jews invited to return and establish a national home therein” — *Expositor, pg 100.*

“*The times allotted for the duration of the kingdom of men are seven symbolic times (Dan 4).* This long period of 2,520 years is called by Jesus ‘the times of the Gentiles.’ ‘A day for a year’ is a rule to which all prophetic times are reducible. In seven times, which are less than seven years, we have 2,520 days” — *Bro. Thomas (Day for a year: Num 14:34; Gen 29:20-30; Eze 4:6).*



**At the end
of Seven
Times:
declaration
that the
Most High
Rules in
the
Kingdom
of Men!**

Dan 3:22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and *the furnace exceeding hot*, the flame of *the fire slew those men that took up* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. *(furnace used 10 times for purged faith: Rev 2:10)*

Isa 48:9-11 “For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee...I have refined thee, but not with silver; *I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction*. For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do it” *(NIV—“tested you in the furnace of affliction”)*

Fire Slew Those Men—Israel was delivered to “the worst of the heathen” (Eze 7:24), for Yahweh “punished the circumcised with the uncircumcised” (Jer 9:25). However, Yahweh judged Babylon because they said: “We offend not because they have sinned against the LORD” and “Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage” (Jer 50:7). This is exactly the position of the Roman Catholic Church; justifying their persecution of the Jews because they rejected their Saviour! (Isa 10:7-12)

Dan 3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, *and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.*

Son of God—Israel's time in the "furnace" does not mean they have been without Providential oversight (Mat 28:18)

Eze 11:16-17 "Although I have scattered them among the countries, *yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come...* I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel" (Israel was not to see utter destruction Jer 30:11³⁴)

Dan 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the *burning fiery furnace*, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *ye servants of the most high God, come forth*, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *came forth of the midst of the fire*.

Fire—once the Jews have endured the “seven times” furnace of affliction, they are “brought forth” from the nations—

Isa 43:1-2 “Thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou art mine... *when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee*”

- Yahweh brings the Jews “through the fire” to “refine them” so that they “call upon” His Name—Zec 13:9.

Dan 3:28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Dan 3:29 Therefore I make a decree, That *every people, nation, and language*, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: *because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.* (The God of The Jews is to be Worshipped)

There is no other God—this is very significant in the prophetic parable. The end of the “seven times” brought a restoration to the Jews and a “sign” to all “peoples, nations and languages” that the revival of the Kingdom of God (Eze 36; Isa 2).

The Judgment Of Babylon—The Harlot Has Fallen, Fallen

Dan 5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and *drank wine* before the thousand.

Dan 5:2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded *to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem*; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, *might drink therein*.

Thousand—reps. a multitude of generations (Psa 105:8; Ecc 7:28; Isa 60:22), corrupted by Mystical Babylon.

Vessels—rep. the saints (2Tim 2:20), who belong to Yahweh!

Drink Therein—for this action Babylon is Judged by Yahweh!

- Rev 14:8 “*Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication*”

Dan 5:4 They *drank wine*, and *praised the gods* of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

Dan 5:5 In the same hour came forth *fingers of a man's hand*, and wrote *over against the candlestick* upon the *plaister of the wall* of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

Praised the gods—the system of Babylon worships the kingdom of men, instead of Yahweh, the principles of His glorious Kingdom
Candlestick—the Ecclesia rightly understands Babylon's fate.

Rev 1:20 “The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and *the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches*”

- Fed by the “olive oil” supplied by Yahweh's people (Lev 24:1-4), the “lampstand” is illuminated only by the Word of Truth (Pro 6:23; Psa 119:105). The “ecclesial house” preserves the Kingdom of Israel and condemns Babylon!

Finger-Plaister—how the Law was etched, representing the unalterable testimony of God. As the “pillar and ground of the Truth,” this is the duty of the ecclesia (1Tim 3:15).

Deu 27:2-3 “It shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan...that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and *plaister them with plaister: And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law*”

Exo 31:18 “He gave unto Moses...two tables of testimony, tables of stone, *written with the finger of God*”

Dan 5:7 The king cried aloud to bring *in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers...*

Dan 5:8 Then came in *all the king's wise men:* but they *could not read the writing,* nor make known to the king *the interpretation* thereof.

Interpretation—this only comes by sincerest humility from those who ask, seek and knock (Pro 2:1-9; 8:17; Mat 7:7).

Dan 5:23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them...and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: *(context “seven times” Dan 4)*

When Daniel is brought before the Babylonian King, he tells him WHY judgment has come upon him: corruption of the Lord of Heaven, Almighty God, and for corrupting His vessels!

Dan 5:26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered *thy kingdom*, and FINISHED IT.

Dan 5:27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

Dan 5:28 PERES; *Thy kingdom* is divided, and GIVEN TO THE MEDES AND PERSIANS.

THE KINGDOM OF SILVER: MEDO-PERSIA

- According to “the image” in Daniel chapter 2, the Kingdom of Medo-Persia is represented by “Silver.” This metal represents “redemption” (Exo 26:19, 32; 30:12-16; 1:18). This Kingdom restored the House of Yahweh!!!

Cyrus, king of the Medo-Persian Empire subdued the System of Babylon. In this, he represents the Lord Jesus Christ and the Saints who executed judgment against Babylon—

- He is called Yahweh’s “shepherd” (Isa 44:28).
- He is called Yahweh’s “anointed whose right hand God has holden” (Isa 45:1-2).
- His army is styled “the sanctified ones” and “mighty ones” (Isa 13:3,17).
- His kingdom represented by Silver—redemption (Dan 2).
- He brought down the Babylonian System (Isa 13; Dan 5).

Jude 14 “Behold, *the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints* To execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly”
Deu 33:2 “He came *with ten thousands of saints*” (Heb 12:22)



Medo-Persian elite army was called “Ten Thousand Immortals”

It is the Ruler of the Silver Kingdom that rebuilds Jerusalem!
Ezr 1:2,7 “Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, *The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah...* Cyrus the king BROUGHT FORTH THE VESSELS OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods”

Medo-Persians: One Kingdom Two People Redeemed

Dan 7:5 “And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, *and it raised up itself on one side...*”

Dan 8:3 “Behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns: and the *two* horns *were* high; *but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last*”

JEW & GENITLE—Historically, Media was first to rise, but ultimately the Persian power became dominant.

Luk 13:28-30 “There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, *in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.* And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, *there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last*” **(Gentiles—Last: Jews—First)**

Vatican to announce John Paul II 'miracle'

The Vatican has secretly attributed a mystery miracle to the late John Paul II, clearing the way for him to be declared a saint.



**2Th 2:9 “...with all power and signs and lying wonders,
And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in
them that perish; because they received not the love of
the truth, that they might be saved”**

Gen 11:1-5 “And the whole earth was of *one language*, and of one speech...they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, *Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven*; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth”



The European Parliament Building was erected in Strasbourg, France; the birthplace of Pieter Brueghal, the famous painter of the “Tower of Babel.” (2001 “The European Year of Languages”)

Rev 14:8 “And there followed another angel, saying, *Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*” (Isa 21:9)

Rev 14:9 “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, *If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand*”

Rev 14:10 “The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb”

- **Caution:** it is the “subtle” error of the serpent that is dangerous; when the principles of God are distorted.

1Tim 1:6-7 “Some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; *Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm*”

2Pe 3:16 “Also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things *hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction*”

- Error in the Truth is most often cast in a misapplication or Scripture; or wrong understanding of doctrine.

2Ti 2:15 “**STUDY** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing the word of truth*”

Jude 1:14-15 “And *Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these*, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all”

- There are no *words* of Enoch revealed in Scripture. However, words are not necessary. The fact that Enoch was the “seventh from Adam” represent a “prophecy” of the Lord’s coming.

Eze 12:11 “Say, *I am your sign*: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall remove *and* go into captivity”

Isa 20:3-4 “LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years *for a sign and wonder* upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia; So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners”

Dan 10:7-10 “And I Daniel alone saw the vision...

Therefore *I was left alone*, and saw this great vision, and *there remained no strength in me*: for *my comeliness was turned in me into corruption*, and I retained no strength. Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, *then was I in a deep sleep on my face*, and my face toward the ground. And, behold, *an hand touched me*, which *set me upon my knees* and *upon the palms of my hands*...And when he had spoken this word unto me, *I stood trembling*”

**DANIEL 6—Silver Kingdom “Messiah’s
Death and Resurrection”**

PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Class Five

Rev 11:15 “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever*”

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*”

- The “fourth kingdom,” described as “dreadful and terrible” (Dan 7:7), is the subject of extensive Bible prophecy. The prophet himself said: “I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful” (Dan 7:19). Literal Babylon presents a parable of the Kingdom relating to Mystical Babylon (Rev 17:5)!