

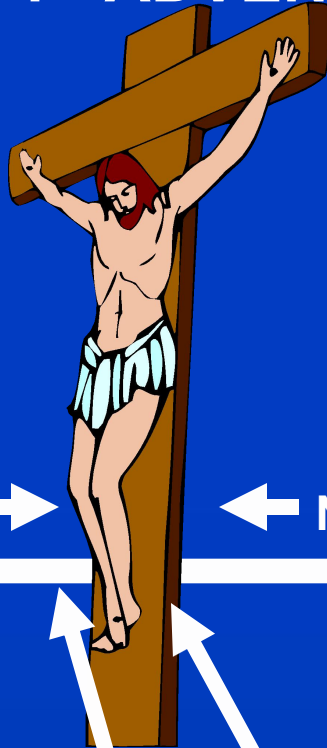
# NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM STATUE



- The Chaldean seers had no ability to tell the King his dream
- For this they were to be executed
- Head of gold, arms and chest of silver, hips and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, feet of clay and iron
- Stone “not made by human hands” hit and destroyed the statue
- God gave Nebuchadnezzar 3 generations of supernatural dominion over the earth

# 1st ADVENT

# 2nd ADVENT



← OT TIMES →

← NT & MODERN TIMES →



CREATION

DANIEL IN  
BABYLON

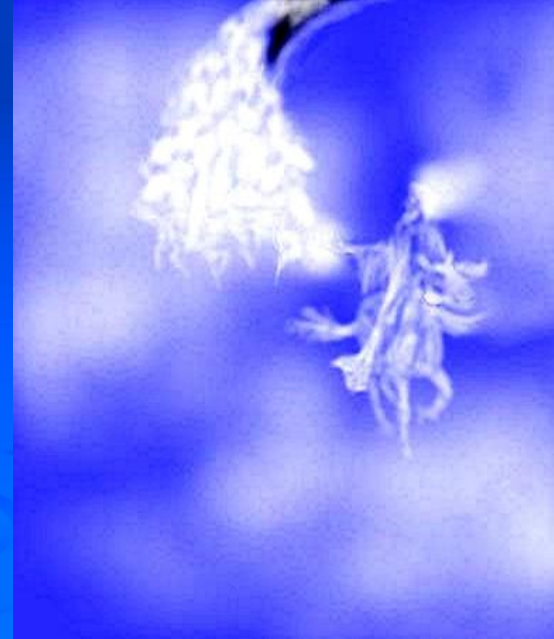
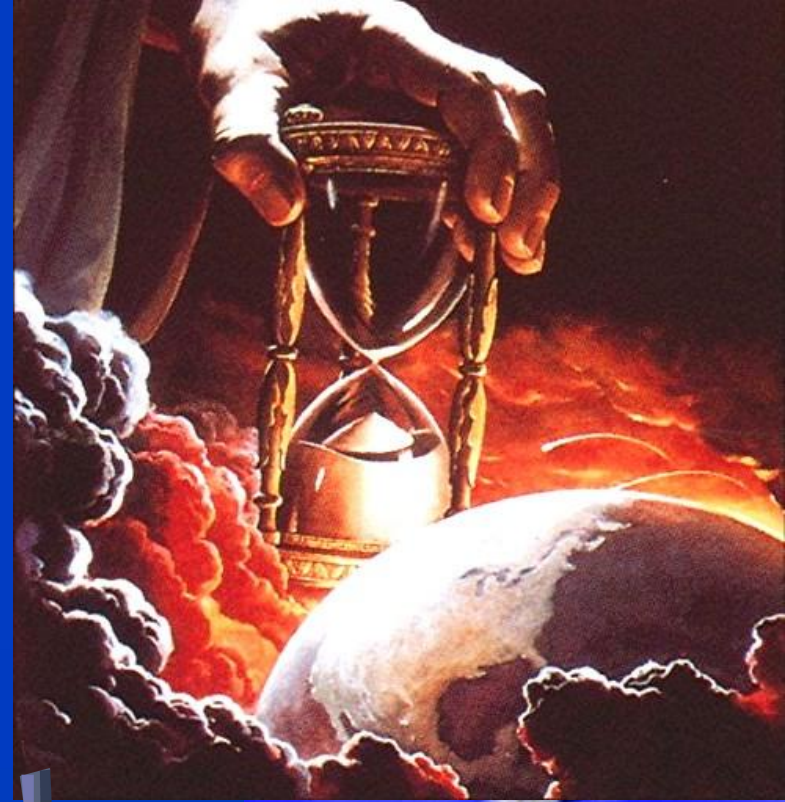
CHRIST'S  
BIRTH

1st LATTER  
DAYS

2nd LATTER  
DAYS

# 2 LATTER DAYS BUT ONLY 1 END TIMES

- Latter Days is a purely Hebrew concept from the Bible
- End Times and Latter Days are not synonymous
- No such term as End Times in the Bible
- ***Olam haba*** = world to come
- ***Olam hazeh*** = present world
- Jewish vision of the Latter Days is different than the Christian vision



- 1) Hebrews who lived before Christ expected a Jewish victory over the Gentile world, mainly a change of world government from Gentile to Hebrew.
- 2) Hebrews expected persecution in the times leading up to their victory. They thought the era of Antiochus Epiphanies was such an era.
- 3) Jews who lived B.C. (before Christ) lived in the *Olam Hazeah* (present world) as they waited for the Messiah and the *Olam Haba* (world to come). Era of transition was the *acharit-ha'yamim* (the latter days)

- 4) Messiah Yeshua came during the 1<sup>st</sup> set of Latter Days. They didn't know there would be 2<sup>nd</sup> set of Latter Days in the future.
- 5) Since the birth of Christ both Jews and Christians have been looking forward to a Latter Days. The coming Latter Days will also involve the end of the world as we know it.
- 6) Neither King Nebuchadnezzar nor Daniel had any understanding of what was occurring or what it would mean to mankind.

# BIBLE SYMBOLISM



- Word of God explains eternal spiritual principles using temporal physical examples
- Symbols, metaphors, illustrations, figurative expressions, parables
- None are meant to be taken as precise parallels
- God compared to human, like a human to an ant
- Human Marriage a demonstration of a faithful relationship between God and humankind
- Christ is NOT to be precisely modeled after Levitical High Priest, more like Melchizedek, but only to a point

# THE DREAM INTERPRETTED

**GOLD**

**SILVER**

**BRONZE**

**IRON**

**IRON / CLAY**



- The overall image is of the succession of Gentile Empires to come
- Leads the world into the Latter Days
- Gold Head is Babylon
- Only brief mention of Silver and Bronze Empires
- 4<sup>th</sup> Empire of Iron gets the most attention

# A 5<sup>TH</sup> KINGDOM OF IRON AND CLAY?



- Weak characteristics of clay mixed with the strong characteristics of iron
- This is entirely different than how ingredients interact to make a cake
- Later in Daniel we see that the 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom morphs into the 5<sup>th</sup> (but is not necessarily viewed as a separate 5<sup>th</sup> Kingdom)
- So far NO SPECULATION IS NEEDED!

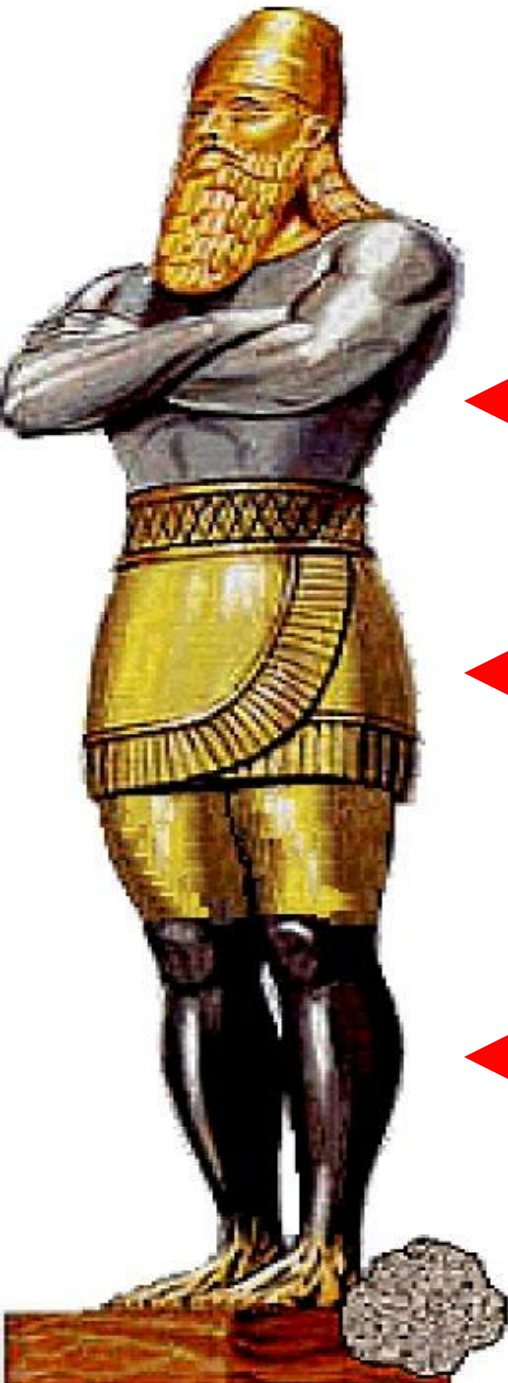






- Daniel 8:16 – 20
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kingdom (Empire) is named: Media-Persia
- Daniel 8:21, 22
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingdom (Empire) is named: Greece
- No guessing is needed !

# MODERN BIBLE COMMENTATORS SAY DANIEL IS WRONG !



**MEDIA**

➤ Until the Enlightenment, there was no debate

**PERSIA**

➤ Why do modern critical commentators say Daniel is wrong? Because he could NOT have known the future!

**GREECE**

➤ Historians like Rainey and Notley agree there was NO SUCH THING AS A MEDIAN EMPIRE

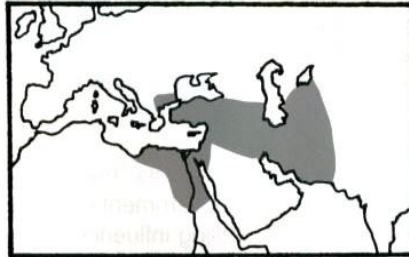
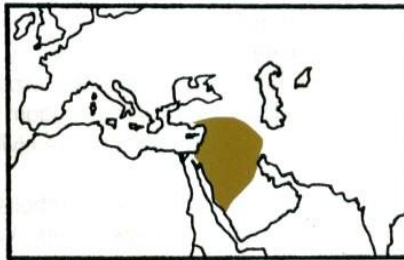
➤ Symbolism of statue doesn't line up with modern views

# “NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S IMAGE” Daniel 2



**HEAD of GOLD v.32**

The Babylonian Empire v.39.  
(Further details — 7:4)

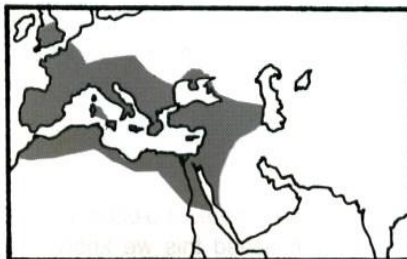
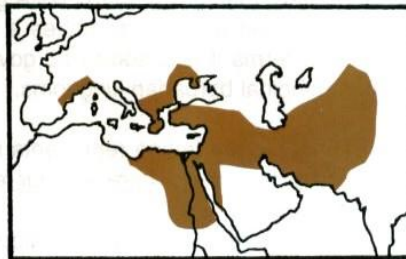


**BREAST and ARMS of SILVER v.32**

The Medo-Persian Empire, v.39.  
(Further details — 7:5; 8:1-7).

**BELLY and THIGHS of BRASS v.32.**

The Greek Empire.  
(Further details — 7:6; 8:5-8; 11:1-35).



**LEGS of IRON v.33.**

The Greco-Roman Empire.  
(Further details — 7:7-28; 8:9-25; 11:36-45).

**FEET OF IRON AND CLAY v.33.**

10 Western European powers developed in AD 495 and possessing a latter day aspect in which a coalition of Roman and Russian interests will be seen.

**STONE CUT OUT OF MOUNTAIN WITHOUT HANDS v.34.**

i.e. Without human intervention. Christ — Matt. 21:42-44.  
God’s Kingdom will fill the whole earth v. 35, 44-45.



# INFERIOR KINGDOMS??

- Each successive empire was **LARGER** than the previous one
- Roman Empire probably the **MOST** moral of them all
- Dr. Kiel believes it refers to “inner unity”
- Rome the least unified
- Roman Empire 1<sup>st</sup> divided in 285 A.D., then permanently in 480 A.D.