



MAKE IT PLAIN MINISTRIES

“Daniel 2.”

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Daniel 2:10-11. God’s warnings against those who practice witchcraft and astrology and such (Deuteronomy 18:10-12, Galatians 5:20, Revelation 21:8).

HEAD OF GOLD: BABYLON (606/605-538 B.C.):

- **Nebuchadnezzar ordained by God to rule the world, Jeremiah 28:14**
- **Babylonian captivity to last seventy years for Israel: Jeremiah 25:12-13.**
- **Babylon being a City of Gold, Isaiah 14:4.**
- **The Wine of Babylon is in a golden cup: Jeremiah 51:7, Revelation 17:4-5.**



The ancient city of Babylon, under King Nebuchadnezzar II, must have been a wonder to the traveler's eyes. "In addition to its size," wrote **Herodotus**, a historian in 450 BC, "Babylon surpasses in splendor any city in the known world."

Herodotus claimed the outer walls were 56 miles in length, 80 feet thick and 320 feet high. Wide enough, he said, to allow a four-horse chariot to turn. The inner walls were "not so thick as the first, but hardly less strong." Inside the walls were fortresses and temples containing immense statues of solid gold. Rising above the city was the famous Tower of Babel, a temple to the god Marduk, that seemed to reach to the heavens.¹

CHEST AND ARMS OF SILVER: MEDES AND PERSIANS: (538-331 B.C.)



Silver was used extensively by this empire. Isaiah 13:17.

One characteristic of the Medo-Persian Empire was silver, or money. The Medo-Persian Empire developed a vast system of taxation that required taxes to be paid in silver (Herodotus, The Histories 3:90-97). Xerxes I, who inherited the incredible fortune of his father, Darius I, as well as from other Persian kings, used it to finance the massive Persian Wars against the Greeks.

Persia was known for their vast treasury of silver. As Silver is inferior to gold in value, Medo-Persia was inferior to Babylon in wealth. Xerxes, inherited vast hordes of silver from his father, Darius Hymptastes.²

¹ <http://www.unmuseum.org/hangg.htm>.

² <http://www.tagnet.org/glenburnie/medopersia.html>.

BELLY AND THIGHS OF BRASS: GREECE (331-168 B.C.)



Troops under the command of Alexander the Great wore Brass armor and employed brass weapons. Mycenaean Greece relied upon bronze for fabricating weapons, primarily to equip powerful armies with bronze weapons and armor.³

LEGS OF IRON (PAGAN ROME): (168 B.C.-476 A.D.)

- **Daniel 2:40:** Describes this iron power that would “bruise.” This power was used to bruise Christ as fulfillment of prophecy (**Genesis 3:15 & Isaiah 53:5**).
- From the time of the Roman Empire onward, weapons, tools, and armor were fashioned almost exclusively from iron and crude carbon steels.⁴ Romans Spears had a conical metal shoe or butt which allowed them to be stuck into the ground without damage to the shaft, but it could also serve as a secondary weapon if the head (which was usually of iron) should be broken.⁵



Roman Armor of Iron: The Romans used three main types of body armour: mail, scale. All body armour would have been worn over a padded arming doublet. Mail was normally made of iron rings, each riveted one interlinked with four other punched or welded rings. In the early imperial period, the wearer's shoulders were reinforced with 'doubling' which was fastened across the chest. Used throughout the Roman period. Scale armour was made of small plates of iron or copper alloy wired to their neighbours horizontally and sewn to a fabric or leather backing. In the 2nd century A.D., a new form of semi-rigid cuirass was introduced where each scale was wired to its vertical, as well as horizontal, neighbours. Similarly used throughout the Roman period. Segmental armour consisted of overlapping curved bands or iron fastened to internal leather straps. Used from the 1st to 3rd centuries

A.D. Roman helmets were made of iron or copper alloy.⁶

FEET OF CLAY/IRON (476 A.D. to Present) Ten Toes = Ten Divided Kingdoms of Rome.

THE TEN TOES:

1. **Anglo-Saxons: English.**
2. **Alammani: German**
3. **Burgundians: Swiss**
4. **Franks: French**
5. **Lombards: Italians**
6. **Visigoths: Spanish**
7. **Suevi: Portuguese**
8. **Heruli: Extinct.**
9. **Ostrogoths: Exteinct.**
10. **Vandals: Extinct.**

- **Potter's Clay = Church.** Genesis 2:7 → Job 33:6 → Isaiah 64:8 → Jeremiah 18:1-6 → 1 Corinthians 12:12
- **Miry Clay = Apostate Church.** Isaiah 57:20-21 → Psalms 69:14 → Psalms 40:2. Jeremiah 38:22-23.

³<http://www.worldandi.com/public/1998/november/copper.cfm>.

⁴<http://www.worldandi.com/public/1998/november/copper.cfm>.

⁵<http://museums.ncl.ac.uk/archive/arma/welc/beginner/page08.htm>.

⁶<http://museums.ncl.ac.uk/archive/arma/welc/beginner/page03.htm>.

- Calling People out of Apostate Churches (Babylon) Psalms 40:2 → Revelation 18:2-4.
- **Iron= State**
- Mixture of Church and State. In 538 A.D. the Emperor Justinian merged church and state and sought to enforce and subdue those with force that went against the Catholic Church. From 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. (1260 years) the Church was proactive in state affairs and in persecution. Also, many attempts were made to unify Europe but the prophecy is clear, that Europe will never be unified.

MOUNTAIN = KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.



- **Stone/Rock = Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4, 1 Peter 2:4.**
- **Mountain = Kingdom of Heaven. Psalms 48:1, Psalms 68:17, Revelation 14:1**
- The Kingdom of Heaven will be the only eternal kingdom that will last forever. As we look forward to that day, be it one of glory or one of dread, let us ask the Lord to give us the power to allow us to remain faithful to the end. *May our names remain.*