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Men have always been interested in the future; but seldom interested enough to find out what things God has revealed in his word. About 605 B.C. a king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and took one of the children of Israel home as his prisoner. The particular prisoner was Daniel; and the king was Nebuchadnezzar.

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed a dream which Daniel interpreted for Nebuchadnezzar. God included this dream and the interpretation, in the Bible book of "Daniel," which God inspired Daniel to write. "Daniel" is not listed in Jewish scriptures among the "Prophets," but among "The Writings." The reason is interesting. Daniel, a Jew, was not strictly a Jewish prophet but rather a prophet of Gentile events. Now the image and animals which Daniel records were prophecies of the distant future. You should be familiar with these figures from earlier Apologetics and especially the book "Babylon" by R.H. Mount. Just think for a moment: you have your own copy of "Daniel." Of the billions of people who now live and those that have lived and died, you are one of the very few to have this privilege. Under each figure I have given an approximate date where they fit into history.

I have shown many times that God created animals with certain characteristics which he intended to use for our learning. The names were given to the animals by Adam. (Gen.2:19,20)
Some things concerning animals are very easily understood; but they are so simple we often forget to consider them. Animals are born with their heads, but horns grow afterwards. These facts become very important in chronology.

The next series of picture figures concerning Gentile powers is given to us by John the apostle in Revelation. These figures are not datable for they are all current.

The early "church fathers" had records of enough history to begin the study of Daniel's figures. Remember, printing was not yet invented and whatever records existed were handwritten, including all scripture. Books or scrolls were only available to relatively few persons. "Irenaeus Against Heresies" was written by Irenaeus about Book V. Ch. 26 par 1.2

1. In a still clearer light has John, in the Apocalypse, indicated to the Lord's disciples what shall happen in the last times, and concerning the ten kings who shall then arise, among whom the empire which now rules [the earth] shall be partitioned. He teaches us what the ten horns shall be which were seen in Daniel, telling us that thus it had been said to him: "And the ten horns which thou sawst are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but shall receive power as if kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and give their strength and power to the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, because He is the Lord of lords and the King of kings." It is manifest, therefore, that of these [potentates], he who is to come shall slay three, and subject the remainder to his power, and that he shall be himself the eighth among them. And they shall lay Babylon waste, and burst her with fire, and shall give their kingdom to the beast, and put the Church to flight. After that they shall be destroyed by the coming of our Lord. For that the kingdom must be divided, and thus come to ruin, the Lord [de-
These conclusions were made too early in history and some of them can now be shown to be incorrect. How do we then explain John 16:13 which is often quoted today on television?

**John 16 CT**

12 I am having many-(things) still to be-saying to YOU, BUT YOU-are not being-able to-be-bearing (them) just-now.
13 But at-the-time that that (one) might-come, the Spirit of the truth, he-will-lead YOU the-way into all the truth; for he will not speak from himself, BUT as-many-(things) as he might-hear he-will-speak and he-will-tell to YOU the-(things) coming.

Jesus is speaking to the apostles, not you. Further note Jesus did not say the Holy Spirit would give them all the truth. Even the apostles had to learn.

**John 14 CT**

25 These-(things) I have spoken and am speaking to YOU; remaining beside YOU;
26 But the advocate, the Spirit name-the Holy, which the Father will-send in my name, that (one) will-teach YOU all-(things), and he will put YOU in mind all-(things) which I said to YOU.

Consider one more prophecy about which an early "church father" wrote: Dan. 9: 24-27. Those who teach a "pre-tribulation rapture" depend on their special interpretation of this passage.

The Prophecy of Daniel

Edward J. Young, p. 191

Who then is led into all the truth?

Tertullian wrote on this passage about 200 A.D. Tertullian wrote that this prophecy had already been fulfilled. Those who teach the "pre-tribulation rapture" say that 7 years or 3 1/2 years of the prophecy are still to be fulfilled. For those who are interested, I put Tertullian's explanation on page 4. You may skip this and go to page 5.
Observe we, therefore, the limit,—how, in truth, he predicts that there shall be lxx hebdomads, within which if they receive Him, "It shall be built into height and entrenchment and the times shall be renewed." But God, foreseeing what was to be—that they will not merely not receive Him, but will both persecute and deliver Him to death—both re-capitulated, and said, that in ix lxxi lii and an half of an hebdomad He is born, and an holy one of holy ones is anointed; but that when vii hebdomads and an half were fulfilling, He had to suffer, and the holy city had to be exterminated after one and an half hebdomad, whereby namely, the seven and an half hebdomads have been completed. For he says thus: "And the city and the holy place to be exterminated together by the leader who is to come; and they shall be cut short as in a deluge; and he shall destroy the pinnacle unto ruin." Whence, therefore, do we see that the Christ came within the lixxi and an half hebdomads? We shall count, moreover, from the first year of Darius, as at this particular time is shown to Daniel this particular vision; for he says, "And understand and consider, at the completion of thy word. I make thee these answers." Whence we are bound to compute from the first year of Darius, when Daniel saw this vision. Let us see, therefore, how the years are filled up until the advent of the Christ:

For Darius reigned, xviii 9 years (10).
Artaxerxes reigned, xi and i years (11).
Then King Ochos (who is also Cyrus) reigned, xxi years (24).
Again Cleopatra. Cleopatra reigned, one year.
Another Darius, who is also named Melas, xxi years (21).
Alexander the Macedonian, xii years (12).

Then, after Alexander, who had reigned over both Medes and Persians, whom he had reconquered, and had established his kingdom firmly in Alexandria, when withal he called that (city) by his own name; "after him reigned, (there, in Alexandria.)

Soter, xxv years (35).
To whom succeeds
Philadelphus, reignings xxx and viii years (38).
To him succeeds
Euergetes, xxv years (25).
Then
Philopator, xvi years (17).
After him
Epiphanes, xxxve years (24).
Then another
Euergetes, xxvii years (20).
Another
Soter, xxi viii years (38).
Prolemy, xxvii years (37).
Yet again
Cleopatra reigned jointly with Augustus, xlii years (13).
After Cleopatra, Augustus reigned other xlii years (43).
For all the years of the empire of Augustus were lii years (50).

Let us see, moreover, how in the forty-first year of the empire of Augustus, when he has been reigning for xx and viii years after the death of Cleopatra, the Christ is born. (And the Augustus survived, after Christ is born, xv years; and the remaining times of years to the day of the birth of Christ will bring us to the xi first year, which is the xx and viiiith of Augustus after the death of Cleopatra.) There are, (the "e are made up of xxxx and vii years, v months: (whence are filled up lixxi hebdomads and an half; which make up xxxxxixi vii years, vi months:) on the day of the birth of Christ. And then (the) "righteousness eternal" was manifested, and "an Holy One of holy ones was anointed"—that is, Christ—and "sealed was vision and prophet," and "vants were remitted, which, through faith in the name of Christ, are washed away' for all who believe on Him. But what does he mean by saying that "vision and prophecy are sealed?" That all prophets ever announced of Him that He was to come, and had to suffer. Therefore, since the prophecy was fulfilled through His advent, for that reason he said that "vision and prophecy were sealed," inasmuch as He is the signet of the prophets, fulfilling all things which in days bygone they had announced of Him. For after the advent of Christ and His passion there is no longer a "vision or prophet" to announce Him as to come. In short, if this is not so, let the Jews exhibit, subsequently to Christ, any volumes of prophets, visible miracles wrought by any angels, (such as those) which in bygone days the patriarchs saw until the advent of Christ, who is now come; since which event "sealed is vision and prophecy, and that is, confirmed. And just does the evangelist write, "The law and the prophets (were) until John." For, on Christ's being baptized, that is, on His sanctifying the waters in His own baptism, all the plentitude of bygone spiritual grace-gifts ceased in Christ, sealing as He did all vision and prophecies, which by His advent He fulfilled. Whence most firmly does he assert that His advent "seals visions and prophecy.

Accordingly, showing, (as we have done,) both the number of the years, and the time of the ix two and an half filled hebdomads, on completion of which, (we have shown,) that Christ is come, that is, has been born, let us see what (mean) other "vii and an half hebdomads," which have been subdivided in the abscission of the former hebdomads; (let us see, namely,) in what event they have been fulfilled:

For, after Augustus who survived after the birth of Christ, are made up, xv years (15).
To whom succeeded Tiberius Caesar, and held the empire xx years, vii months, xxviii days (20 etc.)

(In the fiftieth year of his empire Christ suffered, being about xxx years of age when He suffered.)
Again Caius Caesar, who called Caligula, iis years, vii months, xiii days (3 etc).
Nero Caesar, xi years, ix months, xiii days (11 etc).
Other, xvi months, vii days (7 etc).
Vitellius, iii days.
Vespasian, in the first year of his empire, subdued the Jews in war; and there are made up lii years, vii months. For he reigned over thirty years. And thus, in the day of their burning, the Jews fulfilled the lixiv hebdomads predicted in Daniel.

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Tertullian has some differences in his text.
If you skipped page 4 at least read this last paragraph. Notice the history involved.
We are living at a time when Satan has been very successfully leading astray the “church” members by subtly misusing the word of God, as he did to Eve. "Church" members are told that they "know" the word and that the Holy Spirit will guide each one into all truth. I have given two passages as explained by two early “church” Fathers. It was not possible for the Holy Spirit to guide them into "all truth." The prophecies to which the passages refer had not yet been fulfilled. In addition note the great amount of knowledge of history that is required in any event.

Consider the word "guide" (KJV John 16:13). "lead-the-way" (CT. p3) The Greek verb is ὅδηγεῖν (hodegen) from ὁδός (hodos) "way" and ἔγοιημαι (hegeomai) "to-lead" or "to-consider." (See Thayer's lexicon) To understand the word more fully: “Consider the way on due consideration of external grounds, the weighing and comparing of facts by deliberate and careful judgment. It is only this way you "learn" the truth.

Bible prophecies must be considered this way. For many centuries the prophetic figures on pages 1 and 2 were not all understandable because the historic events had not yet occurred.

As we began to approach the time of the return of Jesus, God began to open all kinds of things that had been hidden for centuries. Prophesied events also began to be fulfilled with increasing frequency. In the regards to most of these happenings, the average "church" members and their pastors continue to sleep, totally unaware, unacquainted, and heedless of what is going on around them. On page 6 I have listed some of these things.
Below: German printer Johann Gutenberg examining the proofs of his Bible, the first book to be printed from movable type. Right: The first printed version of the Lord's Prayer, as it appeared in the Gutenberg Bible.

* 1455 A.D. A printed Bible. This was done by a method of printing from movable type that was used without important change until the 20th century.


* 1611 A.D. Authorized Version, King James.

* 1628 A.D. Manuscript A "Alexandrian" available.

* 1859 A.D. "Sinaitic X (Aleph) Manuscript found.

* 1850 - 1870 A.D. "Vatican" B Manuscript available - Paul IX


* 1947 Dead Sea Scrolls found. Fragments of over 600 books found, including parts of all Old Testament books but Esther. God verifies his word.

* 1948 (May 14, 15, 16) State of Israel is born.

Declaration of the State of Israel.

* 1997 Library of Universal History, Claremont, verified and endorsed by professors of five American Universities.

Bible record treated as authentic. From here, histories begin to ignore or nullify Bible history.

Israel Postage Stamp
19th Century Exploration of the Holy Land

In the second half of the 19th century, the river Jordan, its sources, and the Dead Sea were still terra incognita. Although there is evidence of explorers who had rediscovered this region in previous generations, the unknown far exceeded the known.

The majority of visitors to the Jordan river were pilgrims who went down from Jerusalem to be baptised in its waters. With the rediscovery of the Holy Land in the 19th century, the first travellers and explorers turned their attention to the unknown areas of the land and made their way along its bypaths.

The pioneer explorer of the Jordan and Dead Sea basins at that time (1835) was a 25-year-old Irishman, Christopher Costigan who brought his boat to the harbour of Akko (Acre) and took it overland to Tiberias. He tried to row in the Jordan as far as Bet She'an and from there had the boat carried on horseback to Jericho. For eight days he travelled the Dead Sea and got as far as the “tongue”, when the excessive heat forced him to return to the northern shores of the Dead Sea, together with his Maltese assistant. Thirst compelled them to drink the bitter water of the Dead Sea. The Maltese reached Jericho, having left Costigan, who had contracted fever, on the sea-shore. He was later taken to Jerusalem, where he died and was buried on Mount Zion.

Twelve years later, in 1847, a British lieutenant, Thomas Howard Molyneux, came to discover the secrets of the Jordan and the depths of the Dead Sea. He arrived at Akko with three British friends and they transported their boat to Tiberias by camel and horse. They were joined by two local servants. Molyneux also tried to brave the Jordan falls but, having failed, followed its banks either having his boat carried by camels or rowing. After many hardships and clashes with unfriendly Beduins, they reached the Dead Sea and sailed for two days until Molyneux came down with malaria. He died later aboard a ship that was taking him from Jaffa to Beirut.

One year later, in 1848, an expedition led by an American naval lieutenant, William Francis Lynch, came to explore the Jordan and the Dead Sea. He was accompanied by 13 men in two boats, one of iron and the other of copper; they came ashore at Haifa, where they were joined by four others. Their boats were carried on camelback through the lower Galilee to Tiberias. In a joint expedition of reconnaissance parties on land together with boats sailing the river, they reached the Dead Sea. Lynch’s expedition charted maps of the Jordan and the Dead Sea.

During 1868–9, John MacGregor, a Scotsman, sailed his canoe through the Suez Canal, along the Nile, the rivers of Damascus, the sources of the Jordan, Lake Hula, the Sea of Galilee and the Kishon river. He used a canoe because only such a boat could sail through the swamps and marshes. In the Hula valley, he was taken prisoner by Beduins but managed to escape thanks to his courage and resourcefulness. He mapped Lake Hula and the Sea of Galilee. His canoe “Rob Roy”, recently discovered in England, has been brought to the Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv.
1830 A.D. The finding and translating of the Rosetta stone gave us understanding of Egyptian history unknown for centuries. See Apologetics 3, p. 8.

1830 A.D. Two-stage Pre-Tribulation Rapture Theory begins together with increasing emphasis on "tongues." See Apologetics 17, "Glossolalia. The Unbelievable Pre-Trib Origin," Dave MacPherson, 1973, Ch. 6, p. 47.

Excitedly thumbing through the pages, I soon came across what must certainly rank as the most important paragraph in the entire book:

Marvellous light was shed upon Scripture, and especially on the doctrine of the second Advent, by the revived spirit of prophecy. In the following account by Miss M. M—, of an evening which the power of the Holy Ghost rested upon her for several successive hours, in mingled prophecy and vision, we have an instance; for here we first see the distinction between that final stage of the Lord's coming, when every eye shall see Him. And His prior appearing in glory to them that look for Him.

* Jesus warned against teaching the idea that he would return at any moment. See Apologetics 14, 8, 11, 5, p. 17.

Passage quoted from "The Restoration of Apostles and Prophets: To the Catholic Apostolic Church" by R.N.

Luke 21: CT

7 But they questioned him saying: Teacher, at what time will these-(things) be? And what the sign at the time that these-(things) might-be-being-about-to-be-coming-to-pass?

8 But the-(one) said, YOU-are-looking lest YOU-might-be-led-astray; for many will come on my name, saying, that I myself-am and the season has-drawn-near-and-is-still-near. Might-YOU not therefore proceed behind them.

* 1917 A.D. World War I 1914

Major purpose and result of W.W.I; to free Palestine from unfriendly powers.

Balfour Declaration Nov. 2, 1917

Dr. Weizmann was a great chemist. He discovered a process of synthesizing acetone and as a result of this work he was largely responsible for obtaining what is known as the Balfour Declaration. The Balfour Declaration was actually a very simple declaration written by Lord Balfour to Lord Rothschild and approved by the British Cabinet, November 2, 1917. It reads, "His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, its being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of the existing non-Jewish Communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

Aug 29-31, 1897 A.D. First Zionist Congress led by Theodor Herzl starts major effort to return Jews to Israel. 

Isaiah 60

10 And foreigners shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. 11 Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night; that they may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and that kings may be captive. 12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 14 And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow down themselves at the gates of thy lodging: and they shall call thee, 'The city of Jehovah, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.'

Israel is the bride not the church.

Encyclopedia Judaica
Vol. 16 p. 1642

MODERN PERIOD
The growth of Hebrew as a modern language, spoken by masses and gradually used in all areas of life and thought, may be divided into three stages corresponding to periods in the history of modern Palestine: (1) 1881-1918 initiated by Eliezer *Ben-Yehuda's arrival in the country. He and his followers developed and propagated Hebrew in everyday life. (2) 1918-1948: under British rule when Hebrew was first considered a language of Palestine, and later (1922) one of the three official languages. During this time the Hebrew-speaking population increased rapidly, established many cultural institutions, including its own educational system up to university level, in all of which Hebrew, with few initial exceptions, became the only language used. (3) 1948- marked by the foundation of the State of Israel. Hebrew became the predominant language of the state, and was used in all branches of its activities: government departments, the army, etc., were integrated into the life of the Hebrew-speaking population. Gradually Hebrew was also spoken by non-Jewish citizens. Each of these three periods, characterized by the cultural background and the linguistic past of the immigrants who adopted Hebrew as their new language, has influenced its evolution.

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Jeremiah 31

22 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall make thy captivity a thing of contempt; Jehovah bless thee, O habitation of righteousness, O mountain of holiness.

1881-1918 A.D. Hebrew Language spoken again.

Israeli postage stamp, Ben-Yehuda, 1959

He traveled by way of Vienna, where he was joined by his childhood acquaintance, Deborah Jonas, whom he married in Cairo. In October 1881, they arrived in Jaffa where Ben-Yehuda informed his wife that henceforth they would converse only in Hebrew. The Ben-Yehuda household thus was the first Hebrew-speaking home established in Palestine, and his first son, Ben-Zion (later called Ithamar *Ben-Avi), the first modern Hebrew-speaking child.

* 1938 A.D. W.W.II and the "Time of Jacob's Trouble," the "Holocaust" (whole burnt offering - Webster) forced the establishment of the State of Israel.
10 * 1970 A.D. Israel returns to the "shekel.
This is another fulfillment of prophecy because the shekel (shekel) is to be used in the
days of the next temple, not yet built (Ezk. 40-48)
Ezekiel 45

12 And the
shekel shall be twenty "gerahs;
twenty shekels, five and twenty
shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be
your manseh.

Why does everyone hate the
Jews? 70 A.D till 1988 A.D +
Perhaps the most conclusive proof of scripture. Consider
the 3x repeated prophecy given by Jesus to the Jews,
"You will be hated by all the Gentiles because

June 7, 1967 A.D "Times (better "seasons") of nations" to
Luke 21

20 But at-the-time-that YOU-might-see the
Jerusalem being-encircled by camps, then YOU-come-
to-know that her desolation has-drawn-near-and-is-
still near.
21 Then let the-(ones) in the Judea be-fleeing
into the mountains, and let the-(ones) in midst of-
her [Jerusalem] be-emigrating, and let not the-
(ones) in the cultivated-fields be-going-in into
her. [Jerusalem]
22 Because these are days of-an-avenging, all the-
(things) having-been-and-still-written to-be-
fulfilled.
23 But woe to-the-(ones) having-in womb and to-
the-(ones) nursing in those days, for there-will be
great necessity over the land and wrath for this-
people.

24 And they-will-fall by-mouth of-dagger, and
they-will-be-led-captive into all the Gentiles: and
Jerusalem will-be being-trodden by nations until
seasons of-nations might-be-fulfilled.

Certainly these 20 examples
Should show the importance
of history if you really expect
to understand the prophecies in the Bible. With the use
of the prophetic figures on pages 1 and 2, we will learn
as much as we can concerning the Roman Empire.
In Apologetics 30 I began to lay the basis for the world's idolatry represented in Rev. 17 as the great harlot sitting on many waters. (See cover) "Idolatry" is a word unknown outside of the New Testament and dependent Christian writings. [εἰδολολατρία - εἰδολολατρία - idolatry; εἰδολολάτρης - εἰδολολατρεύω - idolater] Theological Dictionary of the NT Vol. 2 p. 380.

The word and the related subst. εἰδολολάτρης are found only in the NT and dependent Christian writings, and even in the NT they occur only in Paul, 1 Pt. and Rev. The terms are not used by the LXX, Philo, Josephus or other Jews, let alone by pagan authors.

In this Apologetics (32) pp. 3-5 I showed that Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would lead the apostles into "all truth" and that, in a very limited and special way. It does not say "total truth." It was not possible to "lead" into understanding of all of prophetic truth, for example, as history to which prophecies pointed was still centuries ahead. The word "lead," KJ "guide," means not only "lead-the-way" CT, but also "consider." (See Thayer's Lexicon). To expand this word more fully it means, "consider-the-way" on due consideration of external ground, the weighing and comparing of facts by deliberate and careful judgment." To tell people, as is done today, that they personally will be "shown" or "given" all truth in understanding scripture is simply the echo of Satan's words to Eve in the garden.

I have already shown that the prophetic figures on pages 1 and 2 are extremely difficult to understand, and are totally dependent on historic facts for a correct understanding. Over the past 30 years I have continually spent time studying these figures and have recorded a great deal in many courses. However, since the history to which these figures point is constantly going on, revisions are from time to time necessary. I propose now to add some few changes or additions. For things that are not clear to you, refer to past courses, especially the book "Babylon", R. H. Mount.

We need a little review of some of the figures as we see Satan's transfer of "dragon" influence as well as "serpent" influence. They are different.
Egypt. — The cult of Isis and of Serapis penetrated Italy by way of Sicily and the south of the Peninsula. It was at first practised by slaves and freed men during the second century. The Senate tried in vain to arrest its progress, but was unable to prevent its spreading to the centre and north of Italy. Caligula installed it solemnly in Rome and in the Field of Mars erected a temple of Isis Campesiris. Caracalla built another one on the Quirinal.

The Egyptian gods who never lost their character remained for long popular in Rome. Their greatest popularity dated from the third century. At the end of the fourth century there were still processions in honour of Isis.

Isis, the mother of god in Egypt, was moved into Rome. Idols were given Roman names, but Rome's idols came from all their conquered lands. Rome is number 6 on God's list of those powers which the "dragon" used in his oppression of God's chosen people, Israel. (Rev. 17)

The beast in Rev. 17 (see picture above) has 7 heads: Egypt, Assyria, Neo-Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and # 7, which in John's day had not come. (Rev. 17:10)

As long as Israel was within the territory of these powers, Israel was a "hunted sheep" (Jer. 50:17). In 70 A.D. Israel lost their homeland and went into world-wide dispersion. (Luke 21:24) "James" and "Peter" in the NT are specifically written to these people. It now became necessary for the "dragon" to design a new kind of Empire.
In many of the passages regarding these prophetic figures, (pp. 1, 2) there are what I call “roadblocks.” There are words or phrases which offer a “problem,” “complication,” or “difficulty.” One particular example is in regards to the image of Daniel 2. I think we can solve this problem now that history has come this far. I explained this many years ago but now I hope to show some things more graphically. My quotations from Daniel are often from “The Prophecy of Daniel,” Edward J. Young, 1949.

Dan. 2:22 “He reveals the deep and hidden things.”
Dan. 2:28 “What shall be in the latter days.”
Dan. 2:40 “And a fourth kingdom there shall be, strong like iron, inasmuch as iron breaks and smashes wholly; and like iron which breaks, all these will it (the 4th kingdom) crush and break.”
Dan. 2: 34 “They did not continue seeing until a stone was cut out without hands, and it smote the image upon its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. vs. 35 Then there were crushed together the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors, and the wind took them away, and no place was found for them: and the stone which smote the image became a great mountain and filled all the earth.”

Dan. 2:44 “And in the days of those kings [only the gold, silver, brass and iron are the kingdoms (no mention of 10 toes)] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it will crush and bring to an end (Jewish translation “wipe out”) all these kingdoms, but it shall stand forever.”

We have 2 distinct breakings.
First - Dan. 2:40 above, iron crushes and breaks the gold, silver and brass.
Second - Dan. 2:34,35,44 the stone kingdom will crush and bring to an end the iron, clay, bronze, silver and gold.

Not only are there two different breakings, but they are different in end results and magnitude.
14 Note this map of modern Iraq from Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia, Vol. 14, p. 4993. I think we need to look at Daniel 7 more closely.

Human-headed winged-lion, p. 53 from Layard's, Discoveries at Nineveh, 1851.

The Assyrian and Babylonian lions (Jer. 50:17 Apologetics 31) are so closely related that except for a Biblical separation, we would be in difficulty. (See book "Babylon", p. 21, R.H. Mount.) On page 15 note the overlapping rulers.
### Kings of Assyria

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**Isaiah 31:8**

6 "Turn ye unto him from whom ye have deeply revolted, 0 children of Israel. 7 For in that day shall be cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, when your own hands have made unto you for a sin. 8 And the Assyrian shall fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of men shall devour him; and he shall be cut off from the sword, and his young men shall be subject to taskwork. 9 And his rock shall pass away by reason of terror, and his princes shall be dismayed at the ensign, saith Jehovah, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

**Isaiah 37:31**

31 And the Angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 32 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 33 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat, And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.
Rev. 13 ASV

And I saw a *beast coming up out of the sea, having *ten horns and *seven heads, and on his horns *ten diadems, and upon his heads *names of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was *like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of *a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his *throne, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as though it had been *wounded unto death: and his *death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth *wondered after the beast:

**The First Standing**

1 Assyria
2 Babylon
3 Medo-Persia
4 Greece
5 Rome
6 Head #1 is Egypt
7 Head #2 is Assyria
8 Head #7 is the Papacy

Up to Head #6 we have few problems, but we must understand how we get to Head #7. The emphasis in Rev. 17 is on the world idolatry - the woman.

Outside of Israel and the scriptures, idolatry was the norm or rule. Israel also went into idolatry many times.

Rev. 17

And he saith unto me, The *water which thou sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Let us follow Satan's move into the seventh world power.

Rev. 17

The *seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth: 10 And *they are seven *kings: the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a little while.
We know from the woman on the beast, on the waters, and on the mountains, that idolatry continues into the 7th world power. This quotation from the Babylon, R.H.Mount, p.55 Encyclopedia Britannica is quite conclusive that the 7th power is the Vatican Empire.

When Israel went into world-wide dispersion, Satan could no longer persecute the Jews collectively.

Satan had to devise a totally different worldwide kingdom. How Satan managed this, was prophesied by Daniel 7's 4th beast. Remember horns grow after an animal is born. The terrible beast began his conquest: Neo-Babylon swallowed Assyria which before had absorbed Egypt. Then Medo-Persia overran all three, only to be included in the Greek Empire. Finally Rome conquered them all. In B.C. 63 Julius Caesar became "Pontifex Maximus" (Clare Vol.3 p.971).

In B.C. 27 the Roman Senate conferred the titles "Augustus" and "Imperator", or Emperor, on Octavius; "Augustus" (Divine), "Imperator" (chief commander), and in B.C.12 he became "Pontifex Maximus" (religious superintendent-literally "chief-bridge-builder").

The 10-horns represent the period of the Roman Empire till its decline (B.C. 31 - A.D. 305 see Clare p.1152). During this period there were approximately 50 rulers. I believe the 10-horns indicate the 10 rulers in this period that persecuted the Christians most severely. The single horn is Constantine the Great 306 A.D. (See Apologetics 22 and Revelation Trans + Com.I)

The transfer of Satan's authority into the 7th world power took several hundred years. We will show this in more detail in the next apologetics.

Let us examine the 2nd standing of the image of Daniel 2 (see p.13) and see how history in our day is rapidly being fulfilled even as the "church" continues to sleep.
The Second Standing

Assyria

Iraq 1982

Iran 1942

Greece 1944

This is the Rev. 13 beast. Compare scripture page 16. The beast comes from the sea. Note the woman Splintered on the waters, Rev. 17:15 page 16.

Roman While the 7 heads are still present, Empire the scripture Rev. 13:2 emphasizes the makeup of the beast upon its reappearing. The lion's mouth indicates a lion's head is in control. If the winged-lion shows that the lions are united, the Assyrian head which had the "death-stroke" from Jehovah is again present in Iraq. John in Rev. 17:11 Babylon, Mount, 1966, p. 12 says that the beast "was", at some prior time. He says that the beast was not, in his day. I have taken this to refer to Nimrod's Empire.

Rev. 17:11
11 And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goeth into perdition.

On his return, the beast is an 8th — "out of the seven" — not "one" of the 7 but (ἐκ τῶν) compounded out of the seven. I conclude that Nimrod's Babylon is totally present in Iraq. This map shows Nimrod's Empire. (Gen. 10:8-12) All things indicate that the 7th world power is operating independently of the beast; and the 7th power has taken the woman. (p. 16)
Idolatry is almost gone from the countries in the area of the leopard's body. The Moslem religion is that of antichrist.

World Almanac 1987
1. Afghanistan - 100% Moslem
2. Egypt - 90% Moslem
3. Iran - 93% Moslem
4. Iraq - 95% Moslem
5. Jordan - 93.6% Moslem
6. Lebanon - 60% Moslem
7. Pakistan - 97% Moslem p.130
8. Syria - 70% Moslem
9. Turkey - 98% Moslem p.210

22 Who is the liar but the one denying that Jesus is the Messiah? The antichrist is that one, the one denying the Father and the son.
23 Every (one) denying the son neither is having the Father; the (one) confessing the son also is having the Father.

Koran 1973
They are unbelievers who say, 'God is the Messiah, Mary's son.'
And they say, 'The All-merciful has taken unto Himself a son.'
You have indeed advanced something hideous.

The Jews say, 'Ezra is the Son of God'; the Christians say, 'The Messiah is the Son of God.' That is the utterance of their mouths, conforming with the unbelievers before them. God assail them! How they are perverted!

Are these the 10-horns? p.337
Greece itself would make the total ten, but Greece is 97% Greek orthodox.
Rev. 13 CT

11 And I saw another beast ascending out of the earth, and it was having two horns like a lamb, and it was speaking as a dragon.
12 And it is doing all the authority of the first beast in sight of it. And it is making the earth and the (ones) residing in it in order that they will worship the beast namely the first, of which the blow of its death was healed.

We are not given enough information to draw a picture of this "beast." It is called a "beast" and I think it follows a pattern as a "wild beast" like the lion, bear, etc.

This beast ascends out of the earth. In "the second standing," note we had no reference to the iron legs. (p.18) This wild beast has two horns like a lamb. Other than on these beasts, the word "horn" (κέρας) has a "spiritual" connection. Jesus is a "horn" of salvation (Luke 1:69); Jesus is the slain lamb with 7 horns (Rev. 5:6) and there are 4 horns on the golden altar. (Rev. 9:13) This beast, however, speaks like a dragon. I believe this beast in Rev. 13:11 is the 2nd standing of the iron Kingdom in a religious cloak. He is no longer crushing and breaking but misquoting scripture—Satan's method. The stage is being set as men sleep; God is finishing the stone Israel with which he will "wipe out" all of these kingdoms. (Dan. 2:44)