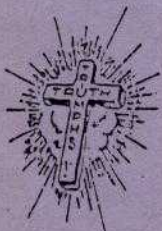


APOLOGETICS 32



WHILE MEN SLEEP



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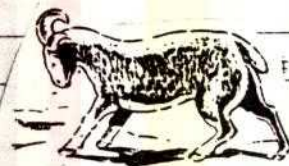
Men have always been interested in the future; but seldom interested enough to find out what things God has revealed in his word. About 605 B.C. a King of Babylon came to Jerusalem and took one of the children of Israel home as his prisoner. The particular prisoner was Daniel; and the king was Nebuchadnezzar.

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.



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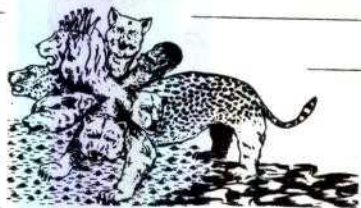
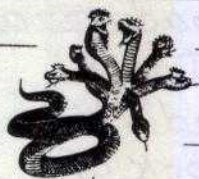
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I have shown many times that God created animals with certain characteristics which he intended to use for our learning. The names were given to the animals by Adam. (Gen. 2:19, 20)

2 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, 2 185 A.D. If his work has been translated correctly, you will notice that he makes the 10 horns on Daniel's terrible beast equal to the 10 horns on John's beast. Later, on page 3 you will find that he makes the 10 horns equal to "10 toes" on the great image seen by Nebuchadnezzar.

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 by Daniel, telling us that thus it had been said to him: "And the ten horns which thou sawest 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 burn 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-


When Irenaeus wrote (185 A.D) "The Revelation of Jesus Messiah" had only existed about 110 years.

This pattern in regards to "ten" is the usual teaching of the present time even after 1900 years more of world history.

continued.


clares when He] says: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." 1 It must be, therefore, that the kingdom, the city, and the house be divided into ten; and for this reason He has already foreshadowed the partition and division [which shall take place]. Daniel also says particularly, that the end of the fourth kingdom consists in the toes of the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar, upon which came the stone cut out without hands; and as he does himself say: "The feet were indeed the one part iron, the other part clay, until the stone was cut out without hands, and struck the image upon the iron and clay feet, and dashed them into pieces, even to the end." 2 Then afterwards, when interpreting this, he says: "And as thou sawest the feet and the toes, partly indeed of clay, and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided, and there shall be in it a root of iron, as thou sawest iron mixed with baked clay. And the toes were indeed the one part iron, but the other part clay." 3 The ten toes, therefore, are these ten kings, among whom the kingdom shall be partitioned, of whom some indeed shall be strong and active, or energetic; others, again, shall be sluggish and useless, and shall not agree; as also Daniel says: "Some part of the kingdom shall be strong, and part shall be broken from it. As thou sawest the iron mixed with the baked clay, there shall be minglings among the human race, but no cohesion one with the other, just as iron cannot be welded on to pottery ware." 4 And since an end shall take place, he says: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven raise up a kingdom which shall never decay, and His kingdom shall not be left to another people. It shall break in pieces and shatter all kingdoms, and shall itself be exalted for ever. As thou sawest that the stone was cut without hands from the mountain, and brake in pieces the baked clay, the iron, the brass, the silver, and the gold, God has pointed out to the king what shall come to pass after these things; and the dream is true, and the interpretation trustworthy." 5

2. If therefore the great God showed future things by Daniel, and confirmed them by His Son; and if Christ is the stone which is cut out without hands, who shall destroy temporal kingdoms, and introduce an eternal one, which is the resurrection of the just; as he declares, "The God of heaven shall raise up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed," -

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 3½ 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.

 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 "pretribulation rapture" depend on their special interpretation of this passage.

The Prophecy of Daniel

Edward J. Young, p.191

This passage (the translation of which will follow later) is one of the most difficult in all the OT, and the interpretations which have been offered are almost legion. M remarks that "The history of the exegesis of the 70 Weeks is the Dismal Swamp of OT criticism." Those who are interested in studying the history of the interpretations of this passage should consult the following works:

Jay Green Translation

Ante-Nicene Fathers

Vol. 3, pp. 159-160

[20] And while I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and lifting my cry before Jehovah my God for the holy mountain of my God, [21] yes, while I was causing to fall my prayers, then that one, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, in my exhaustion touched me, being caused to fly, about the time of the evening sacrifice. [22] And he illumined me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I have now come out to give you skill in understanding. [23] At the beginning of your prayers the commandment came forth, and I have come to reveal. For you (are) greatly beloved. Then understand the matter and pay attention to the vision. [24] Seventy weeks are decreed as to your people and as to your holy city to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins, and to make atonement for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. [25] Know, then, and understand, (that) from the going out of the commandment to the restoration and to build Jerusalem to Messiah (the) Prince (shall be) seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in times of affliction. [26] And after sixty-two weeks, Messiah shall be cut off, but nothing is His. And the people of a coming prince shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it (shall be) with the flood, and ruins are determined, to the end (shall) (be) war. [27] And he shall confirm a covenant with the many (for) one week. And in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and on wings as a desolator, abominations, even until the end. And that which was decreed shall be poured on the desolator.

Observe we, therefore, the limit,—how, in truth, he predicts that there are to 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 recaptured, and said, that in lx and ii 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 with 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 show that the Christ came within the lxii 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 conjecture that 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 . . . xviii⁹ years (19).
- Artaxerxes reigned . . . xl and i years (41).
- Then King Ochus (who is also called Cyrus) reigned . . . xxiii years (24).
- Argus . . . 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, . . . xxxv years (35).
- To whom succeeds Philadelphus, reigning . . . xxx and viii years (38).
- To him succeeds Euergetes, . . . xxv years (25).
- Then Philopator . . . xvii years (17)
- After him Epiphanes, . . . xxiii years (24).
- Then another Euergetes, . . . xxviii years (29).
- Then another Soter, . . . xxxviii years (38).
- Ptolemy . . . xxxvii years (37).
- Cleopatra, . . . xx years v months (20 5-12).
- Yet again Cleopatra reigned jointly with Augustus . . . xiii years (13).
- After Cleopatra, Augustus reigned other . . . xliii years (43).
- For all the years of the empire of Augustus were lvi years (56).

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 same 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 xl first year, which is the xx and viiith of Augustus after the death of Cleopatra.) There are, (then,) made up cccxxx and vii years, v months: (whence are filled up lxiii hebdomads and an half: which make up ccccxxxvii years, vi months:) on the day of the birth of Christ. And (then) "righteousness eternal" was manifested, and "an Holy One of holy ones was anointed"—that is, Christ—and "sealed was vision and prophet," and "sins" 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 all 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 "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 prophecies, 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," that is, confirmed. And justly does the evangelist write, "The law and the prophets (were) until John" the Baptist. For, on Christ's being baptized, that is, on His sanctifying the waters in His own baptism, all the plenitude 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 lx two and an half fulfilled 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 abscision 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, also called Caligula, . . . iii years, viii months, xiii days (3 etc.).
- Nero Caesar, . . . xi years, ix months, xiii days (11 etc.).
- Galba . . . vii months, vi days. (7 etc.).
- Otho . . . iii days.
- Vitellius, . . . viii mos., xxvii days (8mos.).
- Vespasian, in the first year of his empire, subdues the Jews in war; and there are made lii years, vi months. For he reigned xi years. And thus, in the day of their storming, the Jews fulfilled the lxx hebdomads, predicted in Daniel.

Tertullian has some differences in his text.

Tertullian, cont.

Therefore, when these times also were completed, and the Jews subdued, there afterwards ceased in that place "libations and sacrifices," which thenceforward have not been able to be in that place celebrated; for "the unction," too, was "exterminated" in that place after the passion of Christ. For it had been predicted that the unction *should* be exterminated in that place; as in the Psalms it is prophesied, "They exterminated my hands and feet." And the suffering of this "extermination" was perfected within the times of the lxx hebdomads, under Tiberius Cæsar, in the consulate of Rubellius Geminus and Fufius Geminus, in the month of March, at the times of the passover, on the eighth day before the calends of April, on the first day of unleavened bread, on which they slew the lamb at even, just as had been enjoined by Moses. Accordingly, all the synagogue of Israel did slay Him, saying to Pilate, when he was desirous to dismiss Him, "His blood be upon us, and upon our children;" and, "If thou dismiss him, thou art not a friend of Cæsar;" in order that all things might be fulfilled which had been written of Him."

👉 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" (κτ. John 16:13), "lead-the-way" (CT. p3) The Greek verb is ὁδηγέω-(hodegeō) from ὁδός (hodos)-"way" and ἡγεομαι (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.

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Pater noster qui es in caelis sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua: sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum supsubstantiale da nobis hodie. Et dimitte nobis debita nostra: sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in temptationem: sed libera nos a malo

* 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."

Enc. Brit. Vol. 5 p. 581.

* 1611 A.D.

Authorized Version, King James.

* 1628 A.D.

Manuscript A "Alexandrian," available.

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

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

* 1881-1885 A.D. Revised Version - 1901 A.D. American Standard Version. English Bible Translations peak in accuracy. Decline in accuracy begins.

* 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.

* 1897 Library of Universal History, Clare Verified and endorsed by professors of five American Universities. Bible record treated as authentic. From here histories begin to ignore or nullify Bible history.

Isaiah 66

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child. 8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith Jehovah: shall I that cause to bring forth shut the womb? saith thy God.



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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.

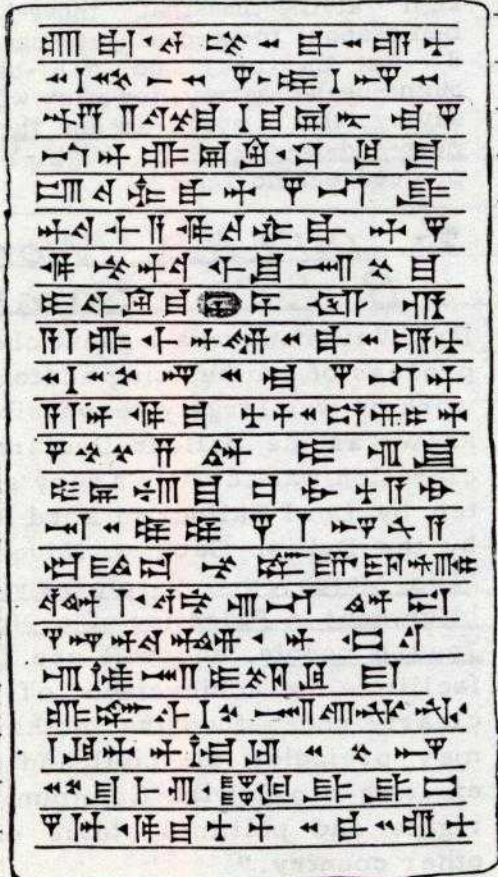
During 1868-9, John MacGregor, a Scotsman, sailed his canoe through the Suez Canal, along the Nile, the rivers of Damascus, the sources of the Jordan, Lake Hula, the Sea of Galilee and the Kishon river. He used a canoe because only such a boat could sail through the swamps and marshes. In the Hula valley, 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.

1835 A.D. - 1869 A.D.
** Rediscovery of the Holy Land*



** 1885 A.D the translations of the cuneiform inscriptions confirmed scripture and opened further study into the history of Medo-Persia. See the Behistun Rock, Apologetics*

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SLAB WITH CUNEIFORM INSCRIPTION. Now in British Museum.

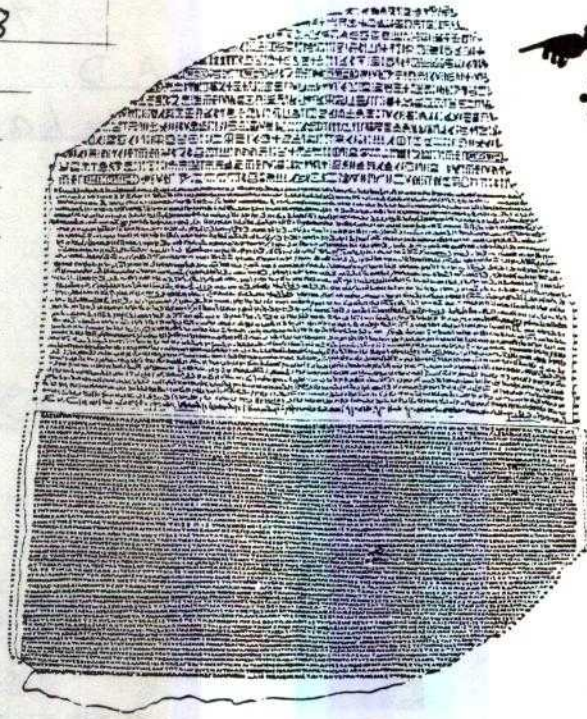


Fig. 7.—Inscription on the Rosetta Stone. B. M. 24.

1830 A.D. The finding and translating of the Rosetta stone gave us understanding of Egyptian history unknown for centuries. See Apologetics 31 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 during 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.

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-be-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.

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

1917 A.D. World War I. 1914 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."

Major purpose and result of W.W.I; to free Palestine from unfriendly powers. See Apologetics 7. Matt. 24 CT

6 But YOU-will-be-about to-be-hearing-(of) wars and reports-of-wars; YOU-be-seeing YOU-are not being-alarmed for it-is-essential all-things to-come-to-pass, BUT the finish is not-yet.

7 For nation will-be-raised over nation and kingdom over kingdom; and famines and pestilences and earthquakes will-be-according-to places.

8 But all these-(things) (are) beginning of-birth-pains.

W.W.I "beginning of birth-pains" of Israel. See page 6, 1948



Figure 4. Herzl centenary stamp issued by the Israel Post Office, based on the well-known painting of Herzl on the bridge at Basle, 1960.

* Aug. 29-31, 1897 A.D. First Zionist Congress led by Theodor Herzl starts major effort to return Jews to Israel.
Isaiah 60 Isaiah 62

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 nor night; that 'men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and 'their kings led captive. 12 For that '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 themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee The 'city of Jehovah, The 'Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

62 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her 'righteousness go forth as brightness, and her 'salvation as a lamp that burneth. 2 And the 'nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new 'name, which the mouth of Jehovah shall name. 3 Thou shalt also be a 'crown of beauty in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. 4 Thou shalt no more be termed 'Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate; but thou shalt be called 'Hephzi-bah, and thy land 'Beulah; for Jehovah 'delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be 'married. 5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee; and 'as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God 'rejoice over thee.

Israel is the bride not the "church."

6 I have set 'watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that are Jehovah's 'remembrancers, 'take ye no rest, 7 and 'give him no 'rest, till he establish, and till he make 'Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

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



Israeli postage stamp, Ben-Yehuda, 1959
Jeremiah 31 Encyclopedia Judaica
Vol. 16 p. 1642

23 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 'bring again their captivity: Jehovah bless thee, O 'habitation of righteousness, O 'mountain of holiness.

EJ. Vol. 4 p. 566

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.

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. [E.L.E.]

* 1938 A.D. → W.W.II and the "Time of Jacob's Trouble," the "Holocaust" (whole burnt offering- Webster) forced the establishing of the State of Israel.

10 * 1970 A.D. Israel returns to the "sheqel."

This is another fulfillment of prophecy because the sheqel (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 maneh.



1900 years

70 A.D.



Israel Stamp Bulletin "Sheqel" Stamps 12/1980

Only during the 66 - 70 CE revolt against the Romans were the characteristic Jewish silver sheqels, half-sheqels and quarter-sheqels minted, bearing in archaic Hebrew the words Sheqel Israel, Hatzzi ha-sheqel (half-sheqel) and Reva ha-sheqel (quarter-sheqel). The timing of the order to mint independently came partly as a mark of nationhood and partly because the production of the Tyrian sheqel stopped around 56 CE. Good, solid coins, the silver sheqels measure about 22 mm across, weighed some 14 grams, and were decorated with Jewish symbols.

Towards the end of the revolt in 70 CE, when precious metals were scarce, sheqels were struck in bronze, one of these rarities being in the collection of the Bank of Israel. Incidentally, it was exactly 1900 years from the minting of the last Jewish State sheqel in 70 CE that the Israel Knesset officially decided to name Israel's monetary unit the "Sheqel"

* Why does everyone hate the Jews? 70AD 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 being-hated by all the Gentiles because of my name." Matt. 24:9, Mark 13:13, Luke 21:17.

* June 7, 1967 A.D. "Times (better "seasons") of-nations" to occupy Jerusalem during Israel's 1900-year absence now fulfilled

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.

occupy Jerusalem during Israel's 1900-year absence now fulfilled

The fulfillment of this prophecy should have excited every pastor and every true Christian as it did the world. Even now 21 years later 90% of the "church" is sleeping.

National Geographic

Dec. 1967 p. 790, 789

Nebuchadnezzar razed the earlier structure in 586 B.C. Herod's Temple was leveled by the Romans in A.D. 70. From then until now, this hallowed place had not been in Jewish hands.

And Jews are in possession of the Old City for the first time in 19 centuries.

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. [εἰδωλολατρία - eidōlolatria - idolatry; εἰδωλολάτρης - eidōlolatrees - idolater] Theological Dictionary of the NT Vol. 2 p. 380.

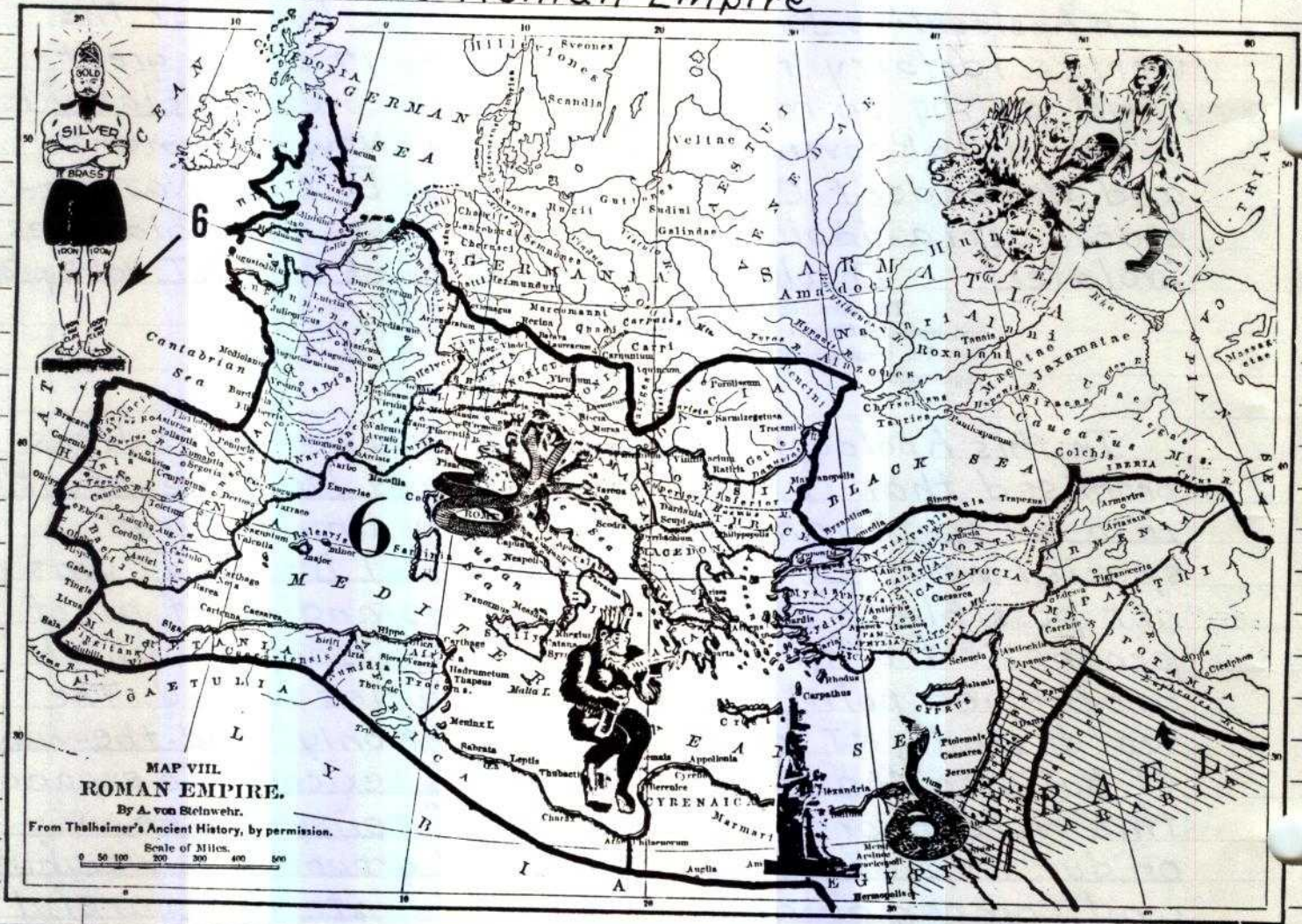
The word and the related subst. εἰδωλολάτρης¹ are found only in the NT and dependent Christian writings, and even in the NT they occur only in Paul, 1 Pt. and Rev. The terms are not used by the LXX, Philo, Josephus or other Jews, let alone by pagan authors.

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 point 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.

The Roman Empire



Larousse Encyclopedia of Mythology. p. 233

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 Campestris. 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 "road blocks." 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 "Thou didst 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."

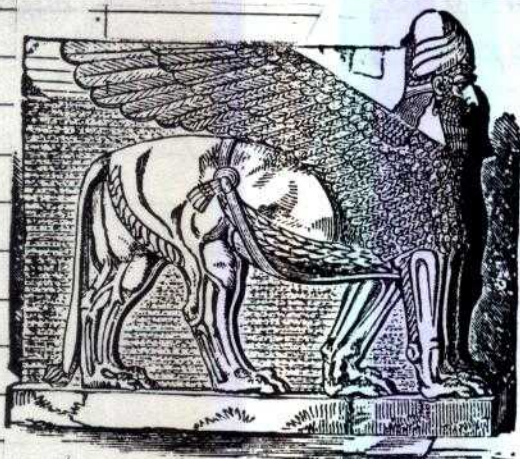
We have 2 distinct breakings.

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.



WINGED LION, TIME OF SARGON.

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.

Library of Universal History, Vol. 1 p. 278
KINGS OF BABYLON.

B. C.	KINGS.	CONTEMPORARY KINGS OF ASSYRIA.	REMARKABLE EVENTS.
1300	Assyrian Dynasty	Tiglathi-Nin I.	The Assyrians conquer Babylon.
	* * *	Bel-kudur-uzur. Nin-pala-zira. Asshur-davan I. Mutaggil-Nebo. Asshur-ris-ilim	Wars between Assyria and Babylon.
1150	NEBUCHADNEZZAR I.	Tiglath-Pileser I.	
1130	MERODACH-IDDIN-AKHI	Asshur-bil-kala	Babylon in alliance with Egypt. Takes territory from Assyria.
1110	MERODACH-SHAPIK-ZIRI	Shamas-Vul I.	
	* * *	* * *	Assyria recovers her lost territory. Civil war in Babylon. Assyria helps the legitimate king. Babylon conquered. Passes under Assyria.
	TSIBIR (Deboras)	Asshur-Mazur	
	* * *	* * *	Assyria recovers her lost territory. Civil war in Babylon. Assyria helps the legitimate king. Babylon conquered. Passes under Assyria.
880	.....	Asshur-dayan II. Vul-lush II. Tiglathi-Nin II. Asshur-izir-pal	
850	MERODACH-SUM-ADIN	Shalmaneser II.	Assyria recovers her lost territory. Civil war in Babylon. Assyria helps the legitimate king. Babylon conquered. Passes under Assyria.
820	MERODACH-BELATZU-IKBI	Shamas-Vul II. Vul-lush III. Shalmaneser III. Asshur-dayan III.	
775	PUL (?)	Asshur-lush.	Babylon reestablishes her independence.
752	NABONASSAR	Tiglath-Pileser II.	
747	NABONASSAR	Tiglath-Pileser II.	Embassy of Merodach-Baladan to Hezekiah. Babylon conquered by Sargon. Babylon revolts. Sennacherib conquers Babylon.
745	NADIUS . . . . .	.....
733	CHINZINUS and PORUS	Shalmaneser IV.	Embassy of Merodach-Baladan to Hezekiah. Babylon conquered by Sargon. Babylon revolts. Sennacherib conquers Babylon.
731	ELULÆUS	Sargon.	
726	MERODACH-BALADAN . . . . .	.....	Embassy of Merodach-Baladan to Hezekiah. Babylon conquered by Sargon. Babylon revolts. Sennacherib conquers Babylon.
713(?)	.....	.....
709	ARCEANUS (Sargon)	Sennacherib	Babylon revolts. Revolt put down. Ditto.
704	Interregnum { HAGISA MERODACH-BALADAN (restored) }	.....
703	BELIBUS (viceroy) . . . . .	.....	Babylon revolts. Revolt put down. Ditto.
702	ASSARANADIUS (viceroy) . . . . .	.....
699	SUSUB . . . . .	.....	Babylon revolts. Revolt put down. Ditto.
696(?)	.....	.....
694(?)	REGIBELUS (viceroy) . . . . .	.....	Babylon revolts. Revolt put down. Ditto.
693	MESESIMORDACHUS (viceroy) . . . . .	.....
688	Interregnum	<u>Isa. 37: 36.</u>	Babylon revolts. Revolt put down. Ditto.
680	ESAR-HADDON	Esar-haddon	
667	SAOS-DUCHINUS (viceroy)	Asshur-bani-pal	Assyria recovered by Esar-haddon. Babylon revolts and again returns to allegiance.
647	CINNELADANUS (or Asshur-bani-pal)	Asshur-emid-ilin.	
626	NEBO-SUM-ISKUN (?) . . . . .	.....	Assyria recovered by Esar-haddon. Babylon revolts and again returns to allegiance.
625	NABOPOLASSAR . . . . .	.....
605	NEBUCHADNEZZAR . . . . .	.....	Assyria recovered by Esar-haddon. Babylon revolts and again returns to allegiance.
561	EVIL-MERODACH . . . . .	.....
559	NERIGLISSAR . . . . .	.....	Assyria recovered by Esar-haddon. Babylon revolts and again returns to allegiance.
556	LABOROSOARCHOD . . . . .	.....
555	NABONADIUS . . . . .	.....	Assyria recovered by Esar-haddon. Babylon revolts and again returns to allegiance.
538	{ Conquest of Babylon by Cyrus } the Great of Persia.	.....

1. Assyria and Babylon are both lions.
 2. No scripture says the winged lion of Dan. 7: 4 is only Babylon.
 3. I believe the last half of Dan. 7: 4 refers to Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 4.
 4. I believe the winged lion indicates both Assyria and Babylon. This will be more important as we proceed.
 5. In the texts below "the angel of Jehovah the Lord himself, smote Assyria. Compare to Rev. 13:1-3 p.16

Isa. 31 ASV

6 Turn ye unto him from whom ye have deeply revolted, O children of Israel. 7 For in that day they shall cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which 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 flee from the sword, and his young men shall become 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

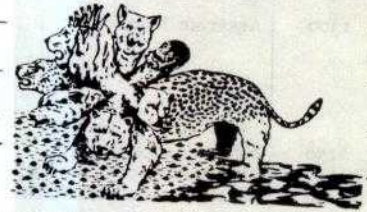
36 And the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 38 And it came 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.

2 Kings 19

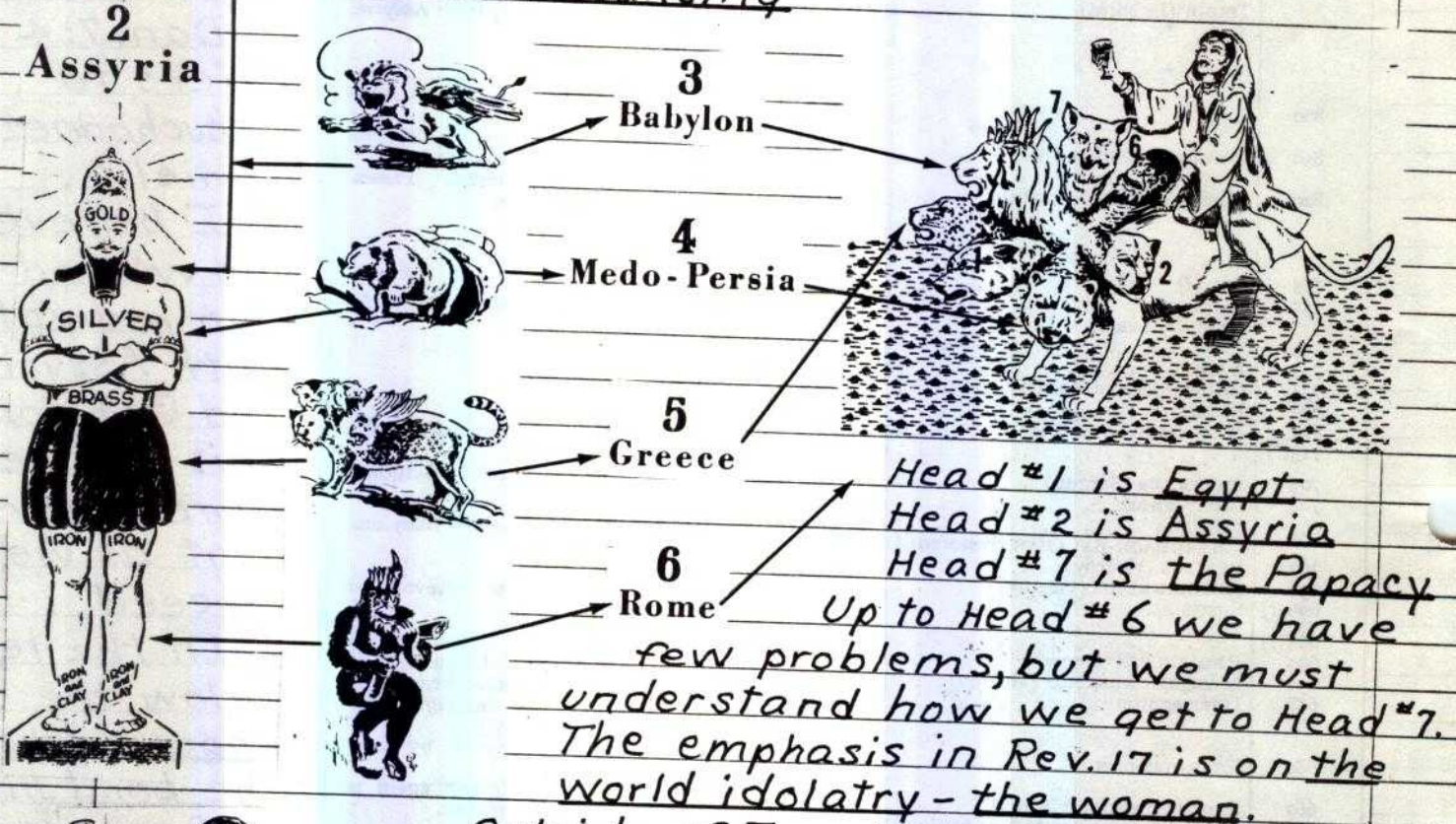
35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

And I saw a ² beast coming up out of the sea, having ³ ten horns and ⁴ seven heads, and on his horns ⁵ ten diadems, and upon his heads ⁶ names of blasphemy. ⁷ And the beast which I saw was ⁸ like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of ⁹ a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of ¹⁰ a lion: and the ¹¹ dragon gave him his power, and his ¹² throne, and great authority. ¹³ And I saw one of his heads as though it had been ¹⁴ smitten unto death: and his ¹⁵ death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth ¹⁶ wondered after the beast:

This beast is very much like the beast in Rev. 17. This beast comes from the sea having "ten diadems", the crowns of his authority. The two beasts match the two standings of the image Dan. 2. This beast is largely still future.



The First Standing



Head #1 is Egypt
Head #2 is Assyria
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. Idolatry will sit on #7 also.

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.

Rev. 17 15 And he saith unto me, The "waters" 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.



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 Britannic

The Encyclopedia, BRITANNICA, 1964, Vol. 17, under the article, "Papacy", says: "The papacy is the only institution that has existed continuously from the early Roman empire----Local yet world-wide, ----it has remained uncompromisingly monarchical". And again, "The dating of papal documents according to imperial years, as enjoined by the constitution, was abandoned. The popes began to strike their own coins. These and other significant changes permit of one conclusion only, namely that the papacy had in fact extricated itself from the imperial domination and had assumed the status of an independent power".

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 world wide 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



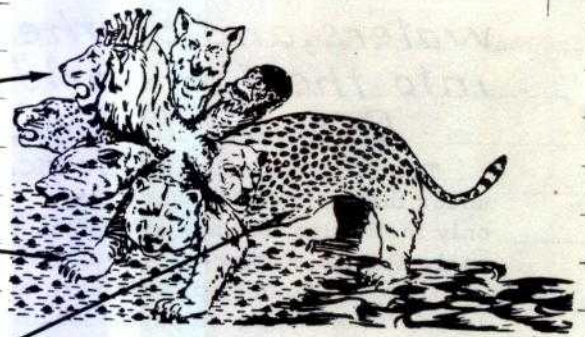
Iraq 1932



Iran 1942



Greece 1944



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

Present Splintered Roman Empire While the 7 heads are still present, the scripture Rev. 13:2 emphasizes the makeup of the beast upon its reappearing.

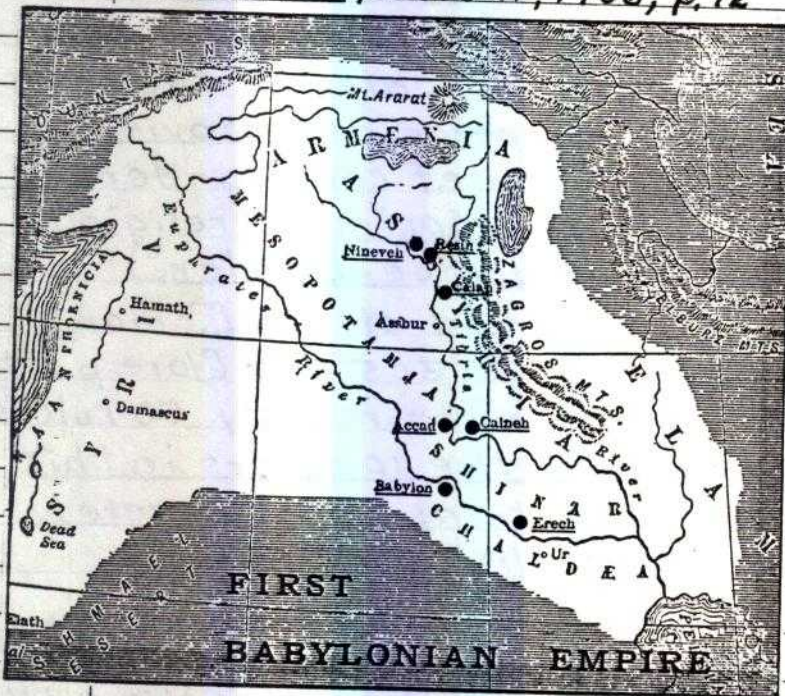
The lion's mouth indicates a lion's head is in control. If the winged-lion shows that the lions are united, the Assyrian head which had the "death-stroke" from Jehovah is again present in Iraq. John in Rev. 17:11

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 World Almanac, 1987 that of antichrist.

- 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

1 John 2 CT

22 Who is the liar if not the (one) denying that Jesus is the Messiah? The antichrist is this (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!

⤴ Are these the 10-horns? p.337

Greece itself would make the total ten, but Greece is 97% Greek orthodox.

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!

Rev. 13 CT

- 11 And I-saw another beast ascending out-of the earth, and it-was-having two horns like to-(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-keras) 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



① 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)