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Jesus Christ Second Coming – Lesson 21

Tribulation 15

Nations will be judged

God's plan for the Nations - History

You will find enough scriptures in the Bible that all the nations will also face Tribulation.

In **I Corinthians 10:32**, the Bible indicates to us that the people of our age, are divided into three groups:

- the Jews,
- the Church of God, and
- the nations.

We see there is such a huge problem all over the world.
Why?

Psalms 2: 1-2, *Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, **Against the Lord and against His Anointed**, saying,*

Rejection!

Isaiah 57:19-21, *“I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,” Says the Lord, “And I will heal him.”* ²⁰ *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.* ²¹ *“There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”*

People and the nations continue to reject the appeal and the peace from God.

But when the Antichrist comes he will bring in false peace, a counterfeit one!

So, there is going to be a temporary peace for some time.

- One country
- One currency
- One rule
- One unified world.

But this is temporary!! As we know it will end at Armageddon!

Luke 21:24, *And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

Jesus gave this specific time schedule for Israel when they will be trampled by Gentiles. Until the times of Gentiles are fulfilled.

From the time of 600 B.C they are raising against God. God chased the nation of Israel out of their promise land. It is been over 2,600 years.

Psalms 2:1- 4, *⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.*

Ezekiel chapters 10 and 11 gives the clear indication that God left Israel. During the exile in Babylon Ezekiel prophesied these words.

Ezekiel 10:18, *Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.*

Ezekiel 11:23, *And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which is on the east side of the city.*

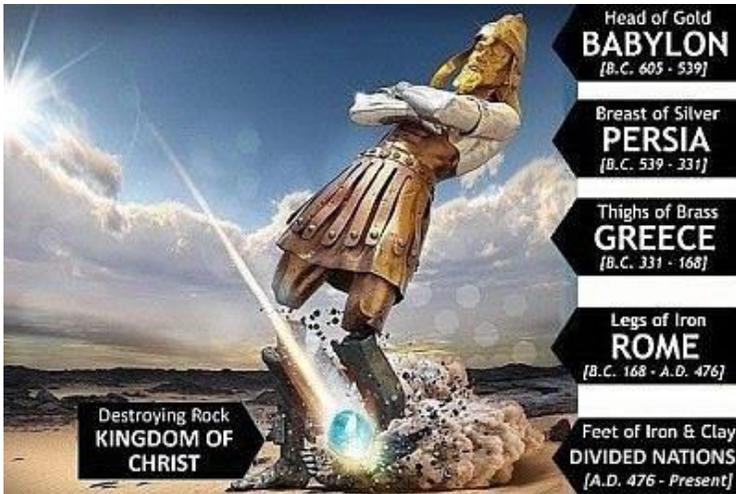
During this period Daniel was serving in the courts of the Babylonian kings. God revealed to him about the future of the kingdoms.

Daniel chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar dream and its interpretation.

As you all know the story, the king has a dream. Very disturbed not able to remember and not knowing the interpretations there off. So, he called all the magicians and asked them to say the dream and interpret the dream. Failure to do that will cost their life. Daniel and his three friends prayed to God and get the revelation from the God of Heaven.

Daniel interprets the dream.

Daniel 2:31-25, ³¹ *“You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendour was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. ³² This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*



Interpretation given by God to Daniel:

V37-38, *You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;³⁸ and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold.*

Nebuchadnezzar ruled for 43 years.

With the time of Nebuchadnezzar reigning as King, the time of Gentiles begins.

V39, ³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

The shoulders and chest and arms kingdom is Medo-Persia. Medes and the Persians conquered the Babylonian Empire. Both came together in a common government. In the idol there are two arms, two shoulders and two sides to the chest that represents the two-fold unity between the Medes and the Persians. History explains to us that they are Medo-Persian Empire.

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The third kingdom of the world was the kingdom of Greece by Alexander the Great.

Daniel 8:5-7, And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. ⁶ Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power. ⁷ And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast

him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.

Very accurate prophecy of how the kingdom will fall and raise to new power.

Goat had two horns. Ram with mighty power taken the whole world. Alexander who had this super horn smashed Medo-Persia, but soon it was broken and four other horns came out.

We remember from the history what happened at the end of Alexander's life? After his death his kingdom was taken over by four of his generals.

V40, ⁴⁰ *And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.*

Rome was the divided fourth kingdom. Rome was divided between the east and west.

As the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken.

Do you know what the Romans did? They put their iron men in with the clay that they conquered. They were

always hassling with little revolutions here and little revolutions there.

V44-45, *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*⁴⁵ *Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”*

Forasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountains without hands"

The above speaks of the virgin birth of Christ, no human instrumentation..."

You know what that stone is?

It's Jesus Christ and He smashes the Gentile world and fills the earth with His own glory and His own kingdom.

That king didn't have any idea what he was having in his dreams. And Daniel told him.

Now let us shift our focus to the Toes:

The feet have ten toes that are smashed and are going to be in a ten-fold kind of unity. A ten-nation federation or union.

Daniel 7:7, ⁷*“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.*

Please do remember from the history that Roman empire was not conquered by any other kingdom. They got weakened.

Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts

Daniel 7:4-7



Daniel 7:4
Babylonian
Empire



Daniel 7:5
Medo-Persian
Empire



Daniel 7:6
Empire of
Greece



Daniel 7:7
Roman
Empire

Now in future there is a going to be kingdom arising out of Roma, which is foretold in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 17:12-13, ¹² *“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.* ¹³ *These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.*

This coming kingdom by ten nations known as ten kings will be dealt by huge blow from Christ.

If God had brought all the four kingdoms, then surely, HE will also bring it to pass rest of His prophecies too.

As we can see from the prophecies, dreams and its interpretations from the book of Daniel we can see what will be the future kingdom?

Daniel 7:23-25, ²³ *“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all other kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. ²⁴The ten horns are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings. ²⁵He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute^[d] the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.*

At the first phase a ten-nation union will rise. It may be the revived Roman Empire. Ancient Rome had occupied south Europe, north Africa and west Asia. I tend to think that it will be territorially where ancient Rome was earlier.

Phase two, out of these ten horns or ten kings, each horn represents power, another shall rise after them. The rise of the strong man in that union who will rule the world. Will be known as Antichrist.

Phase three, he will diverse and overpower/subdue three of the kings. Possibly he will have to fight against these three kings.

Apparently, all the other kings will willingly submit to him after they see what he had done to the other three.

Antichrist takes over and wears out the saints and thinks to change the times and the laws.

He will change all the laws and he will rule with such vengeance for three and a half years!

Second half of the Tribulation.

- One, the ten-nation Union
- Two, the ruler rises to power
- Three, he will rule over ten of them and takes over the whole world
- Four, Persecution starts, For 3 ½ years.
- Five, Antichrist smashed, destroyed and God sets up His kingdom.

During the second half of 7 years period all the nations will go through this great tribulation.

Obadiah 1:15, *For as you drank on My holy mountain, So shall **all the nations drink continually**; Yes, they shall*

drink, and swallow, And they shall be as though they had never been.

They will go through the punishment which they have never experienced it ever before!

God did prophesy about the final war that will take place at Armageddon.

Zechariah 12:9, *It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy **all the nations** that come against Jerusalem.*

Isaiah 34:1-2, *Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, The world and all things that come forth from it. ²For the indignation of **the Lord is against all nations**, And **His fury against all their armies**; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter.*

Zechariah 14:2-3, *For **I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem**; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³Then **the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations**, As He fights in the day of battle.*

Jeremiah 25:29-33, *²⁹For behold, I begin to bring calamity on the city which is called by My name, and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be*

unpunished, for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth,” says the Lord of hosts.³⁰ “Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them: ‘The Lord will roar from on high, And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the earth. ³¹ A noise will come to the ends of the earth— For the Lord has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His case with all flesh. He will give those who are wicked to the sword,’ says the Lord.” ³² Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Behold, disaster shall go forth From nation to nation, And a great whirlwind shall be raised up From the farthest parts of the earth. ³³ And at that day the slain of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall become refuse on the ground.

Micah 5:15, And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury On the nations that have not heard.”

Zephaniah 3:8, “Therefore wait for Me,” says the Lord, “Until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations To My assembly of kingdoms, To pour on them My indignation, All My fierce anger; All the earth shall be devoured With the fire of My jealousy.

