

Chapter 2 - Humanity's Evolution to World Government

It is probably the most important and up-to-date prophecy in the Bible today. It describes and explains the development of human governments from King Nebuchadnezzar to the coming of the Kingdom of God. It enables us to understand current events because Daniel's interpretation of the prophetic dream of the king of Babylon covers an entire epoch that began with the dream that King Nebuchadnezzar had in his bed. The king commanded his soothsayers, wise men, and stargazers to communicate and interpret the dream to the king. Which none of them could do. The king was furious and ordered all the Babylonian wise men, soothsayers and stargazers to be killed. Daniel and his three friends were also threatened with execution. Daniel engaged his friends in prayers to God for mercy:

"Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changes the times and the seasons: he removes kings, and sets up kings: he gives wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He reveals the deep and secret things: he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. I thank you, and praise you, O God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and has made known unto me now what we desired of you: for you have now made known unto us the king's matter." Da 2,17-23;

He thanked God and did not take any credit of his own for obtaining the extremely important information. He also asked the king not to kill the Babylonian wise men. He was not indifferent to their fate.

"But there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these; As for you, O king, your thoughts came into your mind upon your bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that reveals secrets makes known to you what shall come to pass. But as for me, this

secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than anyone living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.” Da 2,28-30;

A detailed study of the interpretation of the dream of the king of Babylon can be found [HERE](#). In this chapter we will recall only the basic and main ideas and findings.

The main message

“You, O king, are a king of kings: for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven has he given into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold. And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: since iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And as you saw the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it the strength of the iron, just as you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And as you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the descendants of men: but they shall not hold one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Just 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 shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.” Da 2,37-46;

These nine verses describe the basic developmental stages of human governments, from the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar to the coming of the kingdom of God. The first observation is that we are still living in the epoch symbolized by the great statue that the king saw in his dream. The kingdom of God has not yet come with the power to crush and end the whole epoch we call the Babylonian epoch. We know its beginning and we know how it will end.

Bible prophecies describing longer processes, not referring to one specific event, have two fulfillments. Small and large, partial and complete. The first, partial fulfillment of Daniel's interpretation came with the coming of Jesus Christ. He was born in human flesh as the son of man during the reign of the Roman emperor Augustus. The Roman Empire was the last of the four great ancient empires, from the reign of Nebuchadnezzar onward. It was the coming of Christ that ended their age. The great fulfillment of Daniel's interpretation of the king's dream was yet to come. The different parts of the statue represent the 5 ages. The Golden Age was the period of the Babylonian Empire until the coming of Jesus Christ. (In the chapters on the Golden, Silver, Bronze, ... ages of the study already mentioned you will find detailed arguments explaining the distinctive features of each age). The Silver Age belongs to the Christian Age from the beginning to about the 16th century, because the first condition for the transition to the Bronze Age was fulfilled. The discovery and occupation of the remaining unknown landmasses and islands occurred. Important representatives of the Silver Age were, for example, Charlemagne and Charles the Fourth. Several European Christian monarchies gradually came to dominate all or part of most of the world. It is the Bronze Age period that culminated in the British Empire as the world's unsettling superpower. The two Christian powers are pillars of stability even in the Iron Age. Symbolized by the two legs of iron. It means that the stability of the world in the Iron Age is maintained through two centers of power. These came up and established themselves during the 20th century. The West and the East. Even in the first decades of the 21st century after Christ, superpowers descended from Christian civilization rule over most of the world, at least in part.

The Fifth Age

The feet of the statue are a natural part of the legs, they are also made of iron, but with a visible admixture of clay. It gives the feet their fragility. In addition, the feet have toes. Five on each foot. Ten in all. From the book of Daniel chapter 7 and the book of John in Revelation chapter thirteen, the fourth beast or beast from the sea has ten horns, representing human kings (ten being the number of human organizational completeness Ex. 18:21). Some among Christians regard the United Nations, the worldwide organization of the United Nations, as the fulfillment of this prophetic image. The UN, however, does not fulfill one important condition. It has virtually no executive power. The fourth

beast, however, will give the ten kings their great power. And all of this will happen after the Great Tribulation in the period described in the sixth chapter of the book of Revelation.

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast that 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." Rev 13:1-2;

The birth of all things that will come to pass in the last period of the Babylonian epoch takes place after the end of World War I. In 1919, the "League of Nations" was created, which was replaced by the United Nations after World War II. Both bodies were intended to keep peace in the world, but had very limited executive power.

In 1993, the European Union was officially created as a new geopolitical entity. The European Union (EU) is a unique political and economic system that cannot be classified neatly into traditional categories such as federation or confederation. It cannot be accurately described in familiar terms other than as a supranational union of states with elements of both models and its own evolution.

The governments of France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have given their power to the EU. Later, other European countries joined in. The EU has gradually expanded its powers at the expense of national sovereignty. It is a new type of power system in which it is not ruled not by one sovereign power (France and Germany are probably informally its leading members) but by a collective body called the European Commission, which is the EU government composed of all EU members. At present, the European Commission and the Parliament are trying under various pretexts to put pressure on member states to hand over their foreign and military sovereignty to the EU. This would delegate their power to the EU, which would represent them externally. This is a different form of power from that of the UN. It creates an environment that is already close to the description in Daniel's prophecy (7:24), *"And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings."* If the formerly Christian civilization is the center of the Bronze and Iron Ages, we can consider the EU as the prototype of

the government from which the last ruler will arise¹. But it does not have to be the EU in its present form and condition. It is probably only the visible germ of the fifth age that will come out of the fourth Iron Kingdom and will not cease to be a part of it, just as the feet are part of the legs. The last period of the Babylonian epoch will differ in many parameters and features from all previous periods, so that it will be a separate age, therefore the fifth.

During this time there will be open rebellion against God and His Anointed, as described in the second Psalm. It will be a time of the severest persecution of God's people. Fortunately, it will not last for centuries and perhaps not even decades, and it will be brought to an end not by human but by God's hand, for the power of the last beast will be great.

We see that every age represented by the metal of which the great statue is made in the dream of the king of Babylon is characterized by a certain change of power and order. Changes in the system have sometimes taken place precipitously in revolutions, but before they took place there was at first a hidden development mainly on the spiritual, ideological plane. This is also true today. Again, all the statements in this chapter are based on the study "[Interpreting the Dream of the King of Babylon](#)".

The key question that emerges from the study is, in what ways do the various kingdoms (forms of government) deteriorate? The answer will show us what role man, human governments, and nations have in all of this in relation to their Creator.

Determinant of development is man's relationship to God

According to verse 39, the kingdom of silver is worse than Nebuchadnezzar's. But it is not explained how or why. All we know about the bronze kingdom is that it was given dominion over the whole earth. Therefore, we know for certain that it could not have been before all the places on the planet were discovered where not only man, but also other land creatures lived (verse 2:38). This fulfilled one condition. The other, no less important, was fulfilled gradually. Man had to acquire the material means and tools to dominate the world, all of humanity. Against the backdrop of all the discoveries and

¹ The very course of the EU's development is unique in that it is emerging once again at the historical centre of Christian civilisation, as a community of indigenous Christian peoples. Turkey has not yet been accepted. I believe that the description of the appearance of the last ruler of the Babylonian epoch (Da 7:24; Rev 13:1-3) will come from Europe.

inventions putting new tools in the hands of man to control by political, economic, ideological and power means, man's relationship with God developed and is developing.

The third condition, and the most important of all, is the relationship with God the Creator, who has authority over all creation in heaven and on earth. During the Babylonian epoch, God gave human rulers one condition. They must respect the authority of God the Creator. The entire book of Daniel is a testimony to the fact that God demands nothing from human rulers but respect and the resulting relationship of man to all of His creation and the natural order He has written into men so that they might live. Chapters 3-6 bear witness to this. of the Book of Daniel.

The hardness of kingdoms

The metals of which the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream is made have many properties, and besides the physical ones, symbolic meanings are attributed to each metal in magic, esotericism, occult practices, etc. But our Creator, God, the Father of Jesus and ours, does not give us unsolvable riddles. Nor are His prophecies incomprehensible, so there must be an accurate and verifiable solution to the questions we seek to answer. One of these is the question, which property of metals is to show us wherein the various kingdoms are deteriorating?

Note that a worse kingdom than Nebuchadnezzar's is the silver kingdom. The bronze and iron kingdoms are made of materials much harder than gold and silver. Bronze is an alloy of two soft metals, copper and tin, whereas iron is a hard material, surpassing even bronze in hardness. And notice that for the kingdom of iron, which is described in verse 40 thus, "*And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: since iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*" is the dominant characteristic of hardness and destruction. The kingdoms in Daniel's interpretation of the king's dream are clearly not individual governments, but social systems represented by various rulers and rulerships. All of these rulerships were cruel to their enemies. In this, ancient kingdoms were no different from medieval and modern ones. But where the kingdoms differed visibly was in the relationship of their rulers to God and to the gods they

worshipped. Respect for the gods and for the Creator was natural in the ancient world and in the early Middle Ages, and the rulers of those ages were more humble toward the Creator and His creation than is the relationship of governments and politicians today toward the Creator God and His Son Jesus. For another prophecy is being fulfilled (Psalm, chap. 2).

“Why do the nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and distress them in his great displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD has said unto me, You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.” Psalm 2:1-7;

This is or will soon be the intention of the rulers and governments of nations. Note that this is speaking of Jehovah God (YHWH) and His Son (Matt. 3:17; Heb. 1:5). This Psalm prophetically describes, less than three thousand years ago or so, that in the future the nations (their rulers and governments) would seek to oppose the authority of God the Creator and His Son who willingly accepted death by nailing on a tree for us.

At the end of chapter two, Daniel describes the judgment of the rebels and the beast and how it will be destroyed according to God's law: *“You saw till a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces. ... And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Just 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 shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”* Da 2,34, 44-45;

Conclusion

From Daniel's interpretation of the dream of the king of Babylon, it appears that only the last period of the Babylonian epoch, represented by the feet and toes on the statue in the king's dream, remains before the end of the entire

Babylonian epoch. We do not know how long it will take to fully transition into this period, but we already know that the most likely precursor will be the Great Tribulation described in the sixth chapter of John's Revelation. The problems of the EU today are the problems of the emergence and growth of a new form of world government. It is significant that both the Bronze and Iron Ages are based on the rule of great powers arising out of Christian civilization, and the last beast will probably arise out of the same center of civilization. Many people pay attention to the influence of the various centers of power represented by banking magnates connected with Judaic roots. Their involvement in the end-time events of the entire epoch is mentioned by Daniel, but very important geopolitical processes are also taking place in the Christian environment, which, although largely alienated from God and Christ and even hostile to its rulers and governments, is repeating a similar situation to the coming of Jesus Christ/Yoshua the Messiah. Even then, God's people were largely blinded. Yet there were enough Jewish followers of Jesus Christ in the beginning to bring in a new people of God under the covenant of Christ. Therefore, let us not focus only on the political processes, but let us focus more on the pursuit of the kingdom of God and its righteousness.