

# ISRAEL'S GOD A REALITY OR A MYTH?



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## THE END OF THE EAST AND THE WEST

When the ancient sages and prophets of Israel went among the idolatrous nations surrounding them, they were instructed to put forth their strong reasons, and give the acid test to their gods for their claim of divinity. We quote the following from the book of Isaiah the prophet, "Produce your cause saith the Lord, bring forth your strong reasons saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth and show us what shall happen... declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to take place hereafter that we may know that ye are gods... Isaiah 41: 21-23. There is no man living, neither is there any god of the heathen that can tell what is going to happen in the future. This was a very hard test for those false gods. None of them were able to stand the test or prove themselves.

### The Claim of Israel's God

We find, however, that Israel's God has made the claim that He alone can perform this most difficult task of foretelling the future, and we shall now put Him to the test.

Here is the claim. He says, "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." Isaiah 46:9-10.

Again we find this claim set forth in connection with King Nebuchadnezzar, the ancient king of Babylon. It was this king that destroyed the wonderful temple of Solomon, king of Israel, and also the city of Jerusalem, and thrice removed their

BUT THE WORD OF GOD SHALL ABIDE FOREVER." Isaiah 40:6 and 8.

Dear reader, make the Bible your counselor, the rule of your daily life; for it, not only presents a perfect standard of character, but it is also an infallible guide under all circumstances and under all conditions leading in paths of truth and righteousness to the very end of life's journey here, and opening the door to the real life in the Kingdom of God, soon to come, represented by the "Stone that will smite the Image," and grow to fill the whole earth with righteousness and peace.

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served but to vindicate the truth of the Bible and incidentally to put its critics to shame. Honest doubters cast aside their faint quibbles and instead became enthusiastic defenders of the infallibility of the scriptures. We shall quote here from a well-known scientist, Dr. A.H. Sayce. He said: "Recent discoveries have retorted the critic's objections upon himself. It is not the Bible writer but the modern author who is proved to be unacquainted with the contemporaneous history of the time." Taken from "The Hittites, The Story of a Forgotten People" Page 12.

It has been most truthfully said that the Scriptures are an anvil which has worn out many a hammer. The Bible is a book which has been refuted, demolished with attempts to overthrow and explode more times than any other book in the world. Every little while some one starts up to upset it, and it is like upsetting a solid cube of granite. It is just as big one way as the other, when you have upset it, it is right-side up, and when you overturn it again it is still right side up." For a book smitten and attacked so many times, yet it shows an abundance of life, and more and more in this age of archaeologists, unfolding events in response to the Bible prophets.

The Bible tells us where we are today in the procession of the age and what we may still expect in the immediate future. Every announcement by the Bible prophets has come to pass with astonishing accuracy and precision. Therefore we may be assured that those yet future will likewise be revealed in their time. Amid the constant changing theories, speculations and human opinions, the Bible alone knows no change. Like its divine author it is the same yesterday, today and forever.

"All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field." The grass withereth and the flower fadeth,

king. The following announcement was made concerning the accompanying picture of a metal man, seen by Nebuchadnezzar in a dream which was interpreted by the prophet Daniel. This Jewish prophet said to the king, "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. As for thee O King, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter, and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass." Daniel 2:28-29. It has been over two thousand five hundred years since these events occurred, and since this claim was made, of announcing things to take place in the latter days. Consequently we stand today in a position to put the matter to an acid test, and see if the claim is real or a myth.

## **THE VISION AND THE PROPHECY**

### **Here Is the Dream, Daniel 2:31-45**

"Thou, O king, sawest, and, behold a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof was terrible. As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass, its legs of iron, its feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for

them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

"This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings, unto whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; and wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven hath he give into thy hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all: thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of brass that shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, for as much as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all, and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and the 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, for-as-much as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay..."

"AND IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which never will be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people but it shall break in pieces and consume all of these kingdoms and it shall stand forever. For-as-much as thou sawest the stone cut out of the mountain WITHOUT hands, and it break in pieces the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold. The great GOD HATH MADE KNOWN to the king what shall take place hereafter. The dream is CERTAIN, and the interpretation thereof is SURE." Verse 45.



The Rosetta stone

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These Bible detractors grew bolder with the years, until in the eyes of professors and students and even of some theologians, the Bible was nothing more or less but a collection of mythological tales. However a change came in 1799 when the famous Rosetta stone was discovered not far from the mouth of the Nile, and its Egyptian inscriptions were deciphered by the French scholar Champolion in 1822. Thus he provided a key which unlocked the secrets of the treasures of ancient Egypt and other oriental nations... Archaeology was given a tremendous boost. Yes, the stones began to cry out, as the Bible prophesied, and their testimony was illuminating. Every document unearthed

new city of Tyre had been built on an island half a mile away from the former site, and the inhabitants had hoped that the surging waters of the Mediterranean would shield them from the attacks of an invader. But in the year 332 B.C., Alexander the Great swept down the shores of the Mediterranean, and in order to reach the new city of Tyre, tore down the walls, towers and timbers of the ruined houses and palaces of ancient Tyre, and with them built a solid causeway **in the midst of the sea**, literally scraping the very dust of the old ruins in order to supply the demand for the necessary material. To this day the ancient city has not been rebuilt; and local fishermen spread their nets on the rocks of the seashore, exactly as was foretold by the prophet many centuries ago. What a truly marvelous fulfillment! Only divine foreknowledge and wisdom could make such a series of accurate predictions.

### A NUMBER OF OTHER PROPHECIES

Space would not permit quoting a large number of other prophecies just as specific as the ones we have considered, and just as convincing. The pages of Holy Writ abounds in daring forecasts concerning Jerusalem, Judea, the twelve tribes of Israel, Samaria, Philistia, Moab, Gaza, Chaldea, Syria, Nineveh, Medo-Persia, Greece, etc. Many of these prophecies have already been fulfilled, while others are in the process of being fulfilled.

### STONES ARE CRYING OUT TODAY

For decades higher critics and infidel authors endeavored to discredit the Bible on the ground that some of its historical references to peoples and nations were mere legends, inasmuch as no ancient documents could be found to verify their historicity.

### NOW FOR THE TEST

Here we find the prophet Daniel laying himself wide open for defeat. What a risk he was taking with such bold announcements for the future of this world. His reputation and position as a prophet of God would either stand or fall on the basis of this announcement. How could he take such a risk, without being assured through divine agencies that he was correct? He told the king "The dream is certain and the interpretation is sure." Furthermore Daniel's message to the king was not a popular one. It was bad news for him, who had dreams that his posterity would rule continually after him. The only basis for his faith in Daniel's interpretation was the fact that Daniel had told him what he had dreamed when he had told no man. It was on this basis alone that he believed in Daniel, and that he received the interpretation, however contrary as it was to his haughty plans for the future.

### OUR POINT OF VIEW

Now, we stand in an entirely different position from that of king Nebuchadnezzar. He believed in Daniel because he had told him the secret of what he had dreamed, when he had told no man, but we shall analyze the matter from another point of view. Our position has changed. It is two thousand and five hundred years down the stream of time from the days of Daniel. We can put the matter to an acid test, and know for sure the real status of Daniel's claim as a prophet of God. We have authentic records unearthed by Archaeologists and handed down through many channels of proven authority. Comparatively recent discoveries unearthed here in the Holy Land establish the facts that

Belshazzar ruled as king on the throne of Babylon which has been previously denied, and now it would be folly and a flagrant exposure of one's ignorance to make such a claim. It has also been established beyond any question of doubt that Daniel lived in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, and that his prophecies were of the period set forth in the Bible.

### **EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE WITH FAIRNESS**

Let us now be fair with ourselves, and give this important matter a thorough investigation. Before us stands this metal man. It is claimed that this head of gold represents the king of Babylon, and Nebuchadnezzar the king. It represents the times when the Gentile kings rule the world, and is therefore a Gentile man.

Following this renowned king Nebuchadnezzar, there was to follow another kingdom represented by the breasts and arms of silver, and it was to also bear rule over the entire world. The two arms represent strength from two sides. According to all histories and encyclopedias, to which one may have access in our public libraries, it will be found that the Medes and Persians overthrew the kingdom of Babylon and set up another world empire known as the Medo-Persian empire, 538 B.C. The history of the conquest and capture of Babylon is briefly told in Daniel 8th ch., to which all histories agree, and which comparatively recent excavations of old records confirm.

### **A THIRD KINGDOM OF BRASS**

There was also to follow another kingdom to bear rule over all the world, and it was represented by the third division of this Gentile man composed of brass.

While the Scriptures contain hundreds of predictions, not one of them has failed.

### **PROPHECY CONCERNING TYRE**

The city of Tyre on the Mediterranean coast was the New York of ancient Asia. Ships from all nations anchored in her harbor, and their passengers bartered in her streets. But at the height of her power and glory, the prophet Ezekiel stated in 590 B.C., that the proud, Godless city would be overthrown and utterly destroyed, and that the very dust of her streets would be scraped, and she would become like the top of a rock.

The prophet having a vision of the Lord said, "It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken it saith the Lord God, and THEY SHALL LAY THY STONES AND THY TIMBER, AND THY DUST IN THE MIDST OF THE WATER and I will make thee like the top of the rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more. For I the Lord have spoken it saith the Lord God." Ezekiel 6:5, 12-14.

The very name of the man (Nebuchadnezzar) and the name of the power (Babylon) which should overthrow the city were foretold. See Ezekiel 26:7-9.

Shortly after this prophecy was uttered, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, laid siege to Tyre. After thirteen years of effort, he captured the city and utterly destroyed it. The city was left in ruins. But the prophet had said that the very **dust of the city would be scraped**, and that it would become like the top of a rock. Two centuries and a half passed and the ruins still remained untouched, a challenge to the accuracy of God's word. A

basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations." Ezekiel 29:14-15.

This singular prediction was made about the year 600 B.C., when Egypt was a dominating empire, the granary of the world, the mother of sciences, literature, and art, a land justly famed for her pyramids. From all human appearances, her power and magnificence could have been maintained forever, but the prophet, foreseeing the diminishing of her excellence, declares that she would become the "basest," or the most insignificant of kingdoms. Mark the prophet's words; she was not to be utterly destroyed as was Babylon, but was to continue to exist, although shorn of her former power. How daring the prophecy, and how striking the fulfillment!

The infidel Volney in his "Travels," Vol. 1 pp. 74, 103, 110, 193, says in part: "Such is the state of Egypt. 'Deprived two thousand three hundred years ago of her natural proprietors, she has seen her fertile fields successively a prey to the Persians, the Macedonians, the Romans, the Greeks, the Arabs,... and at length the race of Tartars, distinguished by the name of Ottoman Turks. The Mamelukes, purchased as slaves, and introduced as soldiers, soon usurped the power, and elected a leader... Everything the traveler sees or hears reminds him he is in the country of slavery and tyranny.'" No human sagacity could possibly have foreseen these events as recorded in the Bible. Supposing that the prophet Ezekiel had said that Egypt was to be utterly destroyed like Babylon, or vice versa? How jubilant the enemies of the Bible would be, how triumphant in their boasting to disprove Bible prophecy.

Consulting our records again, we find that the prophetic announcement came true thus far, and a third universal kingdom ruled the world. It is known in history as the Macedonian Empire, or the Kingdom of Alexander The Great. In the spring of 334, Alexander set out for the conquest of the Persian Empire with an army of thirty five thousand men with elephant cavalry and long spears. In the year 333 he won the memorable battle of Issus. One battle after the other was won by the swift speed of this unusual character, until the known world was conquered. It is said of him that he wept because there were no more nations to conquer.

At his death his vast empire was divided up among his four generals, Lysimachus. Seleucus, Ptolemy and Cassander, who each assumed the title of king. Myers General History Page 170.

## **THE FOURTH WORLD KINGDOM OF IRON, WILL IT BE RUSSIA OR AMERICA?**

Having passed down the stream of time from the days of Daniel nearly three hundred years, we find that thus far the prophet is exonerated and passing events have stood the test. His announcements concerning the future based on the revelation given him from the God of Israel, have been true.

But what of the future from this far distant point? If we cannot find in all the records of history where another empire has ruled the known world, shall we look for one in the future? Is it reasonable to believe that with the Atomic and Hydrogen weapons, that either Russia or the United States of America, will follow in the foot-steps of these ancient kings and establish the fourth kingdom?

In-as-much as the ancient prophet made the bold claim to the king that "the dream was certain and the interpretation sure," and finding as we have that three kingdoms arose exactly as the prophet had announced that the fourth empire must also come, and from the present outlook we would naturally fear one or the other of these two strongly opposing nations.

### **THE FEAR OF COMMUNISM**

It should be of extreme interest to a world in fear of Communism, to search the records and find if there is a place for such a world empire; or if the fourth epoch announced by this prophet has been filled. As we look into the pages of history, however, our fears melt away as the snow flake. The fourth kingdom has come, true to the voice of the prophet, and ROME is number four. All persons acquainted with history know that the Roman kingdom was established following the Grecian kingdom, and it has likewise held dominion over the entire world.

### **COMMUNISM RULED OUT AS WORLD KINGDOM**

The reign of the Caesars as kings of the 4th empire which was the Roman kingdom, began 31 B. C., it was this fourth and last world kingdom that was responsible for the destruction of the second temple here at Jerusalem under the Roman General Titus, 70 A.D. It has been stated by historians that six hundred thousand Jews perished in the siege of Jerusalem.

This kingdom, like the three preceding was universal, and it fulfilled the prophecy with startling precision. Yes, the fourth kingdom has come exactly as the prophet announced, and it

"And the wild beasts of the island shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged." Isaiah 13:19-22.

Where is Babylon today? Belshazzar, her last reigning monarch, was conquered and slain by the Medo-Persian soldiers in the year 538 B.C., one hundred and fifty years after the fatal prediction was made by the prophet. For centuries the city of Babylon has been a vast heap of ruins — a desolation: it has not been inhabited. In its present desolate condition, Babylon is a standing challenge to all skeptics and infidels. The prophet Jeremiah made the following additional prediction concerning Babylon: "Chaldea (Babylon) shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the Lord...Come against her storehouses...and destroy her utterly." Jeremiah 50: 10 and 26.

History confirms the fulfillment of this marvelous prophecy. No other city was so frequently looted, and robbed of its apparently inexhaustible riches as was Babylon. Cyrus, Xerxes, Alexander of Macedon, the Parthians and the Romans successively despoiled that wondrous city.

### **PROPHECY CONCERNING EGYPT**

In contrast to the aforementioned prophecy, it is interesting and illuminating to note what the divine Forecaster said concerning the land of the Pharaohs:

"And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom. It shall be

even at the door, and the Lord says, "Fear not LITTLE FLOCK for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."  
— Luke 11: 32.

### **BABYLON, EGYPT AND TYRE**

Every high school student is familiar with the history of the once great empire Babylon. Her capital city, one of the wonders of the world with its luxurious pleasure grounds and gardens, with its two royal places, was rightly called the "Golden City of a Golden Age."

In it was the great temple of Belus and the beautiful hanging gardens piled high in successive terraces. Its great walls towered upwards of two hundred feet, and were so wide on the top as to enable several chariots to race side by side. It contained enough provisions to resist a besieging army, if necessary, for twenty years. Proud, luxurious, boastful, Babylon was the mistress of the world.

But while Babylon was in the hey-day of its glory and power, the Hebrew prophet Isaiah was commanded of the Lord to make the following bold prediction concerning that world metropolis:

"Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldee's excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

has had within it the strength of enduring iron, and by it the world has been broken into many pieces as the prophet said. All histories and records of the past fully establish the facts that we have thus far set forth in our investigation. We need not fear Communism, Imperialism, Capitalism or any other ism or any nation, in the future establishing a world kingdom. There is no place left for such except the one illustrated by the stone by which all Gentile kingdoms are to be broken to pieces and crushed. We shall show conclusively that this stone does not represent any of these earthly warring nations. The stone, you must remember, was cut out of the mountain WITHOUT HANDS.

Since the world entered into the divided and broken up state of the fourth Empire, there have been a number of efforts made to establish another kingdom. The followers of Mohammed made the first attempt and which swept in all of the world excepting Europe, but after the successful campaign through Spain, their warring armies met defeat on the plains of Gaul in 732 A.D.

Another attempt was made by Napoleon Bonaparte, but he met defeat by the armies of the Duke of Wellington at the famous battle of Waterloo, 1815 A.D.

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany also had similar dreams, of conquering the world. His palace can be seen here now on the Mount of Olives, as a conspicuous land mark bring to our minds the terrible events following 1914 when he set out to conquer, but he came to his end.

Hitler was another, and the last so far to attempt the conquest of the world and he like Kaiser Wilhelm, Napoleon Bonaparte and the Mohamedeans, also met his Waterloo. In like manner will any other nation go down in defeat who may attempt to

change the "Times and Seasons" ordained of heaven, for it is true as Daniel told the king, "There is a God in heaven that ruleth among the kingdoms of men."

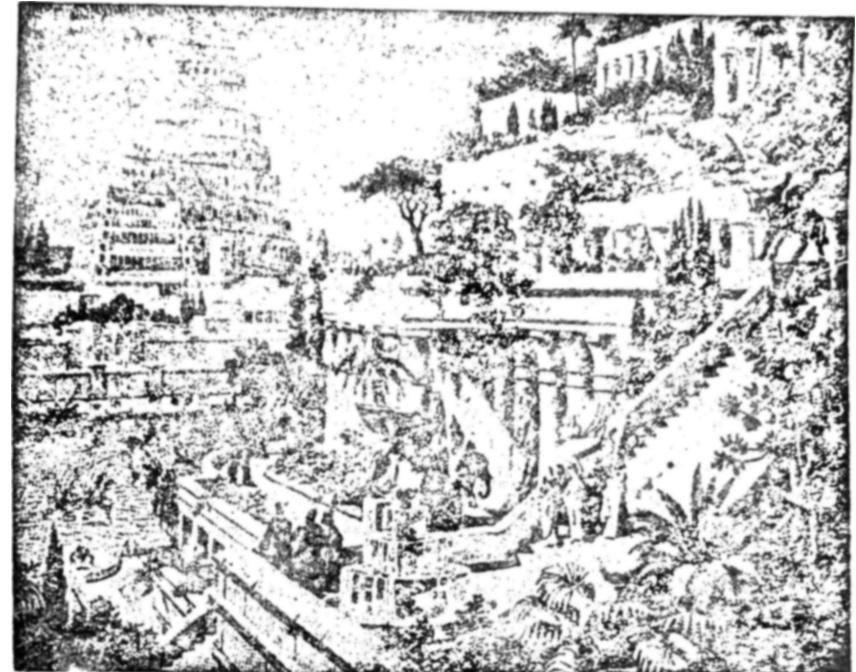
### THE BEGINNING OF THE EAST AND THE WEST

Having found that the second division of this Gentile man included his two arms, which represent dual strength from two sides, so we find that the second kingdom was composed of dual strength, that of both the Medes and the Persians. Now as we approach the lower extremities, we may naturally expect something in history to correspond with the two legs, or two definite divisions of this fourth world kingdom, represented by the iron.

I turn to page 338 of Myers General History, a work adopted and at one time used in all of the schools and colleges of America, and here is what we find under the heading, "Divisions of the Roman Empire." Quote, "Just before his death Theodosius divided the empire between his two sons, Arcadius and Honorius, assigning the former who was only eighteen years of age, the government of the East, and the latter a mere child of eleven the sovereignty of the West. This was the final partition of the empire. The separate histories of the East and the West now begin."

You may consult any history regardless of the language, looking up the name "Theodosius" in the index, and you find the same facts that (395 A.D.), the fourth empire was divided into two divisions, the East and the West. How striking do we hear the same term now being repeatedly used in the newspapers all over the world. — "The East and the West."

Note that the kingdom is to be restored to Israel, for to "Abraham and to his seed were the promises given," — but they are "not all Israel that are of Israel." Romans 9:6.



"They which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." — Galatians 3: 7. Also the Lord tells us, "If ye be Christ's then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promises." See Galatians 3: 27-29. So the Gentiles come into the kingdom by adoption, and heart circumcision. See Romans 2: 28-29; Col. 2: 11-12 and 1 Cor. 7: 19.

Our Savior was born to be king, and He is soon coming in His kingdom with great power and glory. The stone is soon to smite the image on the feet. This fifth and last event is very near, yes

defeat now after 2500 years during which time his announcements have stood the test, through passing events, or shall we look for the fifth kingdom? It would be folly not to do so. No intelligent person will doubt, that in-as-much as four of these kingdoms have come, one following the other, the fifth one will also be a reality. This fifth kingdom is to be as enduring as stone, and the prophet said it would last forever. It is to break in pieces, consume and destroy these Gentile kingdoms. Note particularly that this fifth and last one is future and will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High.

Just before our Savior ascended to heaven, the apostles approaching Him asked the question then burning in their hearts, "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6. His answer was that it was not for them to know the times and seasons which the Father had put in His own hands. Then the Lord informed us through inspiration that "The heavens must receive Him TILL the TIMES OF RESTITUTION, spoken of by the mouth of all the prophets." Acts 3:20-21. Some of these prophecies are found in Isaiah 11:1 to 9, also 65:18-25; Psalms 110; Isaiah 9:6-7 and Psalms 2nd chapter.

The prophet Daniel also gives us further information as follows, "I saw in the night vision and one like the son of man came in the clouds of heaven...And there was given him a kingdom that all people, nations and tongues should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion...and his kingdom that which shall not pass away". Dan. 7:12-13. This kingdom and dominion is to be UNDER the whole heaven. Verse 27. Note also Revelation 12:5. Ch. 20:1-6, also 5:9, 19 and 2:26-29.

Now let us notice briefly again what the prophet said about this fourth world wide empire represented by the iron. He spoke thus, "And as the iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." Here reference is made to the strength of the iron excelling that of the brass, or the silver, or the gold and it says it shall break them in pieces and bruise. All of the kingdoms represented by these metals were broken into pieces both in the East and in the West, but the two legs have remained in their fragmental form exactly as stated. The East and the West have been divided into two opposing religious groups, viz. the Roman Catholic, and the Greek Catholic churches, the Roman Catholic in the West and the Greek Church in the East. During the first world war of 1914, the Greek Church was overthrown by the rise of Communism in Russia, at which time the disintegration of Gentile nations began, with the first world war, followed by the second, and now a third one is smoldering which will be the third stroke in the destruction of Gentile kingdoms, just as three successive strokes destroyed the Jewish kingdom at Jerusalem.

### THE FEET OF MIRY CLAY

Here are the words of the prophet which most graphically describe the present weak and tottering condition of earthly governments. The feet were part of iron part of miry clay, and so it is said of the feet, — "There shall be in it of the strength of the iron, for-as-much as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay... The kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken... They shall mingle themselves with the seed of men, but they shall not cleave one to the other even as iron is not mixed with clay." Verses 41-43.

It will be observed that there are two outstanding elements dominating world politics. One of these represents the strength and power of capitalism and the other Communism, which is now rendering all governments unstable, weak and tottering. This is the final stage of Gentile nations and it represents a very dangerous condition, a foreboding of pending destruction, which is sure to come as the stone smites the feet.

It is evident that these ten toes will come more prominent into being than they are at the present time, and also that there will be one large, more prominent toe on each foot with others of less prominence. There will also be some nations not represented among the ten, like the nation Israel, which is not Gentile, for this image represents the period of Gentile rule from the time when the Jewish kingdom was destroyed, and the last king removed by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, until the coming of Israel's long expected Messiah, when the stone kingdom shall come in its order.

### **RENDERING AN UNBIASED JUDGMENT**

The statements set forth in this work are based on the facts of history which anyone may examine and prove for himself. The boldness of Daniel to take such a risk in so definitely stating what was going to come to pass thereafter, and in the "Latter Days" was proof of his sincerity and belief in himself as being guided by the God of Israel, but it has required something more definite and which has reached far into the future, to our own day, in order that we here in Israel after the elapse of 2500 years might believe in Daniel's God, who is the God of Israel. How can any unbiased intelligent person deny that Daniel was governed by a higher power than himself?

It was after a night spent in prayer with his Jewish companions in the dungeons of Babylon, that the dream with its meaning was revealed. Therefore everyone and especially those who pray, and who believe in prayer, can come to but one intelligent conclusion that "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets," and maketh known what shall take place hereafter. Now after 2500 years, when we have found that these announcements concerning future events have come to pass so accurately, there is no reason for doubts.

These four great world empires have come. There have been just the four. No more or no less. Repeated efforts have been made to establish another world kingdom during the long period represented by the iron, but they have failed, leaving the words of the prophet unstained. The God of Daniel and of Israel, by just this one line of prophecy, has established Himself, and the future announcements are assured, that have been made through the same divine source, many of which reveal great things for the future.

This prophecy is only one of many to be found in the Word of God. Some of the most outstanding will be in other publications of this series, in our effort to establish the reality of Israel's God and His future promises for this world, to both Jew and Gentile.

### **THE STONE KINGDOM, THE KINGDOM RESTORED TO ISRAEL**

In-as-much as four epochs are past, and four of these great empires represented by the gold, the silver, the brass and the iron, have come, and are established facts of history, what about the fifth, the stone kingdom? Will the prophet go down in