

Checkin' Out My Walk
#24 - Philadelphia - Key Of David - Part II

Ps. 89:34-37 "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven

Voice 1: Conspiracy - The Voice of The Nations - The Nations Are Raging

Ps. 2:1-3 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

² The kings of the earth set themselves (get ready for war), and the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, *saying*,

³ "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

Note: This is a big picture of the world in open rebellion against God and Jesus Christ.

Voice 2 - The Voice Of God The Father - God Is Laughing - Mockery

Ps. 2:4-6 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.

⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

Three Reasons God Is Laughing Or Mocking

1. God scoffs at them; has them in derision.
2. God is very clear--- A Day Of Judgment Is Coming - His Anger, Wrath & Fury
3. God sits in the Heavens and laughs:

Ps. 2:6: "As for Me, I have installed my King upon Zion, My holy mountain."

God responds to the world's rebellion against Him by installing the one legitimate King, His Son. who now sits on the throne of glory. God is laughing because He has the wisdom and power to orchestrate all the evil of Satan and Mankind to the triumph of His Son. Praise Him!

An Overview Of World Governments

Daniel was inspired to record a description of world governments spanning a period of thousands of years. His prophecy, recorded in Daniel 2:28-41, describes King Nebuchadnezzar's vision of five world-ruling empires.

²⁸But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: ³¹You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor 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.

"This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

³⁷ You, O king, *are* a king of kings. ...you *are* this head of gold. 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. 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. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

Daniel 1:17 Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Through God's inspiration, Daniel revealed the 4 divisions of this image were actually four successive world empires.

A. God identified the first of the kingdoms, the head of gold, as the Babylonian Empire.

B. The next two kingdoms are identified in Daniel 8:1-21. It records a subsequent vision that foretold and gives more detail about the second empire of "the kings of Media & Persia," and the third empires, "the kingdom of Greece."

History confirms the Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Medo-Persian Empire (Daniel 5:30-31), which was in turn toppled by the Grecian Empire of Alexander the Great.

In chapter 7 these four kingdoms are pictured again as four beasts.

This vision characterizes the empires as wild animals, predicting their harsh and oppressive domination of their subjects.

Dan. 7:2- "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings. And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' There was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. 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.

This fourth kingdom is characterized as especially cruel. History records that Alexander's Grecian kingdom (3rd kingdom) was conquered by the Roman Empire (4th kingdom).

The Roman Empire challenged the authority of God and persecuted His saints.

Dan. 7:24 The ten horns *are* ten kings *who* shall arise from this kingdom.

Dan. 7:8-14 says the final resurrection of this empire is shown to exist at Jesus Christ's return.

Ps. 2:6: "As for Me, I have installed my King upon Zion, My holy mountain."

God responds to the rebellion by sending his Son Jesus to establish His Kingdom that will never end. This rebellious world has been promised to God's King.

Notice! This promise was made 3,000 years ago. It has yet to be fulfilled, yet it's in the past

tense as if it had already occurred! Why would God make a promise that will not be fulfilled for thousands of years, and put it in the past tense? Most of the time in the Old Testament when God speaks directly, He speaks in the past tense about things that are going to happen in the future. It is so common theologians have come up with a word for it. It's called a proleptic statement. It's a future event described as if it has already happened.

Why does He describe future events as if they've already happened?

Isaiah 37:26: "Did you not hear long ago *How* I made it,
From ancient times that I formed it? Now I have brought it to pass,

Note: When God wills something, as far as He's concerned, it's done, it's accomplished.

It may not have happened in time yet, but when He wills it, it's done.

Example: When was Jesus Christ crucified? You say, "Well, He was crucified 2,000 years ago, outside the city of Jerusalem." The Bible says He was slain from the foundation of the world. Why? Because God willed it. As far as God was concerned, it was accomplished.

Causes Of Humanity's Problems Mankind has had thousands of years to experiment with governments, administrations and lifestyles. Why have we been unable to solve our problems? Human governments have an inherent inability to solve human problems.

This is rooted in humanity's inability to choose the right way to live.

Proverbs 16:25 There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death.

Jeremiah 10:23 God warns that "it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps."

Sadly, mankind has proved the truth of those words for generations. Under human rule, the world has never seen a time that was free of war, strife, turmoil and suffering.

Jesus Christ Will Intervene To Save Humanity

Left to itself, mankind would annihilate all life from earth. Does this sound shocking? It is.

Jesus Christ said it is so! Describing the time immediately before His return to earth:

Matt. 24:21-22; 29-30 "It will be a time of great distress; there has never been such a time from the beginning of the world until now, and will never be again. If that time of troubles were not cut short, no living thing could survive; but for the sake of God's chosen it will be cut short. Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Luke 21:31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

Major Powers Will Fall - Human Government Will Be Replaced by Jesus Christ

The wonderful news of the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ is the heart and core of Jesus Christ's message for humanity.

The 4th kingdom will continue to rule until Christ returns to establish His Kingdom on earth.

Dan. 2:44 ⁴⁴ 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."

The fifth kingdom, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, is a literal kingdom that has not yet come to earth. This Kingdom—foretold repeatedly in Daniel—is the same Kingdom about which Jesus Christ preached. There can be no mistake about the nature of this Kingdom. The four kingdoms described in Daniel 2, 7 and 8 ruled over people and lands. They were great world empires with dominion and power to rule, warring against and conquering other nations.

They had kings, governments, laws and subjects.

They were literal kingdoms, whose ruins are visible to this day.

So, too, will the Kingdom of Jesus Christ be a literal kingdom ruling over the whole earth.

Daniel 7:27, speaking of the establishment of this Kingdom, adds:

"Then kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

Luke 1:33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Notice this prophecy of Jesus Christ's return:

Rev. 11:15 "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'"

Voice #3 - Jesus Christ

Psalms 2:7-9 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations *for* Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth *for* Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'"

This is the fulfillment of verse 6: "My Son will reign." God made a promise to His Son Jesus Christ that one day He will reign over the world and it will be flooded with peace, righteousness and justice as the waters cover the sea. (Hab. 2:14)

Micah 4:1-2 describes this time of unprecedented peace: "Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it.

"Many nations shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

Isa. 11:9 "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."

Mankind will at last learn God's ways and experience His wonderful peace.

People will be taught how to live through Biblical principles. Jeremiah says we will be the shepherds of the earth. We'll be in glorified bodies teaching those who are in fleshly bodies, trying to bring them to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

His will be a theocratic reign.

Revelation 19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Isaiah 2:4 He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people;

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. "

Christ will settle disputes between peoples and will have to "rebuke strong nations" that reject His direction and authority.

Note: There will be no homeless or hungry people.

Isaiah 11:4-5 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Isaiah 11:6-7 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Note: All of nature and creation will be returned to its original perfection since the curse is going to be lifted.

After one thousand years of perfect peace, righteousness and justice, many people will rebel against Jesus Christ. God will prove once you cannot change anyone by putting them in a perfect environment. People change through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. God starts out history proving that in the Garden of Eden. He ends history putting everybody in that Garden of Eden and proving it once again, when the great rebellion occurs.

Voice #4 The Holy Spirit Issues A Warning

The Holy Spirit is calling us to do three specific things as we prepare for the soon return of Jesus. These things are related to our spiritual gifts.

Ps. 2:10-12 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,

and you perish *in* the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him. "

Consider: Although this seems addressed to kings and judges, it is addressed to believers.

When Jesus Christ sets up His Kingdom, we will be the kings, rulers and judges.

People in a position of authority will be a person in a glorified body.

I Cor. 6:2 "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?"

Luke 19:12-27 Parable of the Minas Jesus indicates there will be Degrees Of Reward based upon your service and walk now. He said, "Some of you I will put over one city, some I'll put over five cities, some I'll put over ten cities."

Rom. 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if (provided) indeed we suffer with *Him (in order)*, that we may also be glorified together.

II Timothy 2:12 "If we endure, we will reign with Him."

Psalm 2:10-12 tells us 3 things to do while we wait.

1. Worship The Lord With Reverence. In the Hebrew it says, "serve the Lord with reverence." The greatest worship is what happens when you leave the congregation, go out into the world, and serve the Lord and radiate the love of Jesus Christ in your life. Our spiritual gifts are to be used to edify and build up the body of Christ.

2. Rejoice With Trembling

Hebrews 9:28 "Christ shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin to those who eagerly await Him."

We rejoice with trembling because there will be a judgment of works to determine our degrees of reward.

One day we all will stand before Jesus and give an account of our lives.

II Cor. 5:9-10 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Consider: Have I been a good steward of my God-given gifts in His service?

3. Pay Homage To The Son > Hebrew = "Kiss the Son."

Hosea was called by God to preach against idolatry in the land. He was stoned, mocked, ridiculed, and spit upon. The Bible says Hosea encountered a man bowing down to a golden calf. He was kissing the calf. Men "kiss" CDs in the bank, fame, power, influence, the things of the world, etc. The Holy Spirit commands us to "kiss the Son." Fall in love with Jesus Christ. You will understand: "How blessed are those who take refuge in Him."


Satan must have thought he had the greatest victory in the history of mankind. He thought he had his greatest victory, until the resurrection occurred. Through the power of the resurrection, God took the most dastardly act in the history of mankind, and transformed it into the most glorious event that has ever occurred on the face of this earth. Maranatha!

The Gentiles in Prophecy



	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2)	Daniel's Dream (Daniel 7)	The Kingdoms Prophesied
	Gold (Head)	Lion	Babylonian 605-539 BC
	Silver (Breast & Arms)	Bear	Medo-Persian 539-331 BC
	Brass (Belly & Thighs)	Leopard	Greek 331-168 BC
	Iron (Legs)	Beast with Iron Teeth	Roman 168 BC - 476 AD

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	Iron & Clay (Feet)	Ten Horns	Antichrist
	Stone	Son of Man	Jesus Christ