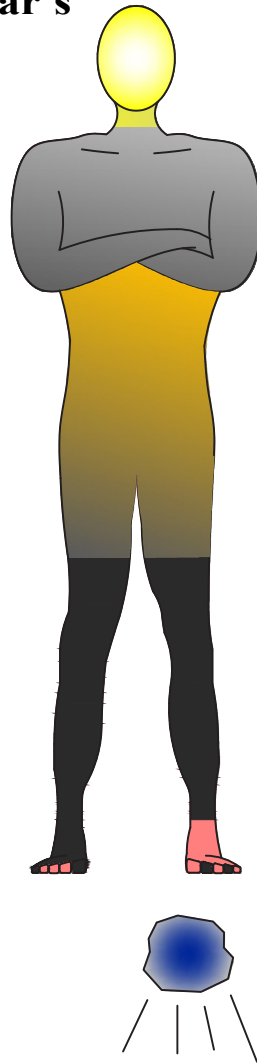


# The Stone Kingdom

## **Nebuchadnezzar's Dream** (Daniel 2:31-45)



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## Introduction

Our last Lesson (No. 12), laid the foundation for this one. That Lesson displayed the prophetic fulfillments of 2017. This one brings understanding to 2018 & the years following. Our Lesson begins with **Daniel 2**.

This is the chapter where King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream. In this dream he saw a statue of a man that fell, due to the actions of a stone kingdom that replaced it. This stone kingdom not only replaced it, but then grew until it covered the entire earth. All of the nations of the earth became subject to one new godly world-wide government.

The dream was a message given in symbols. The statue represents the Kingdom (governments), of Adam. The Stone Kingdom represents the Messianic Kingdom. They are two opposing kingdoms. The Stone Kingdom is the one where Christ Jesus (Head & Body/Messiah/The Promised Seed), rules. Righteousness reigns. This Stone Kingdom will always grow and never pass away. The kingdoms of man however are crushed and blown away to never rise again.

When the Messiah sets up His Stone Kingdom, He does so by the intersecting of three significant avenues:

- In His *TIMING*, (according to Biblical patterns & cycles as outlined in Lesson 12)
- In a physical *LOCATION* in the natural realm from which His Kingdom will grow & spread, (**Habakkuk 2:14**).
- In & through a *PEOPLE*, who carry out the King's will, as they do in every Kingdom.

Lesson 12 zoned in on the timing.

This Lesson zeros in on the location.

But first, here is a brief word about the people:

The Messiah needs loyal subjects to whom He'll grant His authority. They will be subjects who have Him & His interests as their first love. They will have been tested in their faithfulness. They will have followed Him wherever He has led them. They will be equipped to do their specific callings with excellence, (empowered by His Spirit). Eventually they will be given a resurrection in advance of the rest of His followers. Like their Master, they will have the mind & heart of their King. They will know the right thing to do, and they will want to do it.

These people have names. They include males & females, Jews & Gentiles. Some of their titles include:

- **The New Jerusalem** (a city/people who live in a high place spiritually)
- **His Virgin Bride** (one with Him)
- **Sons**, (just like Him, as He is a Son just like His Father)
- **Overcomers**, (having overcome the old Adamic nature by grace through faith)
- ...& especially **Israel**, for “Israel” means, “*he who rules as God*”, (Strong’s #3478)

Of course we should mention a brief word about the *purpose* of this Stone Kingdom:

The Messiah sets up His Kingdom out of His love for man and for all creation. He comes to set all creation free from the bondage of sin & death. He comes to give life abundantly. He comes to destroy the works of the adversary. He comes to establish His Kingdom. He sets all creation free through those ruling under Him in His Kingdom. Those appointed to rule His Kingdom are all very unique individuals, each with chosen assignments. But they have one thing in common. They have (by their walk in His Spirit), acquired the maturity of His nature & likeness.

This Stone Kingdom is the coming of the Messiah. He is not coming within the framework of today’s religious traditions, but in a people who will manifest His Life all over the earth. His glory (seen in a people), will cover the entire earth as the waters cover the seas! Most of the religious world missed it then. They are also missing it now.

As one last note before we begin the Lesson, here is the road-map of how His Spirit led us to fit all of this prophetic imagery together:

We stuck to the Word & His Spirit as the guiding authority.  
We steered clear of any preconceived ideas of what the Word is actually saying.  
We avoided jumping to conclusions.  
We side-stepped details before constructing the framework first.  
We used multiple confirmations along the way.  
We refrained from any judgments that were not in full harmony with all scriptures.

*Note regarding scripture quotes in this Lesson:*

[Bracketed words] *within verses are our comments inserted to add clarity.*  
*Some words are also CAPITALIZED in the verses for emphasis.*

## Part 1: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, then later had some dreams himself, (all on the same topic). They were all about a succession of governments of man, to eventually be replaced with the government of God. It was told to Daniel in Chapter 12 that the dreams and visions shown to him would not come to pass until "the time of the end"...the time when the Kingdom of God would replace the kingdoms of man on a global scale. ***We are witnessing that beginning & acceleration now as we write this in 2018!*** This path to the time of the end was first outlined in Daniel Chapter 2. In that setting Daniel is a captive in Babylon. The ruling king, Nebuchadnezzar, has a disturbing dream that he cannot recall, (see **Daniel 2:5** in literal translations). Only Daniel was shown by God what the dream was and what it meant. Daniel explains the dream & its message to Nebuchadnezzar, (thereby gaining favor with the king). This dream is where our lesson begins. Here is the dream & its interpretation:

*"31...in your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. 32. The head of the statue was made of fine gold. Its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, 33. its legs were iron, and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay. 34. As you watched, a rock was cut of a mountain, but not by human hands. It struck the feet of iron and clay, smashing them to bits. 35. The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor. But the rock that knocked the statue down became a great mountain that covered the whole earth."*

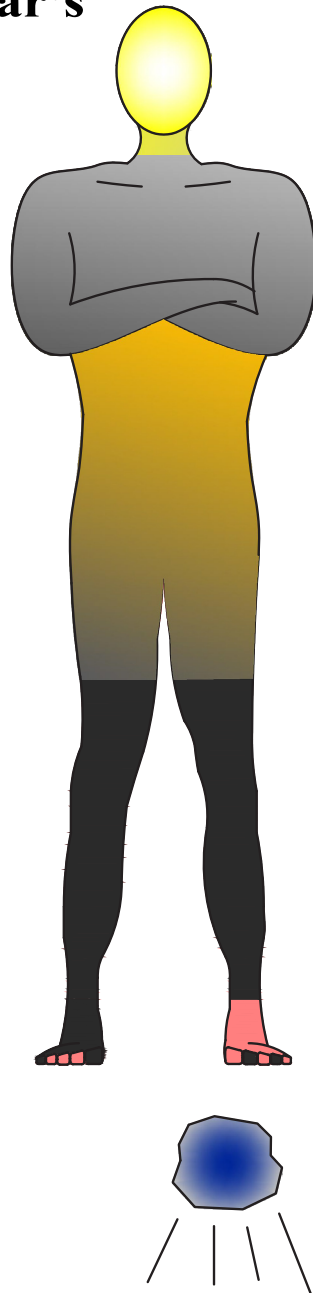
36. THAT WAS THE DREAM. Now we will tell the king what it means.

...you are the greatest of kings. The God of heaven has given you sovereignty [the Hebrew word for "sovereignty" also means "kingdom"]... 38. He has made you the ruler [king] over all the inhabited world....YOU [Nebuchadnezzar, representing the Kingdom of Babylon] ARE THE HEAD OF GOLD. 39. But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, inferior to yours, will rise to take your place. After that kingdom has fallen, yet a third kingdom, represented by bronze, will rise to rule the world. 40. Following that kingdom, there will be a fourth one, as strong as iron. That kingdom will smash and crush all previous empires, just as iron smashes and crushes everything it strikes. 41. The feet and toes you saw were a combination of iron and baked clay, showing that this kingdom will be divided. Like iron mixed with clay, it will have some of the strength of iron, 42. But while some parts of it will be as strong as iron, other parts will be as weak as clay. 43. This mixture of iron and clay also shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix. 44. During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. 45. That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain."

**Daniel 2:31-45 New Living Translation (NLT)**

Here is what the dream looks like:

**Nebuchadnezzar's  
Dream**  
(Daniel 2:31-45)



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What we see from the sketch of the verses is that the dream is a statue of a man. The statue is made up of different substances. Each section of the statue with its substance represents a different kingdom. Verse 38 of **Daniel 2** plainly states that the head of gold is King Nebuchadnezzar. The context however with verse 39 and the following verses shows that Nebuchadnezzar represents a kingdom, (Babylon). That is why we label the head as “King & Kingdom of Babylon”, (not just “king” or “kingdom”). There is no king without a kingdom just as there is no kingdom without a king. so that’s how we labeled the head of gold in keeping with the big picture.

We also note that going down the statue gives a sequence of time, with each descending kingdom acquiring the previous kingdom. There is another pattern in this succession of kingdoms. This other pattern is found in verse 38 and tells us that each new kingdom is inferior to the previous one.

Of these “statue kingdoms”, the last one (represented by the feet), is farthest in the future from Nebuchadnezzar’s day, (verse 45). This last kingdom of the statue of man ends by being struck by a rock cut out of a mountain. Mountains represent kingdoms, (compare verse 44 with verse 45 for example). This rock is not cut out by human hands. In other words, the stone is fashioned by God as the beginning piece of His Kingdom on earth. He uses the stone to tear down and remove all kingdoms of man.

God sets up His focal place for His Kingdom upon the earth during the reigns of the kings of the feet. To verify this, we see verse 44, where the meaning of “these kingdoms” is confirmed in the Amplified Bible as being set up during the kings of the feet kingdom). God’s kingdom becomes established upon the earth while the last kingdom of man is being dissolved. These points will be important to remember.

Throughout the study we will return to this dream of Nebuchadnezzar to fill in the unknown pieces. To find those pieces we need to hear more from God. That is Daniel’s cry. God answers that cry by giving two dreams to Daniel. These two dreams are full of details that will complete the puzzle. So we will continue by looking at Daniel’s two dreams, returning to Nebuchadnezzar’s dream as we go along.

## Part 2: Daniel's First Dream

We learn more about this stone kingdom and the kingdoms that it removes in **Daniel Chapter 7**. There we find Daniel's first dream; a vision of four Beasts, one after another.

*"2. In my vision that night, I, Daniel, saw a great storm churning the surface of a great sea, with strong winds blowing from every direction. 3. Then four huge beasts came up out of the water, each different from the others. 4. The FIRST BEAST WAS LIKE A LION WITH EAGLES' WINGS. ..."* Daniel 7:2-4 New Living Translation (NLT)



We recognize that this beast is not literal. This beast is just a symbol. We'll see later in this Lesson what the beast represents. But for now, let us examine the second beast.

*"5. Then I saw a SECOND BEAST, AND IT LOOKED LIKE A BEAR. It was rearing up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And I heard a voice saying to it, "Get up! Devour the flesh of many people!""*

Daniel 7:5 (NLT)





Later we'll explain the symbolism of the bear. But we move on now to look at the third beast that rises up out of the sea.

*"Then the THIRD of these strange beasts appeared, and it LOOKED LIKE A LEOPARD. It had four bird's wings on its back, and it had four heads. Great authority was given to this beast."*

*Daniel 7:6 (NLT)*



The 4th beast is next. Unlike the previous three beasts, this one is not patterned after any known animal. The 4th Beast is distinguished from the others. There is an abundance of detail given in the book of Daniel about this beast, but for now we are predominantly sticking to the main points so that we can glean what is often missed...the big picture.

*"Then in my vision that night, I saw a FOURTH BEAST –TERRIFYING, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns."*

*Daniel 7:7 (NLT)*





With all four beasts now presented, we will go on to see what they represent.

“17. These four huge beasts represent FOUR KINGDOMS [“KINGS” in some translations] that will arise from the earth.

18. *But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever.”*  
**Daniel 7:17-18 (NLT)**

Most translations use the word “Kings” rather than “Kingdoms”. Why would some, such as this one, and the New American Bible and the Concordant Literal use “Kingdoms”, instead of “Kings”? We have already seen how they are often used interchangeably, as is implied in verse 18 which immediately follows it. There we see the “people of the Most High” will be given the *kingdom* to *rule*, (“rulers” implies *kings* under a *King of Kings*).

When do the saints begin to rule? *AFTER* the fourth kingdom. We note that it does not say “immediately after”. It is just some time after the fourth kingdom. To stay on track, we note that the four kings/kingdoms are sequential as seen in their labels, “first”, “second”, “third”, and “fourth”. It is seen that in the end, or in other words, sometime *AFTER* all four beasts (kings with their kingdoms), have each ruled, then the holy people are given the rulership. They are given “*THE* Kingdom”, not the kingdom of the fourth beast. “The Kingdom” is “the Stone Kingdom” for the saints serve a different King. Although verse 18 implies that the holy people will rule immediately after the fourth kingdom, we’ll discover that this is not the full picture.



1st Kingdom with its King



2nd Kingdom with its King(s)



3rd Kingdom with its King(s)



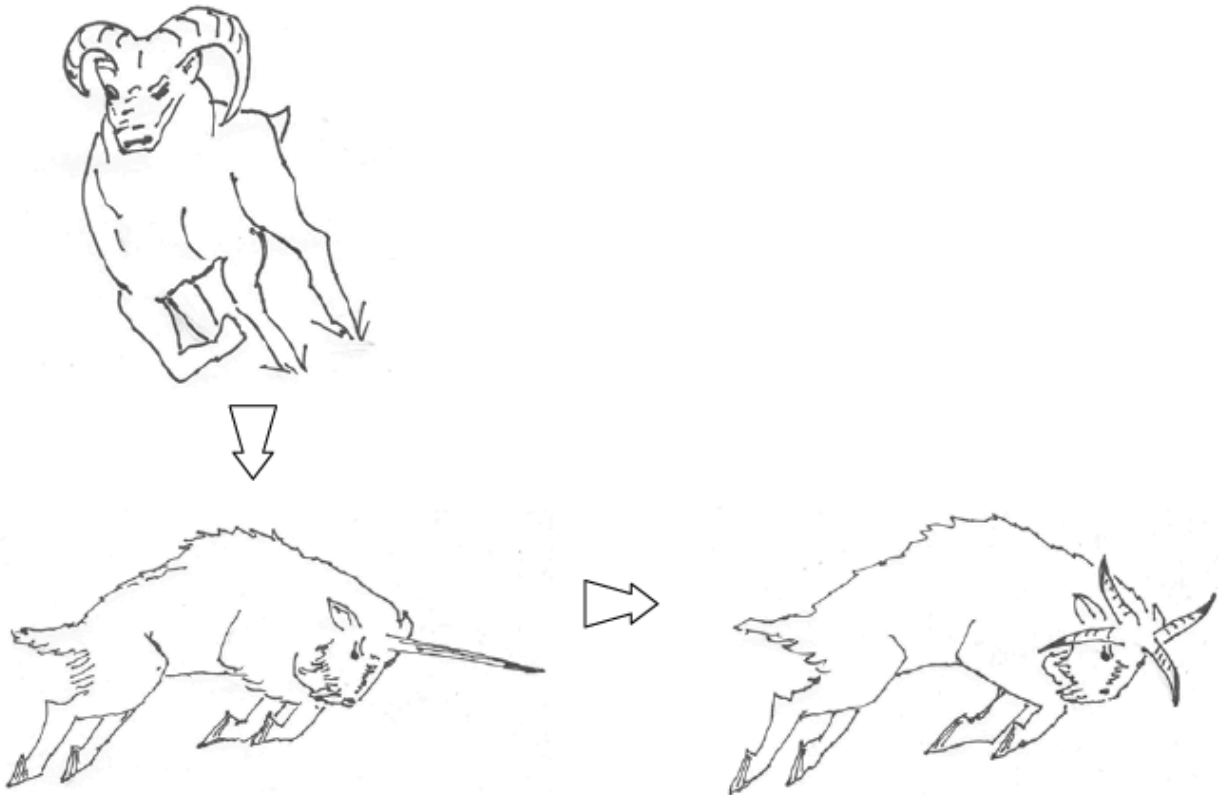
4th Kingdom with its King(s)

### Part 3: Daniel's Second Dream

*"1. During the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, saw another vision, following the one that had already appeared to me. 2. In this vision I was at the fortress of Susa, in the province of Elam, standing beside the Ulai River. 3. As I looked up, I saw a ram with two long horns standing beside the river. One of the horns was longer than the other, even though it had grown later than the other one. 4. The ram butted everything out of his way to the west, to the north, and to the south, and no one could stand against him or help his victims. He did as he pleased and became very great. 5. While I was watching, suddenly a male goat appeared from the west, crossing the land so swiftly that he didn't even touch the ground. This goat, which had one very large horn between its eyes, 6. headed toward the two-horned ram that I had seen standing beside the river, rushing at him in a rage. 7. The goat charged furiously at the ram and struck him, breaking off both his horns. Now the ram was helpless, and the goat knocked him down and trampled him. No one could rescue the ram from the goat's power. 8. The goat became very powerful. But at the height of his power, his large horn was broken off. In the large horn's place grew four prominent horns pointing in the four directions of the earth."*

**Daniel 8:1-8 (NLT)**

Here's what the symbolism of this dream looks like:



We now read further on in this chapter to where Daniel is trying to understand what the dream means. At that point Gabriel (a messenger from God), is told to explain it to him.

*“17...And he [Gabriel] said to me, Understand...that the vision is for the ERA OF THE END...  
...19. and he [Gabriel] said, Behold, I am acquainting you with what is coming in the LAST OF THE MENACE TO THE SONS of your people, seeing that it is for the appointed time of the end.  
20. The RAM...HAVING THE TWO HORNS IS THE KINGDOM OF MEDIA & PERSIA.  
21. The HAIRY HE-GOAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GREECE.*

*The great horn which is between its eyes, it is the first king.*

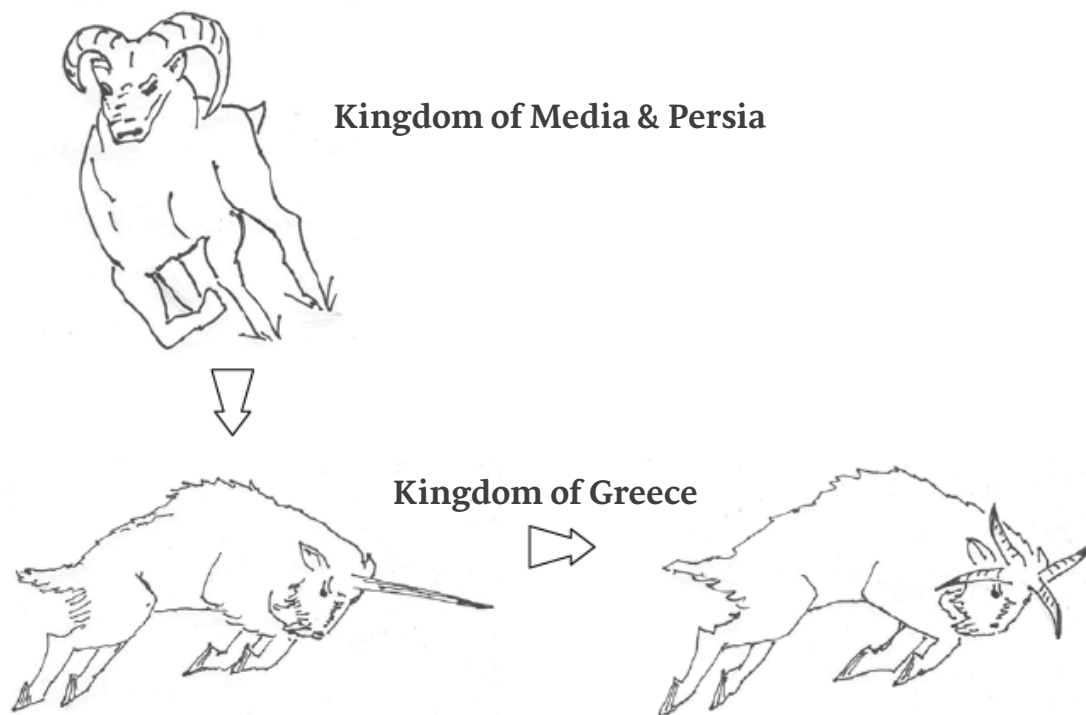
*22. When it is broken, four [kings, each with their parcel of the kingdom] shall stand up in its stead...”*  
**Daniel 8:19-22 The Concordant Version**

I have used the Concordant Literal Translation for a reason. This version most accurately presents this passage in the context of the big picture, which includes the two previous dreams. (The “menace phrase” ties in later.) Now we take a peek at a verse in the next chapter of Daniel:

*“1. It was the first year of the reign of Darius THE MEDE...  
...WHO BECAME KING OF THE BABYLONIANS.”*

**Daniel 9:1**

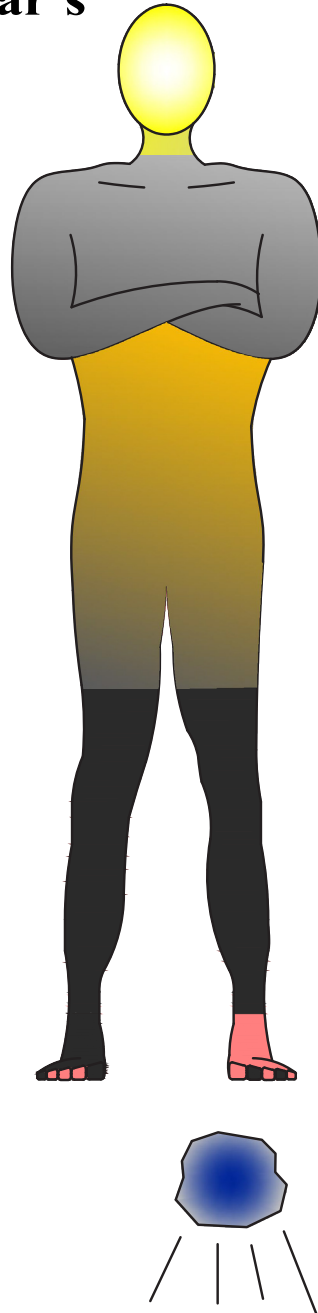
This makes it clear that Media was the first horn of the ram. The second horn of the ram then would be Persia, which came soon after. Persia grew to become the dominant partner in rulership. Next, both of the goats represent Greece, one initially, and then the other a bit later. So here is what it looks like, with the labels as defined above:



## Part 4: Overlaying the Three Dreams

We can now combine Daniel's second dream with Nebuchadnezzar's to get this. We saw in **Daniel 9:1** that Media-Persia was the Kingdom that replaced the Kingdom of Babylon. Next, we saw from **Daniel 8:21** that Greece is the Kingdom that follows Media-Persia.

### Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2:31-45)



Gold  
(King & Kingdom of **Babylon**)



Silver

**Media Persia**  
Ram of **Daniel 8:20**



Bronze

**Greece**  
Goat of **Daniel 8:21**



Iron  
(King & Kingdom)

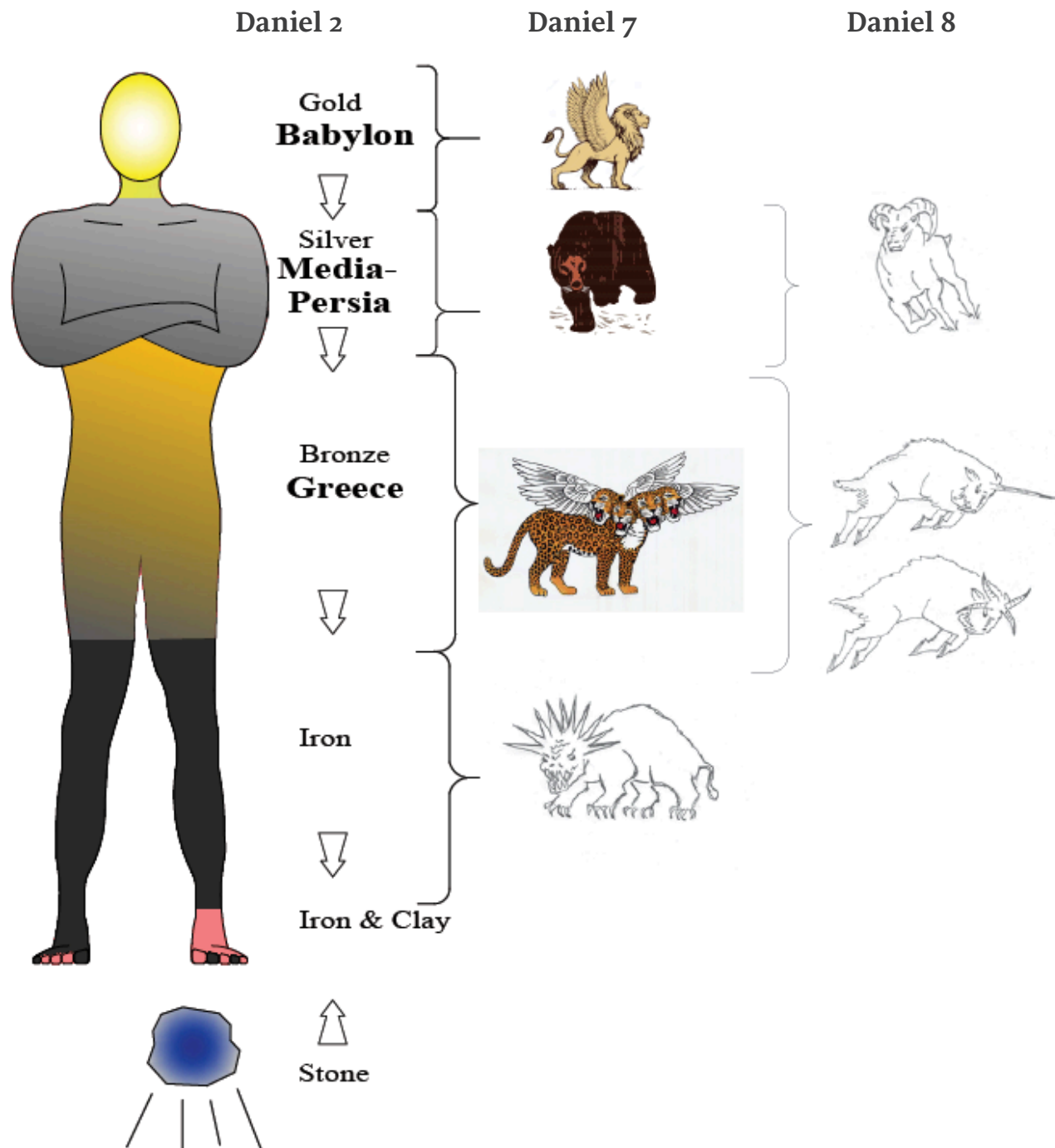


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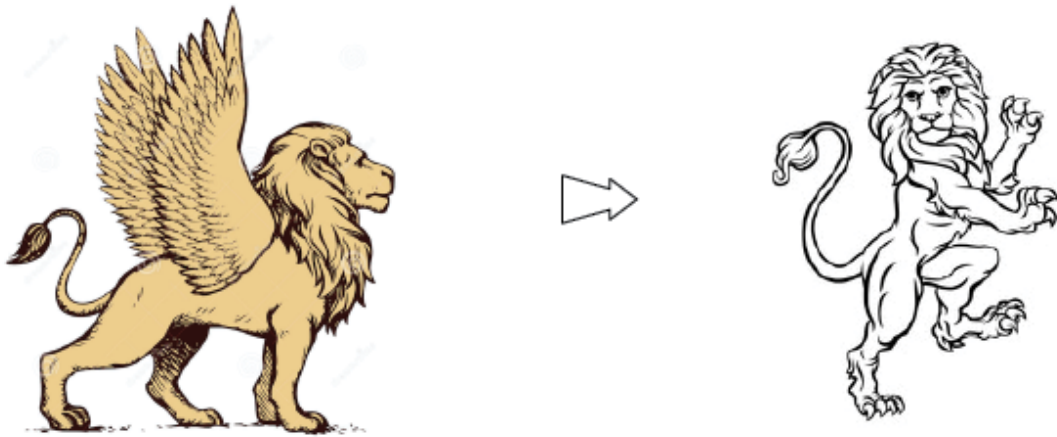


Stone  
(King & Kingdom)

So far we have identified the first three kingdoms of the statue. Now it's time to try to see how the kingdoms represented by the four beasts fit in. Let us start with the presumption that the first beast is also the first kingdom of the statue. If so, then it looks like this with each dream shown in a vertical column and with each corresponding Kingdom lined up horizontally by row.



Do we have any confirmation from the word that this is the correct alignment for the beasts? Yes! The first witness from the Word is the Lion. To see this Lion as representing Nebuchadnezzar & his Kingdom of Babylon, we continue in the Word from where we left off earlier regarding the Lion.



*“The first beast was like a lion with eagles’ wings. As I watched, its wings were pulled off, and it was left standing with its two hind feet on the ground, like a human being. And it was given a human mind.”*

***Daniel 7:1-4 New Living Translation (NLT)***

What has happened here? Well, what do the wings represent? The answer of course is found in the Word. We list just a few of those places here.

*“...With their [the cherubim] wings spread above it, they will protect it.”*

***Exodus 25:20 & also Exodus 37:9 NLT***

*“May...the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you...”*

***Ruth 2:12 NLT***

*“...He will shelter you with his wings...”*

***Psalms 91:4 NLT***

*“...How often I wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings...”*

***Luke 13:34 NLT***

From these verses we understand that wings are symbolic of a covering of protection & shelter by the one in charge. So when the wings are removed, the symbolism is that the authority to cover is taken away. When the Lion stands up like a man and is given a mind like a man, we see a transformation from a beast into a man. We know that man is like a beast until God does a transforming work in the mind & heart of man.

*“18. I said in my heart concerning the matter of the sons of man that God might cleanse them, so as to see that they themselves are beasts.”*

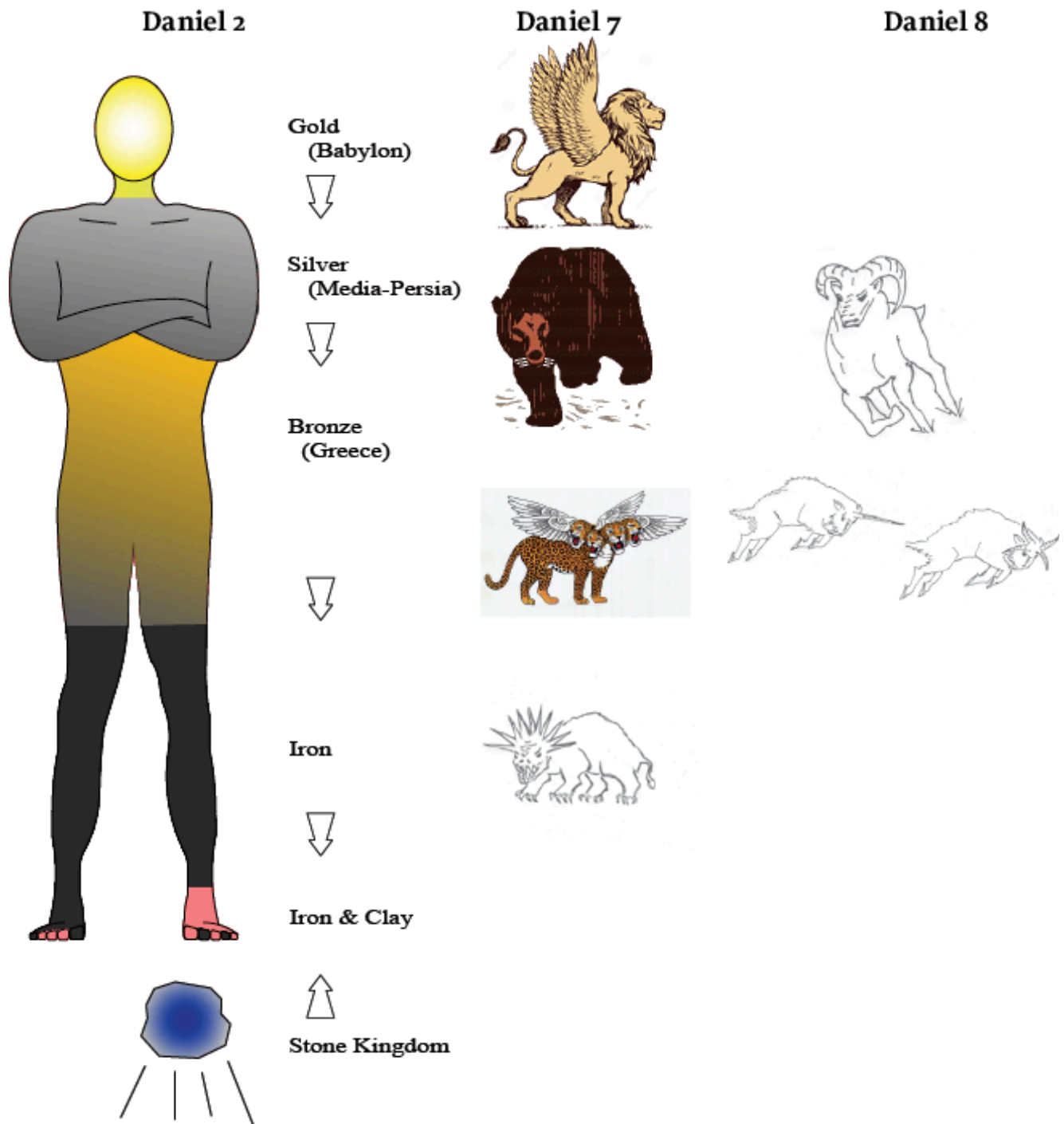
***Ecclesiastes 3:18 Young’s Literal Translation***

In summary, the King of the Lion Kingdom loses his kingship, but at the end of his trials he becomes enlightened to serve God. This indeed happened to Nebuchadnezzar of



Babylon, (**Daniel 4**). The Lion thus fits as another symbol for the head of gold. The 2nd Beast also fits the pattern. One side of the bear is higher than the other because he has two legs raised. This symbol aligns with the two-sized horns of the ram, which are Media & Persia. The 3rd Beast likewise is a match; the Leopard, has four heads; and heads represent rulers. This corresponds with the Goat of 4-horns, for horns represent power, as seen in kings or rulers. Thus both the Leopard & the Goats represent Greece.

We conclude that yes, this is the correct alignment of the messages of the three dreams:



## Part 5: Two Previous Kingdoms

The puzzle is coming together. The next piece to find would be to identify the fourth Beast. What Kingdom is represented by the fourth Beast? It is found in the Word, but is hidden somewhat. We begin with the first clue shown here with the first three Beasts.



**2 Wings of Babylon**



**3 Ribs of Media-Persia**



**4 Wings of Greece**

The pattern is hard to miss. Babylon had conquered and acquired two kingdoms; for wings speak of coverings. Babylon had the control & responsibility for two unmentioned previous kingdoms.

Next, the Media-Persian bear devoured three ribs. Each rib is a fitting symbol for a kingdom under Media-Persia's control. One of these three ribs was Babylon; the other two of which were those that Babylon had gathered.

Lastly, Greece brought four kingdoms under its dominion. One of course was Media-Persia. Another was naturally Babylon, which had become part of the Median-Persian Empire. The other two were those that had been collected by Babylon within her expanded boundaries.

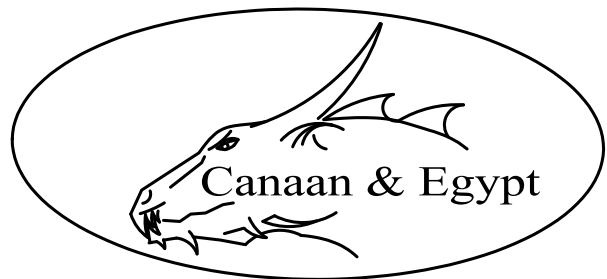
It will be helpful in the long run to identify what the two kingdoms were prior to Babylon. So, what do we know about the first two? We notice that all of these kingdoms have an impact on God's people. To identify prior kingdoms, we have to first ask ourselves what exactly do all of these nations have in common concerning Israel, the nation called to be a nation of sons? We find the answer in this verse given earlier in Daniel's second dream.

*"...19. and he [Gabriel] said, Behold, I am acquainting you with what is coming in THE LAST OF THE MENACE TO THE SONS OF YOUR PEOPLE, seeing that it is FOR THE APPOINTED TIME OF THE END."* **Daniel 8:19 The Concordant Version**

All of these nations are a "menace" to the people of the Covenant. This word "menace" is Strong's word #2195 in the Hebrew. This Hebrew word is found 10 times in the Old Covenant and it is translated 8 times in most translations as "indignation". Along with its root word( #2194) it is also translated as "anger", "rage", "defy", and "abhor". From this we see that God has placed His people among hostile countries. He has placed them where they were to be constantly challenged (with rare spots of peace), by enemy nations that were far greater than themselves. The conflicts were (and still are), often severe beyond comprehension. The Bible & history books are full of stories of this constant conflict.

Yet Daniel is told that it is orchestrated by God for a divine purpose. God is obviously in control because He tells what is to happen. The purpose will be seen clearest in hindsight when the end of the struggles finally arrive. The purpose is now seen as testing to help Israel (nation of first-born sons), to mature. Specifically, to help them to realize the horror of going the way of Man apart from God...to the point that it will cause them to take action; which causes them to grow in character, in understanding, in accountability, and in responsibility. God gave them the Promised Land, but their part was to clear it of the giants. This is always the walk of grace by faith, which even we find within ourselves.

Israel must realize the need to take a stand at all costs for righteousness; to do the right thing; the thing that God requires by Word & Spirit. Before ruling in His authority, His people must realize the consequences of not moving faith into action, for the enemy is moving constantly with a hateful vengeance. His people must learn to rule with a rod of iron in His nature of love. His people must be aggressive in knowing & implementing God's law & ways. It is all about who will rule...which government...which kingdom. And now today, finally all of the mixture, all of the middle ground, is disappearing. Everyone must take a stand toward one side or the other. This is separation before a harvest as seen throughout scripture; such as homes with blood on the doorways vs. those without; those gathering to Korah vs. those to Moses; & those going into the Temple of Baal party vs. those outside with Jehu. The harvesting of wheat and tares has begun. So, which kingdom was the first to menace/provoke Israel into action? Right in the beginning, it was Canaan & Egypt.

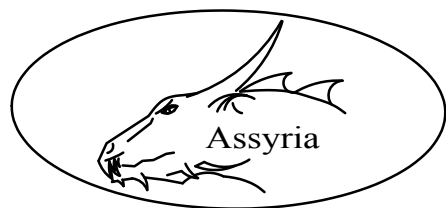
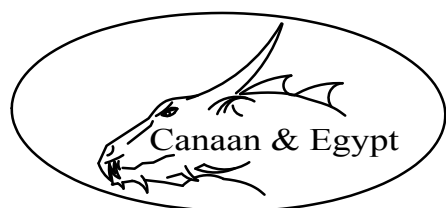


We easily grasp “Egypt”, for the nation of firstborn sons was birthed at the Exodus; but why do we lump “Canaan” along with Egypt? Because the conflict against Israel began with the promise of the nation. That extended back to the promise to Abraham; for God spoke it as though it was. Their first conflict would be with the power of “Egypt & Canaan”. Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob had struggles with both Canaan & Egypt. Furthermore, both before and after Egyptian bondage, the struggle was with Canaan, which was often under Egyptian control. This struggle with Canaan & Egypt was to last for a total of 430 years. Most translations for the verse below say that they were “in Egypt for 430 years”, but that is contradictory to other timelines within the Bible, (see my “Bible Timeline Workbook” under Eric’s Library at our website listed at the end of the study). Also at that site see our article on “Mistranslations/Religious Myths” to learn more about this verse.

*“12. Now the dwelling of the sons of Israel AND THEIR FATHERS who dwelt in the land of Canaan and in the land of Egypt was four hundred thirty years.”*  
**Exodus 12:40 Concordant Version Translation**

At least one ancient Hebrew manuscript has them being in CANAAN AND EGYPT for 430 years. And truly Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were challenged in their walk by faith with both Canaan & Egypt. Biblically they are seen as one, as were Media & Persia.

The next major Kingdom to conquer God’s people was ASSYRIA. That nation removed the 10 northern tribes of Israel from their land some time before Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon removed the rest from the nation of Judah. Assyria had dominion over Egypt & Canaan. Then Babylon conquered Assyria along with their territory of Egypt & Canaan. So the two wings (coverings over), of the Babylonian Lion look like this:



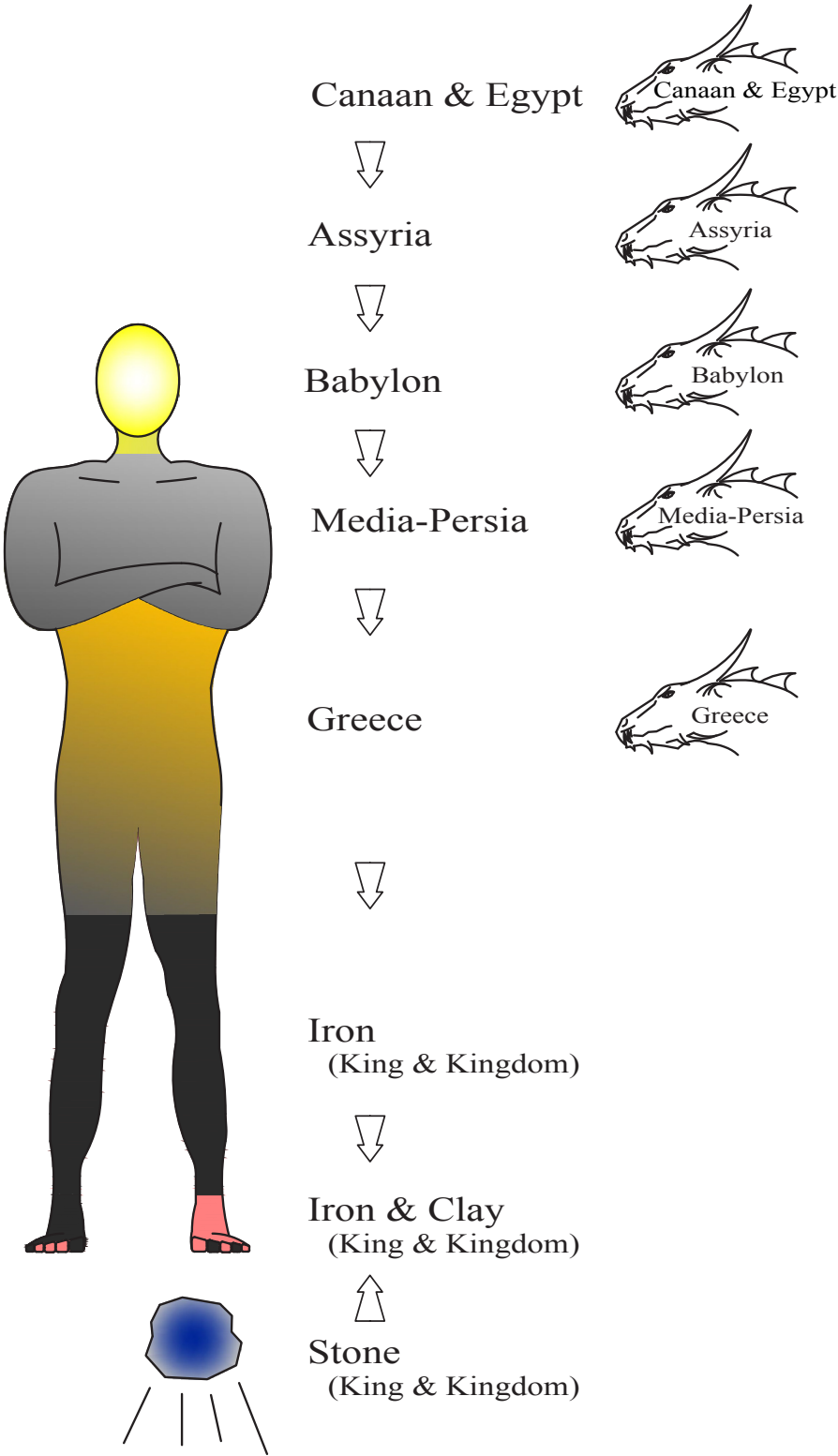
1st Kingdom to stretch Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the nation of Israel.

The Fathers were in Canaan 215 years, then the descendants of Israel were in the womb of Egypt for 215 years. (for a total of 430 years.)

2nd Kingdom to afflict the nation of Israel.

The size of the oppressors increases, to stay ahead of the size of growing Israel.

Now let's see what the big picture looks like:



Our next task is to determine, what is the Iron Kingdom? The above cumulative info from the three confirming dreams gives us what we need to know for the next step.

## Part 6: The Kingdom of Iron

The apostle John declares who the Iron Kingdom is, while confirming what we have already gathered from the Word.

*“9...The seven heads are seven hills [translated as “mountains” in many translations] on which the woman sits.*

*10. They are also SEVEN KINGS.*

*FIVE HAVE FALLEN,*

*ONE IS [at the time that John hears this],*

*THE OTHER HAS NOT YET COME;...”*

*Revelation 17:9-10 New International Version 2011*

We know from **Daniel 2:35** that a mountain is a symbol of a kingdom.

*“35...And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” Daniel 2:35 New King James Version*

Returning to John’s quote above, we see that in his time there were five previous kings with their menacing kingdoms. Then the king/kingdom of “the one that is”, points to being the sixth overall kingdom. The “one that is” was the one that existed while John lived upon the earth. We also know from many verses of the books of the Renewed (New) Covenant that the Roman Empire ruled over Judea during John’s lifetime. We can find the verses from the birth of Jesus to His crucifixion and beyond. Therefore this identifies the sixth Beast (“the one that is”), as the Kingdom of Rome. The Iron Kingdom is Rome.

Before we look at the updated big picture, we note that John was told that a seventh Kingdom would follow some time after Rome. This ties in perfectly with the statue seen in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, for there is another kingdom after Rome. It is the Iron-Clay Kingdom of the Feet. Before exploring the seventh kingdom, here is the summary of what we have so far.

1. Canaan & Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Media & Persia
5. Greece
6. Rome
7. The Kingdom of the Feet as “?”

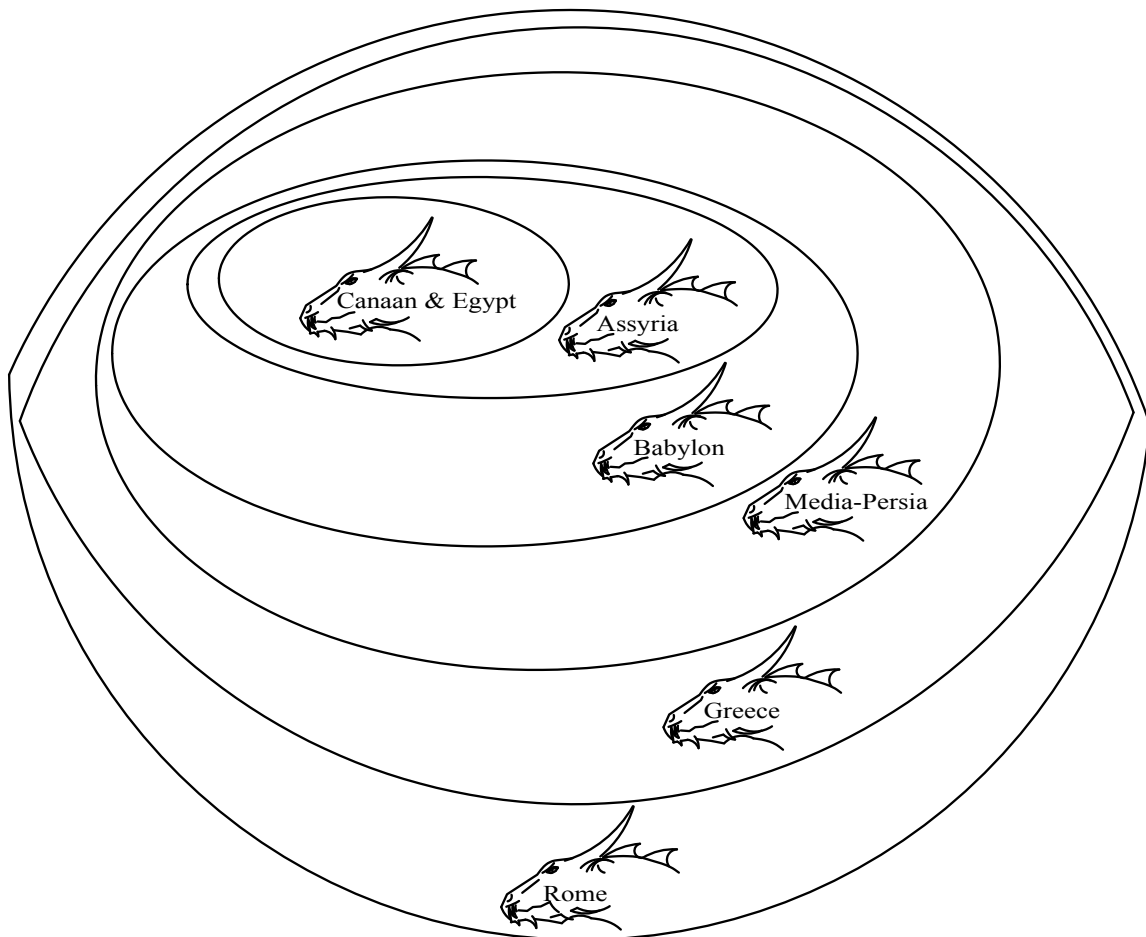


## Part 7: The Last Two Kingdoms

For this seventh kingdom we have several clues from the Word. When the clues are carefully examined & assembled, then the Feet Kingdom can be easily identified. All of the names of the first six kingdoms have been named in the Word. The seventh will be after John's time. That means that it will follow the writing of the Renewed (New) Covenant. So far we have uncovered everything using just the Word by His Spirit.

Yet we do have clues from the Word to help us spot this seventh kingdom. We'll uncover the clues one at a time, in no particular order. Here is what we can look for.

**First Clue:** Each fierce, antagonist nation had acquired the territory of the previous nation. The opposition grows in time, to keep ahead of the expansion of the knowledge & ways of God upon the earth. God's Plan (as shown in Introductory Lesson), is to have His glory through a people to cover the earth as the waters cover the seas. The last kingdom, the Stone Kingdom, is His Kingdom (mountain), that will replace them all.



This truth tells us that the seventh kingdom will acquire the territory of Rome. What area was included in the Roman Empire?

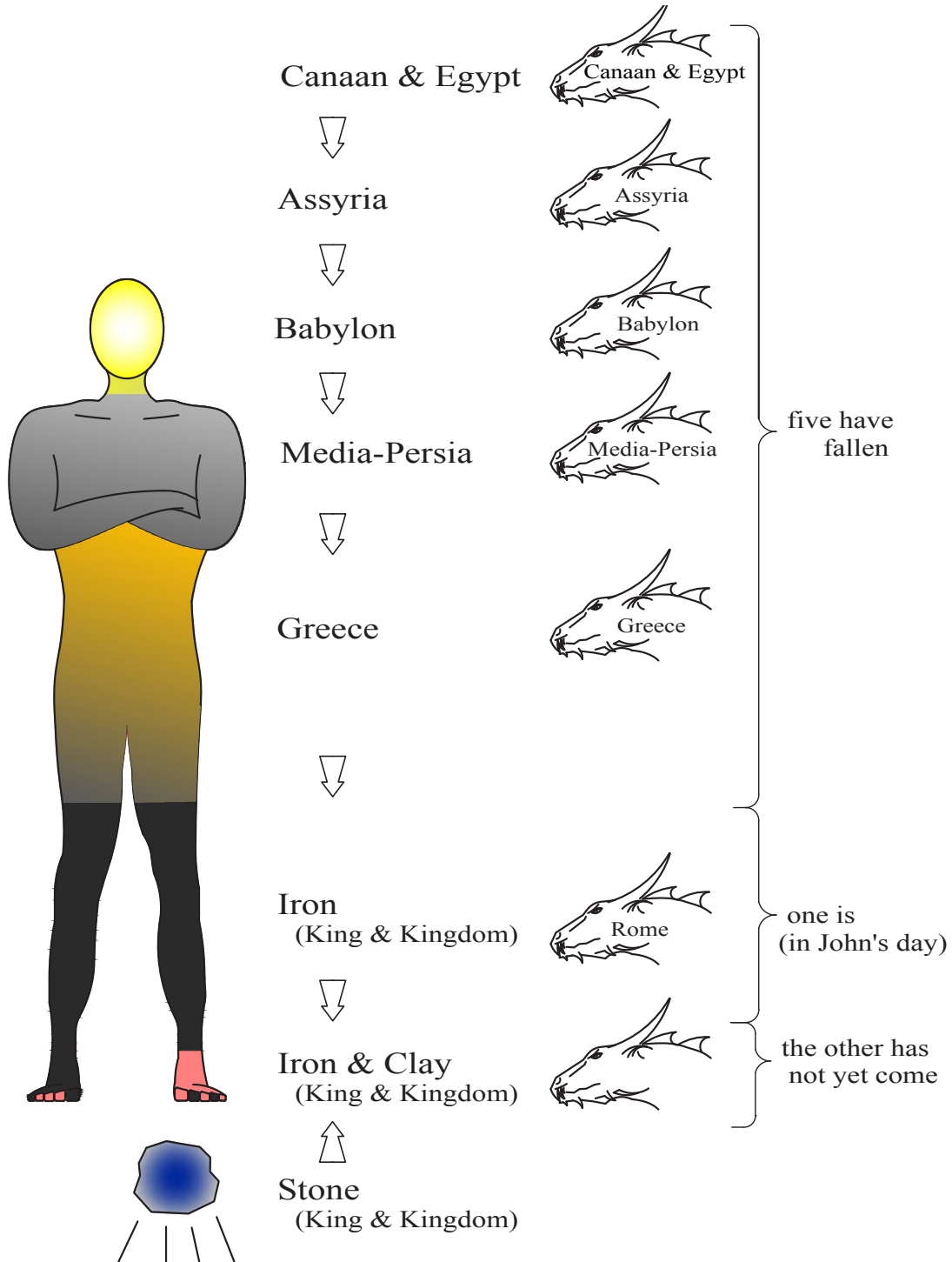
- It included Europe (halting at England), North Africa & much of the Middle East

**Second Clue:** The seventh kingdom is in the future from John's time, since Rome was the predominant power throughout the rest of the written Word.

- Will come some time after Rome

*"10. They are also seven kings. five have fallen,  
one is [at the time that John hears this],  
THE OTHER HAS NOT YET COME;"*

**Revelation 17:9-10 New International Version 2011**



**Third Clue:** The seventh kingdom as shown above will only last a relatively short time.

- Will only last a few years.

*“...but when he does come, HE MUST REMAIN ONLY A LITTLE WHILE.”*

*Revelation 17:10 New International Version 2011*

**Fourth Clue:** A major part of the “Feet Kingdom” is iron, which is the character of its previous kingdom, Rome. It is not an extension of Rome because it is defined as the one that comes after the “one that is” in John’s time. It is a different kingdom than Rome, yet has a good bit of iron. So we recall the characteristics of the sixth kingdom, Rome.

*“7. Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast [4th for this dream, but 6th in the big picture]—TERRIFYING, DREADFUL, and VERY STRONG. IT DEVoured AND CRUSHED ITS VICTIMS WITH HUGE IRON TEETH AND TRAMPLED THEIR REMAINS BENEATH ITS FEET. It was different from any of the other beasts, and it had ten horns.”*

*Daniel 7:7 (NLT)*

Yet the seventh kingdom, although it has the nature of the sixth, it is in fact far worse. How do we know that? We know from Daniel’s interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream that each succeeding kingdom is inferior to the previous, just as silver is inferior to gold and each succeeding metal is inferior to the previous.

*“39. But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, INFERIOR TO YOURS, will rise to take your place.”*

*Daniel 2:39 New Living Translation*

What started out high as gold, symbolic of the nature of God, ended up low with dirt, symbolic of the nature of man. We can summarize the nature of the seventh kingdom:

- very strong and able to inflict much damage.
- merciless from head to toe.
- seeks to destroy what escaped its initial onslaught.
- the most ungodly manifestation of the kingdom of Adamic man so far.

**Fifth Clue:** The seventh kingdom once again, has much iron. This also points to its origin as from within the Iron Kingdom’s territory. This differs from the pattern of the previous kingdoms.

- It’s origin can be found within the boundaries of the Roman Empire.

## Sixth Clue:

*“43... as iron and clay do not mix. 44. DURING THE REIGNS OF THOSE KINGS [the kings of the iron/clay kingdom], the GOD OF HEAVEN WILL SET UP A KINGDOM that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever.”*  
*Daniel 2:43, 44 New Living Translation*

- The 8th kingdom starts to be set up while some of the 7th kingdom rulers are in power.

To unlock the mystery of the seventh kingdom it would help us to discover more about the Stone Kingdom & the transition between them. Here we see that God's kingdom, (the Stone Kingdom), is set up at the time when some of the rulers of the “Feet Kingdom” of the statue are still alive. This tells us that the Stone Kingdom does *NOT* fit as Yeshua (Jesus), in His atonement, nor does “Christianity/Church” fit; because this stone-event is happening at the end of the Iron-Clay Feet Kingdom, which was the one “yet to come”. In other words, the Iron-Clay Feet Kingdom comes *AFTER* John, who was already a believer in the Messiah and baptized with His Spirit. So then what is this “Kingdom set up by God”?!

Taken in perspective, we see first that the three dreams are all symbolic of kings, kingdoms, and people upon the earth in the natural realm. John sees that God has birthed both His Word (Law) & His Spirit, through the Kingdom of Israel; yet God's Kingdom is far from being established on the earth in his time. John knows that the kingdom of the Lord is within a people, and that they are increasing in number, but that they have a long way to go before becoming a ruling earthly kingdom. John most likely saw the Stone Kingdom/God's Kingdom as the Holy Spirit ruling through a people starting in a restored nation of Israel.

This is the definition of “Israel”, (from Strong's Hebrew word #3478), means “he rules as God”. When God called Israel as a new-born nation out of Egypt, He called them a nation of firstborn sons. This was Israel's calling as a nation. God has not abandoned the idea. Even now He is raising up people who are led by His Spirit. They rule within and without in righteousness. Truly this eighth kingdom is “Israel”. Remember the heart cry of the apostles? ***“When will you restore the nation of Israel?”*** (Acts 1:6). First Israel will be established upon her ancient territory. Then the people as a nation will be filled and changed by His Spirit. First the natural, and then the spiritual. This raises many questions, but we will stick to the natural for now.

The land of ancient Israel was miraculously restored to Jews at the end of WWII. Does that fit...Germany then Israel? We see that in 1945 the Kingdom of Germany gave up. They had devoured & trampled Jews to an extent far beyond the efforts of any previous nation. In that same year the Arab League was formed to prevent the creation of a Jewish State. All could see it coming, both Jews and enemies. In 1947 the United Nations declared some land for the Jewish State. In 1948 the Jewish State declared its independence. Rather than naming the new nation as “Judea”, they named it “Israel”.

That was/is prophetic. (Perhaps our future writings will be able to elaborate on that.) The new nation was promptly attacked by a far superior force of surrounding Arab nations. Miraculously Israel won and held their land. This scenario repeated in 1967 which expanded their territory. In 2018 we see that it is about to happen again as 57 Islamic nations unite to destroy it. But Israel is promised in the Word to have all of the land from the Nile to the Euphrates. God will intervene. His plan will remain on time. The mountain is growing.

But do *ALL* of the clues line up with the seventh kingdom being Germany, and the Stone Kingdom being “Israel”? Let’s see:

**First Clue:**

- Acquires rule over the land of the previous kingdom.

The previous kingdom was Rome, which included Europe, North Africa, & a good part of the Middle East, with Great Britain as their expansion edge.

*Yes, Germany ruled this territory.*

**Second Clue:**

- Would come into being after the Kingdom of Rome and the early Christian era.

*Yes, the Kingdom of Germany didn’t come until after Rome & the early church.*

**Third Clue:**

- Would only exist for a short time as a dominant kingdom.

*Yes, the Kingdom of Germany lasted only a few years.*

**Fourth Clue:**

- Would be very strong and able to inflict much damage to the seed of Israel.
- Would be merciless from head to toe, (beginning to end).
- Would be relentless in destroying the seed of Israel.
- Would be the most ungodly manifestation of the kingdom of Adamic man so far.

*Yes, the Kingdom of Germany was all of this.*

**Fifth Clue:**

- Would emerge from within the territory of the previous kingdom.

*Yes, Germany is located within Europe, the heart of the Roman Empire.*

**Sixth Clue:**

- The Stone Kingdom would have its inception while some rulers still lived.

*Yes, some of the rulers of Germany lived to see the establishment of the nation “Israel”.*

*Pressure & plans were building for a Jewish nation during WWII as Jews desperately sought a safe place of refuge, but could not find any, not even the USA.*

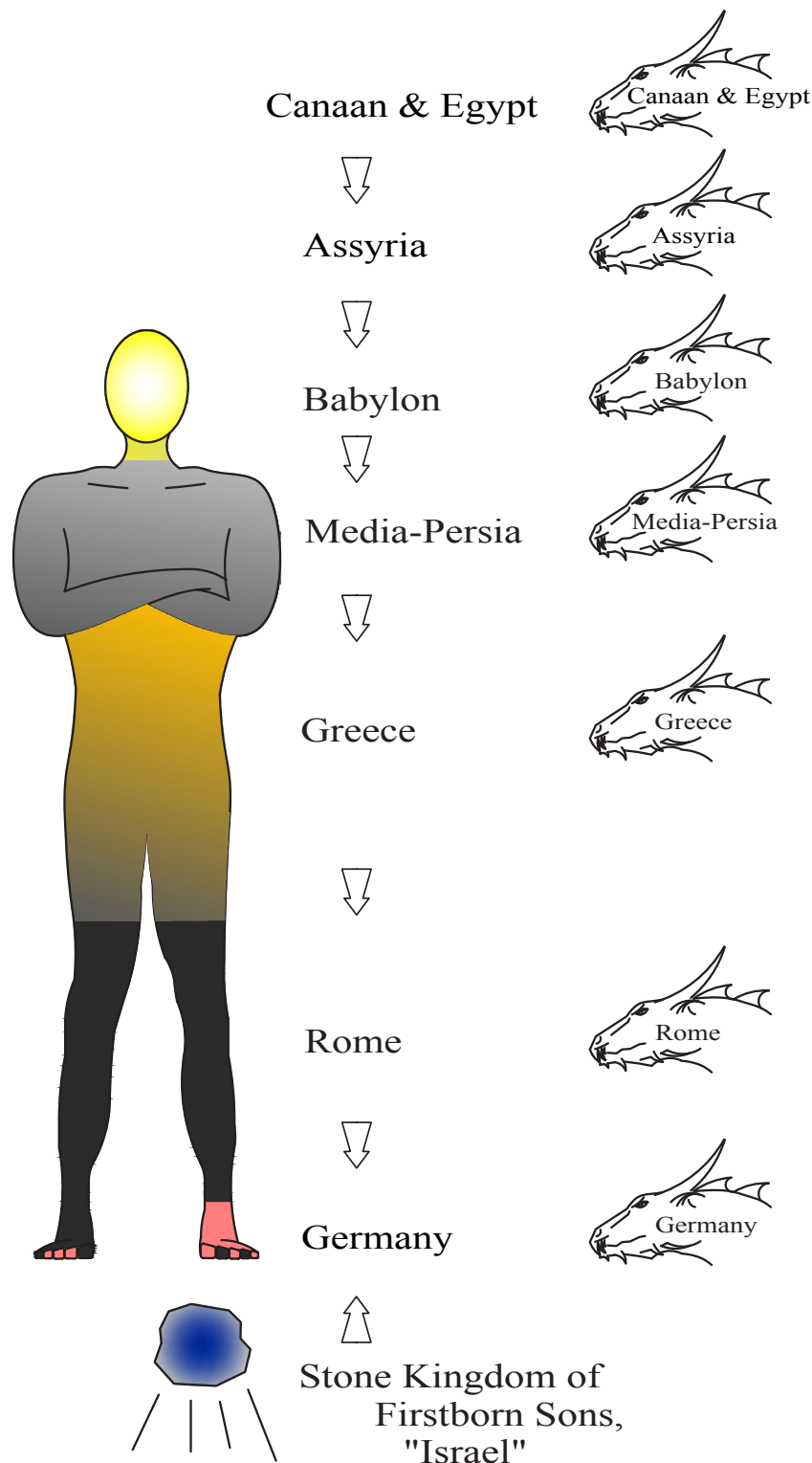
There is no other Kingdom that will fit all of the clues about the seventh kingdom and what follows. It took this entire Lesson to view an overlap of the three chapters of Daniel and a chapter of Revelation to build the skeleton truth upon which all of the other details are to be fitted.

What began as a little legless snake in the garden ends as a monstrous beast working through the feet of many nations of Adam. When there is no longer a purpose for an adversary, then all of the governments of man are blown away like chaff to never return.

Yes, our summary is likely different than what we've been taught; however we are now coming into more light, which brings more illumination of the Word. This framework in the natural now lays the groundwork to explain what this all means spiritually. This Lesson is now in place as good reference for recent & upcoming lessons, studies & blogs.

We conclude now with a final summary diagram on the next page.





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