

CHAPTER 2

Vision #2-Zechariah 1:18-21

The Four Horns and Four Craftsmen

¹⁸ Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. ¹⁹ And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."²⁰ Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. ²¹ And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

At the writing of Zechariah's second vision there had been two horns and one craftsman. The horns clearly, in Scripture, stand for power and authority—specifically, in this case, earthly administrative powers which have scattered Judah (i.e., "*horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.*").

These four horns, or four kingdoms or foreign nations that oppressed Israel (i.e., participate in the scattering of Judah) are symbols of strength or military might (cf. I Samuel 2, Psalm 18:2; Psalm 75:10, Jeremiah 48:25; also, I Kings 22:11; Deuteronomy 33:17 and Ezekiel 34:21). One is familiar with the Ten-horned Beast of the Revelation and of the Eleventh Horn (Antichrist) and of the Lamb with Seven Horns, the Perfection of Authority.

What we are witnessing in Zechariah's second vision is the **progression of Gentile World Powers** that directly have (i.e., Babylon and Medo-Persia) participated in the scattering of Judah, or shortly shall participate (i.e., Greece and Rome) in scattering God's people.

The craftsmen are raised up to tear down the horns that have scattered Jerusalem—a pattern develops. The Babylonian horn comes to discipline Jerusalem; then they "exceed their jurisdiction" and the first craftsman (i.e., the Medo-Persians) comes in and whittles the first horn down (i.e., the craftsman is the one who can fashion a horn).

Then, the first craftsman becomes the second horn, replacing the first horn; then, the second craftsman comes along (Greece) and whittles on the second horn. Then, after the third craftsman comes along (Rome) and whittles on the third horn

(Greece), then he will become the fourth horn. Then the fourth horn (Rome) awaits his final demise by the fourth craftsman—the pattern is viewed thusly:

FOUR HORNS	FOUR CRAFTSMEN
Babylon	Medo-Persia
Medo-Persian	Greece
Greece	Rome
Rome	(?)

Zechariah’s insights into the progression of these Gentile World Powers were divinely prejudiced by his keen awareness of Israel’s captivity under Babylonian and Medo-Persian rule. The horn, as seen in Daniel 7:24 and Revelation 17:12 and of the four world empires in Daniel 2:36-44 and 7:3-7 are clearly in view here (cf. Scofield Reference Notes, 1917 Edition).¹

I would also concur with the Scofield Reference Notes, that it is not until Zechariah 6:1-8 and the eighth vision (or as C. I. Scofield says, “tenth vision”—for some have broken down the eight visions into a greater number using the vision of the High Priest and breaking into two separate visions; the vision of the Four Chariots and the Two Mountains of Brass as two separate visions, etc.), wherein the four chariots and horses (which, in this case stand for the power of God earthward in judgment; Jeremiah 46:9, 10; Joel 2:3-11; Nahum 3:1-7) actually administer the Lord’s judgments upon the Gentile nations north and south in the day of the Lord (ref. Isaiah 2:10-22; Revelation 19:11-21). These four chariots in Zechariah 6:1-8 are referred to as the “spirits” or four angels, which are also mentioned in Revelation 7:1-3 and Revelation 9:14 and 15. These have also a ministry earthward, and of like nature with the “spirits” of Zechariah 6:1-8, viz., judgment.

In Zechariah 1:7-17, the earth had been described as being “at rest” but I brought to your attention that this “smugness” among the Gentiles was not a rest of God but more akin to a “prosperous ease” – that is, the nations of the earth were unconcerned about the plight of the Lord’s people in Jerusalem and, quite frankly, could care less. Understandably, God proclaimed Himself (Zechariah 1:15) as being: ***“Very angry with the nations that are at ease.”***

Immediately after Zechariah’s first vision, the Lord makes it plain to him that a time was coming when His judgment was to fall upon all the nations that were instrumental in scattering Judah and going beyond the bounds that He had laid upon them (Zechariah 1:15). These horns would be flattened (Zechariah 1:21)

and Babylon would be laid waste by God Himself (Zechariah 2:9); however, it is not until Zechariah 6:1-8 that God pronounces that the time has come to pay back Babylon for all that it has done to His people (Zechariah 6:8). If you would, in Zechariah 1:7-17, God's anger is made known but, in Zechariah 6:1-8, it is satisfied.

And, once again, what you are witnessing here is timeless and is adumbrative in essence—i.e., the Babylon in Zechariah 6:1-8 is the final judgment upon that Great City and this can be proven by the sequence of the visions throughout Zechariah's eight visions, for it is only after that final judgment in Chapter 6 of Zechariah do we encounter the crowning of Joshua the High Priest as King and the Proclamation of the Kingdom is made.

Thus, the question mark (“?”) made in our chart is purposeful in nature, for the final fourth craftsman is NOT another Gentile World Power—but is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the same one mentioned in Daniel 2:44-45:

“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 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 “Fourth Craftsman” – the ***“Stone cut out of the mountain without human hands”*** – this is the One Who in ***“the days of these kings”*** shall set up a kingdom that shall not be left to other people—His kingdom will break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever! In reality, His final judgment upon Babylon, that Great City, that epitomizes the entire edifice of the Image seen by the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar (with its sundry Gentile World Power metals and of clay) shall, at His glorious appearing, His Second Coming, utterly destroy, smash to smithereens, the kingdoms of this world!

We are dealing here with Gentile World Powers (i.e., “horns”)—horns which were seen in Zechariah's second vision and which carry profound meaning into the future. The future was immediately beyond that of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon and the Medo-Persian Empire—to that of Greece and Rome; however, it extends far beyond the environs of ancient Rome, into that final manifestation of the colossus that arose upon the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates, the cradle of our civilization.

It is that “final manifestation” of the Beast with TEN HORNS that appears in the Revelation:

“Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority” (Revelation 13:1-2).

The FOUR HORNS in Zechariah are directly related to the four kingdoms (Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, Roman); the TEN HORNS allude to the ten toes of the Image of Nebuchadnezzar and that final manifestation of the Beast’s Empire. The four horns were also depicted as beasts of the field: Babylon, the Lion; Medo-Persia, the Bear; Greece, the Leopard; and Rome as the beast described as:

“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” (Daniel 7:7).

There is this immediate association of the fourth beast and the ten horns. These horns, once again, symbolize authorities and/or kingdoms, and as such, in the Revelation, they are further amplified as follows:

“And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads” (Revelation 12:3).

And . . .

“But the angel said to me, ‘Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns . . . Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits . . . the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast . . . and the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make

her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire”
(Revelation 17:7, 9, 12, 16).

These sequences of verses clarify the Origins of the “ten horns” and of the seven heads—the Dragon, or Satan himself! Furthermore, the “earthly kingdom” of this Dragon is described as the “Beast with ten horns.” Thus, we have the sphere of the Beast’s Empire manifested in the ten horns—ten horns that were immediately seen in Daniel’s vision of the Beast with Ten Horns on it. The seven heads are seven mountains (not the “seven hills” of Rome) – but more likely depict the seven continents of the earth and of the Beast’s end-times’ “authority” over the earth (i.e., Australia, Antarctica, Asia, North America, South America, Europe, and Africa) but most assuredly the seven mountains represent the perfect domination (“7” is the number of completion) of the Antichrist-Beast over the earth during his final reign over the kings of the earth.

The composition of the Beast witnessed in Revelation 13:1-2 incorporates all the beasts of the previous three Gentile Kingdoms (Lion, Bear and Leopard), providing ample evidence of the evil evolution of this monster from the abyss. Make no mistake that its composition, along with iron teeth, and ten horns, belies its ultimate design: It is profoundly all that Western Civilization birthed, nourished, sustained, ingratiated, matured, and perfected—the apex of that civilization is seen in the clear and present leader of Western Civilization itself: The United States of America.

Without reservation we can attest to the leadership of Western Civilization now domiciled in America—to think otherwise, one would be historically remiss and adjudged by peers of history as irrelevant and even ignorant. It is not the egocentricity of an American who proffers this thought—it is a blatant geo-political reality, and to entertain otherwise, only reveals the total lack of historical perspective regarding the emergence of America’s economic, political-military, socio-cultural, and religious dominance of the planet.

Furthermore, the prophetic fact that Daniel’s introduction of the Ten-horned Beast is immediately elucidated:

“I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one (lit., a “younger one”) coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words (i.e., “great things”) . . . and out of them (i.e., the four horns of Greece and/or the four generals who took over Alexander the Great’s Empire) came a little horn (again, “young horn”) which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the

east, and toward the Glorious Land (i.e., Antiochus Epiphanes, as proto-type of the coming, end-times' Antichrist; cf. Daniel 8:10-12) (Daniel 7:8; 8:9).

The “Greco-Roman” Origins of the Antichrist-Beast are clearly outlined in these initial descriptions of the Ten-horned Beast from the abyss. First, in Daniel 7 the Ten-horns are aligned with the Roman fourth beast; then as the proto-type of the Antichrist-Beast (clearly Antiochus Epiphanes in his hideous attempts to Hellenize the Jews and the subsequent Maccabean revolt, denoting a multilevel prophetic fulfillment) in Daniel 8, both Roman and Grecian aspects of the Eleventh Horn are revealed.

With the subtraction of Judas Iscariot (the betrayer of Jesus and the one referred to by Jesus, after Satan entered his body to commit the dastardly deed, as “the son of perdition” (John 17:12)) there were “eleven apostles” (Acts 1:26). Suffice it to say, the number “eleven” in Scripture has negative connotations (i.e., the eleven sons of Canaan—“cursed be Canaan” and the “eleventh horn” of Daniel’s Antichrist-Beast). Although the eleventh horn is not mentioned by name in the Revelation, the Beast that arises from the sea is clearly the same figure seen by Daniel with the ten horns (Revelation 13:1) and the Second Beast, False Prophet, described in Revelation 13:11 possesses TWO HORNS, as an anti-type of the Holy Spirit, for these horns are atop this “lamb-like” figure who ***“exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”***

This “expositional interlude” regarding the four horns of Zechariah’s vision has enabled us to highlight the prophetic relevance of Gentile World Power, and of that final Antichrist-Beast who, as the ***“son of perdition”*** (II Thessalonians 2:3) shall manifest the full fury of the “eleventh horn,” of whom it is said that ***“in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words”*** (Daniel 7:8b).

And, be it clearly delineated here, that the “sequence of events” depicted by Daniel, places the Ten-horned Beast from the sea and the domination of the eleventh horn PRIOR to the ascendancy and proclamation of the kingdom—i.e., the Millennial Kingdom does NOT take place until after the manifestation of the eleventh horn of Daniel, and this is confirmed by the Revelation:

“Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before

which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints (i.e., The Tribulation Period and/or the Seventieth Week of Daniel’s prophecy), and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom” (Daniel 7:19-22).

This is further substantiated by Daniel 7:23-27 (i.e., the sequence is the manifestation of the final Beast-Kingdom upon the earth and THEN the proclamation and Millennial kingdom is made):

“The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms (Note: Remember, the “fourth beast” evolves and develops into this Ten-horned Beast from the sea and is depicted as having an “eleventh horn” called “the younger horn” which arises from the ten.), and shall devour the whole earth (i.e., the sphere includes the “seven mountains” or seven continents—the whole earth), trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom (Note: They “arise” from the Original Roman Empire and are comprised of both “iron and clay” – of stronger and weaker European colonial nations which give “birth” to the “younger horn” or to the “eleventh horn”). And another shall rise after them (i.e., after the ten horns); he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings (This may refer to the Original “three kings” and/or the Babylonian, Medo-Persia and Grecian Empires OR on a “contemporary” level, since these ten horns exist and are precursors to the Antichrist-Beast (i.e., must be in existence at the “birth” of the eleventh horn), they could refer to three contemporary nations which frustrate the full domination of the eleventh horn, for they are subdued, to fully manifest this end-time’s Beast rule and reign over the earth—conjecture only, but this may refer to three European powers; namely: the Western, Middle and Eastern leadership of Europe and/or France, Germany and Russia). “He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time” (Note: This is the same three and one-half days mentioned in Revelation 11:9 and 11 or the forty-two months wherein the Holy City is trodden under foot by the Gentiles (Revelation 11:2) (Daniel 7:23-25).

“But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the 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” (Daniel 7:26-27).

Again, please notice the sequence: The ten-horned Beast clearly makes his move at the end of days; and, again, Revelation substantiates the futuristic interpretation of Daniel’s prophecy, for it was clearly written at the close of the first century, after the initial destruction and disbursement of the Jews, under Titus of Rome in 70 A.D., to wit:

***“After these things* (i.e., after the messages to the “seven churches of Asia” and of the Son of Man and the Seven Golden Lampstands) *I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here, and I will show you THINGS WHICH MUST TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS”* (my emphasis) (Revelation 4:1).**

***“Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet* (this is the “resurrection of the righteous dead”), *and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here,’ And they ascended to heaven in a cloud* (i.e., the same “rapture of the Church” mentioned in I Thessalonians 4:16-17), *and their enemies saw them . . . 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!’ . . . The One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned* (or “*begun to reign*”). *The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come* (this is the “wrath of the Lamb” which takes place AFTER the resurrection and rapture of the saints), *and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great and should destroy those who destroy the earth”* (Revelation 11:11-12, 15, 17-18).**

Daniel and John are in total sync relative to the revelation of Christ, the Son of Man, the development of that Great City and world civilization domiciled in the

West, graphically portrayed in the Rome of antiquity and of the progression through the past centuries of that Image which began to walk upon and trample asunder the kingdoms of this world until all seven continents are under the Beast's dominion. They see the breaking forth of the eleventh horn and the Beast with Ten Horns; they confirm the persecution of the saints (which later we learn are both Israel and the Church); and they attest to the resurrection and rapture of the Two Witnesses (again, as Israel and the Church) and of the coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords—i.e., the Millennial reign of Messiah.

Time and space will not allow me to be distracted by Amillenarian protestations that Christ has destroyed this Image at the cross and has established His everlasting kingdom through the exclusive purview of the Church, reigning in “heavenly places in Christ.” No, what is in view HERE is earthly in its manifestation and the day will come when the culmination of these visions in Zechariah will issue in the prophecy of the Crowning of Joshua the High Priest as King—that, my friends, is the Second Coming of Messiah, the Branch, as the Man Who alone can bring the *“counsel of peace between them both”* (i.e., the Priesthood and the Kingship—between the Church and the State—between Heaven and Earth).

Today, what we are witnessing is the “rage of the nations” once again:

“Why do the nations rage and imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Messiah (i.e., Anointed One), saying, ‘Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.’ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure; ‘Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree; the Lord has said to Me, You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel’” (Psalms 2:1-9).

Shortly, very shortly, this rage of the aforementioned colossus, of the Image seen in Daniel, will gather itself against the Lord and against His Messiah, but, the *“stone cut out of the mountain without human hands”* will smash the feet of the Image and cause it to be destroyed—*“You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”* The Fourth Craftsman is coming and *“shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”*

When the seventh trumpet shall sound – then, and only then shall you hear these 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!”

Then, and only then, will you understand the meaning of Zechariah 6:12-13:

“Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the Lord; yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. HE SHALL BEAR THE GLORY, and shall sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”

THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD

We have borne witness that the Lord’s anger is kindled against the *“nations at rest”* and that they who have *“lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.”* Now, they await their demise by the Gentile craftsmen and finally, by Him Who shall break in pieces the Image that epitomizes all that the Great City is or ever shall be: Mystery Babylon.

We shall yet witness in Zechariah’s third vision, that fateful and defining cry:

“Up, Up! Flee from the land of the north,’ says the Lord; ‘for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven,’ says the Lord. ‘Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.’ For thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye’” (Zechariah 2:6-8).

The “cosmic nature” of the Babylon we have just read, is much greater than your casual reading—you are being projected into the 21st Century—for the Bible’s timeless message awaits its final fulfillment . . .

Scripture is rife regarding a “Latter Day” nation that shall arise at the “end of the age” – this nation will glorify herself as a dazzlingly, beautiful QUEEN (Revelation 18:7). Many writers, some more than others, have contributed to the overall analysis contained in this immediate section.² Their analyses and projections regarding the development of Western Civilization and of its final

conclusion have been integrated into biblical themes which illuminate today's world. And, although I have alluded to portions of this material, its succinct presentation will further expose the evolution of the "Image of Shinar." Let us consider:

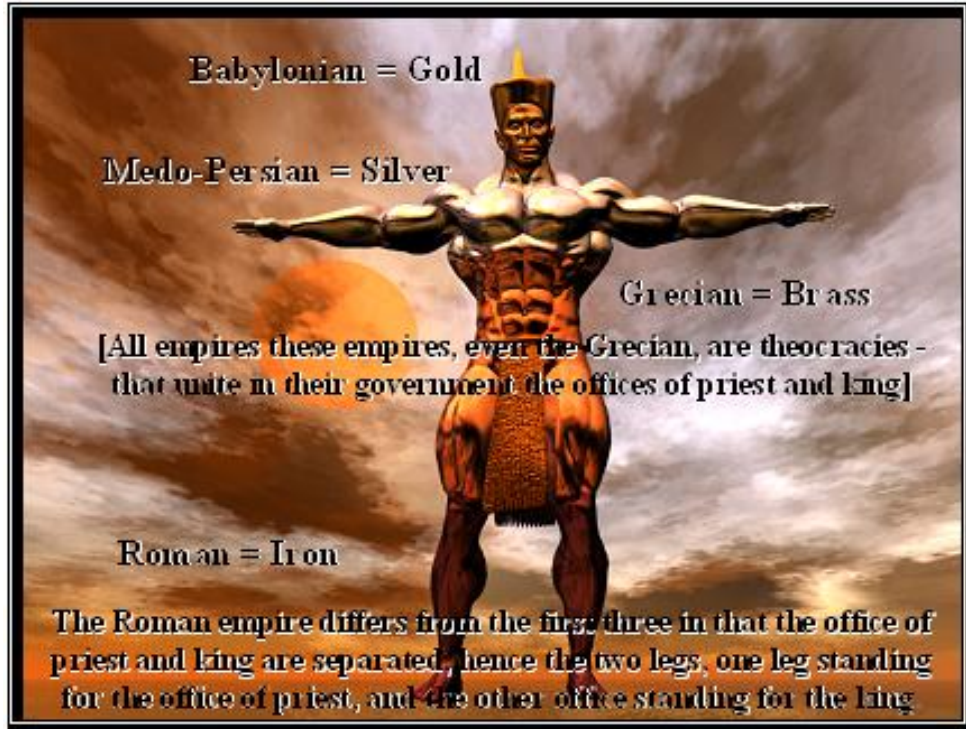
Copious descriptions of the fourth beast nation/king (i.e., the "Eleventh Horn") are briefly summarized:

- Dreadful (Daniel 7:7)
- Terrible (Daniel 7:7)
- Strong Exceedingly (Daniel 7:7)
- Devours (Daniel 7:7)
- Brakes in Pieces (Daniel 7:7)
- Overflowing Scourge (Isaiah 28:18)
- Beast-Nation (Daniel 7:7) will gain mastery over the entire earth and establish a ONE-WORLD EMPIRE that will bring ruin and poverty to the peoples and nations of the world.

Civilizations abound throughout the planet, but, again, the Bible's focus is dominated by one: WESTERN CIVILIZATION. Professor Samuel Huntington of Harvard University defines eight major civilizations of world importance:

- (1) Western (which includes Western Europe and North America)
- (2) Slavic-Orthodox (Russia, Eastern Europe, Armenia, etc.)
- (3) Islamic (which includes three subdivisions: Arab, Turkic and Malay)
- (4) Latin American
- (5) Hindu
- (6) Confucian
- (7) Japanese
- (8) African

The course and character of the world's most dominate civilization, i.e., WESTERN CIVILIZATION, is described in the Bible in Daniel 2:1-3, 5, 10, 14, 19-22, 26-28, 31-45. These Scriptures illustrate the growth of this civilization in the form of the Image, or colossus, seen in the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and interpreted by Daniel the prophet to him. Its head of gold was the very Babylonian Kingdom; its arms and chest of silver represented the Medo-Persian Empire; its mid-section of brass represented the Grecian Empire; its legs of iron represented the Roman Empire.




It must be pointed out that all these empires, even the Grecian, are theocracies – that unite in their government the offices of priest and king; however, the Roman Empire differs from the first three in that the office of priest and king are separated, hence the two legs, one leg standing for the office of priest, and the other office standing for the king.

The Western form of political power, which emerged in Rome, demanded, because of Christianity's presence, the separation of the priesthood from the kingship. This division of the secular from the spiritual was forced on the West because of Christ's inconvenient words: ***“Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars, and unto God the things that are God's”*** (Matthew 22:21). This has led to considerable weakness in the Western World (i.e., iron AND clay).


The Image's legs have been studied by expositors for centuries—some have thought they stood for Rome's Western and Eastern Empires—but a much clearer picture of the Image, reveals the Empire's legs are but the attempted balance between the State and the Church. As Rome commenced to governmentally disintegrate, and its control over the provinces began to weaken, she sought some way to unite her peoples—peoples who had embraced Christianity as their religion; and, since Rome was accustomed to “theocratize” her system of government, knowing full well her citizens would be untenable to govern without divine decree—she gladly embraced what she conceived was a natural: The Church. However, the Church's “posture” was held aloof because of the words of

Jesus concerning Caesar. Yet, over the centuries, the “arrangement” took on greater clarity and the “Doctrine of the Two Swords” became the Church’s methodology—and from thence, State and Church developed its legs.

**THE WESTERN FORM OF
POLITICAL POWER: THE DIVISION
OF THE PRIESTHOOD FROM THE
KINGSHIP**



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In 476 A.D. this great Western Civilization began to break apart politically (becoming partly clay and partly iron) but it continued to expand under the impress of its various parts: Spain, Britain, France, etc. Then, beginning in the late 1400s, it began a process of expansion, which extended its control over South and Central America, North America, Africa, Indian (including Pakistan), South Asia, Australia and New Zealand; and, finally, since the fall of the old Soviet Union, it has assumed economic, if not political control, of Russia and China. So great has Western domination of the world progressed that decisions made at the United Nations or in the International Monetary Fund are essentially Western decisions, led by the United States of America.

The colonization of the planet by the Western Nations was seen in the Image’s feet of iron and clay (some strong, some weaker nations), which began to walk throughout the world, establishing its dominance. I have conjectured that the ten toes, which eventually are shown in the Revelation as the ten horns of the Beast (from which the Eleventh Horn arises—the Antichrist), are ten primary European nations, who colonized the earth, to wit:

- (1) The United Kingdom
- (2) Spain
- (3) Portugal
- (4) Italy
- (5) Belgium
- (6) Germany
- (7) France
- (8) The Netherlands
- (9) Denmark
- (10) Sweden-Russia (i.e., Swedes Originally colonized Russia)
—All from the West.)

Out of the West, one nation has arisen to take control—to stand at the helm. The Bible speaks of one great nation that would arise in the “Latter Days” from among the various parts of this civilization and take control of it. The Bible speaks of this great nation as a “Younger Horn” – an “offspring” or “child” of this great civilization, the Western. Dwight Pentecost of Dallas Theological Seminary writes:

“From among those ten kingdoms (this civilization) there will arise one individual (another which) will have control over the whole dominion of the ten kings.”³ (my parentheses) (Please see note at end of this chapter regarding Daniel 7:8a.)

The Bible describes this “Younger Horn” in numerous passages of Scripture—I list but a few:

- Ezekiel 28:1-2; Jeremiah 51:13
- Jeremiah 50:37
- Revelation 18:4-5 and implied in Jeremiah 50:23
- Revelation 18:9; Jeremiah 50:23
- Revelation 18:3, 11, 12
- Jeremiah 50:38; 51:12-13
- Revelation 18:7
- Revelation 18:19, 23
- Implied in Revelation 18:22; Jeremiah 51:53
- Jeremiah 50:51; Revelation 18:18; Isaiah 13:19-22
- Jeremiah 51:7 and 51:53

Now, the evidence mounts . . . who could this nation be?

Let me quote today's world leaders:

Thomas Donnelly writes: "The fact of a one-world American Empire is hardly debated these days."

John Bolton writes: "There is no such thing as the UN. There is an international community that can be led by the only real power left in the world, and that is the United States when it suits our interests"

Gerhard Schroeder, the Chancellor of Germany remarked: "The war with Iraq will make it clear whether 'a multipolar world' can be preserved or whether the 'sole superpower' (i.e., the USA) will control international affairs in the future."

Luigi Barzini, the well-known Italian author, writes: "We Europeans have been reduced to the role of the Greeks in the Roman Empire. The most useful function an Italian or a Frenchman can perform these days is to teach an American the proper temperature at which to drink his red wine."

Oliver Wormser, president of the Bank of France, writes: "We are about as relevant to the Americans as a bunch of Caribbean banana republics."⁴

Yes, today the United States of America spends more on its military than all the rest of the nations on earth COMBINED. Militarily, the United States overspreads the world like some mighty colossus.

The War in Iraq serves to demonstrate in unmistakable terms to the Europeans the breathtaking military prowess of the United States while at the same time highlighting the humiliating military impotence of Europe—the Eleventh Horn has arisen from the Ten Horns, if you cannot see this, perhaps you simply refuse to see it!

AMERICAN-STYLE HEGEMONY

An Unholy Trinity has conspired to extend what has become known as the American New World Order System; comprised of:

- (1) The World Bank
- (2) The World Trade Organization (WTO – i.e., the GATT system)
- (3) The International Monetary Fund (IMF)

All three of the above are American-controlled institutions despite their internationalist façade. Of course, lurking in the background is the ubiquitous and looming presence of the United States military ready to pounce on any nation or group of nations foolish enough to challenge the authority of these globalists' institutions.

The veritable “racket” (and that’s what it really is) which under girds this American New World Order System is based upon and approximates the same kind of loan-sharking racket redevelopment agencies use to get control of properties slated for genteel, yuppie-land “redevelopment” projects in places like Georgetown in Washington D.C., or business redevelopment projects in Manhattan; for instance, in Lower Manhattan where the World Trade Center was built.

In the 1970s and early ‘80s a loan racket constructed to “hook” the nations of the Third World was pressed on these countries by private American banks like Citibank, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Morgan, Chase, etc.

By the mid-‘80s most of the Third World nations that had accepted these loans were beginning to reach a point where they were in danger of default. It’s then that the private banks passed the baton to the World Bank (the first member of the “unholy trinity” in America’s New World Order System)—and the trap was sprung!

The World Bank offered to loan money to “bail out” the Third World. Now one needs to be clear here about what these loans by the World Bank to the debtor nations were (are) really all about. One would think that the money being loaned is to help the poor in these countries. NOT! The money is being loaned so that the various debtor nations can continue to service the “interest” on their Original loans from the “private” banks that loaned the money in the first place. So it’s not the poor in these countries that are benefiting from the money loaned by the World Bank, but the “private banks” – Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Citibank, Morgan, etc.

Naturally enough, one would think that what these nations should do is simply “default” on the loans, and start over again. Sort of declare bankruptcy . . . that’s where the WTO (or the GATT system) comes into play and tightens the noose. Countries that default on their loans are simply “excluded” from international trade. They can’t buy anything on the international market—NOTHING! Not food, not oil, not medicine—absolutely nothing.

As a result of this “noose tightening” – most Third World countries opt to stay “in the system,” and accept the loans from the World Bank. And, this is

where the IMF, the third institution of the unholy trinity in America's New World Order System comes into play.

When a Third World nation accepts a World Bank loan, the nation receiving the money must agree to IMF oversight of the loan – which means – in effect – submitting their economies to IMF supervision (i.e., to IMF “restructuring terms”). In the common vernacular, this means “privatization.” Just mention this word to the nations of Latin America and then duck!

But, the Babylon of the Last Days is more than commercial greed and political power—she is pictured as a “Woman Riding a Beast.” She is a woman who has united herself with the Beast system—a system that we have labeled: The American New World Order System. The FINAL PICTURE, which the Bible gives this system, is that of a WOMAN RIDING A BEAST!

This shocking imagery depicts her as the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth—unequivocally, she is the Apostate Church.

The Apostle John warns us: *“the whole world (Kosmos) lieth in the evil one”* (I John 5:19). Furthermore, he challenges us: *“Do not love the world, or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world . . . comes not from the Father”* (I John 2:15-16). In sum, the church is to have nothing to do with the world. Why? Because, it belongs to Satan! We (the Church) are *“in the world, but not of the world.”*

APOSTASY—“The Woman Rides the Beast”

“Apostasy” means to “fall away.” The Bible says: *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a “falling away” first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition”* (II Thess. 2:3).

C. Peter Wagner says:

“The United States and the world are attempting to emerge from a history-altering catastrophe (by which Wagner means the destruction of the Twin Towers of September 11, 2001 by al-Qaeda). President Bush used well-chosen (and appropriate) language when he characterized this conflagration as a conflict between good and evil . . . for the first time in 50 years our nation is now unified, in heart and in voice, ready to shift from an era of peace to an era of war.”

Barbara Wentroble has “prophesied” –

“Eat and drink and gain new strength. Rise up and ‘get ready for war.’”⁵

They who have such an overweening sense of their own spiritual propriety and fancy themselves as “apostles” and “prophets” – having the right to speak on behalf of the church in this manner – do so at their own peril. I, for one, cannot imagine such arrogance among God’s people and that such impertinence shall incur a similar response which both our Lord Jesus Christ and the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, who most likely had these individuals in mind:

JESUS:

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15); also: *“False Christs, and false prophets (who) shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect”* (Matthew 24:24).

PAUL:

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works” (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

“Apostle” Rick Joyner writes:

“Some pastors and leaders who continue to resist this tide . . . must be removed from their place.”⁶

Unwittingly, Joyner borders on the fulfillment of Christ’s words, when He said:

“They shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake” (Luke 6:22); and again: *“Take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them”* (Mark 13:9).

False prophets and false Christs who somehow or other have actually come to believe that they are “doing service for God” by forcing the Gospel of Christ on unbelievers—even at the point of a sword and through the barrel of a gun. The same Christ who told His disciples, *“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you”* (Matthew 5:43).

Jesus severely warns us: *“Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, ‘This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me’ . . . in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men . . . they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch”* (Matthew 15:7-9, 14).

My friend, what Zechariah witnessed in the demise of the four horns that scattered Judah, was far more than meets the surface on the page of your Bible. It’s there, all right—if you read further, you will see it all. The calls to flee Babylon in Zechariah 3, and the subsequent revelations of the Universal Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees will catapult you from ancient Israel into your 21st Century, smack dab in the middle of Babylon. Be aware, what you are reading is happening right here and now—and you’re in it, trust me, you’re in it. Let us remove ourselves from these descriptions of Gentile World Power, and move with Zechariah into his third vision of the “Man with the Measuring Line in His Hand.”

(Note from Page 82, Regarding Daniel 7:8a)

“I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked by the roots.”

We’ve indicated that the ten kingdoms (i.e., the “ten toes” of Nebuchadnezzar’s Image) most likely represent ten nations of Europe (some strong (iron), some weak (clay)) who colonized the world—walking upon all peoples and tribes of the earth; in essence, the “March of Western Civilization” through Colonialism and issuing in the birth of the “American Experiment” – a composition of all these European colonial powers (“out of the ten”).

In particular, as Brian Piltz of Seattle, Washington has pointed out, the “three uprooted horns” of Daniel 7:8a, probably refer to those “first horns” (or the more “dominant” horns) of the Western European Colonial Powers who Originally occupied the whole of North America (excluding Russia). These “first three horns” were Britain, Spain and France—all uprooted by the USA.

