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THE FOUR GENTILE WORLD EMPIRES



1. Babylon

Head of Gold

Lion with Eagles' wings
(606 BC- 537 BC)



2. Medo-Persia

Breast and Arms of Silver

Bear with three ribs in mouth
(537 BC- 334 BC)



3. Greece

Belly and Thighs of Brass

Leopard with four heads and four wings
(334 BC- 64 BC)



4. Rome

Legs of Iron

A dreadful and terrible beast
(64 BC- Second Coming of Christ)

The Final Form of Rome

Feet and Toes part Iron and part Clay
10 horns on the beast



The Medo-Persian Empire- Dan 2:39

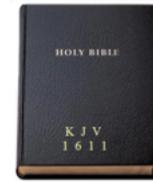


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THE BIBLE DETAILS OF THE FALL OF BABYLON TO THE MEDES AND PERSIANS

- 15) The fall of Babylon took place suddenly and unexpectedly (Jer 51:8), even though the Medes and Persians were an imminent threat
- 16) The fall of Babylon took place at a time the people were eating and drinking (Isa 21:5,9) and a time of feasting and drunkenness (Jer 51:39; Dan 5:1)
- 17) The fall of Babylon is a type of the day of the Lord (Isa 13:6) cf. (Isa 21:3; 1 The 5:2-3)
- 18) The Babylonian's hands were faint, their hearts melted, they were afraid, and pangs and sorrows took hold of them as a woman in travail (Isa 13:7-8; 21:3-4); the land trembled and sorrowed, and many of the men of war (i.e.- the mighty men) were frightened and refused to fight but hid themselves in their holds (Jer 51:29-30,32)
- 19) Some of the people in Babylon from other lands attempted to flee to their homelands, but every one of them was killed in the process, either by the sword or by bow and arrow (Isa 13:14-15; Jer 50:27-28)
- 20) The implications are that: (1) Cyrus gave orders for no one to leave the city and that any who attempted to do so would be considered a fugitive in league with Babylon; and (2) Cyrus camped a division of soldiers around the outside of the city with orders to "shoot on sight" anybody fleeing the city (Isa 13:15; Jer 50:9,14,29)
- 21) No arrows were spared; 100% of what needed to be launched, was launched (Jer 50:14)
- 22) None of the arrows shot by the Medes and Persians returned in vain; 100% hit their targets (Jer 50:9)

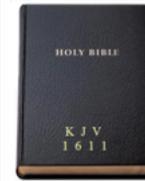
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- 23) The Medes killed all the mighty men (i.e.- men of war) of Babylon and all the young men in the streets (Jer 50:30; 51:3-4,56)
- 24) For those who were joined to Babylon, the Medes dashed their children to pieces before their eyes, ravished their wives, then thrust them through with the sword and spoiled their houses (Isa 13:15-16,18; Jer 50:30)
- 25) The weapons that were used in the taking of Babylon were ARROWS (Jer 50:9,14; 51:11), BOWS (Jer 50:14,29,42; 51:3), SWORDS (Jer 50:16,35-37; 51:50), and LANCE (Jer 50:42)
- 26) The storehouses and treasures of Babylon also became a spoil (Jer 50:10,26,37)
- 27) The sacred bulls were all slain (Jer 50:27) and the idols of their gods (Bel; Merodach) were broken (Jer 50:2; 51:44,47,52)
- 28) The broad walls of Babylon were broken and the gates were burned (Jer 51:44,58)
- 29) When it was clear that the fall of Babylon was imminent, posts sent the message to the king of Babylon (Belshazzar) that the city was taken and the men of war were afraid to fight (Jer 51:31-32)
- 30) The cities that were allied to Babylon were burned also (Jer 50:32)
- 31) The fall of Babylon stunned the rest of the world (Jer 50:46)
- 32) When Babylon fell in 537 BC, the kingdom was divided and given to the Medes AND Persians (Dan 5:28)



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