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THE REVISED ROMAN EMPIRE



Babylon
Head of Gold
Lion with Eagles' wings



Medo-Persia
Chest and Arms of Silver
Bear with 3 ribs in mouth



Greece
Belly and Thighs of Brass
4-headed Leopard with
4 wings



Rome
Legs of Iron and
Feet and Toes
part Iron and part Clay
Diverse Beast with 10 horns



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Introduction

- The ROMAN empire is the fourth and final Gentile world power and is represented by the legs of iron on the image in Daniel 2 (Dan 2:33,40-43) and the fourth beast from the sea in Daniel 7 (Dan 7:7,19,23)
- The REVISED ROMAN empire is the final FORM of the Roman empire that exists in the last days until the Second Coming of Christ, and is represented by the 10 toes on the image in Daniel 2 (Dan 2:33,41-43) and the 10 horns on the fourth beast in Daniel 7 (Dan 7:7-8,20,24)
- The popular and accepted expression used for the Roman empire in the last days is the REVIVED Roman empire
- The REVISED Roman empire in this series of lessons is the same entity as the REVIVED Roman empire
- The difference in the wording is reflective of a different viewpoint of the historical and current status of the Roman empire
- REVIVED= “to return to life; to recover life; to recover from a state of neglect, oblivion, obscurity, or depression; to be reanimated”

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- The word REVIVED implies that, at some point in history, the Roman empire ceased to exist or went dormant but will return to life or awaken at some point in the future
- Did the Roman empire really CEASE or is it possible that it simply CHANGED?
- REVISE= “to incorporate CHANGES in a previous version or proof; to alter; to make new, amended, improved, or up-to-date version; to make changes to correct or improve a previous copy”
- The answer to this question may be provided in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7
- Regardless, the Roman empire was in power at the time of the FIRST Coming of Christ and it will be in power at the time of the SECOND Coming of Christ
- Since there does not appear to be any “Caesars” ruling over Rome and the world today, there must be significant geo-political changes coming

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I) The Gentile World Powers During The Times Of The Gentiles

- There are two Biblical witnesses that declare the succession of Gentile world powers- Daniel 2 and Daniel 7

Deu 19:15

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: **at the mouth of two witnesses**, or at the mouth of three witnesses, **shall the matter be established**.

Matt 18:16

But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that **in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established**.

2 Cor 13:1

This is the third time I am coming to you. **In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established**.

- These are not the only world powers in history but those during the TIMES OF THE GENTILES

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Luke 21:24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and **Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

- The TIMES OF THE GENTILES is associated with the city of JERUSALEM and is a period of time in which Gentile powers consistently and continually tread down Jerusalem
- Gentiles have fought over and trodden down Jerusalem throughout its history, but the treading down that marks the times of the Gentiles begins after Jerusalem is established as the capital of the Jewish kingdom and site of the first temple
- The first Gentile power to capture and tread down Jerusalem after the Jewish kingdom was established and the temple was built was BABYLON in 587 BC
- In addition, this treading down creates and perpetuates the condition of Israel being without a Davidic KING (Hos 3:4)

Hos 3:4

For **the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king,** and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:



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- Jerusalem is the city of the great King (Psa 48:2) and the Lord made a covenant with king David that only his seed would occupy the throne at Jerusalem until the Messiah comes
- Although the Jewish kingdom divided after Solomon, the sons of David continued to rule the southern kingdom of Judah from Jerusalem for about 400 years (975 BC- 587 BC)
- The last Davidic king to rule was Zedekiah, who was deposed and taken into captivity when Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians captured Jerusalem and destroyed the temple in 587 BC
- The TIMES OF THE GENTILES is the period of time in which Jerusalem is under partial or complete Gentile control and there is no Davidic king ruling on the throne
- The times of Gentiles began in 587 BC with the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, and the deposition of Zedekiah and the Davidic throne; and will continue until the Second Coming when Jesus Christ, the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev 19:16), returns in power and glory to rule and reign from Jerusalem upon the throne of his father David



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- The times of the Gentiles has already lasted MANY DAYS (Hos 3:4); specifically, over 2,600 years, or over “two days” with the Lord (2 Pet 3:8)
- The times of the Gentiles will end and things RETURNED sometime “after two days...in the third day” (Hos 6:2)

Hos 3:4-5

4 For **the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king**, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim:

5 **Afterward shall the children of Israel return**, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Hos 6:1-2

1 Come, and **let us return unto the LORD**: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 **After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up**, and **we shall live** in his sight.

- There are only FOUR (4= # of the SPIRIT REALM) KINGDOMS that rule during the times of the Gentiles according to both Daniel 2 and Daniel 7
- These four kingdoms directly succeed one another without any indication or implication of a break in time- this includes the time between the “fall of Rome” in 476 AD and the Second Coming of Christ



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