## The kingdom that was to be

Continued...

Part two...

5. There was no second coming in the Old Testament, though there are many similar parallels in the two lines of Old Testament prophecies.

Dan 9:21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom **I had seen in the vision**...

The only vision Gabriel was seen in, was the vision of chapter 8.

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

But Daniel did not understand the vision.

Dan 8:27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but **none understood it**.

Daniel did not understand the:

- rough goat is the king of Greece:
- · latter time of their kingdom... a king of fierce countenance,
- vision of the evening and the morning i.e. Unto two thousand and three hundred days;

Dan 9:22 And he (*Gabriel*) informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

Dan 9:23 ...understand the matter, and consider the vision.

So Gabriel had been sent to give Daniel skill and understanding of the vision of chapter eight, which was the vision that neither Daniel nor his friends understood; the vision in which Daniel saw Gabriel.

And what was this clearer understanding of Chapter 8 that Gabriel gave Daniel;

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Now, we know from history that these seventy Jubilee weeks (490 years) began in 457BC and finished in 34 AD which, if this theory that I am putting forward is correct, makes the time period of Daniel 8 also between 457BC and 33 AD. Again Daniel 9 is a clearer understanding of Daniel 8.

SO!!!

If the time period of Daniel 8 is set between 457BC and 33 AD, then what other prophecies of Daniel also include this period of time.

Let's look at Daniel 2

Dan 2:31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible...

Dan 2:37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings:

## Dan 2:38 Thou art this head of gold.

This head of gold was Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and Babylon lasted about 69 years from the time of this prophecy.

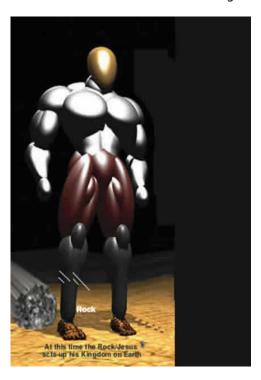
Dan 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

Dan 2:33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Dan 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces.

Dan 2:35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Let's have a look at a modern image of what Nebuchadnezzar may have seen.



Dan 2:39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

Dan 2:40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Note: where would this kingdom be set up?

Dan 2:35 ... and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

We know from Daniel 8 that the king that came after Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, was the kings of Media and Persia, and the third king was the king of Greece. History tells us that the forth kingdom was the king of Rome.

Dan 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone (*King that God would set up*) was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the (*king of*) iron, the (*king of*) brass, the (*king of*) clay, the (*king of*) silver, and the (*king of*) gold; ...

Dan 2: 44, 35, 45 And in the days of "these kings" shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom ... and filled the whole earth ... that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold;

The question then arises; is this prophecy a future event; or more importantly, are 'the specifications' of this prophecy a future event???

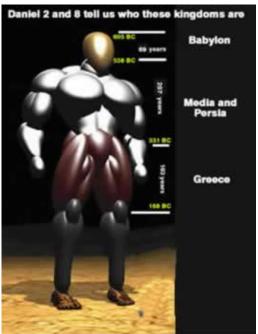
Another question that might help answer this is; when Jesus returns, will the kingdom of God be set up on Earth at that time?

If you say "no it will not", then Daniel two has nothing to do with a future event, as Daniel specifically points to God's kingdom being set up here on Earth at the time of these kings.

If you say "yes it will", then the ruling king over the earth would still be the Caesar of Rome and would have had to rule from 168 BC right through until today.

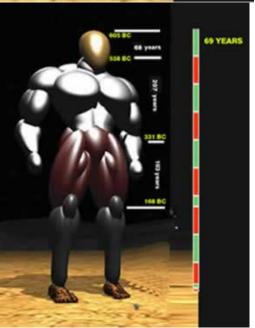
But these specifications are actually inconsistent with the prophecy.

Let's look at this image again.

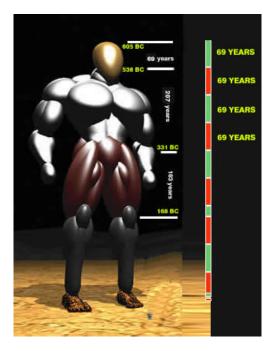


Daniel explains exactly what the kingdoms were from Babylon through to Greece. They cannot be refuted.

I believe Daniel interpreted the prophecy in about year 606 - 605 BC

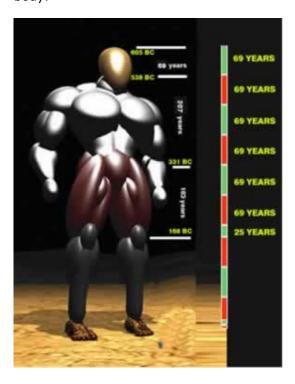


What I've done here is drawn the statue to scale, based on the number of years each kingdom ruled. The period of time from when Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's prophecy, until the time that Babylon fell in 538 BC was a period of about 69 years.



Media and Persia lasted 207 years, which equates to exactly 3 X 69 year blocks. i.e. on our scale drawing, this means the distance from the neck to the waist, is three times the distance as the height of the head.

It is interesting that so far the statue is in perfect scale (ie, perfect proportion) to that of a man's body.



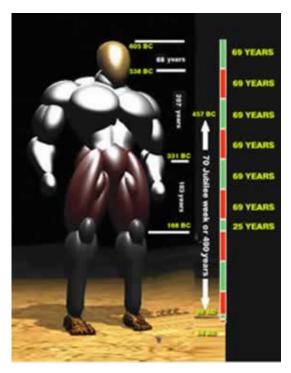
Next Greece lasted 163 years which is about two and a half times the height of the head which would perfectly bring you to the knees (i.e. belly and thighs).

So if you were to keep this image in the correct proportion, approximately how many years would the legs from the knees to the feet extend out for?

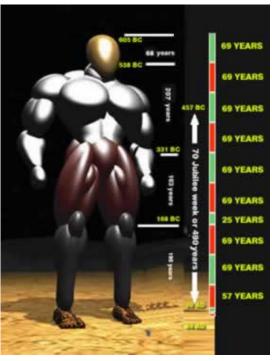
Well this may help. The prophecy in Daniel says:

Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks from 457 BC comes to 27 AD.



This comes to 27 AD. That makes it another 195 years from the beginning of the Roman Empire, until Jesus dies on the cross. Would that period of time fit?



Interesting, this time fits perfectly for the proportion of the legs, in relation to the rest of the statue. And exactly the time where Jesus said:

Luk 18:31 Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and <u>all things</u> that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

But the seventy sevens in the Daniel 9 prophecy would carry on for close to four years after Jesus died on the cross, which ironically also fits perfectly with the size of the feet and toes.

The death of Jesus (if Israel had accepted him) would have started a different chain of events.

Dan 10:21 But I will show thee that which is noted in the Scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah (your prince) be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of (the Messiah) the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

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Notice what else would have happened;

Eze 38:18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face...

Eze 38:20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

Eze 39:9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

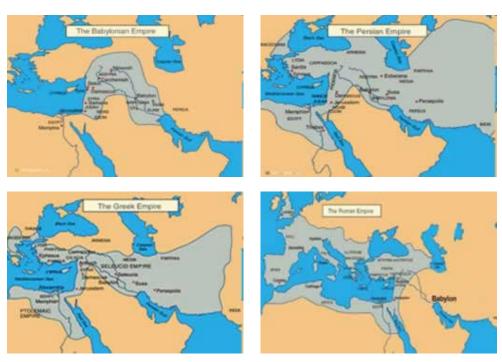
Then after the three years of the feet mixed with iron (Rome) and clay (Persia), are completed, the toes would last one more year to complete the seventy weeks.

Eze 38:21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

You may ask, why I say Rome would join with the ancient Persian Empire. Daniel said:

Dan 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron (Rome), the brass (Greece), the clay (Persia), the silver (Media), and the gold (Babylon); ...

Woman often say a list in no particular order of importance but a man (i.e like Daniel) mostly always puts a list in order, whatever list it is. E.g. From the last: iron (Rome), the brass (Greece), the clay (Persia), the silver (Media), and the gold (Babylon). The clay did not come first. Also notice that Persia/Babylon is not a part of the Roman Empire, and the prophecy states that in the time of ALL THESE KINGS, that is, gold, silver, bronze, iron, iron and clay would the kingdom be set up.





The clay is Persia who would have joined with the iron of Rome soon after Christ died. It is only through Rome joining with Persia that ALL THESE KINGS would be in place.

Then the prophecy would have been fulfilled to the letter.

Eze 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Eze 38:23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Bringing us to the end of the seventy weeks of Daniel 9 where:

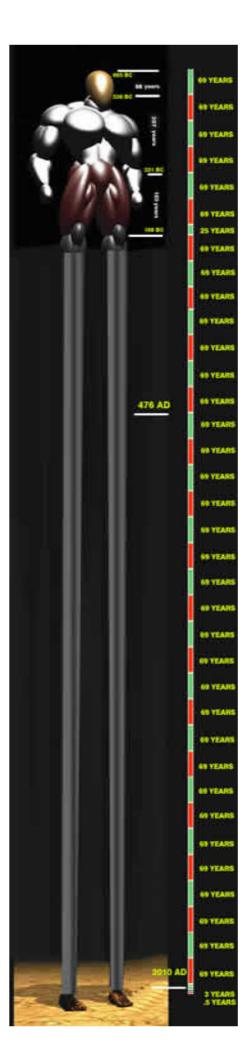
Dan 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

This is the kingdom of God that would have been set up if Israel had accepted their Prince. But they didn't so a New Kingdom and a new covenant will be given to the new Israel.

The Jews, Pharisees and most of the people at the time of Christ looked for something that was not there.

Now to try and make Daniel 2 extent right through to today, keeping things to scale, you would make the statue that Nebuchadnezzar saw look like this;



Most people today want to bring prophecies like Daniel 2 and put them in the future, and though there may be many parallels, the specifications and logic is just not there.

I hope this gives you something to think about. Will you be caught doing the same as the people at the time of Christ; looking for, and expecting something that is completely different to what will really happen?

I hope not.

May God bless you as you search the Scriptures, and seek to understand the 'correct plan' of what is soon to come;

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants **things** which must shortly come to pass;