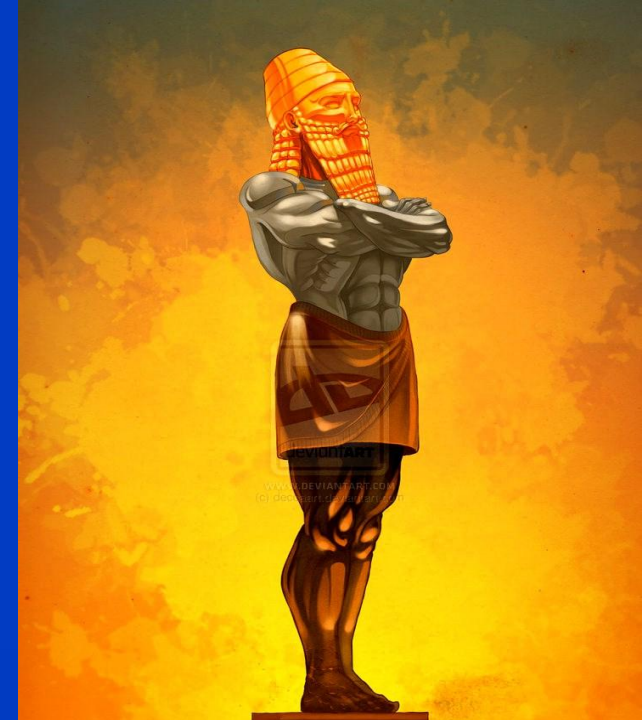


# DREAM-STATUE IS TO BE SEEN AS A UNIFIED WHOLE

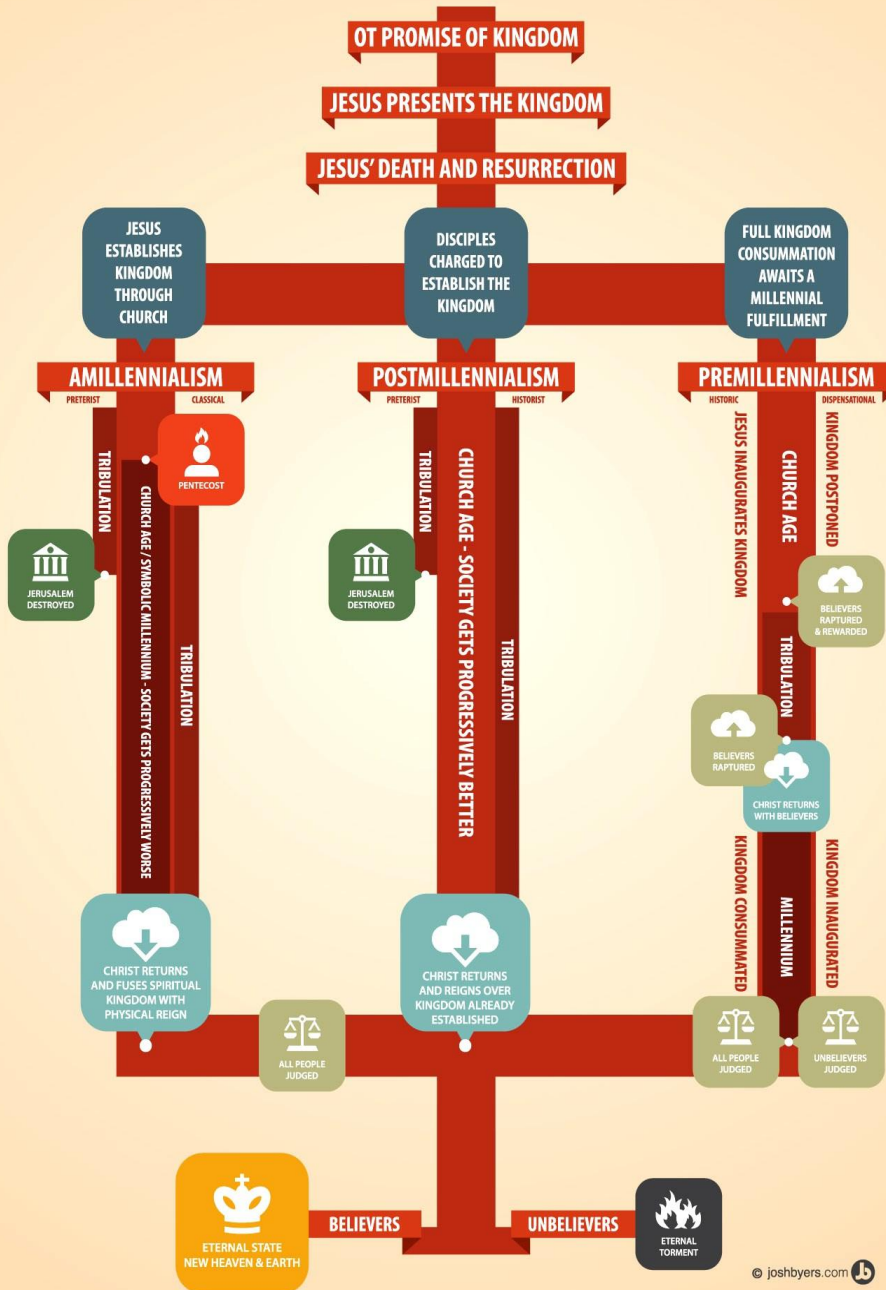


- Better to think of the 4 parts of the statue as Empires rather than Kingdoms
- A series of 4 GENTILE empires
- Not a series of NEWLY CREATED empires, but rather one empire takes over the previous one
- Compares to the cycle of human development



# THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT

VIEWS OF THE END TIMES



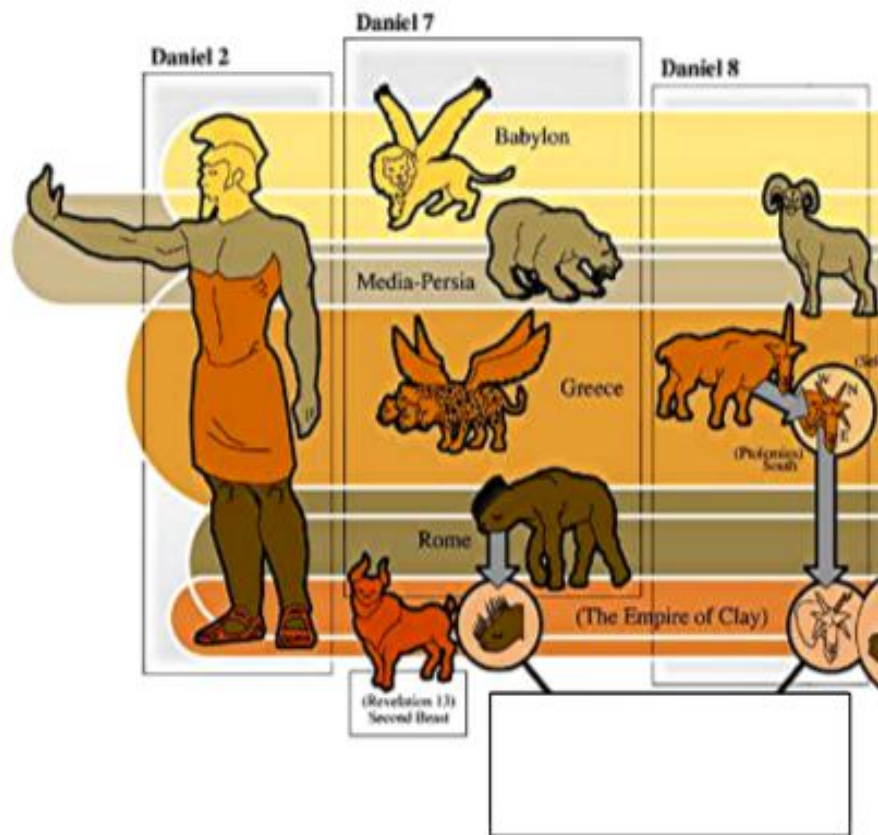
# WHICH EMPIRES?

- Different viewpoints of which historical empire should be attached to each of the 4 metals
- 3 categories of Christian eschatology:
  - 1) Amillennial
  - 2) Post-Millennial
  - 3) Pre-Millennial
- But there is also the Bible Criticism viewpoint
- Pre-Millennial now divided into Historical and Dispensational sub-categories

# A METAL EQUATES TO AN ANIMAL

- Daniel 2:38 says 1<sup>st</sup> empire (gold) is Babylon
- Daniel 8:20 says 2<sup>nd</sup> empire of Ram (silver) is Media-Persia
- Daniel 8:21 says 3<sup>rd</sup> empire of Shaggy Goat (bronze) is Greece
- Modern Bible commentators say NO!
- Because predictive prophecy is impossible, then Daniel had to have been written in 165 B.C.

## COMPARE DANIEL 2, 7, AND 8



# BIBLE CRITICISM INTERPRETATION OF STATUE

Babylon

Gold

Media

Silver

Persia

Bronze

Greece

(Alexander the Great)

Iron

Diadochi

(the successors)

Iron/Clay



DANIEL 2

- Assyria, Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece
- OR..... Babylon, Media, Persia, Greece
- Since Roman Empire did not begin until 146 B.C. (20 years after 165 B.C.) then they say it cannot be so since prophesy is impossible!
- History know of no such thing as a separate Media Empire

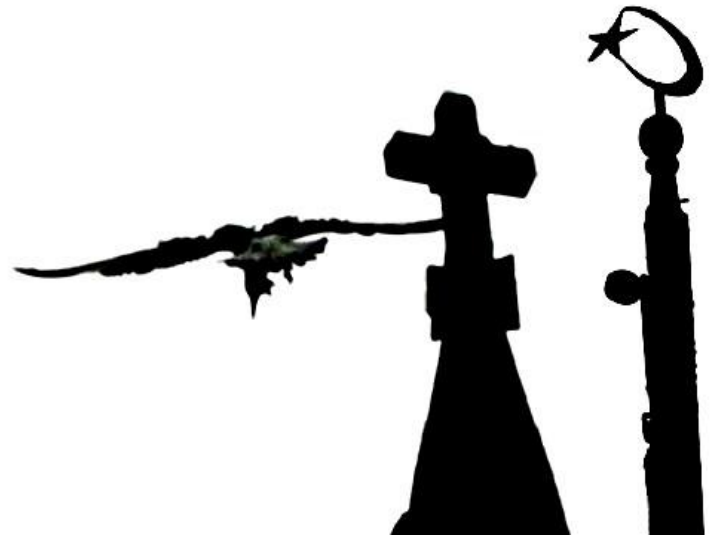
# THE TEN TOES



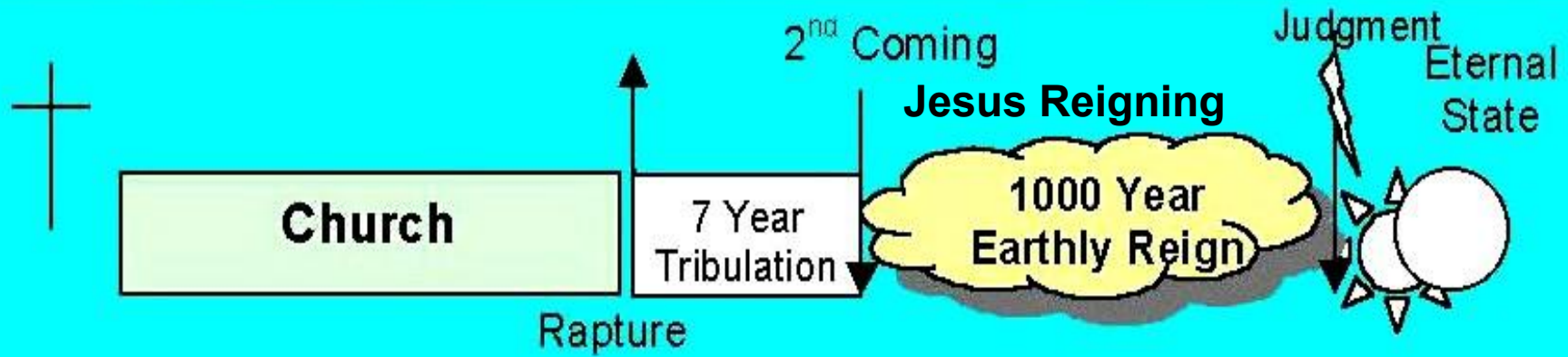
- 4<sup>th</sup> empire, legs of iron, morphs into feet and toes of iron and clay mixture
- 2 legs and feet symbolize division of the empire into 2 parts
- Further division of the toes
- 10 toes, or is the number of toes unknown? The statue is an image of a human, so no reason not to assume 10 toes
- 10 is not necessarily a precise number in the bible. Can be a “whole number”, or even just a “representative” number.
- However, it can indeed be exactly 10 toes that equal 10 kings

# PROHIBITED MIXTURES

- Vs. 43 “.....they shall mingle themselves by zera enosh...”
- *Zera enosh* = seeds of men
- Law of Moses, to mix seeds of different species is forbidden
- Prohibited mixing leads to *tevel* (confusion)
- This is a mixing of cultures, nations and societies NOT of races



# PRE-MILLENNIAL VIEWPOINT



- Vs. 43 speaks of a “Messianic” event
- Part of the *Acharit-Ha'yamim* (latter days)
- Which “Latter Days” ??
- Pre-Millennialism says it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Latter Days when the “stone” smashes the 4<sup>th</sup> empire and the Kingdom of God is established by the Messiah
- Hal Lindsay, Chuck Smith, Tim LaHaye

# POST AND AMILLENNIAL VIEWPOINT



- Edward J. Young says that statue not said to have 10 toes, so not associated with 10 kings
- Stone strikes the feet, not the toes
- Therefore the kingdom that is struck is the ancient historical Roman Empire, not a revived modern Roman Empire

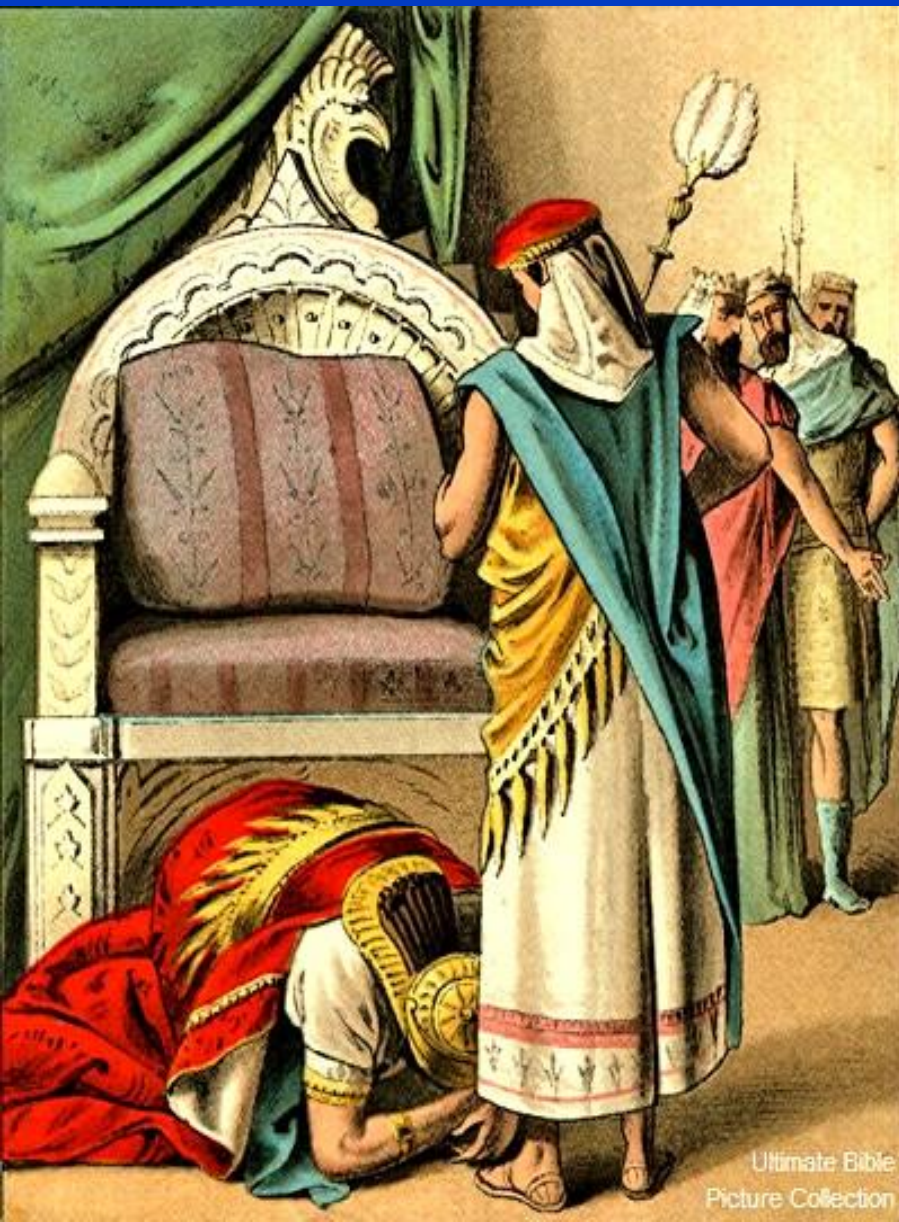


# STONE CUT WITHOUT HANDS



- Stone is Yeshua, Jesus Christ
- Not cut from “a” mountain, but from “the” mountain
- Isaiah 2:1 – 3
- The mountain is in Zion, Mt. Moriah
- Amillennial and Post-Millennial believe the stone has already struck the feet
- Kingdom Now theology
- Christ won't come until the gentile Church has made the world clean and pure

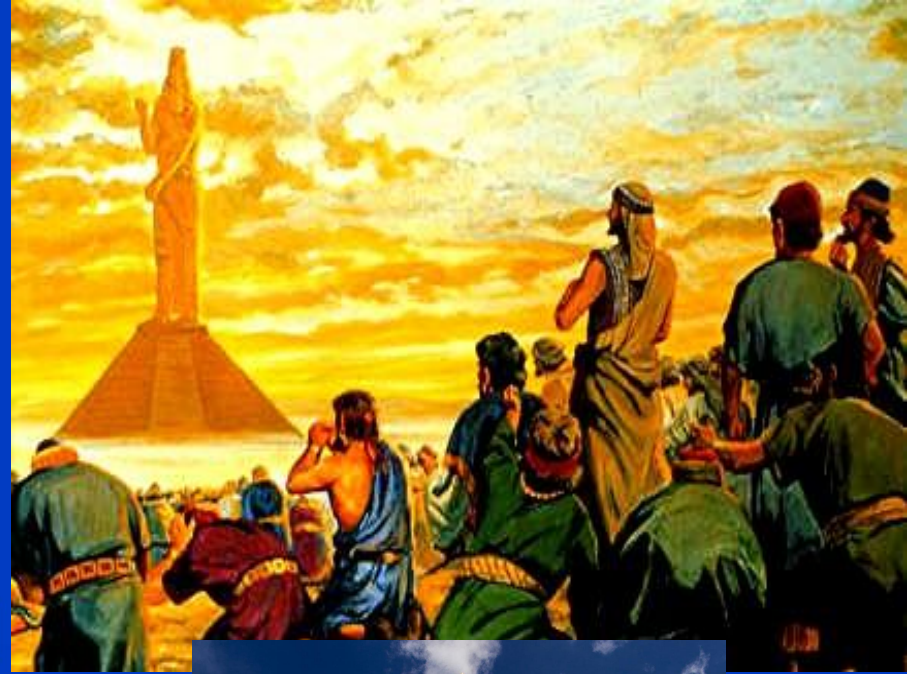
# NEBUCHADNEZZAR IS IMPRESSED!



- The king pronounced that YHWH was the God of gods and Lord of kings
- Gave Daniel and comrades high positions in the government
- Probably was elevating YHWH to the EL, the Chief God
- King did NOT stop worshipping other gods, nor did YHWH replace any gods
- The pecking order of the gods regularly changed and shifted

# DANIEL CHAPTER 3

- This is all about the historical succession of gentile world empires
- Statue is 60 cubits high and 6 cubits wide, a 10 : 1 ratio
- Gold plated, not solid gold
- Washington Monument is 555 ft. high by 55 ft. wide, a 10: 1 ratio
- We aren't told what the statue was modeled after



# SYMBOL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WORLD POWER



- Image was not of a certain god
- To worship the government of Babylon was to worship the King
- To worship the King was to worship the god of Babylon
- To refuse to bow down was an act of treason to the Empire and the consequence was death
- People had no problem with this, since it was usual to show respect to multiple gods
- But for the Jews of the One God, this was an impossibility