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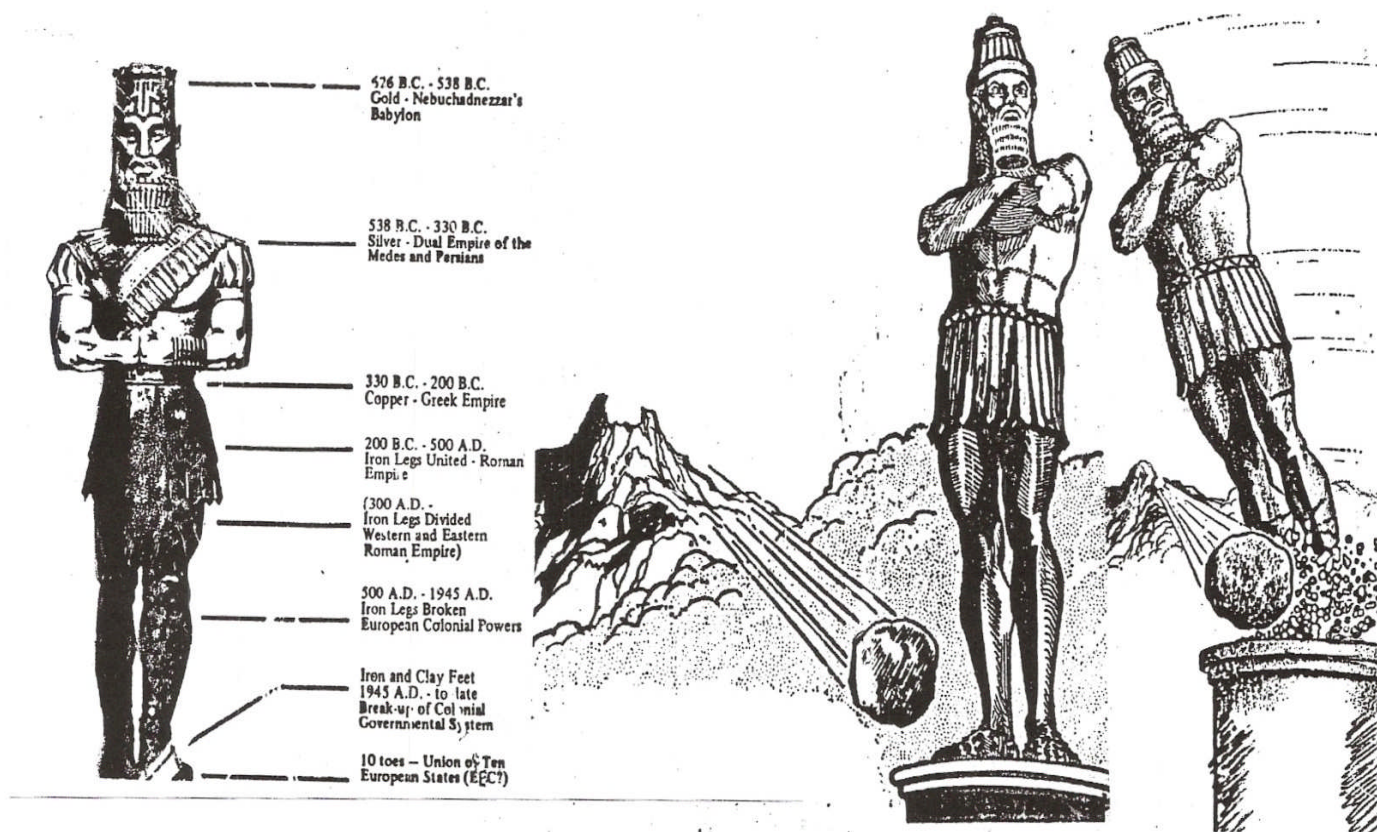
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TEXT *But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days" (Daniel 2:28)*

TITLE: *"All the kings' horses, and all the kings' men, could not put Humpty Dumpty together again..."*

THE VISION OF DANIEL 2:31-45



Today we will look at the past, consider the present, and gaze into the future of planet earth as the Blessed and eternal Trinity reveals it in the Holy Bible. It's exciting! Understand, **"that there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known...what will be in the latter days."** (Daniel 2:28)

Last year at his time, I presented a prophetic sermon on the coming alliance of Russia with Iran and the Arab nations against Israel in the last days. We are reading about this in today's

newspapers. Copies of that sermon were made available to you last week and this Sunday as well, so that your memories could be refreshed on this subject. Today's teaching sermon will be "Part II" of that address, with the backdrop of how God's prophetic plan all began; as we sing in Hymn 534, a paraphrase of Habakkuk 2:14:

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year: God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near; nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea

So...let's begin today with the restored State of ISRAEL, which- was, (and continues to be Romans 9:4-5) God's 'Chosen People.' We pray and affirm that truth in Eucharistic prayer "B" that an example of God's "goodness and love" was made known to us, "in the calling of Israel to be your people." Originally, it was the nation of Israel, under Moses' leadership, that was to be a light to the gentile nations, revealing to the whole world God's love for all mankind. Israel failed in her mission and turned inward instead of outward.

After the death of King David, and followed by his son Solomon's harsh rule, the nation groaned desiring freedom from Solomon's tyranny. Under Solomon's son, Rehoboam, the kingdom of Israel separated from the Davidic monarchy and the tribe of Judah in the South. In time, both nations were warned to repent. They refused and both were destroyed by invading armies from the North.

After the end of the Southern Kingdom of Judah in the 6th century B.C., and with Israel no longer a voice among the nations, **God the Holy Trinity would reveal, for the first time, His secret plans for the future of the human race to the gentiles, and not just to the Hebrew people.**

He would do this through the prophet DANIEL, a captive in the gentile kingdom of Babylon (modern Iraq)! God chose the greatest of gentile kings at that time, Nebuchadnezzar, to receive this vision of the future, and that vision is described in Daniel chapters 2 & 7.

At this point, it is important to understand the "Mystery" of the Church, or the "Kingdom of heaven" on earth as it is called in Matthew's parables in chapter 13. The Christian Church is a kind of "stopgap" between Israel's temporary 'set-aside" and her ultimate restoration. The Church's Great Commission is to fulfill the ministry to the gentiles which Israel failed to do.

When the full number of gentiles are gathered into the convent, and the work of the proclamation of the Gospel is completed by the Church (Matt. 24:14), then the Holy Trinity will once again resume his convent relationship with Israel, and protect them through the terrors that are now surrounding that nation (Romans 11:25-26, Matt. 24:14, Ezekiel chapters 38-39) and which we are privileged to witness in our own lifetime; as Jesus said: "*For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them (Luke 10:24).*"

It is written that "*surely the Lord God will do nothing without first revealing his secrets to his*

servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7) What God says **will** occur in the future most certainly **will** come to pass. It’s not a question of “maybe,” or “perhaps.” It **will!** We are, this very day, seeing prophecies of the Bible being fulfilled before our own eyes, in the Russian-Iranian weapons accords, and with Russia’s accommodations with the other Arab nations. All moving along as foretold, in the soon-coming battle of Gog and Magog against the tiny Jewish state described in chapters 38 & 39 by Ezekiel the Prophet.

Jesus: is our Prophet, Priest and King - He said so in Matt. 13:57 when he declared, speaking of Himself, that: “A **prophet** is not without honor, except in his own country, and in his own house.” He also declared that, as far as events in the world were concerned, that, “**as it was** (in the past), **so it shall be** (once again, in the future)” - (Luke 17:26)! As Iran (ancient Persia) tried to destroy all Israel under Haman the Persian (Iranian) Prime Minister to King Ahasueras in the past (465 BC), so, once again, in the present, Iranian (Persian) Prime Minister, Mamoud Aminajab plans to do as well. He denies that there ever was a ‘Holocaust’ against the Jews by Hitler, while at the same time, announcing that he is planning one of his own. He has openly said his nation plans to exterminate every last man, woman and child in Israel, and to obliterate that nation from off the face of the earth. Haman of Iran failed in the past (Purim) and so will the contemporary Persian alliance with Islam. “As it was”... (said Jesus) “So it shall be.” Israel remains the “**Apple of God’s Eyes!**” (Zech. 2:8). Whoever touches Israel touches the pupil of God’s eye. So, nations, “watch out!”

We are directed by our Lord Christ Jesus to both know, and understand the prophetic word revealed to Daniel concerning the future of the Jewish people (Matt. 24:15), which includes our present age. It’s true!

So, now, we are ready to begin with the Holy Trinity’s vision of the future given to the Prophet Daniel in the Second chapter of his prophetic revelation. King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream. It depicts a **Great Image in the form of a man** (representing all mankind, and our successive experiments in human government without God). This great image stands over the entire planet earth with two feet planted on two continents: one in the Middle East on land, and the other one in the Mediterranean Sea around Europe (as in Rev. 10:2). This image represents all human governments; from the time of Daniel in his present (now our past), to the return of Christ Jesus in the future.

This image reveals to this great gentile king, that, throughout world history, there will be Four world ruling Superpowers in Middle East and Europe. Four and only four. The influence of these four superpowers would continue, well after their passing, until the 2nd coming of Christ. When Christ returns, every remnant of these political systems will be removed and the kingdom of God established on earth as it now is in heaven. Now, let’s have a look at the composition of this image. It’s made out of four metals of declining value: **gold, silver, bronze and iron**. God reveals to Daniel that:

First: Babylonian empire, and its king is the - head of GOLD - (Astronomy & astrology)

Second Medeo-Persian Empire will follow it. It is the breast and arms of SILVER (Persia defeats Babylon or “Iraq”). From Persia we received the mathematical Pythagorean Theorem. When the Medeo-Persian Empire collapses, it will be followed by:

A Third: Greek Empire of Alexander is fashioned of-BRONZE. From the Greeks we received writings on philosophy and politics we studied in our universities. It will pass.

And Fourth: The Roman Empire will be the final and Fourth Beast. Made with two legs of IRON its influence is still pervasive in concepts of law, architecture and military science. Did you know about the origin of the width of modern railroad tracks? They are based on the width of Roman chariot wheels on Roman roads in England. This Roman superpower would be different from all the others. Their influence will endure until the return of Jesus, the “Stone cut by no human hands.” When he comes, in “power and glory,” and wipes them all away, establishing the coming Kingdom of God on earth as it now is in heaven.

This FOURTH BEAST is different from the preceding three. It is declared to have: 7 “heads” (lives) and 10 “toes” (governments). It will also have two legs of iron (i.e., the empire would be divided in two “legs,” East and West. The two feet composed of ten toes; signify the end of the last human governments before they return of Christ. These “ten toes” are a mixture of iron with clay. Some of the ten nations will be strong. Some weak and brittle. When Christ returns, as the great stone in the vision, all will be swept away, and the Kingdom of God will be established.

REMEMBER THE MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY RHYME ABOUT HUMPTY THE FRAGILE “MAN” MADE OUT OF A RAW EGG THAT SAT UPON A HIGH WALL?

Humpty Dumpty signifies the Roman Empire. The “wall” from which it fell is the great wall the Emperor Hadrian built across the entire English nation as a demarcation line of the end of the Eastern part of the Empire.

“Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the Kings horses and all the king’s men, couldn’t put Humpty Dumpty together Again...”

ALL THE KINGS HORSES AND ALL THE KINGS MEN WOULD TRY TO PUT ‘HUMPTY DUMPTY’ (THE FALLEN ROMAN EMPIRE) BACK TOGETHER AGAIN, after it collapsed in the year 476 A.D. in the West. There would be **seven heads, or ‘resurrection efforts’ to re-establish the empire.** The first six resurrections would fail, but the 7th and last resurrection would succeed in the same century that the Jewish people became a nation once more. DO you understand now what the 7 heads and ten horns mean? These seven resurrections or “lives” would stretch right into our own time.

Remember, after Rome fell in the 5th century A.D., God revealed that the ten nations that composed the old empire will be revived seven times. That is, it will have seven “resurrections” or “lives” (as a ‘cat’ has ‘nine lives’). All the dictators and strong men in Western Europe will try, and fail, in putting “Humpty Dumpty” back together again. In the 7th and last resurrection, which we are now living through, the restored nation of Israel will be surrounded and almost destroyed, Christ returns, the kingdom is established and you will receive you promised resurrection bodies and eternal life! **Understand that when Christ returns to save Israel, we also are saved to eternal life. That’s what Jesus meant when he told the woman at the well that “salvation is of the Jews! (John 4:22, Romans 11:25-26).”**

HISTORY HAS NOW PRESENTED UP WITH SIX RESURRECTIONS AND THE

SEVENTH HAS BEEN IN PREPARATION FOR SOME YEARS:

Look at the Seven Heads & Seven Resurrections as they occurred in history. In the 5th century, the Western Roman Empire collapsed: but it rose again, a century later.

(1) **Justinian (6th century Roman Head)**. He put part of “Humpty Dumpty” together for a short time. Then he died, and it broke in pieces again. The second resurrection was with

(2) **Charlemagne (8th century Frankish Head)** Charlemagne was declared to be the first “**Emperor of the “Holy Roman Empire”**” in the West by Pope Leo III. And Charlemagne was from the Germanic tribe of the Franks! He was not a Roman. His claim was not recognized by the Emperors of the Eastern Roman Empire. He put about 5 of the 10 pieces of the ancient Roman Empire together, but it fell apart after his death.

(3) **Otto the Great 10^h century German Head**-began the 3rd resurrection of the empire, as King of the Germans from 936-973. He received Charlemagne’s title of “Holy Roman Emperor, “along with his predecessor’s Scepter, Sword and lance. He and the German nobility selected bishops to be popes. Of the 25 popes from 936-963, 13 were elected (not by a college of cardinals which did not exist at that time), but by the German nobility, and 12 other popes were selected by German Emperors. King Otto the Great deposed Pope John XII for immoral conduct and installed Leo VIII. Deposed Pope John XII was later beaten to death of an irate husband who found the pope in bed with his wife.

(4) **Emperor Charles V -Hapsburg Head 16th century** one of the most powerful of the “Holy Roman Emperors.” He presided over the 4th resurrection and ruled over about 7 parts of the ancient ten nation Roman Empire.

(5) **Emperor Napoleon I Bonaparte - in the 19th century was the 5th or French Head:** In 1804 he declared himself Emperor of the Holy Roman empire and since, he said, the empire, from his point of view , was neither” Roman” nor “holy” -he snatched the crown from the pope and crowned himself as the new Holy Roman Emperor!

(6) **The 6th Resurrection was a composite affair, from Garibaldi of Italy (1875 to Adolph Hitler (German head - 1945). Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour** fought against the armies of the pope to establish a united Italy. The pope then excommunicated all Italians who had fought for a democratic nation state. It was not until 1929, when the papacy signed a treaty with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini that Rome recognized the existence of a new independent Italian nation apart from papal control.

Fascinated with the resurgent Italian nation, Adolph Hitler united with Italy in a sixth resurrection of the old empire. - Hitler promised a restored 1,000 YEAR MILLENNIUM of Imperial Rome, built on a ROME BERLIN AXIS AROUND WHICH THE WORLD WOULD TURN. A NEW ROMAN EMPIRE WITH HITLER AND MUSSOLINI. So Rome and Berlin were called the “**Axis Powers**” in the Second World War. Together, they began well, putting almost eight of the Ten Nations that formed the old Empire back together again. But the German-Italian alliance collapsed, and the conquered states became independent. This Sixth Resurrection failed.

Six times, dictators, tyrants, and would be “Roman Emperors” have tried to unite the ten nations that formed the Western Roman Empire. None succeeded. Humpty Dumpty remained broken.

All the kings horses and “all the kings men couldn’t put Humpty Dumpty back together again.”

We are now living in the time of the gradually forming 7th and last resurrection of the Roman Empire! It began with the coming together of the “Six” nations in the Common Market in 1946. The European Union was known as the “economy of the floating Serpent,” and included Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg. Beginning with six of the ten needed.

Now, let’s look at some of the old “Imperial Roman Iconography.”

The Cross of Charlemagne became the signet of the German Emperors. German kings, as Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire, were saluted as “Caesars,” or in the German language, as a “Kaiser” (the German word for “Caesar” or “King“). -As a WWI German King, Kaiser Wilhelm I, was the Grandson of Queen Victoria of England. When American and British airmen engaged German Messerschmitt 109 fighter planes in WWII with the Germanic Cross emblazoned on their wings (in the air) on their tiger tanks on the ground, and on their submarines under the sea, in the with their “Spitfires” and “P-51 Mustangs” they were fighting the 6th resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. All German fighting machines were emblazoned with the Imperial Roman Cross of the Emperor Charlemagne! The Nazi Swastika or “Cross Rebated” is an old form of the Germanic Cross of Charlemagne, bound in a continuous sequence. Six heads or lives down after WWII. One more “life” (the Seventh) or “resurrection” to go.

I’ve often thought the entire 2nd World War could have been averted if Anna Schelgruber, Adolph’s mother, had not re-married a man named “Hitler.” Who could say: “Heil Schelgruber!” without laughing?

In the last days, when Israel returns and becomes a nation again (which happened in 1948), and the ten nations of the old empire began to form for the 7th and last time, Christ Jesus, “ex cathedra” from the throne of the Father, reveals to St. John in the 17th chapter of the Apocalypse, an **unknown and mysterious superpower will arise.** Since this great power was not from either Europe or the Middle East, St. John had no name for it. He calls this end time superpower, simply, “Mystery” Babylon. And he marvels at her enormous power and stature in the last days before Jesus’ return.

As to who and what she is, St. John simply calls her a great “prostitute.” A woman who has sold her foundational virtue and become a harlot. She is called: “Babylon the Great!” More powerful than all the other previous 4 superpowers. She will exercise authority for only for a short time in mercantile trade, culture and influence, and, for a limited period, will ride upon the last or 7th resurrection of the Roman Empire in Western Europe, but only temporarily, after which she will be overthrown by the 7th and last revival of the Roman Empire (Rev. 17:12-17), which will then turn its attention to the Middle East, after the destruction of the Russian-Iranian and Arab coalition takes place, leaving a power vacuum in that part of the world.

Understand: the Common Market origin in the mid-1940’s after WWII marks the beginning of

the 7th and last resurrection of the Roman Empire. Not with swords and horses, but composed of the 10 nations that formed the backbone of the ancient Roman Empire. Humpty Dumpty” is coming together for the last time. The European Union now contains over 500 Million members in the newly constituted status of Western Europe, composed of its first 12 original members and now 15 other members. The European Union is the now largest trading block in the world. The “Euro” currency of this conglomerate is now stronger than the American dollar, and many economists feel it may replace the dollar as international currency in the near future. Arab oil nations are gradually transferring their vast accounts from dollars to Euros. If other nations follow suit, it could spell disaster for the American economy, which relies heavily on foreign purchases of our bonds to float our vast budgetary deficits.

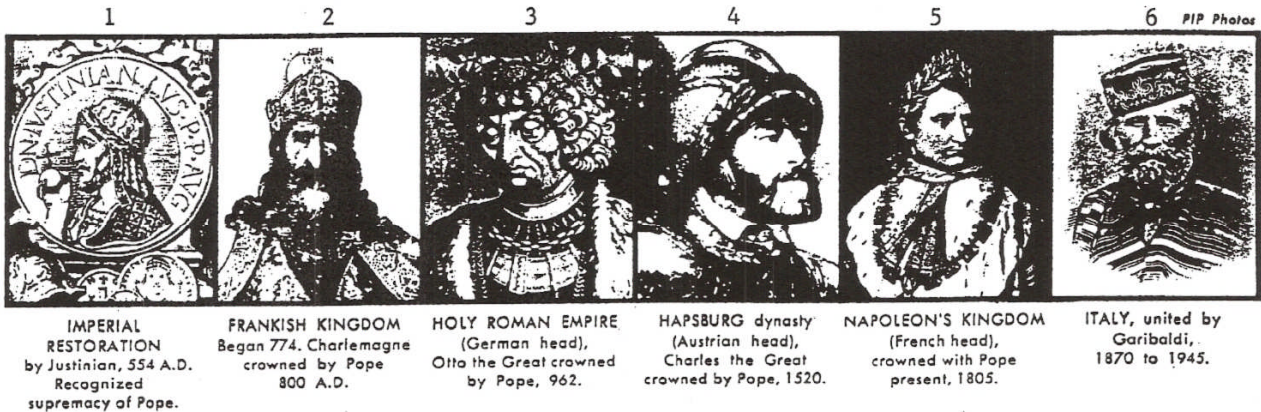
Our American political administrations, past and present, have seen the danger of the growing economic power of Western Europe. That’s why the previous four American presidents have been trying to form an American Hemispherical trade block to include the economies of the nations of America, Canada, Mexico and Central and South America into one gigantic trade block. Why? So we can be competitive with Europe’s huge foreign and domestic markets which are gradually freezing out American interests around the world. The Bible tells us in the end times to focus **not only** on the Middle East, but also in Western Europe where “Humpty Dumpty” is gradually coming together quietly and steadily.

What happens next in our lifetime? Ezekiel 38-39 declares that an -Invasion by Russia and Iran, or Gog, the chief “Rosh” (leader) -as Scripture describes it, will be forthcoming. The famous late Orthodox Lubavictor Rabbi in New York was quoted as saying: “When Russia and Iran come together, to destroy Eretz Israel, let every Jew begin to unpack their festal garments. Messiah is near!”

Concerning the present Russian-Arab-Muslim alliance against Israel: it will be defeated by an act of God. Then, with Russia, Iran, and the Arab league out of the way, the **RISE OF ANTICHRIST** in Western Europe will begin. The 12 nations of W. Europe will increase to 13, Antichrist will remove three, and the remaining ten will be the “ten toes” that will form the seventh and last edition of the revived Empire. First they will overthrow the “Great Harlot” that had overshadowed them, that last great unnamed “Mystery Superpower,” and then the Antichrist, leader of Western Europe, will initiate a 7-year peace treaty with Israel, which will be broken after 3 ½ years. The “Great Tribulation” will begin and last for 3 ½ years (total 7 years) -the 70th week of Daniel.

Israel will be encircled by Antichrist, the Jewish nation will fall, and 2/3 rd’s of the population will be slain (Zechariah chapters 10-14). Then Christ will return to the Mount of Olives to save the remnant of Israel. His return will signal the 1st Resurrection of Christians. You will receive your new immortal bodies and shine like “stars in the firmament.” (As Daniel foretold - Dan.12:1-3) You will see your loved ones once again! You will be “kings and priests and will reign on the earth” (Rev. 5:10) for a thousand years (that Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin promised in a secular Millennium. They all failed!). Christ’s return and your glorification will all happen in a “moment, in the twinkling of an eye” (i.e., in the 20th of a second!). So, “Watch” for the signs of prophetic fulfillment in the daily newspapers -and, make preparations for your coming new resurrection body, and the life everlasting! Amen!

These Men Led the First Six Revivals of the Roman Empire



Failure of the 6th Resurrection of the Roman Empire World War 2



The sixth revival—ninth "horn"—of the Roman Empire was established by Garibaldi in 1870. It culminated in the Fascist-Nazi Axis of Mussolini and Hitler.

AFTER THE 4 EMPIRES: of (1) Babylon,(2) Medeo-Persia, (3) Greece & (4) Rome with its' 7 resurrections are destroyed by the 2nd Coming Christ as who is the "The Stone" (Matt. 21:42, 44) that falls upon the "ten toes" of the great image's last or 7th resurrection, then the FIFTH Empire, the Kingdom God, will be established on earth as it now is in heaven, thus beginning the 1,000 Millennium (Rev. 19:11, 20:4-8).