

Man's Government – Is it Appointed by God or Man?

Meeting 1 - Man's Government till God's Kingdom as Propheesied in the Book of Daniel

- I. The Most High God appoints over it Whom He chooses
 - A. Daniel speaking to the son of King Nebuchadnezzar regarding Who appoints leaders over mankind's government (Dan. chapter 5)
Daniel 5:21b, "till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses."
 1. The judgment of the son of King Nebuchadnezzar when he rebelled against God
 - B. God decides who will rule over mankind's kingdoms
Dan. 2:20-22
20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. **21** And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. **22** He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, And light dwells with Him."
- II. The image in the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. chapter 2)
Dan. 2:31-35
31 "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor *was* excellent, stood before you; and its form *was* awesome. **32** This image's head *was* of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, **33** its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. **34** You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke

them in pieces. **35** Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

A. Golden head - Babylonian empire of King Nebuchadnezzar
Dan. 2:37-38

37 You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; **38** and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold.

B. Silver chest and arms - Medes and Persian empire
Dan. 2:39a, "But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours;"

1. Supporting verses:

Dan. 5:30-31

30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. **31** And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old.

Dan. 6:8, "Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

Dan. 6:28, "So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian."

C. Bronze torsal - Grecian empire

Dan. 2:39b, "then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth."

1. Supporting verses:

Dan. 8:20-21

20 The ram which you saw, having the two horns—

John 3:5-8,

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12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

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5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and has made us kings[b] and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,'

III. After the signing of peace treaty, there will be 7 years before the 2nd coming of Christ in which He will bring in the kingdom of God

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Zech. 14:9, "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— "The Lord is one," And His name one.

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they are the kings of Media and Persia. **21** And the male goat *is* the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that *is* between its eyes *is* the first king.

Dan. 10:20, "Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come."

Dan. 11:2-3

2 And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than *them* all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. **3** Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

D. Iron legs - beginning in the time of the Roman Empire, republics, monarchies until before democracy

Dan. 2:40, "And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others."

1. Supporting verses:

Dan. 8:22, "As for the broken *horn* and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power."

Dan. 11:4, "And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these."

E. Iron mixed with clay - democracy

Dan. 2:41-43

41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the

iron mixed with ceramic clay. **42** And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. **43** As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

1. Partly strong and partly fragile
2. American/French revolutions start of democracy till now
3. 10 toes - 10 kings during the time of the beast, the Antichrist

Rev. 17:12-14

12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. **13** These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. **14** These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”

- F. Stone cut without hands - the kingdom of God

Dan. 2:44-45

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. **45** Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

1. The end of mankind's governments and the beginning of God's kingdom

3. 1993 - Oslo Accords - peace process to achieve a peace treaty, but failed in 2000. It also did not address control of the temple mount.

- II. God will appoint Whom He chooses:

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- A. Qualifications

1. Cannot be a woman, but a man
2. Cannot be a Jew, but a Gentile
3. Must be someone who is strong politically, economically, and militarily

- B. Today, we also need understanding from God and not be ignorant of the world situation

1 Thess. 5:1-6,

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober.

- C. The one appointed by God to make this peace treaty will definitely be opposed by His enemy
- John 12:31, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”
- Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.”

Eph. 2:2, “in which you once walked according to the

This was accomplished in 70 AD.

Dan. 9:26b, "...the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined"

- C. The 70th week, the final 7 years has not yet to come. The start date for the final 7 years prior to 2nd coming of Christ there must be a covenant with many, a peace accord or treaty which not only bring peace for Israel, but enables Israel to once again offer up sacrifice and offering on the Temple mount

Dan. 9:27a, "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering."

- D. For the peace treaty to happen, there must be the restoration of the nation of Israel, Jerusalem and the Temple because they were destroyed 1,878 years ago.

1. 1948 - Israel restored

Luke 21:29-33

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. **30** When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. **31** So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. **32** Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. **33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

2. 1967 - Jerusalem under Israel's' control

Luke 21:24, And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

2. Setting up of the kingdom which will not be destroyed
- God's kingdom established on earth

G. The time in which the image will be destroyed is very near!

- III. The second coming of Christ will fulfill God's purpose of establishing His kingdom of everlasting righteousness on the earth

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Meeting 2 - The Peace Treaty - Final Prophecy Necessary for the 2nd Coming of Christ

I. The prophecy which must be fulfilled before the 2nd Coming of Christ

Dan. 9:24-27

24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. **25** Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. **26** And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. **27** Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.

A. The 1st coming of Christ was already been fulfilled according to verse 25-26a

B. After Israel rejected the Messiah, Jesus Christ His Son when they crucified Him, God judged Israel by sending in Prince Titus and the Roman army to destroy Israel, Jerusalem, and the Temple.