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You (king of Babylon) are this head of gold. But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. 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. 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. 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.

Daniel 2:38-42

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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

Daniel 2:45

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BABYLON

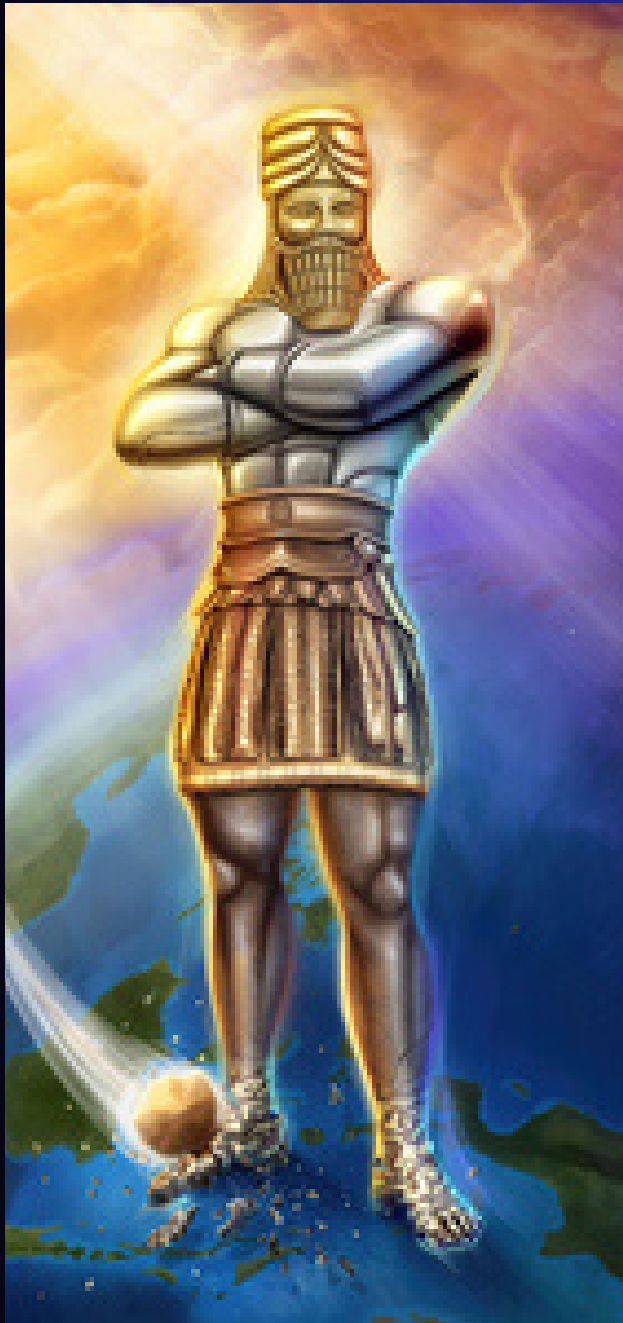
Head of Gold

605-539 BC

The first of the 4 kingdoms that King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream, the one in power in his & Daniel's time, was represented by the golden head of the statue.

King Nebuchadnezzar was so certain that his kingdom would last forever, that he commanded that a statue made entirely of gold be built, Daniel 3. Through Daniel, God warned the king that his kingdom would indeed be overthrown by another which was less glorious than Babylon, as silver is inferior to gold. We see the fulfilment of this prophetic word in Daniel 5:30-31.

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MEDO PERSIA

Chest & Arms of Silver

539-331 BC

Just as the God's Word was spoken through the Prophet Daniel, a time indeed came when the great kingdom of Babylon ended. On October 13, 539 BC, the golden kingdom of Babylon came to an inglorious end. During the reign of Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's proud and arrogant grandson, Darius the Mede laid siege to Babylon and overthrew it. Daniel 5: 30-31.

It was thence that the kingdom of Medo-Persia began.

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GREECE

Belly & Thighs of Bronze

331-168 BC

A new superpower ruled the then known world, but like the golden kingdom of Babylon that preceded it, the kingdom of the Medes and Persians, the silver empire, would not last forever. The brilliant young, Greek general, Alexander the Great, defeated Persias, Darius III at the battle of Arbela in 331 BC. At 23 years old, Alexander became ruler over the most extensive empire the world had known at that time. **Daniel 8:2-8, 19-21**

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ROME

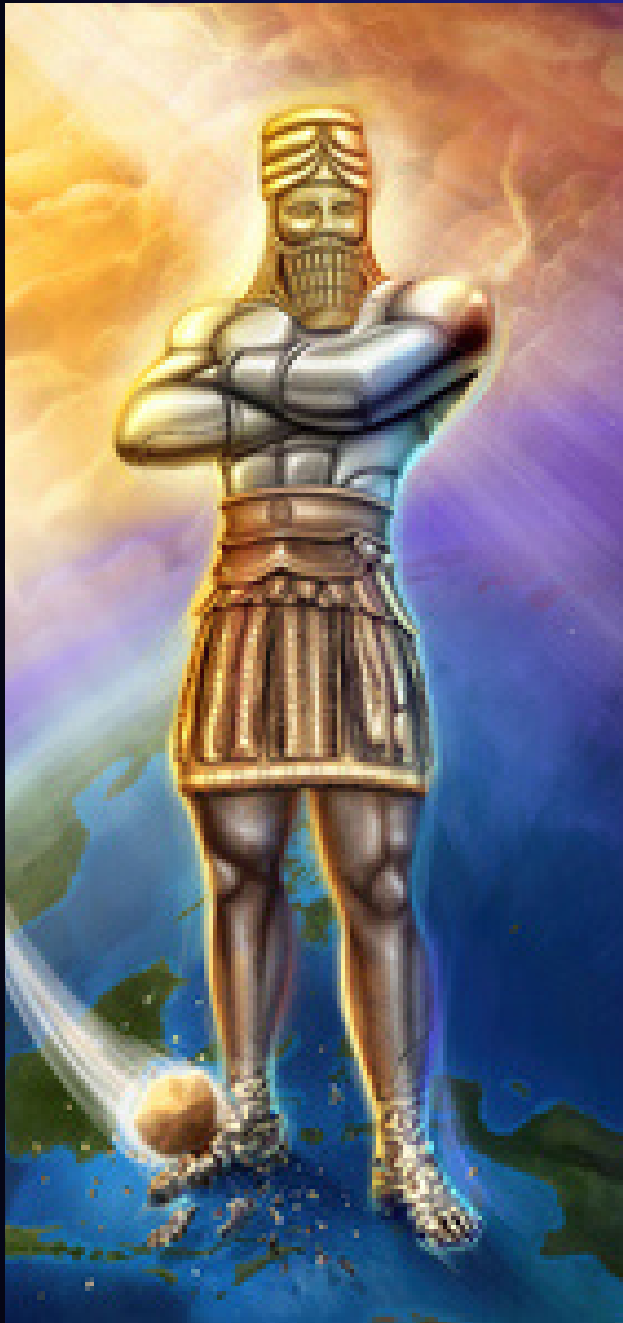
Legs of Iron

168 BC - 476 AD

What great empire came next to overthrow Greece? What nation would then rule during the life of Christ?

On June 22, 168 BC, at the battle of Pydna, the empire of Alexander the Great perished, 155 years after he died. The Roman Empire succeeded the Greeks, thus becoming the fourth World Empire as prophesied the Daniel. Rome was a ruthless nation that ruled with "rod of iron." Her Caesars called themselves gods and demanded worship and obedience from her subjects. Rome ruled the longest and reached the farthest of the previous empires before it but it too met an end, though not at the hands of a more powerful kingdom. Just as God had spoken through Daniel, no other world wide empires succeeded Rome.

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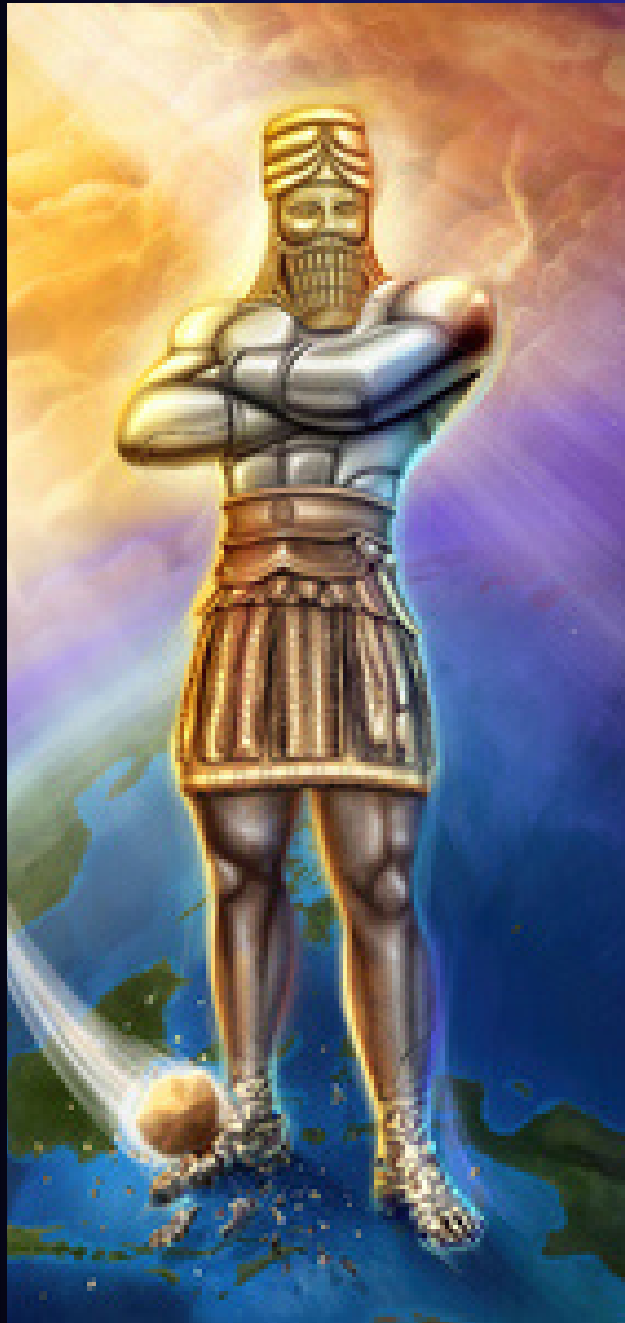


DIVIDED ROME

Feet of Iron and Clay

After more than 600 years in power, Rome lost its stability and strength and it became a prey for the surrounding Barbarian nations which began to invade it during the 4th century AD. By 476 AD, Rome had divided into 10 parts, like the 10 toes of the image, listed here with their modern names: Alemanni (Germans), Franks (French), Saxons (British), Visigoths (Spanish), Burgundians (Swiss), Lombards (Italians), Suevi (Portuguese), and the Heruli, Vandals & Ostrogoths, now extinct, The current nations of western Europe, developed from these and as iron mixed with clay is partly strong and partly weak, so many of these nations henceforth were partly strong and partly weak. No effort to unite the divided kingdoms of Rome can ever succeed. Charlemagne, Charles V, Louis XIV, Napoleon, Hitler, Kaiser Wilhelm, the European Union all have tried and they have all failed.

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THE GREAT STONE

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Through this dream of a giant metal image that Nebuchadnezzar experienced 600 years before Christ, God unveiled the course of history to the end of time. All of the kingdoms that the king saw have all passed into history.

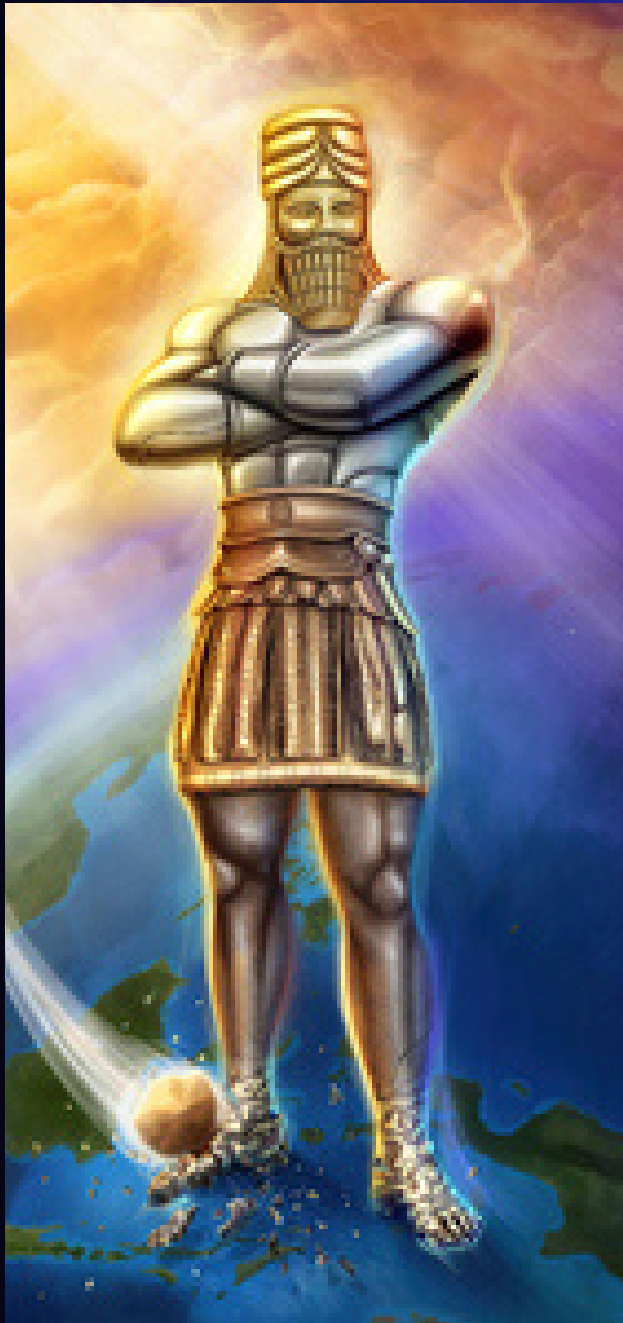
Where are we living today?

In the days of the kings represented by the 10 toes- the nations of Europe today- God will set up a Kingdom, represented by the Great Rock, that will end all earthly kingdoms, this Kingdom shall last forever.

The only event in Bible prophecy yet to take place is the Second Coming of Christ and the establishment of His Kingdom.

Friends, now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed.

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