

## Introduction to lesson on HAS YOUR KING DIED?

This lesson is taken from our book HAS YOUR KING DIED. Isaiah chapter 6 shows how Isaiah was changed from trusting on who he thought was a great king, Uzziah, to only trusting on God. This appearance to Isaiah after his king died is something for us to consider for our lives.

No matter how wonderful our “earthly kings” and governments seem to be, they should be considered “dead” in view of our real king Jesus. If we trust too much on the “world system” we are compromising our relationship with Jesus.

### **Isaiah 6:1-8,**

“1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple.

2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 So I said: “Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

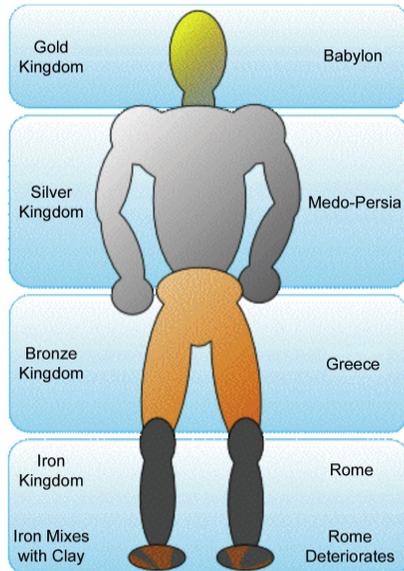
7 And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.””

**We will study how Satan’s kingdom – the world system, will be destroyed in the end. We will also focus on our part of the end time destruction.**

**Daniel had dreams that showed four kingdoms of Satan’s ruling over this earth. We are in the fourth satanic kingdom now. Daniel’s dreams reveal how we the church are now commissioned to overcome this final kingdom which looks very powerful. However it is depicted as having iron and clay feet. The clay feet are destroyed by the Rock, Jesus in us. We are warned to pay more attention to the clay than to the iron!**

## Satan's Kingdom Progresses The Kingdoms of the world



Satan runs this “world system.” He is the prince, or the **commander** of all the world’s systems that are visible, including but not limited to, the financial, political, social systems, and many religious systems.

**Ephesians 2:2** says,

*“ 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.”*

History shows that all the past kings and kingdoms of this world have been defeated, displaced, and have died. The present kingdoms of this world that are dominated by Satan are in the process of dying. Actually, in future history, from God’s prophetic viewpoint, they are already dead. All the world’s kingdoms fell due to pride. “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).

### **Daniel’s dream.**

Beginning at Daniel 7:1 through 7:8, Daniel saw in his dream, in the form of various beasts, the historic and spiritual kingdoms which had ruled the earth. First, he saw the Babylonian Empire as the lion, which was toppled by the Media-Persian Empire represented as the bear. Then, he saw the Grecian Empire, Alexander the Great, represented by a leopard that

toppled the Media-Persian Empire. They were all actual historic empires; however, they also had invisible spiritual foundations. Each of these kingdoms ultimately failed. They were all part of the “world system.” The kingdoms that toppled were simply physical manifestations of the spiritual forces behind them. Therefore, in my opinion, all four spiritual kingdoms exist today as one beast.

**Many, but not all, of physical manifestations of all these kingdoms are gone, but their spiritual manifestations still exist. However, they are subordinate to the Kingdom of God.**

Babylonian Empire:	Gold = Lion
Media-Persian Empire:	Silver = Bear
Grecian Empire:	Bronze = Leopard
Roman Empire:	Ten Horns, Iron legs and feet mixed with clay.

### **Nebuchadnezzar’s dream.**

Daniel had interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dream about these kingdoms in chapter 2. It was interesting that Nebuchadnezzar did not even remember his dream. He asked his magicians *and* astrologers to first tell him what he had dreamed, and then to interpret it. They could not, but Daniel did both. He told him what he had dreamed and gave him the interpretation of it.

The first three kingdoms were represented by gold, then silver, and then bronze, wherein he described this fourth kingdom as having feet and toes made of both clay and iron, being partly strong and partly brittle. It had iron teeth and devoured ruthlessly. This fourth kingdom was represented by ten horns (ten standing for world government). He saw this kingdom as being divided. Remember, Jesus said that a kingdom divided couldn’t stand.

***This final kingdom is very different and “interesting.”***

The fourth kingdom started with the Roman Empire, which dominated the world and continues today, as a component of the entire beast, under different labels and guises. However, the spiritual foundations of all the kingdoms still exist, but they were rendered subordinate to the Kingdom of God at the Cross and resurrection of Jesus. That is why its feet are depicted as both iron and clay. Its natural manifestation was and is like iron, but the truth about its spiritual foundation is that it is as clay. Daniel said that all the spiritual components of these gold, silver, bronze and iron kingdoms would be destroyed by the Kingdom of God.

The spiritual combining of these four past kingdoms of the earth is shown in Revelation 13:1-2, which says, “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet*

of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority”.

In Daniel chapter 7 this fourth and final kingdom is destroyed through a process that can be interpreted as overcoming by God’s people. In Daniel chapter 2, Satan’s kingdom, which is represented by all four of the previous kingdoms combined spiritually, is shown to be divided or weakened by clay mixed with iron at their feet. It is destroyed by God’s Kingdom, this time depicted as the Rock or the Stone that was cut out of the mountain, not made with human hands. It was divine; it is Jesus the Rock.

***Here is how the destruction of these kingdoms is described in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream in Daniel chapter 2.***

**Daniel 2:31-36, 44-45 says,**

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.*

**The stone in verse 35 is Jesus in us.**

36 *“This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.”*

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.”*

***Here is a description of the destruction of these kingdoms from Daniel’s dream in chapter 7.***

**Daniel 7:1-7, 19-27 says,**

1 *“In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.*

2 *Daniel spoke, saying, ‘I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.*

3 *And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.*

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

6 After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.'"

19 "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;

20 and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

23 Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.

24 The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.

25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

**26 But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.**

27 Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'"

**The verses above show how our "courtroom" experiences bring in the Kingdom God. When Satan and the world system attack us, it is "illegal" just like it was illegal to crucify Jesus. When we overcome our attacks then the Kingdom**

**of God is increased through the courtroom experience, just as it was when Jesus was attacked and crucified.**

**God ordained that these empires destroy one another.**

Each time, each empire became weaker - each one being destroyed by another evil empire. The final kingdom was historical Rome. However, there is a transition here. The spiritual power holding up the final kingdom is destroyed by God's Kingdom. Jesus came during the Roman Empire. His Kingdom was established during it. Jesus destroyed Satan's kingdom, but we must take His victory and make it real in this world. We are responsible for working with Him for the final destruction.

Scripture confirms this in Daniel 2:44 which says, "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."

Although these historic kingdoms were manifested in the flesh, their ultimate authority came from various demonic forces. As these demonic forces ruled the humans of their day, the humans took on their personalities. That included a lack of unity. Demonic forces, in my opinion, have never been unified. Jesus spoke about the lack of unity in Satan's kingdom in Luke 11.

**Luke 11:17 says,**

*17 "But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.'"*

When we were in Rome recently, we learned that the physical Roman Empire was indeed divided. Notice that in the dreams this empire had two legs.

The Roman Empire was divided into eastern and western parts; first, by emperor Diocletian in 283 A.D. and then, this division became permanent at the death of emperor Theodosius in 395 A.D. The two became separate empires, the western generally governed from Rome, and the eastern governed from Constantinople, often called the Byzantine Empire.

I was told that it spread so far and wide that two divisions actually had seven leaders in various regions of the world. These seven leaders became hungry for power and began to assert their own autonomy. That, I was told, was the beginning of the end for them.

In Daniel chapter 2, Satan's kingdom is shown as destroyed by the Kingdom of God. In Daniel chapter 7, the Scripture goes into more detail about how that destruction takes place. What is so interesting is just as God describes all of these empires in Daniel 7:1-8, in verse 9 He showed Daniel a courtroom. Why? I believe this is how the final kingdom is finally destroyed. I do not propose to know exactly how and when this final destruction will take place. I cannot explain exactly "how much" of the kingdom of the world our overcoming, before Jesus returns, will destroy. That is not the important point of this book. I do know

however that our overcoming destroys those parts of the worldly kingdom that are in our realm of influence. Even Scripture confirms this idea.

**Daniel 7:26 (Amplified Bible) says,**

*26 “But the judgment shall be set [by the court of the Most High], and they shall take away his dominion to consume it [gradually] and to destroy it [suddenly] in the end.”*

**Matthew 16:15-18 says,**

*15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”*

*16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

*17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.*

*18 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this **rock** I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”*

**We are involved with the “Rock” that destroys the final satanic kingdom.**

This is applicable in our lives as well. In Matthew chapter 16 when Peter received divine revelation on who Jesus was, that Jesus told him that this type of revelation is the foundation of the Church, which has access to the keys to the Kingdom of God. When we receive divine revelation and speak it out, it works as a Rock that destroys this final spiritual kingdom. Jesus the Word is the Rock. For those of you who may not be familiar with this idea of God speaking directly to a mere human, I will go into more detail in a later chapter.

**There is something different about this fourth kingdom of the world.**

The Bible tells us that the final kingdom of the world will be different. There will be a world leader or a group of leaders, who will seem to succeed in bringing peace, financial security and healthcare to the entire world. I believe that the banking systems of the world will combine and be in control of the world economy. I believe that this was actually put into action in its infancy in the early 1900s in America with the Federal Reserve System. Most people believe that the Federal Reserve is a government system, but it is not, neither does it have any significant reserves. It is a large banking organization owned and operated by an elite group of financial people undercover. I speculate that this system will eventually bring a socialist form of economics to the United States, the most powerful economic system in the world (presently, anyway) and will spread that to a worldwide control of the economy. With economic control, other powers and goals will be easier to achieve.

**The new world order will have a form of peace and prosperity before its destruction.**

However, the Lord will break up their “party.” God will cause wars to come against Israel by their enemies in order to fill to the full the wrath that God’s enemies are due. Read Ezekiel 37-38 to see how God will ambush Israel’s enemies.

**Notice in the few Scriptures below how God uses ambush to defeat the enemies of Israel. This is a process of the coming of the “end.” As I update this in 2016 it seems as this event is being prepared.**

**God also uses “ambush” in our lives as the Rock that crushes clay feet.**

**Ezekiel 38:1-4 (NLT)**

**A Message for Gog**

1 This is another message that came to me from the Lord:

2 “Son of man, turn and face Gog of the land of Magog, (a land north of Israel from which the King of Gog will come) to attack Israel) the prince who rules over the nations of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him.

3 Give him this message from the Sovereign Lord: Gog, I am your enemy!

**4 I will turn you around and put hooks in your jaws to lead you out with your whole army—your horses and charioteers in full armor and a great horde armed with shields and swords.”**

**Ezekiel 39:1-7 (NLT)**

**The Slaughter of Gog’s Hordes**

1 “Son of man, prophesy against Gog. Give him this message from the Sovereign Lord: I am your enemy, O Gog, ruler of the nations of Meshech and Tubal.

2 I will turn you around and drive you toward the mountains of Israel, bringing you from the distant north.

3 I will knock the bow from your left hand and the arrows from your right hand, and I will leave you helpless.

4 You and your army and your allies will all die on the mountains. I will feed you to the vultures and wild animals.

5 You will fall in the open fields, for I have spoken, says the Sovereign Lord.

6 And I will rain down fire on Magog and on all your allies who live safely on the coasts. Then they will know that I am the Lord.

7 “In this way, I will make known my holy name among my people of Israel. I will not let anyone bring shame on it. And the nations, too, will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.”

**Now be prepared for the ambush of the enemy through your trials!**