

## TRIBULATION AND THE “TIMES OF THE GENTILES”

(Luke 21:24)

- I. The DURATION of the “Times of the Gentiles”
  - A. Began when JERUSALEM fell to BABYLON
  - B. Will end when CHRIST RETURNS to establish His KINGDOM (Mt. 25:31-34, 41)
  
- II. The COURSE of the “Times of the Gentiles” (Dan. 2:31-45; 7:1-28; 9:24-27)
  - A. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the metal COLOSSUS is MAN’S perspective
    - 1. Head of GOLD—Babylon
    - 2. Chest and arms of SILVER—Medo-Persia
    - 3. Torso or thighs of BRONZE—Greece
    - 4. Legs of IRON—Rome
    - 5. Feet of IRON mixed with CLAY—Revived Rome (?) under ANTICHRIST
    - 6. STONE cut without hands—CHRIST’S kingdom, to crush the final kingdom of MAN
  - B. Daniel’s dream of the voracious BEASTS is GOD’S perspective
    - 1. LION with EAGLE’S wings—Babylon
    - 2. BEAR raised up on one side—Medo-Persia
    - 3. LEOPARD with four wings and heads—Greece

4. Grotesque BEAST with ten horns—Rome (cf. Rev. 13:1)
  5. Kingdom of CHRIST established by the “ANCIENT of DAYS”
- C. Final concurrent with Daniel’s “SEVENTIETH WEEK”

### III. Outline of Events Leading to the END of the “Times of the Gentiles”

- A. Realignment of NATIONS to constitute the final form of ROME
1. Comprised of TEN different parts (Can. 2:33; 7:7)
  2. Led by one head who OVERTHREW three others in his rise (Da. 7:8)
- B. Emergence of the HEAD of this empire
1. Will be a BLASPHEMER (Dan. 7:8, 25)
  2. Will be a PERSECUTOR of the saints (Dan. 7:25)
  3. Will continue for 3 ½ YEARS as a special enemy of GOD and God’s program for ISRAEL
  4. Will make a COVENANT with Israel, which will be BROKEN (Dan. 9:27)
  5. Will INVADE Palestine and establish his HEADQUARTERS there (Dan. 11:41, 45)
- C. The JUDGMENT of the head of this empire
1. Will occur at Christ’s RETURN (Dan. 2:35; 7:11, 13, 26)
  2. Will result in the redemption of JERUSALEM from GENTILE domination (Dan. 7:18, 22, 27)