

Judgment of Gentile Nations:

There Is So Much We Must Understand
To Fully And Correctly Grasp This Section Of Scripture.

Matthew 25:31-46

The Judgment

- 31 *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.*
- 32 *All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;*
- 33 *and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.*
- 34 *“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

- 35 *For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;*
- 36 *naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'*
- 37 *Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?*
- 38 *And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?*
- 39 *When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'*
- 40 *The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'*

- 41 *“Then He will also say to those on His left,
‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal
fire which has been prepared for the devil and his
angels;*
- 42 *for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I
was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;*
- 43 *I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in;
naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in
prison, and you did not visit Me.’*
- 44 *Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when
did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or
naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of
You?’*
- 45 *Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to
the extent that you did not do it to one of the least
of these, you did not do it to Me.’*

46 *These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”*

Let us start with the division of the human race and I don't mean believers in JESUS CHRIST and unbelievers = those who do not believe in JESUS CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 10:32

32 *Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;*

Paul, under the Holy Spirit has laid out all the people of history Jews—of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Greeks or correctly Gentiles, and Church of God—Christians—those who believe in JESUS CHRIST in Church Age.

From Genesis 2 with the creation of man and woman to Genesis 12—Abraham there are believing Gentiles and unbelieving Gentiles; there were no Christians because Jesus Christ had not yet come.

Then from Abraham—Isaac and Jacob to Acts 1---Jews; believing Jews and unbelieving Jews and believing Gentiles and unbelieving Gentiles.

Then from Acts 2 (*Day of Pentecost*) to the Rapture of the Church there are Christians. Believing Jews are Christians and believing Gentiles are Christians.

[Ephesians 2:14-16]

14 *For He Himself (that is Jesus Christ, alone) is our peace, who made both groups (Jew and Gentile) into one (the body of Christ or the Church Universal) and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,*

15 *by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, (the Ten commandments) so that in Himself He might make the two (Jew and Gentile) into one new man, thus establishing peace,*

16 *and might reconcile them both in one body to
God through the cross, by it having put to death
the enmity.*

So in the Church Age there are only Christian believers. There are, of course, unbelieving Gentiles and unbelieving Jews.

PRINCIPLE:

If you do not understand world history from the standpoint of the Jews then you do not understand history from God's perspective. We must understand all history from the standpoint of the Jews.

How often do we hear from young people, "history is boring" or "I can't remember all that stuff, oh, I know the name of Alexander the Great but as to where when and why, I have no idea—nor do I really care, why should I care?"

But parents, if you can get them to grasp that all human history is about the Jews and the rise and fall of nations is about the Jews, in ancient history or history of the Church-Age. All of the great nations in ancient history—Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and ancient Rome are all **IN THE BIBLE** explaining their rise and fall.

So there are Gentiles, Jews and Christians.

But when we come to The Tribulation, there are no Christians. All Christians have been snatched or taken out of the world.

Let us make one thing straight, when it says *Church of God*, this does not mean everyone who goes to church somewhere, Churches are filled with people who do not, or have not believed in JESUS CHRIST alone for salvation by faith alone in Christ alone.

We need to understand why this judgment on the Gentile nations.

That you may grasp Matthew 25:31-46.

The Divine Judgment of Gentile nations.

First, examine the genealogy of Matthew 1 which records the genealogy from Abraham in verse 1 to Jesus in verse 17. But there is something very interesting in this genealogy. It includes not just people but one catastrophic event.

Look at Matthew 1:11-12

11 *Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.*

12 *After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.*

And then jump down to verse 17.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Why is the Babylonian deportation so important?

Because it was under Babylonian rule that the Jews began being under the rule of Gentile nations.

From servitude to Babylon to the return to Jerusalem in **586** From that point under the Persian Gentile ruler **Cyrus** the Jews have always been under the rule of Gentile nations. We have to understand this to understand Matthew 25:35 on in all those verses about seeing Him when He was **hungry**, when He was **thirsty**, when He was a **stranger**, when He was **naked**.

So first we had to look at **the genealogy of Matthew 1** for the introduction to the captivity under Babylon. Then we have to understand the **entire book of Daniel** that we have recently concluded. But before we look at Daniel, let us get a movement of the Hebrews and the nation of Israel.

**The Israelites entered the land
three times
and
exited the land three times:**

1st they entered the land under Abraham, but departed from the land when Jacob led them to Egypt.

This was **their 1st departure.**

Then they left Egypt and entered the land under the leadership of Joshua—**Second time they came into the land.**

Then in **605 bc** Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem and started carrying away captives—Daniel and his three friends taken back at this time. The third time Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem, he destroyed the city and had the temple destroyed and the Jews who were not killed were taken off to Babylon—Nebuchadnezzar's Kingdom. This was their **second departure.**

Then their **Third entrance** into the land came 70 years later in 536 bc.

They will stay in the land for a long time, then in 70 AD Rome, came in and destroyed the city and the temple (not one stone on another). This was their **Third departure from the land.**

1st entrance Under Abraham 2086 bc.

1st departure: Under Jacob to Egypt 1870 bc.

2nd return Under Joshua 1400 bc.

2nd departure Started with Daniel in 605.

3rd return Under the Gentile Cyrus the great 536 bc.

3rd departure AD 70 under Titus of Rome.

Now why do I bring all this up?

Because the Muslims and most of the world, especially the United Nations deny the land belongs to the Jews, to Israel. Their existence in this land goes back to some 2000 bc.

And God has promised them this land for all eternity...

There has been a **partial 4th return in AD 1948** but there **will be a full return under JESUS CHRIST at the end of The Tribulation and beginning of the Millennium.**

We have looked at the genealogy of Matthew 1 and saw how important the deportation to Babylon was historically to the Jews.

Now we have to look at Daniel to get further understanding of the judgment of the Nations in Matthew 25.

Daniel 1:1

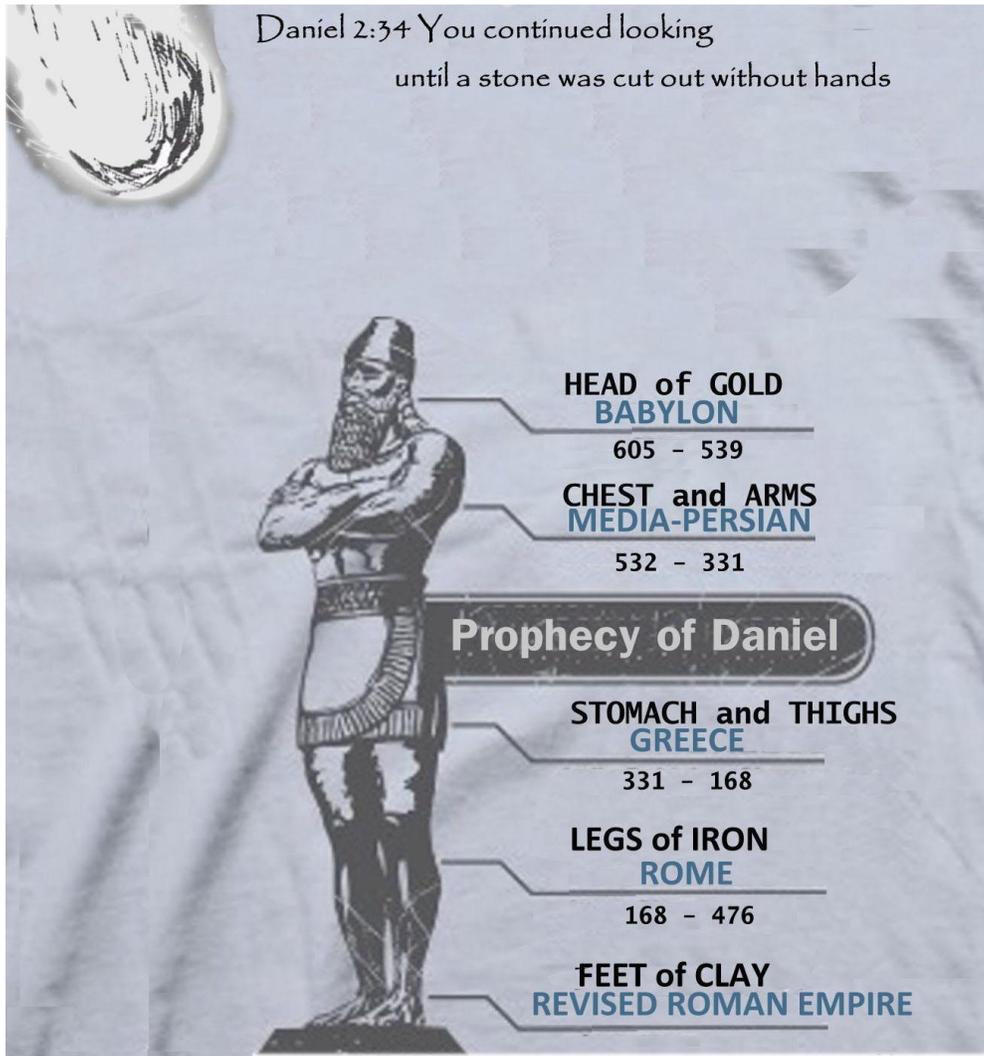
¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

King Nebuchadnezzar will besiege Jerusalem three times, and the third time (586 bc) he will destroy the city and have the temple destroyed.

But his first entrance into Jerusalem spoken of here in Daniel 1:1 was in 605 bc when Daniel and his three friends are taken into Babylon.

Daniel 2 and 7 are a historical outline of the Gentile nations that will rule over the Jews until JESUS CHRIST returns to the earth at the end of the last 7 years promised by God to Israel, known as the Tribulation. At which time He will judge the Gentile nations. (Matthew 25:31-46)

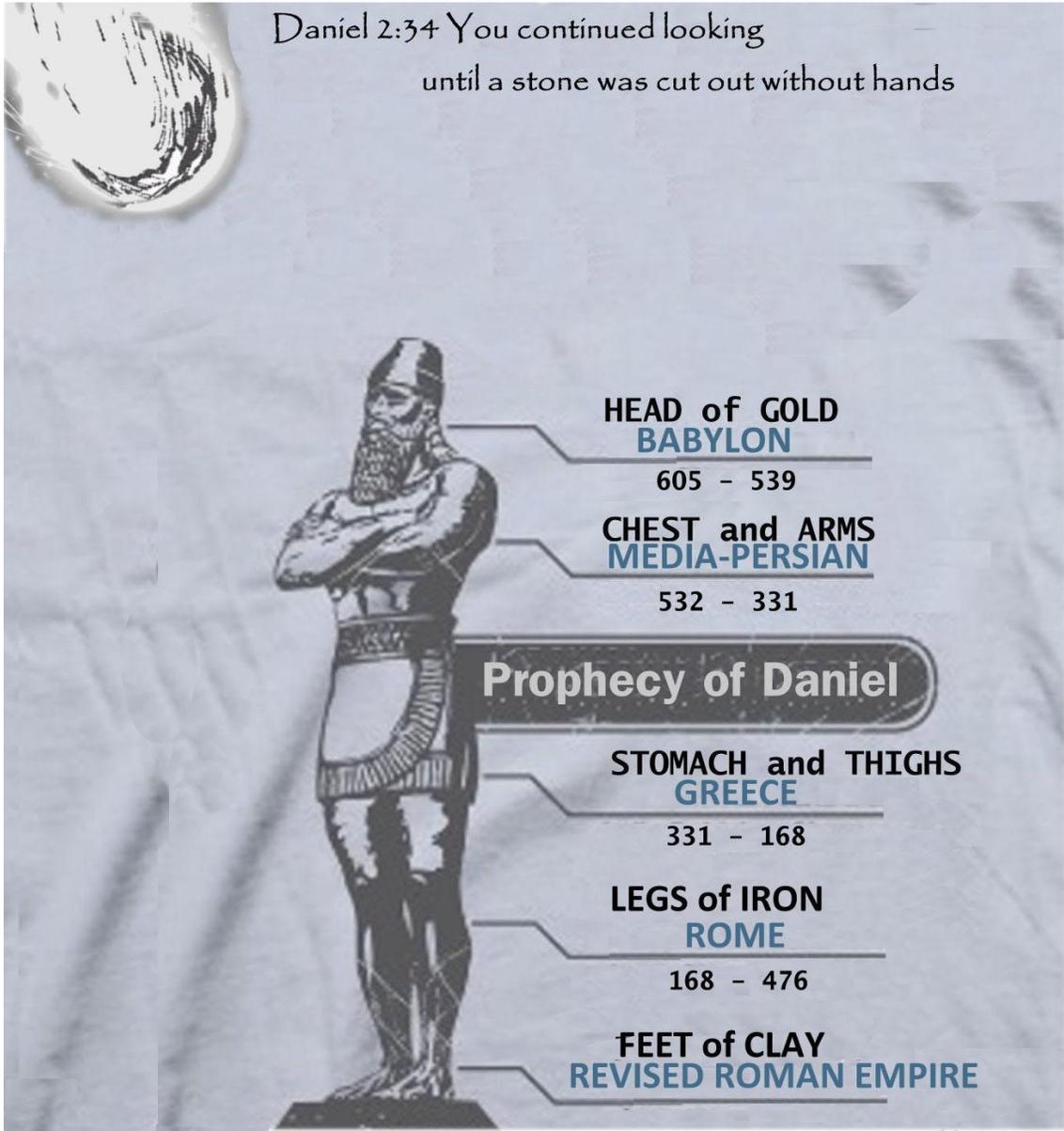
In Daniel 2 We Have Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Of The Nations.



They start with Babylon

Then Medo-Persian empire

**Then Greece under Alexander
the Great**



**Then Rome in 63 bc to the
destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70,
and**

Then the Revived Roman Empire in The Tribulation.



Then Daniel 7 records Daniel's dream of the history of the time of the Gentiles. While Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a rich powerful statute in the form of man. Daniel's dream depicts history of man from God's perspective where mankind are but beasts.



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2

The Times of the Gentiles



This STONE is the HOPE of the World

606 BC
Babylonian Empire

538 BC
Medo-Persian Empire

333 BC
Grecian Empire

63 BC
Rome (not named)

Approximately where we are, today

Christ
THE STONE

LION



BEAR



LEOPARD



TERRIBLE BEAST



THE TIMES OF THE GENTILE

GENTILE WORLD	MAN (DANIEL 2)	DANIEL 7
BABYLON	HEAD OF GOLD	LION WITH EAGLES WINGS
MEDO-PERSIA	ARMS AND BREAST OF SILVER	THE BEAR WITH THREE RIBS BETWEEN HIS TEETH
GREECE	THEE BELLY AND THIGHS OF BRASS	THE BEAST LIKE A LEOPARD
ROME	THE LEGS OF IRON	THE NAMELESS BEAST WITH IRON TEETH

(A LONG PARENTHESIS: THIS IS THE CHURCH AGE WHICH GOD DID NOT REVEAL TO DANIEL)

THE REVISED ROMAN EMPIRE	THE FEET AND TEN TOES OF IRON AND CLAY	BEAST AND THE LITTLE HORN, WHO IS THE ANTI-CHRIST
GENTILE DOMINON WILL END WITH THE RETURN OF CHRIST	THE SMITING STONE	THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN IN GLORY

(chart by L.T. Talbot)

Luke 21:24

24 *and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under-foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

‘Times of the Gentiles’ refers to the period of history from the conquest of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar to the Second Advent of JESUS CHRIST and the fulfillment of the ***Judgment of the Nations*** of Matthew 25.

Before we get into Matthew 25, understand that the judgment of all nations is so important to God’s Plan for Israel that it is prophesied throughout the Old Testament.

God’s Plan for Israel was that they were to be blessed all through history; but due to their hard-headedness and rejection of His Righteousness and rejection of His sending the Messiah, God placed them under the rule of the Gentiles, which introduces The Times Of The **Gentiles**:

But most Gentile nations hated the Jews and mal-treated them (this we will see in Matthew 25: where He says you saw me hungry, thirsty, naked and as a stranger). This is part of those

powerful historical words given to Abraham, “whoever blesses you I will bless and who ever curses you I will curse.” The United States, for example, has been blessed because of our treatment toward the Jews. But under recent leadership we have turned against Israel and that is ***one reason*** why America is going down so quickly.

Is America in the bible?

Yes

as one of the nations to be judged by JESUS CHRIST

upon His Second Advent onto earth.