

THE OLD ROMAN EMPIRE WILL BE REVIVED

Daniel 2:41-42

Introduction: Among the many prophecies concerning the last days found in the writings of Daniel, one has to do with a dream that King Nebuchadnezzar had which no one could interpret except Daniel. In that prophecy it was revealed that the different world empires would come and go but in the last days the Roman Empire would be revived, restored.

November 12, 1989 was a historic day for the Berlin wall which separated East and West Germany was torn down. It was a restoration of what was once one great nation, divided and now brought back to be one. Was this fulfillment of the prophecy made in the dream Nebuchadnezzar had? Was the wall coming down the beginning of a New World Order that will eventually lead to a One World Government prophesied of some 2,500 years ago? Only God knows, but there are signs God gave for man to watch for.

I. A DREAM THAT WILL ONE DAY BE REALITY

1. **Daniel 2** describes Nebuchadnezzar's strange dream of a strange looking statue of a king.
 - He forgot the details of the dream and ordered the "seers" of the land to reveal the dream's meaning or die.
 - None could interpret the dream and all referred the king to Daniel.
 - Daniel went to God with the dream and God revealed the dream's meaning.
2. The dream was of a great and awesome statue with a head of gold, arms and chest of silver, a stomach and thighs of bronze, legs of iron and feet of a mixture of iron and pottery (toes).
3. Daniel was told by God that the statue represented all the kingdoms of the world and from that present time until the end of the world.
 - The head of gold was Babylon.
 - The arms and chest of silver represented the Medes and Persians.
 - The stomach and thighs of bronze were the Greeks.
 - The legs and feet indicated Rome with the 10 toes representing a form of the Roman Empire to be revived in the final days.

II. HISTORY REVEALS GOD'S PLANS WERE/ARE CERTAIN AND ACCURATE

1. The Babylonians fell to the Medes and Persians, just as God said.
 - The Persians fell to the Greeks, just as God said.
 - The Greeks fell to the Romans, just as God said.
 - Rome fell, just as Jesus said it would.
 - Rome fell because of internal collapse due to emperor worship, idolatry, every wickedness known to man, name it, Rome did it.
2. God revealed to Daniel that fallen Rome would one rise again in the last days, in a different form.
 - The feet, the foundation of world empires, were to be a mixture of strength and weakness, (iron - potter's clay) and the ten toes would indicate the number of nations to be involved.

- A former president of the United States spoke to a religious convention after the Gulf War and said, **"You know what is going to solve all our problems? There is something called the New World Order! When this comes in, it's going to bring peace like we have never seen. We are going to be able to lay down all our weapons. The New World Order is the solution to all our problems."**

III. THE ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT IS COMING CLOSER AND CLOSER

1. Christians of today are so involved in his/her own day to day existence that they are failing to see God's hand in these historical events.
2. At the same time Israel was declaring independence, three other countries came together because they saw that uniting was their only hope of survival. "Safety in numbers." Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands were then joined less than 10 years later by Italy, France and Germany.
 - **The Treaty of Rome** was the result of their union.
 - **The Common Market of Europe** was also established.
 - 16 years later these six nations were joined by England, Ireland and Denmark.
 - In 1981 Greece joined and in 1986 Spain and Portugal joined.
3. This European Economic Community adopted the goal of unifying all of Europe politically and otherwise. **"We realize that it will not be possible for us to move again to world supremacy without unity. Therefore, we must lay aside our differences and come together as a new "United States of Europe." By doing this, we will constitute a power bloc that can move to the ascendancy of WORLD LEADERSHIP."**
 - On January 1, 1993, their plan went into effect. Europe began to function as a united community. Trade, tariff and travel restrictions came down among the member nations.
 - A past premier of Belgium said: **"The systems of man have failed. What we need is a leader. What we need is a man. Give us a man to solve our problems and be he a god or a devil, we will follow him."**
 - The real power will one day lie with a single body and that single body will have a single **LEADER.**

IV. THERE IS A "UNITED STATES OF EUROPE" ALREADY

1. The United States of Europe is one of the most powerful political forces in the world today.
 - A population of over 340 million.
 - A unified economic strength larger than that of our own country, America.
 - It's money system is now a single system called the Euro dollar or Euro unit and it has replaced all other European money systems.
 - In all of Europe among the participating nations, there will be only one currency.
 - In the banking world there will be only one currency and all business transactions will be electronic, credit cards, etc., but no cash money.

2. The United States of Europe has plans in effect to bring all of it's members under a single umbrella of job locations, electronic learning using combined wisdom, small and medium businesses employment and equipment, electronic highways, roads, unified air control system, on line access to medical assistance for everyone, cheaper government by networking, household access to government services, etc....Everything under "one roof."
3. The Golden Rule Jesus spoke of was *"...do unto others as you would have them do unto you..."*
 - In the final days the golden rule will be: "...he who has the gold, rules.."
 - All the wealth of the world will be controlled by few bank systems.
 - As few as 21 people could control the wealth of the world with only a single person in charge.

CONCLUSION:

1. The mighty statue Nebuchadnezzar saw has another meaning also:
 - The statue decreased in value as the gold gave way to silver and the silver gave way to bronze and the bronze gave way to iron and finally iron gave way to the ridiculous mixture of iron and potter's clay.
 - Humanity is not getting better. It is progressively getting weaker and weaker until finally, it will crumble to nothingness at the hand of God.
2. God has a plan for humanity and He is constantly working on that plan. We are seeing events that are pointing to the final step in God's plan. The Second Coming of His Son, Jesus.
3. Keep your eyes and ears open. Watch our own country, watch Israel and Europe. It will end, just as God said it would.
4. The great world empire of Rome, now called by a different name, is on it's way to the top. Jesus said when these things begin to happen to *"...watch for the hour is at hand..."*
5. Christian, get ready for the Lords' Day is very near.