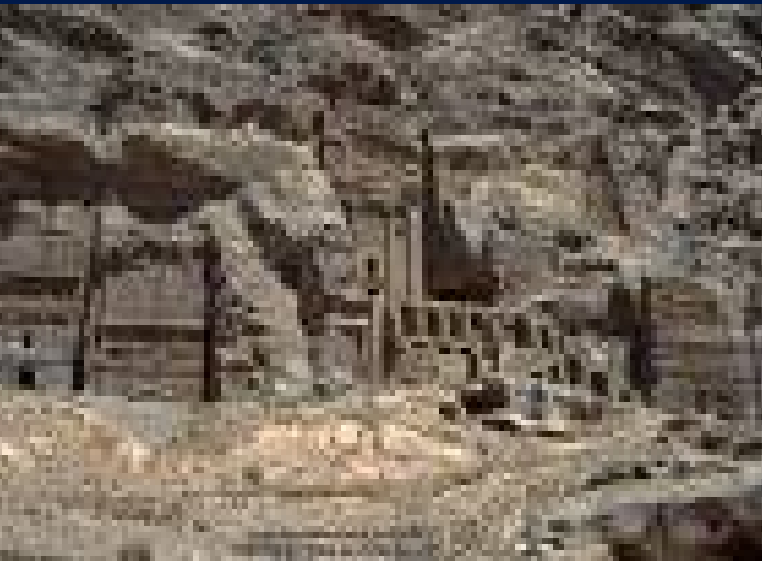


History Told in Advance

Trusting the Bible

Isaiah 46:9-10: Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, *Declaring the end from the beginning*, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Edom



Jeremiah 49:16-17: Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, **O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock**, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

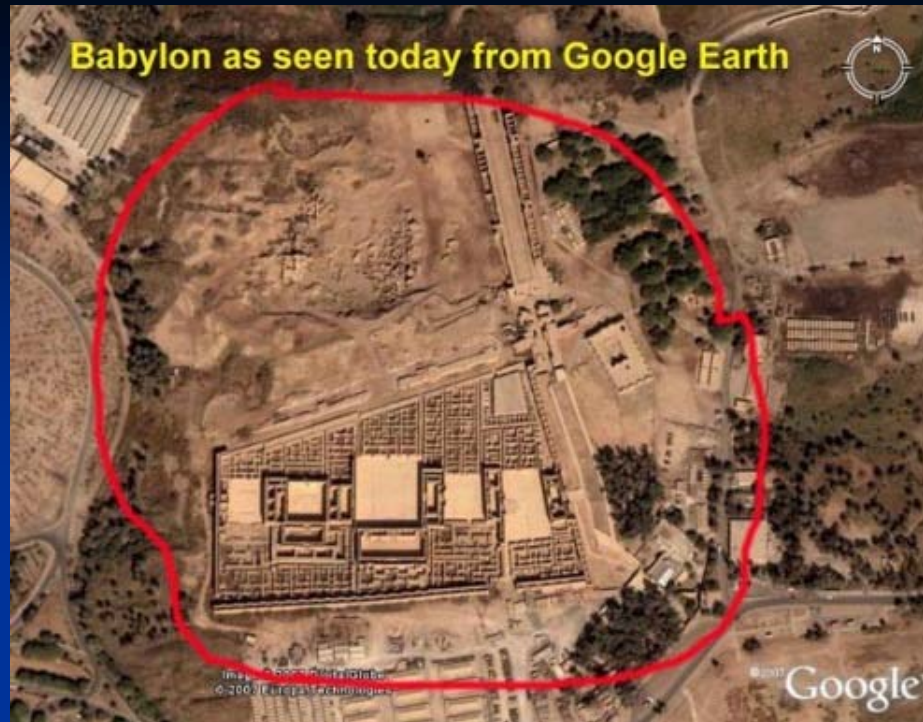
Also Edom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

Babylon



Jeremiah 51:1-2: Thus saith the LORD; Behold, *I will raise up against Babylon*, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;

And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.



Isaiah 13:19-20: And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, *shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*

It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

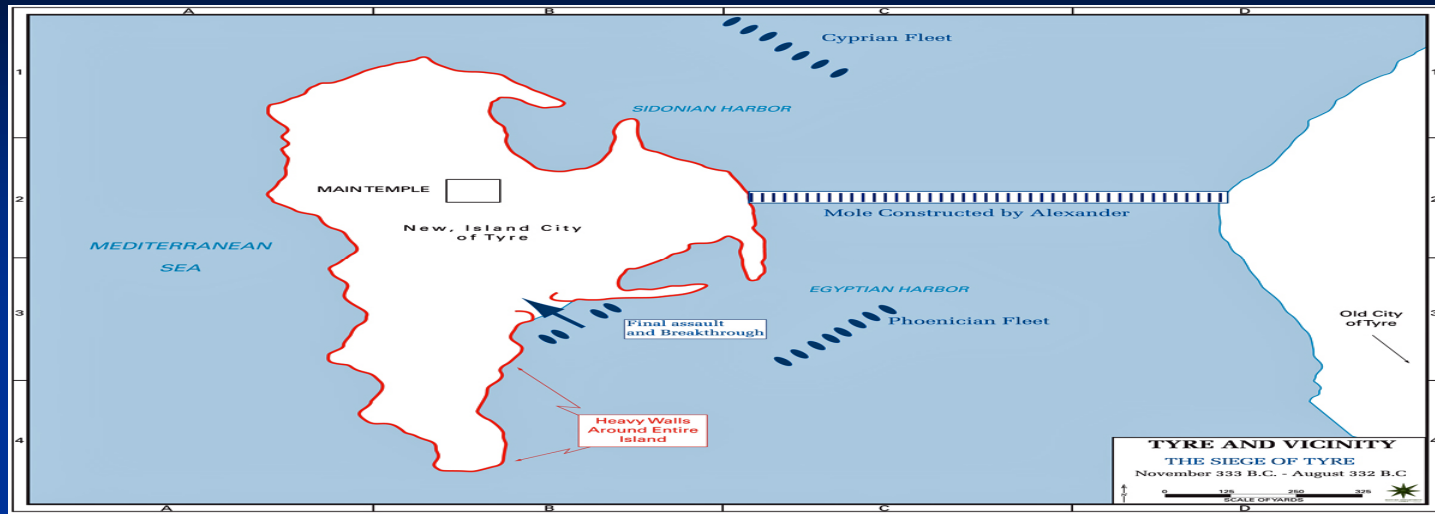
Tyre



Ezekiel 26:3-4: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, *and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.*

And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

Tyre



Ezekiel 26:5, 14: It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Tyre

Alexander the Great, after a memorable siege captured the city of Tyre, and reduced it to ruins BC 332. She never recovered from the blow. The larger part of the site of the once great city is now as bare as the top of a rock; a place where fishermen who still frequent the spot spread their nets to dry.

John 14:29: And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, **when it is come to pass, ye might believe.**

What is Prophecy?



Foretelling or predictions of future events.

The Purpose of Bible Prophecy

- How God **sets Himself apart** from false gods
- To accurately reveal the future so people **will have faith** (John 14:29)
- Reveal the **thoughts** and **priorities** of our hearts
- To **introduce us to Jesus Christ** and God's plan to save us from this sinful world

30% of the Bible is prophecy!

Bible prophecies have proven to be accurate.

Critics suggest the prophecies of Daniel were written up to 900 years after they claim to be because history has unfolded just as the Bible said it would.

Bible prophecies have proven to be accurate.

There are over **300 Messianic prophecies** in the Old Testament that were fulfilled by Jesus Christ and recorded in the New Testament.

John 5:39: Search **the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**

Introduction to *Daniel*

- Babylon overthrew the Israelites and took them into captivity
- The king took the cream of the crop and schooled them in the customs of Babylon and made them “wise men”.
- Among them were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.
- Although in the king’s court, **they remained faithful to the God of heaven.**

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

Daniel 2:1-5

- He was troubled by his dream
- Could not sleep
- Commanded his mystics to tell him the dream *and* the interpretation
- Declared that if they could not tell him the dream and the interpretation, they would be destroyed

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

Daniel 2:5: The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, **The thing [millah] is gone from me:** if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

millah (Strong's) –

1) word, thing

a) word, utterance, **command**

b) thing, affair, matter



Daniel 3:22: Therefore because the king's commandment [*millah*] was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

Nebuchadnezzar knew the dream, but wanted to be sure of the interpretation.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

- Pertained to the latter days (Dan. 2:28)
- Things that were to come (Dan. 2:29)
- The interpretation is also for the sakes of **those living in the latter days** (Dan. 2:30)

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

- Metal statue (Daniel 2:31- 35)
 - Head: gold
 - Chest and arms: silver
 - Belly and thighs: brass / bronze
 - Legs: iron
 - Feet: iron and clay
- Image was destroyed by a stone

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

- Babylon is the first kingdom (Daniel 2:37-38)
- Three other kingdoms would follow (Daniel 2:39-40)
- The fourth would be divided but would still have elements of the fourth kingdom (Daniel 2:41-43)

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

- Statue destroyed by a rock
(Daniel 2:44-45)
- Not made with [human] hands
- Grew into a great mountain that filled the whole earth
- In the days of ten kingdoms (toes)
- A kingdom that will last forever

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

Nebuchadnezzar
confirmed the
dream was true
and accepted the
interpretation

(Daniel 2:47)



Four World Kingdoms

1. Babylon (605BC – 539BC)
2. Medo-Persia (539BC – 331BC)
3. Greece (331BC – 168BC)
4. Rome (168BC – 476AD)

Daniel's first vision

➤ First year of Belshazzar

Four great beasts (Daniel 7:4-27)

1. *Lion* with eagle's wings
2. *Bear* raised up on one side with three ribs in its mouth
3. *Leopard* with four wings / heads
4. *Non-descript* (dreadful & terrible) with ten horns

Dream Comparison

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Head of gold

Chest and arms of silver

Belly and thighs of bronze

Legs of iron

Daniel's First Vision

Lion with eagle's wings

Bear raised up on one side

Leopard with four wings

Beast with iron teeth



Babylon 605 - 539 BC



Medo-Persia 539 - 331 BC



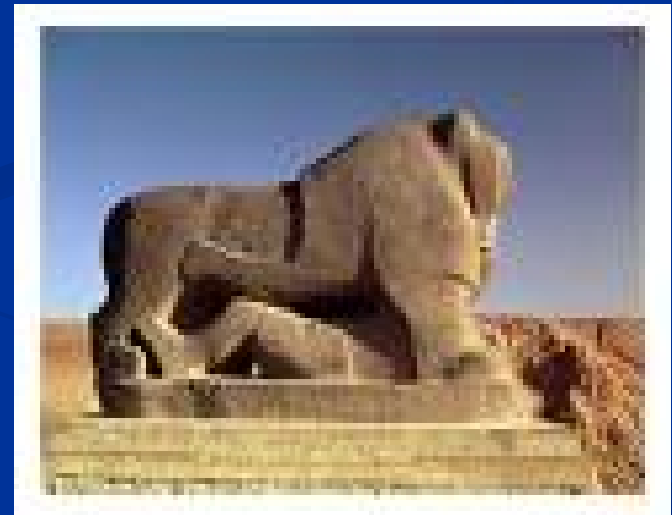
Greece 331 - 168 BC



Rome 168 BC - 476 AD



Babylon



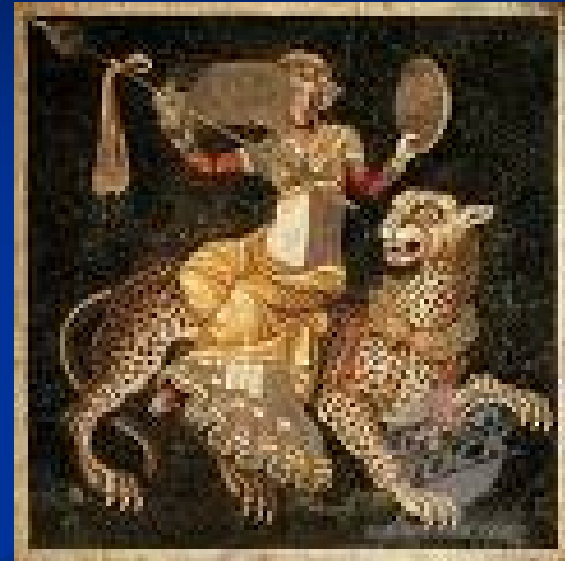
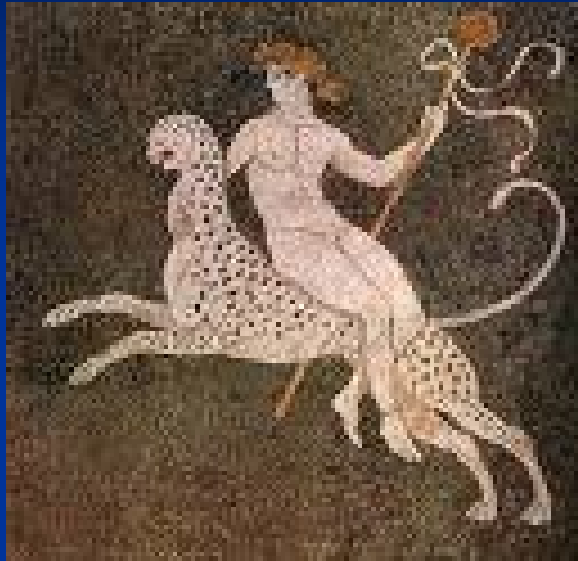


Medo-Persia

Three Ribs

- Lydia
- Babylon
- Egypt

Greece



Ten Horns of Rome

1. Anglo-Saxons: England
2. Alamanni: Germany
3. Burgundians: Switzerland
4. Franks: France
5. Lombards: Italy
6. Suevi: Portugal
7. Visigoths: Spain
8. Heruli: Nomadic (Balkans)
9. Vandals: North Africa (Libya)
10. Ostrogoths: Modern Ukraine

Roman Empire (Divided)



Focus of Daniel's first vision

- Little horn (Daniel 7:8)
 - Came from amongst the ten horns
 - Plucked up three horns
 - Eyes of a man
 - Spoke “great things”

Focus of Daniel's first vision

- Judgment scene (Daniel 7:9)
 - Thrones cast down (set)
 - Ancient of days sat
 - Throne had wheels of fire
 - Books opened
 - Everlasting kingdom
 - Worshiped by the whole world

Focus of Daniel's first vision

- Fourth beast (Daniel 7:19)
 - Different from the others
 - Iron teeth
 - Brake in pieces
 - Ten horns

Focus of Daniel's first vision

- Little horn (Daniel 7:20-21)
 - Came from amongst the ten horns
 - Three horns fell
 - Eyes and a mouth
 - Spoke “very great things”
 - More stout (greater)
 - Made war with the saints

Focus of Daniel's first vision

- Judgment scene (Daniel 7:22)
 - Ancient of days came
 - Judgment was given to the saints
 - The kingdom was given to the saints after a time

Focus of Daniel's first vision

- Fourth beast (Daniel 7:23)
 - Fourth kingdom
 - Diverse from all kingdoms
 - Devour and brake
 - Ten kingdoms

Focus of Daniel's first vision

- Little horn (Daniel 7:24-25)
 - Came from amongst the ten horns
 - Different type of kingdom
 - Subdues three kings
 - Spoke “great words” *against the most High*
 - Wears out the saints
 - Think to change times and laws
 - Rules for a time, times and a half

Focus of Daniel's first vision

- **Judgment scene** (Daniel 7:26-27)
 - Judgment sits
 - Dominion taken from little horn
 - Consumes and destroys little horn
 - An everlasting kingdom will be given to the saints of the most High
 - All dominions will serve and obey the most High

Kingdoms of *Daniel*

1. Babylon (605BC – 539BC)
2. Medo-Persia (539BC – 331BC)
3. Greece (331BC – 168BC)
4. Rome (168BC – 476AD)
5. Little Horn (?)
6. Jesus Christ



God's Judgment



In favor of the saints

Trusting the Bible

We can indeed trust the Bible.
History has fulfilled these prophetic
timelines exactly how they were
foretold.

Trusting the Bible

What we're going to see is that God has already begun colonizing His kingdom here on earth.

One day within the near future, Christ (the Rock) is going to destroy the kingdoms of this world in their totality and His kingdom will reign forever.