

DANIEL 2 MISINTERPRETED! THE LEGS OF IRON TRUE IDENTITY.

What the Biblical text actually says about the Iron Kingdom.

From the courts of Babylon, above the shimmering rivers of the Near East, a vision was given to King Nebuchadnezzar of a great statue, its form divided like the kingdoms of men.

In this telling, we shall behold the statue anew—
the head of gold that gleamed with Babylon's glory,
the silver breast and arms of the Medo/Persian order,
the bronze loins of Alexander's swift dominion...
and at last, the iron kingdom that followed, stark and terrible.

For centuries, Christians heard but a single narrative—the fourth kingdom, the legs of iron, is the Roman Empire whose feet of iron and clay—a latter day revived form of ancient Rome.

But what if that long-held tradition is wrong?
What if the prophecy itself—when compared with real geography, real history, and real Scripture—points in an entirely different direction?

In Daniel's day, Rome was a tiny insignificant republic on the edge of the world.

Which kingdoms actually replaced Babylon historically?

Ancient Babylon fell to Persia.

Persia fell to Greece.

And Greece fractured long before Rome ever marched eastward.

Yet somehow, Rome was inserted into the statue—the legs of iron—and repeated for hundreds of years without question—Rome and a latter-days Revived Roman Empire—the European Union.

Today, we're going back to the sacred text.

Back to the ancient world.

Back to the Euphrates—the line Daniel knew.

We'll follow the empires exactly as God revealed them, without forcing Rome into a prophecy where it simply does not fit.

You're about to see the truth behind the statue—
the head of gold, the silver chest, the bronze waist...
and the iron kingdom that would follow.

In this video, we're breaking the mold, challenging tradition, and letting the Bible speak for itself.

This is Daniel chapter two—unmasked!

THE SETTING OF THE PROPHECY

A troubling dream came to Nebuchadnezzar one night. Although his spirit was troubled, the king could not remember the dream. He charged his court of magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans to reveal both the dream and its interpretation on pain of death. But of course, they could not fulfill the king's request. An unlikely young lad from the Levant, a captive in the king's service, prayed to the one true God of heaven. Thus, the Lord God revealed the dream and the interpretation to young Daniel. With haste Daniel went to the king bearing the secret of what shall be in the latter days.

Understanding the proper setting is critical for your correct interpretation of the dream!

1. Daniel's frame of reference was not Europe, Israel, nor Jerusalem—it was Babylon!
2. The purpose of the dream was to reveal the prophetic sequence of rule over Babylon, not Israel!
3. Nothing in the text ever shifts the focus toward Western Europe, the Mediterranean, or Israel—the focus remains Babylon!

UNDERSTANDING THIS CONTEXT IS ESSENTIAL—BECAUSE DANIEL'S PROPHECY IS ROOTED IN THE LANDS OF BABYLON, AND ONLY BABYLON!

THE FIRST THREE KINGDOMS IDENTIFIED

These three kingdoms are easily identified as each subsequently conquered the region of Babylon:

1. Head of Gold — Babylon

Daniel identifies this kingdom directly:

"You are this head of gold." v. 38

Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon is the head of gold.

2. Chest and Arms of Silver — Medo-Persia

History confirms it. In 539 BC, Babylon fell to the Medo-Persian Empire under King Cyrus.

3. Belly and Thighs of Bronze — Greece

In 331 BC, Alexander the Great conquered the Persians, fulfilling the third part of the statue perfectly. Up to this point, every kingdom has replaced the one before it—and all have ruled the same geographical region—Babylon!

Now comes the fourth kingdom—the kingdom of the legs of iron.

Tradition says “Rome” fulfilled the iron legs.

But did the Roman Empire actually fit the prophecy?

10 REASONS WHY ROME DOES NOT FIT DANIEL’S PROPHECY

Reason 1 — Rome did not conquer Babylon

The prophecy is a sequence:

Babylon → Persia → Greece → the latter days conqueror.

Rome never conquered Babylon.

Rome never ruled the Tigris-Euphrates region, Mesopotamia.

The eastern boundary of the Roman Empire, set by Hadrian in 117 AD, was the Euphrates River.

The Parthians(early western Iranians) took Mesopotamia from the Greek Seleucid empire in the 2nd century BC.

The Sassanians(eastern Iranians, Persians) conquered the Parthians around 220 AD and controlled the region of Babylon until the Islamic takeover around 651 AD.

Since the Roman Empire never conquered Babylon’s kingdom (Mesopotamia), it cannot be the successor in the statue. It cannot be the legs of iron!

Reason 2 — Daniel’s geography stays in the Middle East

Daniel’s world centers on the empires of the Fertile Crescent:

Babylon: Middle East

Persia: Middle East

Greece: Middle East (through its Seleucid division which arose after the death of Alexander the Great in 323 BC controlling Syria, Mesopotamia, and Persia. The Greek Empire divided into four regions: Egypt under Ptolemy, the Fertile Crescent under Seleucus, Macedonia under Antigonos, and Asia Minor/Greece under Philetaerus.)

To then suddenly leap thousands of miles westward to Rome breaks the integrity of the image and the prophetic sequence.

The fourth kingdom must be Middle Eastern, not European.

Reason 3 — The statue’s metals represent continuity

Every kingdom:

- ruled the same lands,
- inherited the same region, Babylon,
- passed control to the next power.

Rome never controlled this continuous chain of eastern empires.

Reason 4 — Rome was not even significant when the prophecy began

During Nebuchadnezzar's time, Rome was a small, obscure republic.
It had no direct relation to Babylon, Persia, or Alexander's empire.

Reason 5 — The Iron Kingdom is *stronger* than Greece in the Middle East

"The fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, for iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things." Dan 2:40

Rome did NOT "break in pieces" the Greek kingdoms in the Middle East.
Instead:

- Rome struggled in Syria
- Rome never dominated Parthia or Persia
- Rome never ruled Mesopotamia
- Rome was repeatedly defeated by eastern empires
- Rome was strong in Europe, but extremely weak in the East.

The Iron Kingdom must dominate the regions of the metals before it (Gold, Silver, Brass). Rome did not.

Reason 6 — The fourth kingdom connects directly to the ten toes (Middle Eastern, not European)

The feet and toes come from the same statue, same regions, same imperial lineage.
If the legs are Rome, then:

- the feet must be European
- the toes must be European
- the final kingdom of the latter days must be European

But Daniel and Revelation place the final events in Babylon, Israel, and the Middle East—not Europe.

Rome does not fit the geographical flow of the prophecy.

Reason 7 — Rome was NOT initially divided

Daniel's legs are two legs, symbolizing a continual division.

Rome did divide, but:

- It was not a sudden prophetic event
- It did NOT represent two separate kingdoms in succession (Ancient Rome and a Revived Rome, the EU)

- AND the split occurred LONG after Rome's expansion, not at its rise (Rome split under Emperor Theodosius I in 395 AD creating the Eastern Empire centered in Constantinople, formerly Istanbul, and the Western Empire centered in Rome, Italy).

The two legs better symbolize a kingdom that was dual by nature immediately upon rising, such as:

✓ Medo-Persia (two arms)

✓ The Islamic Caliphate's northern & southern branches (Sunni and Shia)

Rome did NOT naturally divide into two iron empires at the time Daniel describes.

Reason 8 — Daniel never names Rome anywhere — but he names Persia & Greece explicitly

Daniel names the next two kingdoms after Babylon:

Persia (Dan. 8:20)

Greece (Dan. 8:21)

Then Daniel says the fourth kingdom comes from Greece's successors (Dan. 8:22–23).

That means:

✓ The fourth kingdom emerges after one of the Greek divisions

✗ Not out of Europe

✗ Not out of Rome

Rome is never named in the Prophetic Scriptures.

Rome did not arise from Greece.

Rome did not inherit Greek territory east of the Euphrates River.

Reason 9 — Rome never became a single, iron monarchy

Daniel's fourth kingdom is a singular monarchy, like the others.

Rome was:

- a republic
- a senate
- a shifting monarchy
- later split
- later fragmented
- NEVER a unified iron kingdom ruling the Middle East

Rome does not fit the prophetic pattern.

Reason 10 — The iron kingdom continues until Christ sets up His Millennial kingdom

"But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in **the latter days**..." - Daniel 2:28

"And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." - Daniel 2:44

The Roman Empire ended long ago. The western empire collapsed in 467 AD and the eastern empire collapsed in 1453 AD.

the Roman Empire currently DOES NOT exist, yet the iron kingdom MUST exist according to the prophecy.

The fourth kingdom must:

- ✓ Rule Babylon
- ✓ Be continuous into the end times
- ✓ Face Christ at His second coming at the end of the 7-year Tribulation

Rome does NONE of these.

Conclusion: why Rome cannot be the "legs of iron"

1. Rome never conquered Babylon
2. The iron kingdom must rule Babylon
3. Rome did not replace Greece in Babylon's land
4. Daniel 2 shows a continuous Middle Eastern empire line
5. The fourth kingdom must be stronger than Greece in the same region
6. The ten toes belong to the legs — they are Middle Eastern, not European
7. Rome is not named anywhere in Daniel's writing
8. Rome was never a single "iron monarchy"
9. Rome breaks the chronological sequence of empires
10. The Roman Empire has not continued so as to exist at Christ's Return.

THE FOURTH KINGDOM — THE LEGS OF IRON

The Fourth Kingdom of iron MUST continue from its conquest of Babylon (Mesopotamia) until the second coming of Jesus Christ. The image and prophecy demand such continuity. The stone kingdom of God will

destroy the iron legs and feet along with the gold (Mystery Babylon, Rev. 17 & 18), the silver (Persia-Iran), the bronze (Greece & Turkey — the ancient Grecian kingdom included the western half of Turkey, Lydia)

But is there today such a kingdom? Oh Yes! It's right before our eyes and in the news every day!!

THE KINGDOM OF ISLAM!

Islam has been in continuous control of the region of Babylon since the 7th century. For 1300 years the fourth kingdom of iron has ruled over Mesopotamia — a critical factor in rethinking the old traditional paradigm.

Daniel's statue outlines a single chain of Middle Eastern empires occupying the same land — Babylon's land—until the coming of Christ's kingdom (the stone kingdom).

The sequence is:

Babylon

Medo-Persia

Greece

A Fourth Middle Eastern Empire of Iron - Islam

Rome never enters this chain because it never conquered Babylon nor ruled its land.

Islam, however, perfectly continues the line of Middle Eastern empires controlling Babylon.

10 reasons why Islam is the legs of iron:

1. The Fourth Kingdom Must Control Babylon's Land

Daniel 2 is explicit:

Each kingdom replaces the previous one in the same territory.

- Medo-Persia took Babylon.
- Greece took Medo-Persia.
- The fourth kingdom must take Greece's eastern holdings, including Babylon.

Rome did not take Babylon. Islam did!

When the Islamic Caliphate conquered the Sassanian Empire (AD 651), they took:

- Iraq (Babylon)
- Iran
- Syria
- Arabia
- Mesopotamia
- Egypt (later)

Exactly the land each previous kingdom held.

Islam fits the prophetic chain; Rome breaks it completely.

2. Iron Represents Harsh Crushing Power — Matching Islamic Caliphates

Daniel describes the iron kingdom as:

"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." - Daniel 2:40

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." - Daniel 7:7 The fourth beast of Daniel 7 aligns with the fourth kingdom of iron in chapter 2.

Historically, the Islamic Caliphate was known for:

- rapid, overwhelming military expansion
- crushing the opposition
- destroying previous cultures archaeology
- absorbing nations into a unified caliphate
- ruling from Spain to India
- dominating the entire Middle East for 1300+ years
- being diverse as a Political, Military, Religious and Social order controlling every aspect of life.

Rome was more administrative and legalistic, not universally "crushing or diverse."

Islam perfectly fits the prophetic image of iron's multi-faceted strength.

3. Iron + Clay Mixture Matches Islamic Civilization

Daniel says the last phase (feet & toes) is:

- Iron mixed with clay
- Strong + brittle
- Will not adhere together (Shia/Sunni internal division)

Islamic civilization is a perfect match:

Iron (Strength)

- military power
- unified caliphate

- Sharia law enforcement
- central authority
- conquest-driven expansion

Clay (Weakness / brittleness)

- ethnic divisions (Arab, Turk, Persian, Kurdish)
- denominational divisions (Sunni, Shia)
- tribal and regional rivalries
- recurring internal collapse

Rome does NOT have a two-substance identity.
Islam ALWAYS has.

4. The Ten Toes Match the Ten Kingdoms of the Last Middle Eastern Empire

Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 both describe:

a ten-part division emerging from the final kingdom in the Middle East

Islamic history is filled with regional divisions:

- Caliphates
- Sultanates
- Emirates
- Kingdoms

Later the breakup of the Ottoman Empire into exactly ten major Islamic nations centered around the Middle East. I will discuss them in the next section.

Rome, again, divided west–east (Rome, Italy in the west and the Byzantine empire in the east), and not into ten kingdoms.

5. Islam Replaced the Empire that Replaced Greece

The Bible's sequence must be:

Babylon → Persia → Greece → Fourth Kingdom

Historically, the kingdom that immediately replaced Greece's eastern territories was the Seleucid Empire, which was later replaced by the Parthian and Sassanian Empires, both eastern, Persian-centered kingdoms.

What kingdom conquered the Sassanian Empire and assumed its territory?

Islam (the Islamic Caliphate).

Rome never did this. Rome replaced Greece only in the west, not in the biblical heartland.

Islam is the direct successor of Greece's Middle Eastern empire.

6. The Fourth Kingdom Must Exist Until Christ's Return

The stone strikes:

- the feet and toes (final phase)
- in the days of "those kings" (the 10 kings I will discuss later)
- before the kingdom of God fills the whole earth beginning at Jesus' second coming

The Roman Empire is long gone.

Islam is still here—and ever expanding. Can you say Dearborn, MI?

The iron kingdom must:

- survive into the end times
- still be influencing the Middle East
- still be fractured but present

ONLY ISLAM FITS THIS REQUIREMENT!

7. Islam Matches the Beast Kingdom of Daniel 7 and Revelation

When you overlay Daniel 2, Daniel 7, and Revelation 13 & 17:

The final empire has a Middle Eastern geography

- It has ten kings
- It arises from the region of the Leopard (Greece), Bear (Persia), Lion (Babylon)
- It is religious and political
- It oppresses the saints
- It blasphemes the God of heaven (Islam claims that God has no Son)

This describes Islamic empires precisely.

The Roman Empire does not match the description of the final beast kingdom!

8. Islam even now literally Occupies the Exact Kingdom Regions Given in Daniel 2!

Daniel's kingdoms are all Middle Eastern:

- Babylon (Iraq)
- Persia (Iran)
- Ancient Greece (Middle East)
- Fourth kingdom (must be Middle Eastern)

Islam occupies:

- Iraq
- Iran
- Syria
- Egypt
- Arabia
- Turkey
- Israel (historically pre 1948)

The “iron kingdom” sits exactly where Islam sits.

Ancient Rome sits west of it all.

9. Islamic Empires Are the Longest-Lasting Fourth Kingdom Candidate

The iron kingdom is described as:

- long-lasting
- dominating
- strong
- extending across ages until the toes appear

Islam has:

- 1,300+ years of continuous control of the Middle East
- unified phases (iron)
- fractured phases (iron + clay)
- a present-day global footprint

Roman dominance does not exist today. It died over 5 centuries ago.

10. The Bible Never Mentions Rome in Daniel — Not Once

Daniel mentions:

- Babylon by name
- Persia by name
- Greece by name
- But NEVER Rome

Why?

Because the fourth kingdom is another Middle Eastern kingdom, not a European one.

Islam fits every biblical criterion.

Rome fits none.

SUMMARY: Why Islam Is the Iron Kingdom

Prophetic Feature	Islam Matches?	Rome Matches?
Must conquer Babylon's land	✓ Yes	✗ No
Must follow Greece in the Middle East	✓ Yes	✗ No
Strong as iron	✓ Yes	✗ Partly
Divided (iron + clay)	✓ Perfect match	✗ No
Ten-toe division	✓ Matches Islamic fragmentation	✗ No
Continues until Christ returns	✓ Yes	✗ No
Fits Daniel's Middle Eastern pattern	✓ Yes	✗ No
Matches the Middle Eastern geography	✓ Yes	✗ Absent
Replaces Mesopotamian empires	✓ Yes	✗ Never

Islam fits 100% of Daniel's criteria.

Rome fits 0%.

THE TEN TOES OF THE IMAGE

Historically, the Ottoman Empire broke into many more than ten nations, but 10 primary modern nations came directly out of Ottoman lands and WW1 mandates between 1918–1924 (6, the number of man).

These were the first major modern nation-states created from Ottoman territory after 1918:

1. Turkey

– The heartland of the Ottoman Empire.

2. Syria

– Former Ottoman province; became a French Mandate → modern Syria.

3. Iraq

– Created from the Ottoman vilayets of Basra, Baghdad, and Mosul.

4. Lebanon

– Formerly part of Ottoman Syria; became a French Mandate, then independent.

5. Jordan (Transjordan)

– Formed from the British Mandate of Palestine east of the Jordan River.

6. Israel (Palestine)

– Formed from the British Mandate of Palestine.

7. Saudi Arabia

– Unified by Ibn Saud, carved out of Ottoman Hejaz and Nejd regions.

8. Kuwait

– Former Ottoman territory under British protection; gained independence in 1961.

9. Yemen

– North Yemen (Ottoman) merged with South Yemen decades later.

10. Egypt

– Technically under Ottoman sovereignty until 1914; became a British protectorate and then a modern nation-state.

Why these 10?

These are the first-generation successor states that:

- ✓ were directly under Ottoman administrative control,
- ✓ became distinct recognized nations in the immediate aftermath of WWI, and
- ✓ formed the political structure of the modern Middle East.

While more nations eventually emerged (e.g., UAE, Qatar, Bahrain), those came later and were not direct WWI-era partitions.

The 10 toes of iron and clay are not some future manifestation, but have existed in plain sight for over a century!

Conclusion:

- Islam is the Only Power That Directly Continues the Middle Eastern Imperial Line After Greece
- Islam Is the Only Empire that fits both the iron and iron mixed with clay symbolism, partly strong and partly weak,
- Islam Divides Into Ten Kingdoms Exactly Where the Prophecy Places the Toes — the Middle East, NOT Europe.
- The Islamic Caliphates Ruled Babylon's Territory for Over 1,300 Years
- Islam Continues Until the Second Coming of Christ—Just as the Prophecy Requires

The evidence is overwhelming: The Roman Empire simply does not fit the prophecy. It never conquered Babylon, never ruled its land, never replaced Greece in the Middle Eastern succession, never divided into the ten toes of Daniel's image, and does not continue to the end of the age. But Islam fits every requirement precisely — geographically, historically, politically, and prophetically. From its iron-like conquests to its centuries-long rule over Babylon's heartland, from its fragmentation into ten nations, to its continued dominance of the region today, Islam alone rises from the text as the true fulfillment of Daniel's fourth kingdom. And as we watch the nations of the Middle East align and intensify, Daniel's prophecy is no longer ancient history — it is unfolding right before our eyes.

It's a shame that most so-called prophecy experts can't see this. It's hiding in plain sight! However, they are blinded by bogus church tradition and fallacious misinterpretations of the prophetic scriptures. As Jesus once said, "By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:" Matthew 13:14. And again, "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." Matthew 15:6. What is the cure for such intellectual laziness and Biblical indolence? Our apostle Paul uniquely answers that question commanding us to, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." - 2 Timothy 2:15

Do you want to be ashamed or approved when you stand before Jesus? The choice is yours and the solution is clear!