

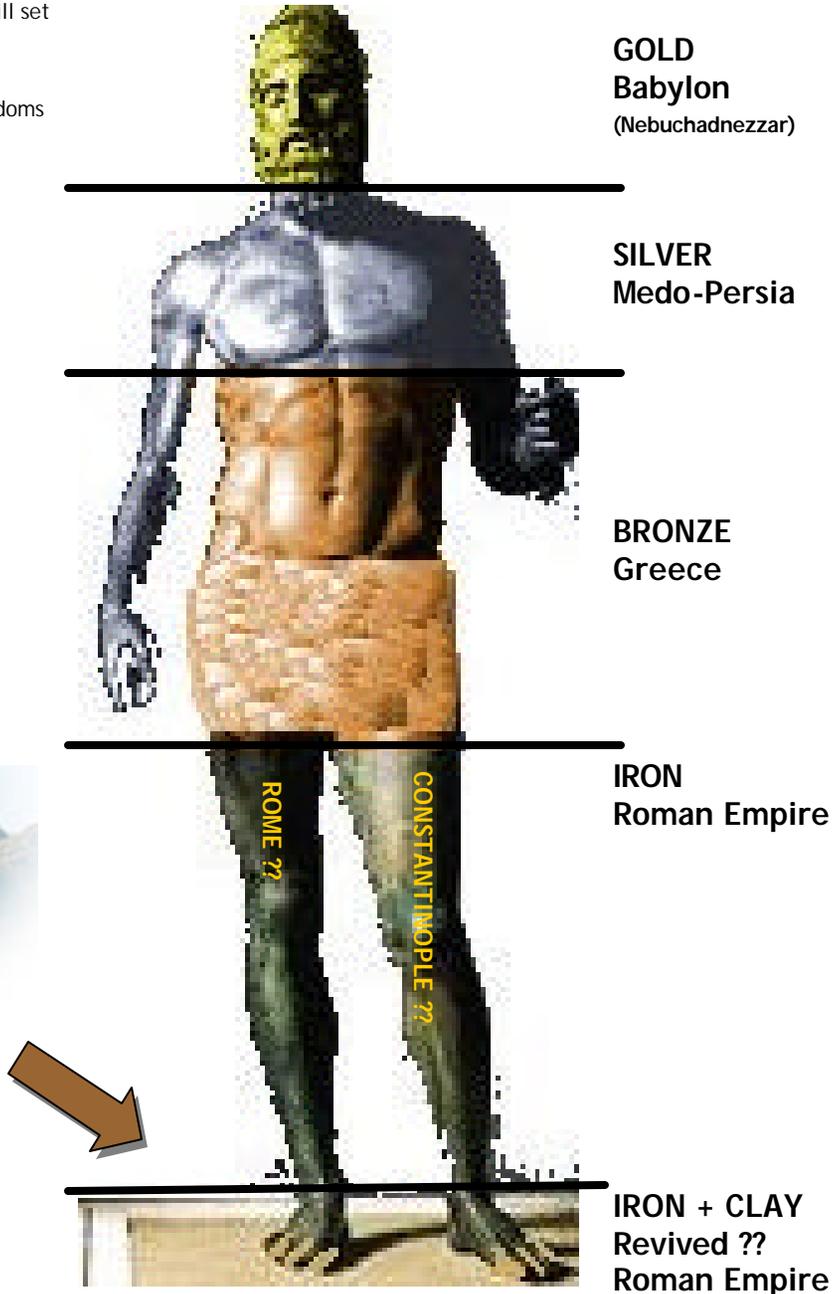
Daniel's First Vision of History (Daniel 2)

2nd Year of Nebuchadnezzar, 603 B.C.

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom:

- 1) which shall never be destroyed
- 2) the kingdom shall not be left to other people
- 3) it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms
- 4) it shall stand forever

Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold--the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this.



You o king are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell or the beasts of the field and birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all... you are this head of gold. v37-38

But AFTER you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours... v39

Then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth... v39

And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. " v40

Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. V41-43

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A-Millennial	Post-Millennial	Pre-Millennial
Tribulation is not literal 7 year but symbolic of the age-long struggle of evil against Messiah's rule. Book of Revelation is symbolic of God's kingdom triumphing through the church.	Tribulation is age-long.	Tribulation is literal 7 year.
Millennium is not literal 1000-year but is figurative.	The Millennium is literal 1000-year reign of Messiah realized through the church's ministry of the kingdom of God.	Millennium is literal 1000-year reign
The Church IS the kingdom of God on earth. (OR, the Church is not the kingdom but rather kingdom promises are fulfilled in heaven)	Present age is the kingdom OR church will establish the kingdom.	Messiah will setup earthly kingdom with His saints and literal Israel.
Second Coming or Rapture precedes Eternity.	Second Coming or Rapture precedes Eternity.	Millennial kingdom precedes Eternity.
Israel and Church = One People of God	Israel and Church = One People of God	Israel and Church are separate programs.

Points to Ponder towards a Pre-Millennial View:

In the days of these "ten" kings: in the day when the kingdom of "IRON" will be separated and divided into 10 kings.

In the days when a confederation of 10 kingdoms will come together: partly strong, partly weak.

In the days when a kingdom will come about that will mingle with men, but will not adhere.

Could the "days of the Kings", when the Church was established by Jesus and the Apostles, reasonably be seen to correspond to the day of these "10 kings"? The Roman empire has never known that particular configuration.... only East and West. If not, then the "Kingdom" which God will set up does not refer completely or explicitly to the Church.

According to the vision... the God of heaven will set up a kingdom. Whether He will do this explicitly through the church or WITH the church physically is the pivotal question.