

APPLICATION

5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon



Loyalty to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

Place your trust in the _____!

Luke 20:17-18 – “And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.”



Deep Ties to _____

We need each other's fellowship and encouragement!

DANIEL CHALLENGE #1 – Invite one-another over for _____
Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (*Who will you invite? When?*)



Courageous Testimony: _____ but _____

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

Faithfulness isn't a spiritual gift: it's a _____ we can make

Luke 16:10-11 – “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”



Reliance on _____: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

DANIEL CHALLENGE #2 – Start a ‘_____’
Make a commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.
→ *When will your prayer time be?*



Gardening with an Eye on the _____

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

Part 6: “Ten Toes and the Mountain”

TODAY'S TEXT: Daniel 2:36-49

2:36-40 – The Interpretation: The Coming Gentile _____

Head of Gold: _____

> Beginning of Gentile rule over Jerusalem

Chest of Silver: _____

> Jews allowed to return home, Gentiles still rule over Jerusalem

Belly of Brass: _____

> Conquered Persian empire & known world (including Jerusalem) before age 30!

Legs of Iron: _____

> Conquered Greece, ruled over Jerusalem before, during, and after the time of Christ

Toes of Iron/Clay: The _____ Empire

> A coming Kingdom... the FINAL one!

2:41-43 – The _____ of the 10 Toes

- *Iron legs not conquered – but ‘divided’*
pālaḡ = split, cleaved. see: Genesis 10:25
- *Kind of like the Roman Empire, but different.*
- *Built on alliances: strong and fragile. Not truly joined together*

2:44 – The Coming Kingdom of _____

Luke 1:31-33 – “And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”



A Deeper Understanding of the Final '10 Toes' Kingdom:

From **Daniel 7** and **Revelation 17**

Daniel 7:1-28: A _____ Perspective of the Coming Kingdoms

The _____ with Eagle's wings

- > Winged lions guarded the gates of the royal palaces of the Babylonians.
- > Wings plucked, given a heart of man



Babylon



Medo-Persia



Greece



Rome



Final



The _____

- > Bear is less majestic, less swift, and less glorious.
- > 3 Ribs = Babylon, Lydia (Turkey), and Egypt

The _____ with 4 wings and 4 heads

- > Less grand again, but it is swifter and much feared.
- > Alexander the Great conquered from Greece to Africa and east to India all by the age of 30!
- > When Alexander died, the Greek kingdom was divided into 4 principle regions with 4 different leaders (heads)

The Unusual and _____ Beast

- > _____ from all the others (*never really replaced!*)
- > Breaks and stamps: _____ of Jerusalem / scattering of the Jews
 - 63 BC – Rome defeats Greece, captures Jerusalem
 - 32 AD – Jesus Crucified under Rome Rule
 - 70 AD – Rome destroys Jerusalem & the Temple
- > Rome _____ into two (*like legs*):
 - 330 AD – Imperial capital moved to Constantinople
 - 407 AD – City of Rome is sacked: enters 'mystery phase'
 - 1453 AD – The Ottomans capture Constantinople
 - "Roman Empire" no longer directly controls any territory



The 10 _____ / Toes

- > Connected to, but distinct from Beast / Legs
- > The 10 horns/toes grow out of the split (*pālaḡ*) Roman Empire
- > The Horns/Toes are the _____ of men's empires

Revelation 17:7-14 – "And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition... And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth... And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

The Revelation on the _____ Kingdom of Men:

- "Was / Is Not / Shall Ascend" = past, present, and future
- "Goes to Perdition" = is the final empire
- Sits on '7 mountains' = Revived Rome, "the city of 7 hills"
- Has '10 horns' which are 10 future kings
- These kings rule only briefly, to empower the Beast (*Rome*)
- 3 of the kings are replaced by 1 king: the Anti-Christ
- The final empire goes to war with God... and is destroyed

2:45 – The _____ and the _____

Deuteronomy 32:4 – "He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."

Micah 4:1 – "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it."

2:45b – Certain and _____

"Certain" = *yaṣṣīb* = the truth, reliable, certainly

"Sure" = *'āman* = confirmed, supported, verified, believed, trustworthy

2:46-47 – Glory to the King of _____

2:48-49 – _____ & Courage are Rewarded

Matthew 25:21 – "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."