



In & Out of Babylon

Unveiling God's Power and Transformational Agenda in the Life and Prophecies of Daniel

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Discussion 1

The Patient Victor

- A. At the beginning of Daniel's story (Dan 1-6), what was the general attitude of the Babylonian's toward Daniel's God, YHVH? (Cf. 2Ki 18.33-35.)
- B. The first six chapters of *Daniel* all communicate a similar message to dispirited Jewish exiles (and to presently beleaguered Christians). List the six triumphs:

1. TRIUMPHS OVER

2. TRIUMPHS OVER

3. TRIUMPHS OVER

4. TRIUMPHS OVER

5. TRIUMPHS OVER

6. TRIUMPHS OVER

C. If God is triumphant, why are his people in exile and His enemies still in power?

God has a deeper purpose and agenda of divine Self-disclosure (Eze 28.26; 34.27-30; 39.28), involving:

1. Perfecting _____ for His Son (Rom 8.29; Rev 19.7),
2. Transforming the _____ (Mat 6.10)
3. Disciplining the rebellious _____ (Isa 24.21; 1Co 6.3; Eph 3.10)

D. What is the first message we should take home from Daniel 1 through 6?

God reigns over the nations (Psa 47.8), but waits _____ for His victory.

E. What does this mean for us?

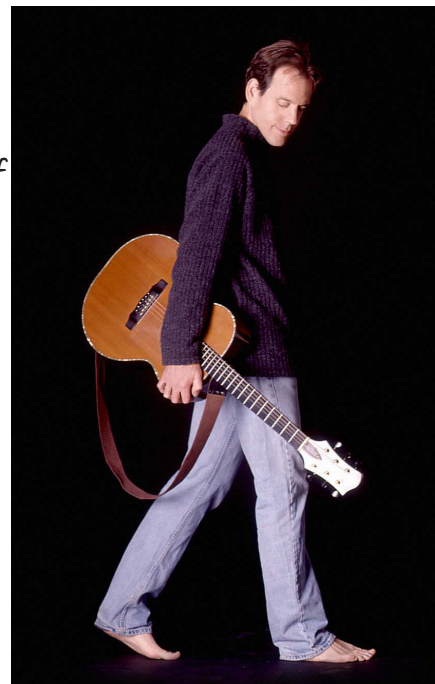
1. In our present trials let's recognize what David Wilcox expressed in the language of theater:

You say you see no hope, you say you see no reason
We should believe that the world would ever change...

Look, if someone wrote a play just to glorify
What's stronger than hate,
Would they not arrange the stage
To look as if the hero came too late he's almost in defeat
It's looking like the Evil side will win, so on the Edge of
from the moment the whole thing begins

It is Love who makes the mortar
And it's Love who stacked these stones
And it's Love who made the stage here
Although it looks like we're alone
In this scene set with shadows
Like the night is here to stay
There is evil cast around us
But it's love that _____

By David Wilcox, © 1993 Irving Music, From the *Big Horizon* album



2. We must enter into God's work with patience for the _____
_____, recognizing the value of what God is giving us now
(1Ti 4.8).



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Discussion 2

The Lord of Times

1. Label the parts of Nebuchadnezzar's dream image on page D-2.
2. Why are these empires symbolized and not others, like China?
3. Why does the image begin with Babylon rather than with Pharaonic Egypt or Assyria?
4. In what sense are the four kingdoms increasingly inferior (Dan 2.39,40)?
5. Why are empires symbolized by metals in the dream, and by beasts in the subsequent visions? Why are the empires symbolized as connected on the one hand, and as distinct beasts on the other?
6. Why does the stone strike the feet rather than the head?
7. TRICK QUESTION: What is the *Omega Point*, i.e., the ending point for the events predicted by Nebuchadnezzar's dream image?

The Designer of My Destiny

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” — Eph 2.10 (NLT)

8. How does God design the destiny of empires?

By designing the destinies of _____ (Psa 40.5; Isa 14.24-27),
_____ (Amo 3.6) and _____ (Pro 16.9; 19.21; 21.1;
Act 10.41; 17.26; Rom 9.23-24).

9. What happens when people live their lives without a sense of divine purpose?

- A. They live materially productive but ultimately _____ lives (Psa 49.20; 146.4), or
- B. They live despairing and _____ lives (Job 18.5-13 & Phi 3.18-19 in the NIV), or
- C. They invent their own purpose, without realizing its true _____ (Isa 30.1).

10. What can we do to help our children fulfill their destinies (Psa 139.16; Pro 20.24; Rom 8.28-30)?

- A. Train them in _____ (Pro 1.8ff; Isa 32.8).
- B. Teach them God’s love for _____ (Jer 29.7-11; Heb 11.16)
- C. Ask God for a _____ word for them (Amo 3.7; Rom 1.11; 1Co 14.26; 1Ti 4.14)
- D. Pronounce a _____ over them in the Name of the YHVH (Gen 28.3,4; 49.28; Num 6.22-27; 2Sa 6.20a; Sirach 3.9).

Wis. of Ben Sira 3.9: For a father’s blessing strengthens the houses of the children, but a mother’s curse uproots their foundations.

We’re called to take one day at a time (Matthew 6.34), and when confronted with new challenges, to simply do the next right thing. However, it will help us do the next right thing, if we know our calling and destiny (Philippians 3.14).

A Blessing for Sons

By your faith in Jesus the Messiah,
I bless you in the Name of His Father,
the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.¹

By your adoption into God's family through the blood of Jesus²
Who made you co-heir with your Lord and Brother,³
I bless you in the Name of your true Father in Heaven,⁴
YHVH.

May he give you and your descendants the blessing of Abraham,
so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as a sojourner, and advance
God's kingdom in it.⁵

May you bear much fruit for your Father's glory,⁶
may He fill you with the power and compassion of the Holy Spirit,⁷
may He give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation
in the knowledge of Christ,⁸

may He grant you to know Him, the power of His resurrection
and the fellowship of His suffering,⁹

may you fully understand and experience all
that God your Father has freely given you,¹⁰

including the mighty gifts of the Holy Spirit,¹¹

may you lay hold on that for which Christ Jesus laid hold on you,¹²

may you be filled with the knowledge of His will

in all spiritual wisdom and discernment,¹³

and may you abound in the fruit of the Holy Spirit.¹⁴

May those who bless you prosper and

may those who would curse you be overcome by good.¹⁵

_____, may God make you like _____.

In the Name of Father, the Commander of Angel Armies,
fulfill your ministry, calling and destiny.¹⁶

Amen

References

1 Rom 4.16

2 Joh 1.12,13; 1Jo 3.1

3 Rom 8.17

4 Joh 20.17

5 Gen 28.4; Mat 6.10

6 Joh 15.8

7 Eph 3.16; Col. 3.12; 2Ti 1.7

8 Eph 1.17

9 Phi 3.10

10 1Co 2.12

11 1Co 14.1

12 Phi 3.12

13 Col. 1.9

14 Gal 5.22,23; Phi 1.9; 1Th 3.12

15 Gen 27.29b; Rom 12.21

16 Col 4.17; 2Ti 4.5; Rom 8.28-30

A Blessing for Daughters

By your faith in Jesus the Messiah,
I bless you in the Name of His Father,
the God of Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel.¹
By your adoption into God's family through the blood of Jesus²
Who made you co-heir with your Lord and brothers,³
I bless you in the Name of your true Father in Heaven,⁴
YHVH.

May he give you and your descendants the blessing of Abraham,
so that you may *take possession of the land* where you now live as a sojourner,
and advance God's kingdom in it.⁵

May you bear much fruit for your Father's glory,⁶
may He clothe you with strength and dignity,
that you may laugh fearlessly at the days to come,⁷
may He give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation
in the knowledge of Christ,⁸
may you fully understand and experience all
that God your Father has freely given you,⁹
including the Spirit of prophecy and healing,¹⁰
may you lay hold on that for which Christ Jesus laid hold on you,¹¹
may you be filled with the knowledge of His will
in all spiritual wisdom and discernment,¹²
and may you abound in the fruit of the Holy Spirit.¹³
May your spiritual children be like the stars of the heavens,
and all arise to call you blessed.¹⁴

_____, may God make you like _____.

In the Name of your Father, the Father of compassion,¹⁵
fulfill your ministry, calling and destiny.¹⁶

Amen

References

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| 1 Rom 4.16 | 9 1Co 2.12 |
| 2 Joh 1.12,13; 1Jo 3.1 | 10 Act 2.18; 1Co 14.1 |
| 3 Rom 8.17; 1Pe 3.7 | 11 Phi 3.12 |
| 4 Joh 20.17 | 12 Col. 1.9 |
| 5 Gen 28.4; Mat 6.10 | 13 Gal 5.22,23; Phi 1.9; 1Th 3.12 |
| 6 Joh 15.8 | 14 Gen 15.5; Pro 31.28 |
| 7 Pro 31.25 | 15 2Co 1.3,4 |
| 8 Eph 1.17 | 16 Col 4.17; 2Ti 4.5; Rom 8.28-30 |



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Discussion 3

The
Only
Sovereign

1. Based on the story of Daniel ch. 4, what precedes effective testimony?
2. What precedes humility?
3. Just how dependent are we, according to Daniel 5.23?
4. What is life?

The Holy Spirit is the one who has been constantly sustaining and renewing the creation ... so that the sun rose this morning for another day and there was breakfast on your table. The Holy Spirit is the one who gives life to every mortal creature that breathes on the planet, and who is the energy behind every breath you take in this life.

Christopher J. H. Wright, *Knowing the Holy Spirit Through The Old Testament* (IVP 2006)

5. In view of Daniel chapters 4 and 5, do we really want free will?

Tale of Two Kingdoms

"The Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men. He gives it to anyone He wants and sets over it the lowliest of men."

— Daniel 4.17

GOD'S RULE

Supernatural - Dan 4.2

Eternal - 4.3, 34

Omni-generational - 4.3

Heaven and Earth - 4.35

Whole person - 4.16

Holy - 4.27

Immutable - 4.35

Truth-based - 4.37

Just - 4.37

MAN'S RULE

6. How can we tell when we have sins of autonomy?

7. What are the sins of autonomy that I must repent of now?



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Discussion 4

Father of Holy Ones

1. What is a saint?

• *A Catholic Dictionary (Attwater) says: One whose holiness of life and heroic virtue have been confirmed and recognized by the Church's official processes...*

• *The Bible says: All people whom God considers His own (Rom 1.7). We are saints by _____, not by _____ (See 1Co 6.2).*

2. Who then qualify as saints?

A.

B.

3. Do members of the Israelite remnant believe in Jesus of Nazareth?

See: Isa 10.20-22; 11.11-12.6; 28.5; Mic 2.12,13; 5.2-9; 7.18-20; Zep 3.11-13; Zec 12.9-13.1; **Rom 11.25-29**; Rev 14.1-5.

4. Why would God allow His saints to be attacked, overcome and oppressed (Dan 7.21,25; 8.12,24; 11.35; Rev 6.9-11; 13.5-7)?

5. What is "the apostasy" that Paul said was coming (2Th 2.3; cf. 1Ti 4.1-3)?

Probably based on the prophecies of Daniel (8.12-13; 9.23; 11.32), and the words of Jesus in Mat 24.10-13, Paul spoke of the apostasy as: _____

6. What is the "Great Tribulation"? (Dan 12.1,7,11; Jer 30.7; Mat 24.15-21)

• A period of unparalleled _____ (Dan. 12.1),

• commencing upon the appearance of the _____
of _____ (Mat 24.15,21),

• roughly _____ before the coming of Christ
(Dan 12.7,11).

• It is also called the "Time of _____"
(Jeremiah 30.7),

• and will be particularly localized in _____ (Mat 24.16).

7. Daniel, chapters 7-12, draw our attention repeatedly to the "little horn" of the End Time (7.8-11,20-26; 8.9-25), also called "a despised person," the End-Time king of the north (11.21-45). We have come to recognize this character as *The Antichrist*. Why would the Holy Spirit focus so much of Daniel's visions on information about this one individual?

A.

B.

C.

D.

8. Why will God permit the rise of The Antichrist, anyway?

A.

B.

C.

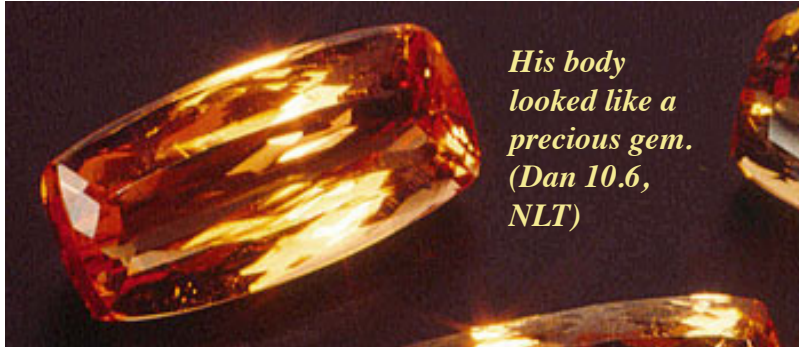
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His body looked like a precious gem. (Dan 10.6, NLT)

Discussion 5

The God Who Bleeds

Dan. 10.4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, 5 I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold around his waist. 6 His body was like chrysolite, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

Rev. 1.12 ...And when I turned I saw ... 13 ...someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 ...His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

1. Who was the glorious man who stood above the Tigris and spoke to Daniel?

The Alpha and Omega of Rev 1, our _____

2. Didn't the Son of God just sit on His heavenly throne before His first coming?

- He's the one who commanded the armies of YHVH during _____ (Jos 5.13-15)!
- He's the one who marched ahead of David against _____ (2Sa 5.23-35).
- He is the Malach YHVH who struck down _____ in one night (2Ki 19.35)!
- He's the one who has always had more than _____ at his command (Mat 26.53).

3. Is it possible for such a warrior to be wounded (Gen 3.15; Zec 12.10), and if so, how seriously?

As the Messiah, He would "be cut off and have nothing," i.e., he _____, and be denied any honor and recognition from the nation, the city and sanctuary where He _____ (Dan 9.19,24-26; Num 6.23-27; Deu 12.5,11; 1Ki 8.29; 11.36; 2Ki 21.4).

4. When would this "cutting off" occur?

After Jerusalem and the Temple were rebuilt, but before both the city and temple were demolished a second time (Dan 9.26). Therefore, the Messiah had to have appeared _____

5. Could He not, with His omnipotence and foresight, have prevented His own wounding and death?

Of course, but the pain and suffering were required by _____

6. There are parts of God's redemptive plan that remain mysterious and difficult to understand. Passages like Proverbs 16.4 and Romans 9.17-24 seem to indicate that it was part of God's plan to raise up wicked people, doomed to destruction, for His *and our* greater glory! Can we trust such a God?

unlike so many ambitious men, God did not ask His servants to bear the whole burden of His vision. Instead, He Himself incurred the _____ by far! We may not be able to trust a general who remains behind in safety while his soldiers suffer on the battlefield, but we can trust a King who leads His people into the fray and is _____.

We can trust a God who _____

7. Do we dare join the fellowship of His suffering (Philippians 3.10; 1John 3.16)?



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Discussion 6

The Lord of Times (Reprise)

1. The Law instructed that the land be left fallow and enjoy a sabbath every 7th year (Lev 25.2-7). Israel's 70-year exile fulfilled God's promise that the land *would* enjoy its sabbath rests for all its sabbatical years that were violated (Lev 26.34; 2Ch 36.20-21). For how many years had Israel apparently ignored the sabbatical year?

2. As Daniel repented for his people's disobedience, what span of years did God reveal to him regarding the future of his people and their holy city? (Dan 9.24)

3. In the vision of Daniel 9, why are the 70 weeks divided into 3 groups of 7, 62 and 1?

Because each of the 3 time periods would have a _____.

4. Is it reasonable to say there is a chronological gap between the 69th and 70th week?

Yes, because there has been a gap in _____.

5. Upon what era does the final vision of Daniel 10-12 focus? Trace the information about the "abomination of desolation" (Dan 12.11 and 11.31).

The "end of days" (10.14), the "end time" (11.40; 12.4).

6. Why does a standing angel have to "stand up" (Dan 12.1)?

The Hebrew word *amad* (used twice in this verse) can mean _____ or _____ for one who is already standing or moving.

7. Why would Michael *stop* standing over the people of Israel (cf. Gen 15.16; Num 14.9; Dan 8.23)?

The time comes when he must _____ for a time!

8. Why would the Lord wait to come until the “hand of the holy people is completely smashed” (Heb. *napayts*, Dan 12.7; cf. Deu 32.36)?

9. Does God want *our* “power” to be completely broken? (See Luk 20.18)

10. When will Daniel arise to receive his allotted inheritance (Dan 12.11-13; see p. D-23)?

11. What will Daniel inherit (Dan 7.27; 12.13)?

12. If Daniel's people are not resurrected until after the Great Tribulation (Dan 12.1-2), what does that imply about the time of the rapture of 1Th 4.13-5.4?

13. Was it fair to reveal a glorious future to Daniel, only to tell him he'd die before it all happened (See Heb 11.39-40)? Why did God reveal these things millennia in advance?

14. Since Daniel did not live to see all his prophecies fulfilled, what was his ultimate mission?
 - A. To reassure the exiles of his day, and pray for _____.
 - B. To prepare Israel for their future _____.
 - C. To alert discerning people that Messiah would have to _____ before entering His glory (Luk 24.25,26).
 - D. To prepare us for our End-Time _____.



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Discussion 7

Saints In Babylon

Part A

The Divine Assignment

1. The Nature of the Assignment (Act 17.24-27):

Acts 17.24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and *does not live in temples built by hands*. 25 And he is *not served by human hands, as if he needed anything*, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and *he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live*. 27 God did this *so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him*, though he is not far from each one of us.

The work God has called us to is:

- A.
- B.
- C. All about helping people find _____

2. The Place of God's Design:

Jer. 29.4 This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. 7 *Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*”

- A. God has called me to the land of _____
even as He called Daniel to the land of MESOPOTAMIA .
- B. God has called me to the city of _____
even as He called Daniel to the city of BABYLON .

3. Daniel's God-given circle of influence (ministry people-group) was the palace wise men.

My people are (Mat 15.24), and my circle of influence is (or will be):

4. How do I minister to my circle of influence?

- A. Dan 1.4: Learn their _____ .
- B. Identify the key individual (for Daniel it was Nebuchadnezzar). The key individual in my circle of influence is: _____ because he/she has the greatest:
 - influence on others
 - personal need
- C. Dan 2.24: Become an authentic friend, working for their success regardless of whether they ever become _____ .

5. Isn't our Great Commission to "make disciples" (Mat 28.18-20)?

Yes, but making Christian disciples is about more than just "getting people saved to get people saved." It is about bringing God's kingdom to our "neighbors" so that our neighborhood will be _____

6. What does a transformed neighborhood look like? (What does it look like when the kingdom comes to our neighborhood?)

Is. 58.6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, 10 and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

- A.
- B.
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Discussion 8

Saints In Babylon Part B

The Requisite Character

1. The world is not blind to good character (Dan 1.4). Cultivating positive personal qualities will open doors of ministry for us. Daniel and his friends were recognized for their:

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.

2. In our culture, Christians have become known for what they are against, and scorned as kill-joys. We cannot avoid being against evil: Daniel was against idolatry, sin and compromise. However, Daniel's reputation was built upon what he was *for*, and he became so beloved and respected that Darius the king could not sleep knowing that Daniel was in danger (Dan 6.18)! People knew that Daniel was *for*:

- A. Dan 1.8-13; 6.21: _____
- B. Dan 2.24: _____
- C. Dan 6.5,10; 1Ki 8.46-50: _____
- D. Dan 6.10, 16: _____
- E. Dan 9: _____

It's when a man stops learning that he begins to grow old....
— Joseph Hergesheimer

Our Call To Servant-Leadership

“...the one who is greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the one who serves....I am among you as one who serves.” — Luk 22.26,27 (NASB)

3. **Leadership is influence.** Daniel had the character to influence people for righteousness, so God placed him in leadership positions. Daniel thus provides an example for our present lives, and also foreshadows our destiny to rule the nations (Dan 2.48; 2Ti 2.12; Rev 2.26,27; 5.9,10; 20.6). Consider the leadership qualities of Daniel and his friends:

A. *An Uncompromised Message* (Dan 3.16-18)

Living out an uncompromised message requires that we know:

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B. *A willingness to _____* (See Dan 4.27; 5.15)

When faced with a king's unfavorable dreams or visions, the other wise men of Babylon weren't so much incapable of interpreting, as they were unwilling to risk the ruler's wrath.

C. *Reliance on the Revealer of _____* (Dan 2.22)

Should we find ourselves in exile, we should know that God is still willing to guide and direct us. We are not in the dark (1Th 5.1-6)

D. *Ability to _____* (Dan 5.12)

The people with the greatest influence in our lives are often the ones who can address our toughest problems.

4. **The Glorious Promise: As we follow in Daniel's footsteps, we will:**

A. *“Be strong and carry out great exploits”* (Dan 11.32, NKJV)

B. *Give _____ to many in the time of crisis* (Dan 11.33)

C. *Lead many to _____* (Dan 12.3)

D. *_____ in the next age* (Dan 12.2,3; 2Co 3.18 NIV)



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Discussion 9

Exiting Mystery Babylon

Coming Events...

1. RISE OF THE TEN KINGS:

Watch for the formation of an identifiable contingent of ten kings situated in the Middle East and in North Africa. Eight kings rule in the region now, in the nations of: Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, _____, and _____.

2. RISE OF THE TWO BABYLONS:

- The nation of Iraq will stabilize and become an _____ and military power.
- Eventually, Iraq will call for a _____ to rule the nation.
- Watch for a union between Iraq and Syria in a revived _____.
- Iraq will complete the rebuilding of the city of Babylon; this ancient city will become the _____ capital of the Middle East.
- The European Union will continue to grow in strength and will _____ the Middle East.

“The European Union aims to harness the boom in the Gulf sparked by rising oil prices to ramp up trade and boost its political and strategic leverage in the Middle East.”
— AFP, May 8, 2007

- The European Union will move its commercial capital to _____.
- Europe will economically fuel a boom in luxury products and _____.
- Babylon, Iraq and Rome, Italy (Mystery Babylon), will face-off as commercial competitors for _____ of the Mediterranean world.

3. RETURN OF TEMPLE WORSHIP TO ISRAEL

Watch for more news about the red heifer.

“Let the truth be known: there is nothing to stop the people of Israel from raising a new red heifer, from birth, and preparing it in the manner we have described in these pages, and raising children in purity to carry out the procedure - even without the original ashes. ...a perfect heifer, born and raised under a controlled environment, would be fit to be used for the Temple. And that is precisely what is being done today.”

<http://www.templeinstitute.org/red_heifer/original_ashes.htm>

• The daily sacrifices may be resumed on a rebuilt altar before the Temple is built, Ezra 3.2,3. However, “the holy place” is a technical designation for the first room of the sanctuary proper, and that’s will occur (Mat 24.15).

where Jesus says the _____ will occur (Mat 24.15).

• It is highly unlikely that the Jews will permit their temple to be built anywhere but over the pinnacle of rock where Solomon made a niche for the Ark of the Covenant. Therefore expect a crisis that will result in:

- A. The relocation of, if not destruction of, the _____.
- B. The shift of control over Jerusalem’s _____ from the Palestinians to the Israelis.
- C. An international agreement to permit the building of a Jewish Temple while allowing _____ continuing access to the Temple platform (Rev 11.1,2).

4. BIG SURPRISE: _____ IN THE MIDDLE EAST

What it means to “come out of Babylon”:

The great End-Time idolatry generated by the two Babylons will be the worship of Mammon and Commerce; in other words Consumerism and Materialistic Hedonism. Coming out of Babylon (Rev 18.4; 1John 3.16) means:

- Prioritizing another’s life over my own _____ .
- Prioritizing another’s need for food and shelter over my _____ .
- Prioritizing another’s eternal destiny over my _____ .
- Prioritizing another’s need for family over my _____ .
- Prioritizing another’s spiritual fruitfulness over my _____ .