

## Unveiling The Future

A Look at the Book of Daniel

### Principles of Interpretation

- Use the clear to interpret the unclear.
- Interpretation must be made in the context of the scripture.
  - Historical context
  - Scriptural context
- Interpretation is effected by style of writing
  - Historical, Poetry, Wisdom, Apocalyptic

### Daniel

- Daniel and friends taken to Babylon 605 BC
- Sons of nobility or royalty
- Educated in University of Chaldeans, Babylon campus 4
- 3 yr. degree program. King would then give them an oral exam. Those who passed would serve the king.
- Daniel and friends found to be 10x better than existing advisors.
- Daniel served till about 539 BC
- While still a student, Daniel 2 happens

### Daniel 2

- Nebuchadnezzar has a dream
- The challenge to the wise men is to tell the King his dream and then give him the interpretation. 3-11
- 13 – They sought Daniel and co. to kill them
- 15 – Daniel asks “why?”
- 16- By faith, Daniel asks for a time to answer the king
- 17-19 - Time to pray
- 20-23 – Give credit where credit is due

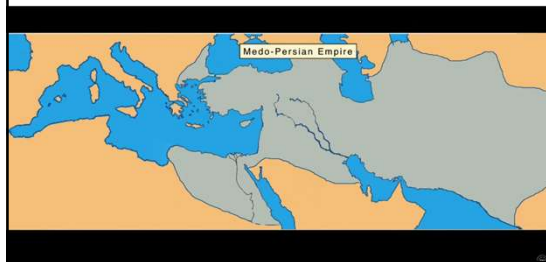
Daniel 2	Kingdom	Daniel 7
Gold Head	Babylon	Winged Lion
Silver Chest and Arms	Medo-Persian	Lopsided Bear
Bronze Belly and Thighs	Greece	Four headed Leopard
Legs of Iron and clay	Islamic Caliphate	Terrible Beast
Stone cutout without hands	Kingdom of God	Little Horn
		Everlasting Kingdom



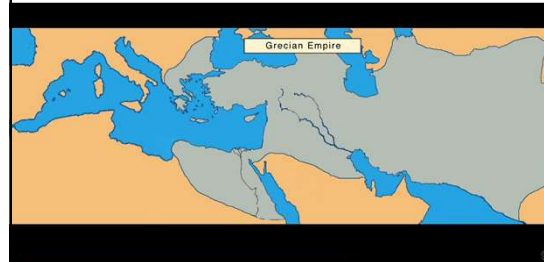
### Babylonian Empire



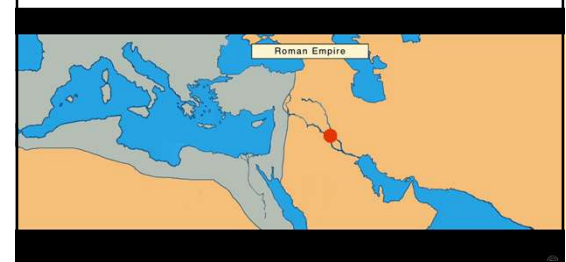
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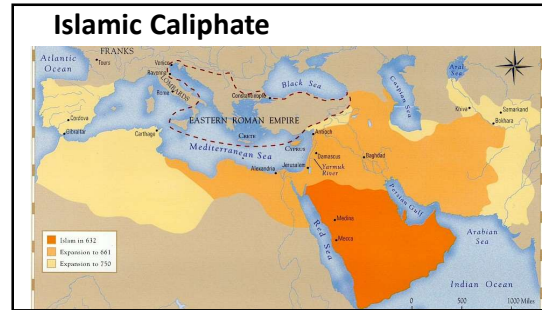


### Grecian Empire



### Roman Empire





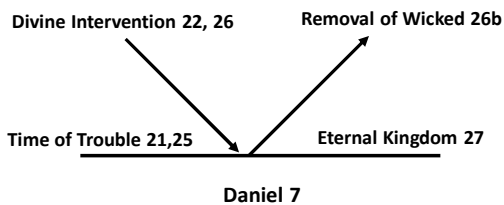
### Why 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom is the Islamic Caliphate

1. Each of the kingdoms are seen as being geographically replaced by the next.
2. Dan.5:28-31 – Medes and Persians follow Babylon
3. Dan.11:2-4 – Grecian empire follows the Medes
4. 4<sup>th</sup> kingdom that defeated the geographic area of Babylon was the Islamic Caliphate
5. Islam is a divided empire. Shia (Iran) and Sunni (SA)
6. Who is the greater enemy of Israel today? The EU or the new Rising Islamic Caliphate?

### Daniel 7

- Chap.7 is a retelling of Chp.2
- There is a conversion in the Lion v4
- Following kingdoms become more brutal
- Notice the Pattern of Prophecy
  - Little horn comes to power, 7:8,21
  - Ancient of Days sits in judgment,
  - Evil destroyed,
  - Everlasting Kingdom established
- The Little Horn is the anti-Christ

### Pattern of Prophecy



### Daniel 7

- How well was the “Little Horn” doing in his battle against the saints? 7:21,25
- How long will the battle last? 24
- When will the war end? 22, 26
- How long will “The Kingdom” of vs 13-14, 18, 27 last?

### Take Home

1. God is still in control
2. You can trust the scriptures
3. Evil will be destroyed
4. Jesus is coming – Have Hope
5. Jesus is coming – Be Holy
6. Jesus is coming – Tell others