

Stone 2

The four kingdoms in the statue in Dan 2 are represented by 4 different metals. They have 4 different natures. They do not turn into each other; (just like human nature cannot turn into divine nature, or angel nature does not turn into human nature, or animal nature does not turn into human nature) but they are 4 distinct, different elements.

In 364 AD the Roman empire divided into two branches represented by the two legs in the statue in Dan 2:34. They were the Eastern Greek Orthodox church in Istanbul, Turkey (Constantinople) and the Western Roman Catholic church in Rome. In this day, with the Ecumenical movement, they are starting to talk about coordinating the two churches. After all, the ten toes have to walk in coordination even if they are on two different feet (in a divided kingdom). The two churches have to walk under some kind of head; five separate toes on two separate feet, but in coordination.

The mother, harlot, the unfaithful woman in Rev 17:5 and her unfaithful daughters who are all over the earth will coordinate in the ecumenical movement under the framework of the two churches. They will deceive many, even many in the Edah if they have kept their own sovereignty, however, the elect will not be deceived. The Ecumenical movement will be speaking of marvelous things; even unity, but it will be unity in diversity since Satan cannot duplicate unity to the point that the elect could be deceived.

However, he *can* duplicate it enough to deceive all others (Mt 24:24).

What the young disciples learned from last week's teaching about the Stone:

Yael — with much love and patience, our Father is cutting out a stone which will last forever and crush all the other kingdoms.

Tamar — In this age, the earth will not be filled with His kingdom, and the light of the life of it, but in the next age, the whole earth and then the whole universe will be filled with the kingdom of God forever and ever.

[However, a light to the nations by the life of the twelve tribes will be sufficient witness to the world for Salvation of all who belong to Him (Isa 42:6,7; 49:6; Mt 24:14)]

What Tamar and Yael shared was so wonderful because it shows that they are understanding this, a spiritually learned thing, proving to be the elect, since natural man cannot discern and understand spiritual things.

This last movement (the stone) is a movement of the holy angels and the Spirit of our Elohim who is the Sovereign of hosts of armies of angels. We were preserved by the chief commander of the heavenly armies of angels — YHWH. The Holy Spirit trusts and empowers angels (Rom 9:29; Jn 6:44-45; 10:14,16). He commands, delegates authority to them. He has a ministry of ministering spirits who originate from a source. The Holy Spirit has been sent to dwell in the Body and speaks to us, in the Body. He is the representative Spirit who represents the Father and Son to us. He is the administrative Spirit; He administers to us and we minister the Spirit to others.

This movement of holy angels will bring about the time which our Master spoke of in Luke 21:24, when the time of the Gentiles will come to an end. Our Master will come back when the stone is hewn out (Dan 2:34) and thus a demonstration is visible to all the earth. That demonstration is the means by which our Master will righteously be able to pour out His indignation on the nations and subsequently their time will come to an end. The nations cannot be judged until there is a witness by which the Holy Spirit will convict the world of 1) sin — unbelief (Heb 11:7; Mt 24:14). Many people think they believe, but the true faithful witness will bring conviction to them and prove that they do not believe if they reject the demonstration of the perfect unbreakable, unshakable unity of the twelve tribes; 2) the righteousness of our Master. Yahshua overcame death, went to the Father and gave His Holy Spirit to men, setting them free to overcome all unrighteousness. And because disciples are free to love one another through the Holy spirit, it brings about the demonstration (witness); and 3) judgment of Satan — when the Body is perfected in unity, Satan will be cast into the abyss. His sentence has already been given; he is already condemned. At the end of the sixth day, he will be cast into the abyss, then at the end of the seventh day, after being released to test mankind for a short time, he is thrown into the lake of fire forever and ever (Rev 20:10).

When the evil day comes at the end of the sixth day (Rev 3:10; Lk 21:36; Mt 24:13) and tests mankind, if we

love the world and the things of the world, we will be deceived and led astray. Unless something is done about that love that we have for the world, we will not be able to endure the great deception.

When Satan deceived Eve, he did not want her to do a great obvious sin, but he wanted to DECEIVE her by giving her something that LOOKED LIKE the same thing but better than what she had (which YHWH had given her) but was not.

Satan's deception will be coming into full bloom in the last 50 years of history when those ten toes are being developed. "I'm afraid lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Messiah." Satan wanted to create another *movement* that duplicates the true church in a religious way and they received another gospel. It is a *gospel*, but it is a false gospel, Satan's gospel. It is Satan's spirit dressed up as the Holy Spirit, deceiving the world by trying to duplicate and replace the true church with religion, a form of godliness, as 2 Tim 3:5 states, while retaining a form of piety ...stay away from such people (2 Tim 4:3-4). A time is coming, Paul said, when the truth is turned into myths.

Time of the Gentiles

The time of the Gentiles will come to an end when the fullness of the Gentiles is fulfilled which is when the twelve tribes are fully developed. This will happen at the same time as the ten toes develop and when that stone is fully formed it will bring an end of the nations' dominion over Jerusalem.

The time of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24) is as long as the Gentiles have dominion over Israel. It began partially when the Assyrians took over ten tribes of Israel. So they had dominion over part of Israel. But then the Babylonians came and took the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and destroyed the *heart* of Israel, Jerusalem. And ever since, the Gentiles have had control/dominion over Israel, until 70 AD. Israel was scattered into the nations under their rule. The nations will try to have dominion once again over Israel — the national twelve tribes — about 2000 years later. But Spiritual Israel will not be under the nations/Gentiles dominion any more than what dominion we give to them — only as much as we can obey them without compromising. [The New Covenant tells us exactly where we can obey the nations and where we cannot, even at the expense of our lives and of our children. The New Covenant is our constitution, our laws and by-laws as interpreted by the Holy Spirit through His ministers. The preamble of that constitution is in Mt 5-7 — the sermon on the mount. We have to be perfect in this as our heavenly Father is perfect. If we do not obey that, then we are disloyal and unfaithful to the covenant that He made with us. We cannot be any less perfect than our Father is perfect in what He is teaching us in Mt 5:48 to grow into complete maturity having reached the proper heights of virtue and integrity (Eph 4:11,16).]

The New Covenant teaches us when to submit to earthly powers and when we cannot submit. We cannot be intimidated by earthly powers or be controlled by them. (For once we give into them, then we have lost both ourselves and our children anyway.) Spiritual Israel is not under dominion of the Gentiles. In the first church, some were even martyred (though some, perhaps, did not have good motives) and many will be beheaded because they will not take the mark of the beast, will not submit, etc., for not coming under the dominion of the Gentiles.

When that stone strikes those ten toes (1 Cor 15:24) all other authority comes to an end. After that, the nations will never again have authority over Israel. Due to the work of servant Israel (Isa 49) and by their devotion, the laying down of their lives, their martyrdom even by being beheaded, the time of the Gentiles will come to an end. Yahshua will not act until the servant Israel is perfected. The Holy Spirit will work until not a trace of love for things of the world is left in us; not until we even HATE the useless, vain, evil things of the world (Jms 4:4; 1 Jn 2:15; 1 Ths 5:23-24).

Rom 11:25 talks about a "MYSTERY ... that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and thus all Israel will be saved." Israel's hardening is temporary, not permanent, and partial, not total. When all Israel is saved, then the promise to Abraham is going to come about to natural, physical Israel. This will happen when spiritual Israel, the servant of YHWH in this age, the stone, is perfected in unity, *the bond of peace: freedom from internal commotion, freedom from agitation or disturbance*

by the passions, as fear, terror, anger, anxiety; as quiet of conscience is peace, peace where there is sweet peace.

We are spiritually in unity because of one Holy Spirit, but are not perfected in unity until all of Yahshua's enemies have been put under His feet, and we have a holy hate for the things of the world (ways of the nations), as giving under compulsion (2 Cor 9:6-7), because it is because of these enemies that we can divide (1 Cor 1:10-13; 3:1-3), and love of the world turns us cold. It says that in the last days, men will be lovers of pleasure (ease and security) instead of lovers of God (2 Tim 3:4).

We must get ready for the evil day coming at the end of this age when many will be deceived and fall away. Some, even, will fall away before the evil day gets here because they keep an idol in their heart. If we tolerate anything in our heart that allows us to go beyond what we can be forgiven for, then we cannot endure to the end (Mt 5:22,29; 18:6; Heb 6:4; 10:26; Titus 3:10-11). We have to be tested because in those last 3½ years we do not want people who are not true and real and who love the world and its pleasures — the things that appeal and cater to our flesh — and harbor a love for them in their hearts (Gal 5:24).

There is an evil day coming to test our hearts, so we must be tested until our character is stone — impenetrable, impervious, stone-like, rock, *kepha*.

It is not just because we have the Holy Spirit that we will be perfected in unity, but because His glory resides upon us. We have to RECEIVE His glory but it will not come upon anyone who is unholy. Messiah was able to receive the glory of the Father but it will not light on any unclean thing. Jn 17:22 — His glory will come upon us (Hag 2:9).

There is an evil day that comes upon the church in order to test us and see if we are fully armed (Eph 6:13) or if our armor is on right. We have to prepare for it now so that when the evil day comes, we will be impenetrable and we will be perfected in that day. A day will come when He will not protect us apart from our judging ourselves. It is not a sin to be tempted, but it is a sin not to resist it. It is a sin not to confess it. We can pray "Father, I'm being tempted. I want the Holy Spirit to come..." If we take action against it, it will leave us. If we secretly love it, it will not go anywhere.

We have to respect our enemy. He is deceitful, crafty, full of schemes, cunning, smart. 2 Cor 11:3 — "But I am afraid lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning you also will be led astray from your simple devotion to Yahshua," to a religion, for simple devotion is really just simple, pure devotion. The Ephesian church (Rev 2:1-5) came to do everything, looking great, but they were not loving Yahshua with simple, pure devotion. He was not *in* their hearts, so they were deceived. Everything they did was religion, just a form. The Laodicean church (Rev 3:14-21) came to do everything out *ofform* — a religion. They were doing it without faith (Rom 14:23), Messiah was not in their *hearts* while doing it so it was just a form of godliness (2 Tim 3:5). It is impossible to please Him without faith (Heb 11:6). Without having Him in their hearts (Eph 3:17), their deeds were lawless (Mt 7:21-23). The Holy Spirit was standing at the door knocking for entrance into their hearts because they did not have Him in their hearts. They were not *making sure* that they had Him in their hearts (1 Chr 28:9). So whatever they did, they did it in form — it was just religion; it could not please Him.

Thus we have Christianity (2 Tim 3:1-7; 4:3-4), one of the five major religions in this day. It came out of disciples losing their simple devotion to Messiah. We have to profit by their example. They HAD the light but it was taken out of its place (Rev 2:5) and from then on, they shed a *false, deceiving light* (2 Cor 11:14) and began to deceive the world with this religious sorcery (Rev 18:23). Sorcery is performing by the power of *another spirit* (2 Cor 11:15), or speaking convincingly by the persuasion of another spirit. But it all starts out from just doing things or speaking in the *flesh* without the Holy Spirit's power, without Messiah in your heart, without faith (Eph 3:17).

Rev 21 — The New Jerusalem, the Holy City, is the Body of Messiah — all Israel. Israel is Elohim's prince, those who rule with YHWH forever and ever. It includes those who offered righteous sacrifices under the old covenant and were rescued by Yahshua from death (Eph 4:8-9) — they are the beginnings, the first part of the Body of Messiah. The second part is the first church and us. Then in the millennial reign, multitudes will come in. All of these combined will make up ALL Israel, Eternal Israel.

Israel has to be saved in this age, and come out of the nations until the full number of Gentiles have come in — fullness of the Gentiles. Then Israel has to be saved in the next age plus all those who by faith receive Messiah are grafted in (Rom 11:17-23). There will be grafting in of both the true physical seed of Jacob and of other races of men. There are those who are natural descendants of Israel and those who are not natural descendants but are still the spiritual seed of Abraham by faith regardless of genealogy. All of Israel has to be saved for the New Jerusalem to come into being — the Eternal Israel (Gal 3:28-29; Rev 21:12).

The fullness of the Gentiles — when everybody who belongs to Messiah comes into the Body in this age. When all of natural Israel who are chosen, scattered in the nations come in (Jn 11:52; 10:16), and the full twelve tribes are developed, and the fullness of the Gentiles come into the church — THEN the stone is perfected. The stone brings about the end of the time of the Gentiles having dominion over physical Israel because this is the stone that will crush the feet of the statue, the other kingdoms (Dan 2:35), if we do not compromise and allow the nations to have dominion over us in any way.

Mt 19:28 is *physical* Israel in the next age — enjoying peace because the nations (Gentiles) dominion is ended by the *Stone Kingdom* which is ruling with Messiah, during that age, over the nations (Rev 2:26).

The seed of Jacob has been under the power of Gentiles. The *time of the Gentiles* is the time when the nations control Israel. The end of the time of the Gentiles is when the nations cease from having control over Israel. This will be the end of the dominion of the nations controlling Israel (Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome). Then in 70 AD, Rome destroyed Jerusalem and the Jews were scattered to the nations where they are to this day.

If we allow the nations to seduce and control us, then we fornicate with them. [SEDUCE — to draw aside or entice from the path of rectitude and duty by flattery, promises, bribes, etc., or to entice to a surrender of chastity or virginity.] In the New Covenant, we know that if we are true and loyal to Him then no evil can overtake us.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream announced the end of the Gentiles/nations dominion over Israel. The very one who had control over Israel had the dream that this dominion would end someday; that there will be a people who would be that stone and crush his feet and smash his toes; and that all of those kingdoms would crumble. Thus the promise to Abraham would be fulfilled and Israel restored to the land grant promised to Abraham in Gen 15:18-21. The promise of Gen 12 and 15 has not been fulfilled. This land grant promise is for ALL Israel during the millennium period. The twelve apostles will rule over the twelve tribes, King David will be chief king over Israel, and Messiah will be chief King over the whole earth with His Bride to be, the Stone Kingdom. When we pray "Your Kingdom come on earth, etc.," it is referring to His kingdom — the Stone Kingdom.

There is a battle being fought by us against spiritual powers and authorities (Eph 6) in order for the Body to be perfected in unity so that the promise to Abraham may be fulfilled in the millennial period. We must say no to evil. When it comes to us, we can judge ourselves. If we entertain it, it will divide us. If we have grace to say no to evil, then we will not be divided or deceived (Heb 10:13; 1 Jn 3:8; Titus 2:11-13).

Physical Israel is trying to bring about the land grant promise in the flesh, by military action, etc. But it is spiritual Israel who is really doing it for them even though they do not know it or ever admit it.

The promise to Abraham was to have the land and no outside force or nations would control it, so that it could be fulfilled in the time of the end of the age when it would seem to be impossible to go against the power, authority and *control of the nations* — then, at that time a stone would be hewn that would crush the control and authority of the nations and then fill the whole earth with this Stone Kingdom. It was a supernatural thing that God did with Abraham in giving him a child so that he would KNOW that it was not the flesh and, because Abraham did not withhold his only son, then his descendants would take possession of the gate of their enemies (Gen 22:16-17; Lk 1:68-75). We must have the same faith as our father Abraham; our children must have the same trust as Isaac, his son. This is the *faith of Abraham* and all who are his seed must do the works of Abraham. The promise to Abraham will be fulfilled and Israel restored to the land promised in Gen 15.

If His name will be great among the nations in this age (Mal 1:5,11,14), beyond the borders of the land of Israel,

it will be because WE are taking dominion, loving our brothers and sisters, speaking to them (Mal 3:16), being obedient, overcoming, saying no to evil. He makes His name great through our obedience. Marvelous worship will go forth: incense is obedience.

Then Israel once again will be preeminent on the earth as David and Solomon's reign was a type of. No one will control it or dominate it because just as David subdued all the enemies surrounding his kingdom, the servant Israel will have subdued all the enemies around it, pouring out their lives, commanding their children and their households like the fort commands the harbor in war, not letting anything come in to harm.

In 721 BC, Israel was scattered to Assyria. In 606 BC, Judah was sent to Babylon. 70 years later, Judah returned because Daniel read it in the prophets (Jer 25) and started praying (Dan 9) and God made it happen by moving the heart of Darius (Dan 9:1). The written prophetic word stimulated Daniel and it inspired him to pray. This word has to stimulate us to pray — that is how it is going to happen. Daniel got encouraged and started praying. He was encouraged through the prophetic word of Jeremiah. He had a spirit to be encouraged because he cared about our Father's purpose.

Judah came back 70 years later. Though Israel was scattered from Assyria later through the whole world, most of Judah remained, but a remnant came back and built a temple. It is prophesied in Hag 2:9, "therefore the latter glory of this house WILL far outweigh the former glory." The way this will happen is that the prophets start praying and prophesying, inspiring others to start praying and prophesying and having vision until the fullness of the nations comes in.

Then in 70 AD, Judah was scattered in the world when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. Israel will be gathered to those who (Isa 56:8) are already gathered — us — and the fullness of the nations will come in.

The dream of Nebuchadnezzar pictured the world's kingdoms in their succession. The Gentiles are represented by a statue of a huge man in Dan 2:31-33. The degeneration of the world's kingdoms is seen in this picture in the diminishing value of the metals. There are four metals and they represent four worldwide empires (Dan 2:37-40) to arise in succession. Gold is the softest and heaviest metal, iron the hardest and lightest. The toes are a revision of the fourth (Iron Roman) kingdom.

There are only four empires to succeed each other: 1) Babylon — Dan 2:38; 2) Persia — Dan 5:30; 3) Greek; 4) Rome. Communism would take over if we did not pray against it. The fifth kingdom is our Master's kingdom.

We can see the deteriorating of the statue by the character of the metals succeeding one another. The power of Nebuchadnezzar was absolute (Dan 5:19). He had unlimited authority (gold). The second king (silver) was inferior to the first (Dan 6:12-16; Est 8:2-12). The king could not do as he himself willed. It was an hereditary aristocracy. The third (brass) was a military aristocracy under Alexander the Great, only as powerful as military might or as strong or weak as the military leader. The fourth (iron) — the Caesars were checked by a senate, assemblies, other nations, *press*. The statue grows weaker and weaker from head to feet; from absolute monarchy to an autocratic democracy. The feet and toes become a mixture of iron and clay.

Joel 2:28-32 says that in the last days your sons and daughters will prophesy; but we cannot prophesy unless we hear the prophetic word. So that is why we must be taught about this now — as we go along we can decipher and ascertain the whole message. Now we are looking through a glass darkly — but it is becoming more and more clear as we see things unfolding in history before our very eyes. There are certain things and aspects about the book of Daniel we can understand with our natural minds, but the *essential* character of the prophecy can only be deciphered and ascertained in the spiritual mind — and this by revelation from the living Elohim. And many things we thought we understood in our natural minds, we will come to see in our spiritual minds.

The dream of Nebuchadnezzar is significant because it was at the time of the beginning of the nations' rule of Israel and only after that big statue, which started with Nebuchadnezzar, was destroyed could Israel again be without that rule over it. It gave more encouragement to Daniel than to Nebuchadnezzar.

Ben Chesed — We can bring everything about by praying. We can change, totally, the world.

Hakam shared that the only way we can be that stone is if we let our Father have absolute power in our lives — that is what is going to make us be that people.