

SIGNS

THE REVIVAL OF ROMAN EMPIRE

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I. The Dream Received, 1-6

Used as a test, v. 5 the thing is certain to me.

II. The Dream Revealed, 7-23.

III. The Dream Recited, 24-49

A. Reported, 24-30

B. Rehearsed, 31-35

C. Interpreted, 36-45

1. Neb and Babylon head of gold, 37-8.

2. Media-Persia breast and arms of silver, 39a.

See 5:28; 8:20-21; 11:2.

3. Greece, belly and thighs of brass, 39b. 8:21-22.

4. Rome, 40-45.

a. Powerful, strong as iron, 40.

b. Mixed, 41-43. Strong and brittle (clay that has been hardened)

Combine with seed of men=combine different nationalities incld intermarriage.

c. Is this Rome? What are legs? Upper part of legs = twofold stage of last period of Alexandrian Empire which concerned the Jews; i.e. Syria and Egypt. Two-legged bec embraced 2 continents. Rome continued this embracing Mediterranean area and east (western Asia Minor). Rome divided by Emperor Valentinian I in A.D. 364. Apparently in time of end Rome will include East and West. Two legs are geographic.

d. Ten kings, 44 exist at same time when X comes. Not 1st coming bec X put to death. Not Xn ch bec hasn't conquered Rome. Internal decay did. Doesn't say 10 toes but cf. 7:24-27. 10 kings that reign in last generation of Gentile power.

e. Little horn, 7:8, 24-25.

Vv. 11-12 mean that antichrist cast into lake of fire, Rev. 19:20. v.12 means that as each previous kngdom destroyed its remnants live on in succeeding kngdoms.

At time of 10 and they are simultaneous bec 3 destroyed at same time.

He is a blasphemer, persecutor of bel, changer of rel times and traditions (v. 25). Limited to 3½ yrs. Last half of trib.

Sign as see 10 nation confederacy forming. May go beyond Western Europe.

At height of Empire included whole Med world from Britain south to Morocco then east to Arabia, north to Turkey and Rumania and west along Danube to Rhine.