


The Coming Kingdom
Chapter 5




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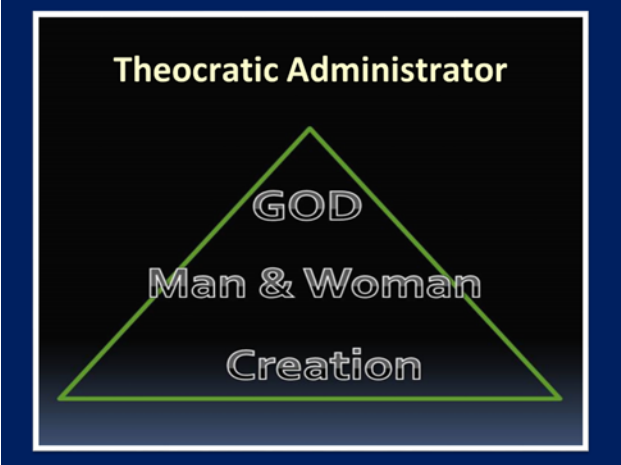
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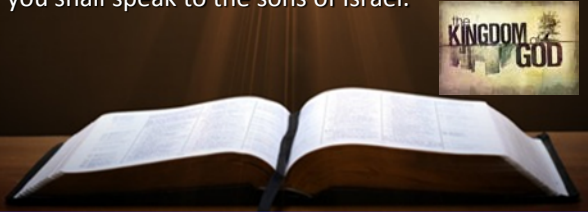
Romans 5:13-14

“for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.”




Exodus 19:5-6

“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a **kingdom** of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”



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Good and Bad Kings

- North – 19 kings (all bad)
- South – 20 kings (8 good; significance of Gen 49:10)



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Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)



2 Samuel 7:12-16

“When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.”

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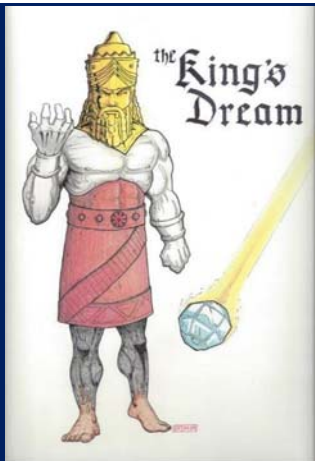


Hosea 3:3-4

“Then I said to her, “You shall stay with me for many days. You shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man; so I will also be toward you.” For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols.”



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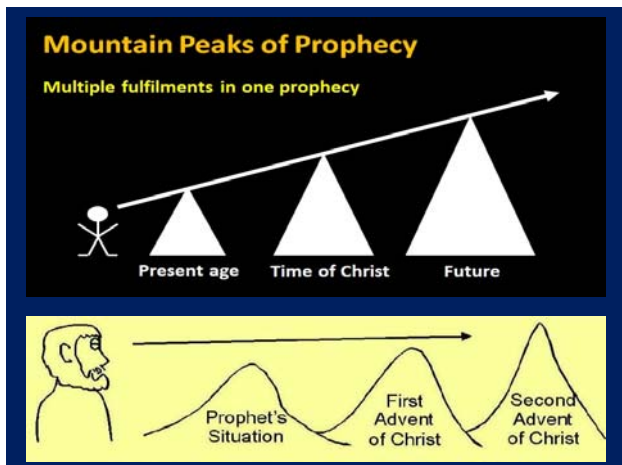
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Isaiah 9:6-7 (NASB)

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.





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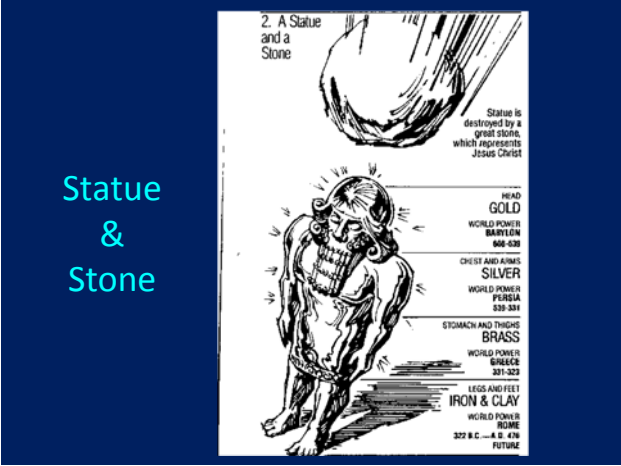
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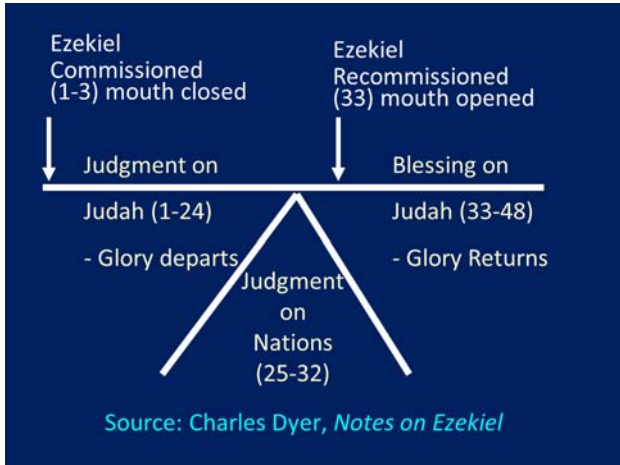
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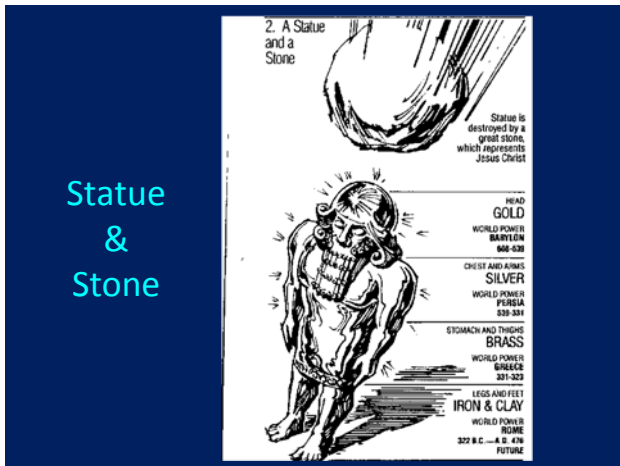


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 **Merrill F. Unger**
Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament (Chicago: Moody, 1981; reprint, Chattanooga, TN: AMG, 2002), 1643.

"Hence, the iron kingdom with its feet of iron and clay (cf. 3:33-35, 40, 44) and the nondescript beast of 7:7-8 envision...the form in which it will exist *after the church period*, when God will resume His dealing with the *nation* Israel. How futile for conservative scholars to ignore that fact and to seek to find literal fulfillment of those prophecies in history or in the church, when those predictions refer to events yet future and have no application whatever to the church."



Daniel 2:44-45 is Future

- Christianity did not suddenly fill the whole earth
- Christ did not destroy Rome
- No 10 simultaneous kings in the time of Christ
- Christ was not the smiting stone
- Christ did not destroy all the kingdoms of the world
- The church is not a political kingdom

J. Dwight Pentecost, Bible Knowledge Commentary, 1336

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