Rev 225 - Daniel in Revelation - Dan Ch's 2, 7, 9

<u>As</u> we <u>get rolling</u> – into the <u>2nd Half of the Tribulation</u>

It's important we see - How Intricately - The Book of DANIEL Is WOVEN INTO the Book of Revelation

ALL Good - End-Times Scholars agree

We MUST have a GOOD UNDERSTANDING of Daniel

In <u>order</u> to <u>Understand</u> the <u>End-Times prophecies</u> of The <u>Book of Revelation</u>

So <u>today</u> – I <u>just want</u> to <u>CONNECT Daniel</u> to <u>Revelation</u> for <u>you</u>

to <u>give you</u> some of the <u>SHOCK & AWE</u> <u>THAT IS - The Book Of Daniel</u> - OK ?

Let's Pray

- & I'm **<u>going</u>** to be <u>**reading SO MUCH**</u> Scripture today <u>**that**</u> (for a large part) the <u>**Scripture Itself**</u> is going to <u>**DO the Teaching**</u>
- & I **promise** I'm **trying hard** To **NOT to make** this a **college** class

I just want The Word of God - TO BLOW YOUR MIND !!!

For "*Time's Sake*" - We <u>can</u> only <u>Hit a FEW</u> of the <u>High Points</u> of <u>Daniel</u> today

But it's OK

Because I just want you to see the Connection Between Daniel & Revelation

& I just want the Prophetic Word of God To <u>BLOW YOUR MIND</u>

So let's start - in Dan Ch 2

- This Vision in Dan Ch 2 is about the BIBLICAL World-Ruling Empires of HISTORY
- These <u>World-Ruling Empires</u> <u>Start</u> with <u>Babylon</u> & <u>End</u> with the <u>Reign of Jesus Christ</u>
- The Vision in Ch 2 is the Statue of a Man THAT IS - the timeline of Biblical Empires of History
- & <u>this History</u> goes <u>DOWN</u> from the <u>HEAD</u> - to the <u>FEET</u>
- So The King had this Dream No one could interpret it & Daniel says Neither can I BUT MY GOD CAN !!!
- & in **Dan 2:31 God interprets** the Dream **Thru Daniel**

Daniel 2:31–35 (talking to the King) (NLT)

31 "In your vision, Your Majesty, you saw standing before you a huge, shining statue of a man. It was a frightening sight. (this statue represents - the Biblical World-Ruling Kingdoms)
32 The head of the statue was made of fine gold. (1st kingdom) Its chest and arms were silver (2nd kingdom), its belly and thighs were bronze (3rd kingdom),

33 its legs were iron (4th kingdom), and its feet were a combination of iron and baked clay (a revived, & pieced-together 4th kingdom).
34 As you watched, a rock was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands (a Heavenly kingdom). It struck the feet of iron and clay (the last world kingdom), smashing them to bits.

35 The whole statue was crushed into small pieces of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold (all kingdoms of the world crushed). Then the wind blew them away without a trace, like chaff on a threshing floor (all kingdoms of the world disappear). But the rock that knocked the statue down (heavenly kingdom) became a great mountain that covered the whole earth (kingdom of Christ on earth).

Now - Let's Connect that - to some World History

<u>There have only been FOUR Kingdoms</u> <u>considered</u> "<u>BIBLICAL World-Ruling Kingdoms</u>"

<u>The 1st</u> of these <u>Kingdoms</u> was <u>BABYLON</u> where <u>Daniel</u> was <u>writing</u> – <u>during</u> the <u>Exile</u>

<u>After</u> the <u>Babylonian</u> Kingdom came the <u>MEDO-PERSIAN Kingdom</u>

<u>After</u> the <u>Medo-Persian</u> Kingdom Came <u>GREECE</u>

After the Empire of Greece Came the ROMAN Empire

& <u>ROME</u> was the <u>LAST</u> <u>BIBLICAL World-Ruling</u> Empire

BUT - - the **ROMAN** Empire was **never** actually **CONQUERED**

Instead - ROME Fell FROM WITHIN

& the ROMAN Empire was ABSORBED

<u>into the Nations</u> - <u>we know</u> TODAY

as the European & Mediterranean Nations

THAT is ACTUAL World History!!

<u>AND</u> it is <u>ALSO</u> <u>Perfectly Documented</u> <u>IN</u> the <u>Book of Daniel</u> - <u>written</u> in <u>500's BC</u>

So <u>now</u> – <u>Daniel</u> is going to <u>lay out</u> <u>The History</u> of <u>the World</u>

From 586 BC - To the Reign of Jesus Christ

Daniel 2:36-38 (Daniel still talking) (NLT)

36 "That was the dream. Now we will tell the king what it means. 37 Your Majesty, you are the greatest of kings (King of Babylon). The God of heaven has given you sovereignty, power, strength, and honor.

38 He has made you the ruler over all the inhabited world and has put even the wild animals and birds under your control. <u>You are</u> <u>the head of gold</u>.

The **1st world-ruling kingdom** - **Babylon**

Daniel 2:39(a) (NLT)

39 "But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, inferior to yours, will rise to take your place. . .

That's the Chest & Arms of SILVER - The MEDO-PERSIAN Empire

Daniel 2:39(b) (NLT)

39 . . . After that kingdom has fallen, yet a third kingdom, represented by bronze, will rise to rule the world.

That's the Empire of GREECE, under Alexander the Great

Daniel 2:40 (NLT)

40 Following that kingdom, there will be a fourth one, as strong as iron. That kingdom will smash and crush all previous empires, just as iron smashes and crushes everything it strikes.

THAT is the Ruthless ROMAN Empire

Daniel 2:41-43 (NLT)

41 The <u>feet and toes</u> you saw were a combination of iron and baked clay, showing that this kingdom will be divided. Like iron mixed with clay, it will have some of the strength of iron. 42 But while some parts of it will be as strong as iron, other parts will be as weak as clay.

43 This mixture of iron and clay also shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix.

This is EXACTLYWhat Happened in Ancient HISTORYAND – it is Exactlywhat is still Happening TODAY

Daniel 2:44-45(a) (NLT)

44 "During the reigns of those kings (the Revived Mixture of Rome with other Nations), the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever.

45 That is the meaning of <u>the rock</u> cut from the mountain, though not by human hands, that crushed to pieces the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. . .

At least <u>14 times</u> in <u>Scripture</u> <u>Jesus</u> is <u>referred</u> to as <u>THE ROCK</u>

& <u>This ROCK</u> - <u>Not made</u> by <u>Human</u> hands <u>will crush</u> all previous <u>World-Ruling</u> Empires

His Kingdom will Cover the Earth - & it will Never End

Daniel 2:45(b) (NLT)

45 . . .The great God was showing the king what will happen in the future. The dream is true, and its meaning is certain."

<u>Guys</u> - that is a <u>Perfectly EXACT History</u> of the <u>Ancient World Ruling Empires</u>

- In Fact The Prophecies in Daniel are SO EXACT the CRITICS of the Bible routinely say . . .
- "Daniel HAD to be written AFTER the FACT, Because No <u>MAN</u> could write prophecies THAT accurate"
- & Actually <u>They're RIGHT</u> No <u>MAN</u> could do it - <u>BUT GOD DID DO IT</u>

& so - <u>what does</u> that all <u>mean</u> for our <u>Study</u> of <u>Revelation?</u> <u>It Means A LOT</u>

Our World has already seen these FOUR Ruling Empires Perfectly Follow the Book of Daniel

& the Last World Empire That will USHER IN the Return of Jesus Christ

WILL BE The REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

that will be INTER-MIXED with other nations of the world

AND - That REVIVED Roman Empire

is the <u>Empire</u> that <u>Will Bring Us</u> <u>THE ANTI-CHRIST</u> (who <u>we</u> will <u>meet</u> in the <u>next msg</u>)

<u>He</u> will <u>come out</u> of a <u>Revived Roman Empire</u> <u>Symbolized</u> by The <u>FEET & TOES</u> of this statue (<u>V.41</u>)

& it's <u>interesting</u> God would have <u>Daniel Specifically</u> mention <u>TOES</u> <u>Because</u> the <u>number 10</u> (as in <u>10 toes</u>) - gets <u>very important</u>

Over in Dan Ch 7 - we see this SAME PROPHECY from Another Perspective

Some say <u>Ch 2</u> is this <u>Prophecy</u> from <u>Man's Perspective</u>

& Ch 7 is this SAME PROPHECY from God's Perspective

& in <u>Dan Ch 7</u> - We see the <u>Groundwork</u> - for the <u>Rising</u> of the <u>Antichrist</u> - - that we'll <u>see next msg</u> in <u>Rev Ch 13</u>

Speaking of his own vision now - instead of the King's Vision

in Daniel 7:2-3 - Daniel says (NLT)

2 In my vision that night, I, Daniel, saw a great storm churning the surface of a great sea, with strong winds blowing from every direction.

3 Then <u>four huge beasts</u> came up out of the water, each different from the others.

For times sake – I have to Summarize the Next 3 Vs's

The <u>1st Beast</u> was like a <u>LION</u> (<u>BABYLON</u>)

The **<u>2nd Beast</u>** was like a <u>**BEAR**</u> (**<u>PERSIA</u>**)

The **<u>3rd Beast</u>** was like a <u>**LEOPARD**</u> (**<u>GREECE</u>**)

& then we pick it back up with the 4th Beast - ROME

Daniel 7:7 (NLT)

7 Then in my vision that night, I saw a fourth beast (Rome) terrifying, dreadful, and very strong. It devoured and crushed its victims with huge iron teeth and trampled their remains beneath its feet...

Which is **exactly** what the **original Roman Empire** did

But <u>then</u> - the <u>end of V.7</u> - <u>Refers</u> to this <u>SAME EMPIRE</u> - "<u>*REVIVED*</u>" in the <u>last days</u>

7 . . . It was different from any of the other beasts, and <u>it had ten</u> <u>horns</u>.

In the <u>King's vision</u> the "<u>Revived" Roman Empire</u> had <u>10 Toes</u>

<u>Here</u> - this <u>Same Roman Empire</u> has <u>10 Horns</u> - Because the <u>Horn</u> <u>always</u> represents <u>Authority</u> & <u>Ruling Power</u>

Daniel 7:8 (NLT)

8 As I was looking at the horns (10 Revived Roman Nations), suddenly another small horn appeared among them. Three of the

first horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it (leaving 7). *This little horn had eyes like human eyes and a mouth that was boasting arrogantly.*

In our Last Rev Msg - in Rev 12:3

We saw a Picture of Satan - with 7 heads - & 10 horns

& Scholars agree - that is a Symbolic Reference

- to the <u>Satanic Control</u> of this <u>10 Nation</u> - <u>Revived Roman Federation</u>
- & Out of this 10 Nation Federation
- <u>3 Nations</u> are <u>REMOVED</u> to <u>Make ROOM</u> for <u>Another Horn</u> - <u>A SMALL Horn</u>

THAT IS THE ANTICHRIST

The <u>AntiChrist will</u> (in some way) <u>remove 3</u> of these <u>Nations</u> -

- & So there are 7 nations left
- with the <u>ANTICHRIST</u> wielding the power & influence OVER them <u>ALL</u>

Now - <u>Over</u> the past <u>40 years</u> or so -<u>The countries</u> of <u>Europe</u> of been <u>working hard</u>

to "<u>Join Together</u>" – as a <u>EUROPEAN UNIOIN</u> & <u>REVIVE</u> the <u>World Power</u> Europe <u>once</u> had The **<u>FIRST step</u>** in this **<u>REVIVING</u>** of **<u>European World Power</u>** was <u>**Started**</u> in <u>1958</u>

- Just <u>10 Years AFTER</u> the <u>REBIRTH</u> of <u>ISRAEL</u> as a <u>Nation</u>
- & This INITIAL "Joining Together" of the European Nations

Was actually First Called - THE TREATY OF ROME

<u>Which</u> was the <u>beginning</u> of <u>what</u> we <u>call</u> <u>TODAY</u> - <u>"The European Union"</u>

& Since the TREATY OF ROME was signed

Incredible Prophetic events have been Developing in <u>what</u> is <u>Called</u> today - <u>The European Union</u> (the E.U.)

The <u>Revived Roman Empire</u> is <u>ALIVE & WELL</u> - <u>TODAY</u>

& their <u>Actions</u> have <u>Fulfilled</u> (or paved the way) for <u>SO MUCH</u> <u>Biblical Prophecy</u>

That it is absolutely STAGGERING

& so <u>now</u> - in <u>Dan Ch 7</u> - <u>Daniel's</u> Vision <u>Cont's</u> from <u>V.9 to V.14</u> <u>Which</u> we <u>have</u> to <u>skip over</u> for <u>today</u>

& then - in Dan 7:15 - Daniel is troubled by the vision

<u>so he</u> <u>asks</u> for an <u>EXPLANATION</u> & he <u>GETS One</u> – Starting in <u>V.17</u>

Daniel 7:17-27 (NLT) - (HUGE read)

17 "These four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will arise from the earth. (same 4 we've been talking about)
18 But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever." (YAY!!)
19 Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast

(Rome), the one so different from the others and so terrifying. It had devoured and crushed its victims with iron teeth and bronze claws, trampling their remains beneath its feet.

20 I also asked about <u>the ten horns</u> (10 nations) on the fourth beast's head and <u>the little horn</u> (the Anti-Christ) that came up afterward and <u>destroyed three</u> of the other horns. This horn had <u>seemed greater</u> than the others, and it had <u>human eyes</u> and a mouth that was <u>boasting arrogantly</u>.

21 As I watched, this horn was waging war against God's holy people and was defeating them,

22 until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom. (the Millennium)

23 Then he said to me, "This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth (Rome). It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path.

24 (then, moving on to the Revived Roman Empire) Its ten horns are ten kings who will rule that empire. Then another king will arise, different from the other ten, who will subdue three of them.
25 He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time. (3 1/2 years) (the control of the Antichrist)
26 "But then the court (heavenly court) will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed.

27 Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him."

That is a HUGE Read - & it is a VERY HUGE DEAL !!

Because it explains HOW the Antichrist will COME to POWER

AND - HOW he will be DEFEATED by Jesus Christ !!

So now - we've got to SKIP OVER - to Dan Ch 9

Which contains one of the most significant prophecies in all the Old Testament

That Prophecy - is known as - The 70 weeks of Daniel

- in <u>Ch 9</u> <u>Daniel</u> is in the <u>Midst</u> of a <u>GREAT PRAYER</u> for <u>Israel</u>
- & then in Dan 9:21 The Angel GABRIEL Shows up
- & <u>GABRIEL</u> gives Daniel the <u>TIMELINE</u> for <u>BOTH</u> the <u>1st</u> & <u>2nd</u> – <u>Comings of Jesus Christ</u>

Daniel 9:23–24 (NLT)

23 (Gabriel talking to Daniel) **The moment you began praying, a** command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. <u>Listen carefully</u> so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.

24 "A period of <u>seventy sets of seven</u> has been <u>decreed</u> for your people and your holy city . . .

This - 70 sets of 7 - is speaking of 70 SETS of 7 YEARS

& <u>our message</u> on <u>this Ch</u> in our <u>DANIEL SERIES</u> <u>Explains</u> all the <u>background</u> of that

& <u>69</u> of those <u>SETS of 7</u> - have already <u>happened</u>

EXACTLY as **Daniel Prophesied** they would

& the ONE FINAL SET of 7 Years - has NOT YET happened

& so - WHAT is the PURPOSE - of these 70 SETS of 7 Years ??

Again - Daniel 9:24 (NLT)

24 "A period of <u>seventy sets of seven</u> has been <u>decreed</u> for your people and your holy city (1) to finish their rebellion, (2) to put an end to their sin, (3) to atone for their guilt, (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, (5) to confirm the prophetic vision, and (6) to anoint the Most Holy Place. (6 very HUGE things)

<u>THAT</u> – is <u>God's PURPOSE</u> & <u>His PLAN</u> For these 70 Sets of Seven Years

<u>& HOW have the first 69 Sets of 7 already Occurred ??</u>

(cont'g) Daniel 9:25 (NLT)

25 Now listen and understand! <u>Seven</u> sets of seven plus <u>sixty-two</u> sets of seven (69 Sets of 7) will pass <u>from the time the command</u> <u>is given</u> to rebuild Jerusalem <u>until a ruler—the Anointed One—</u> <u>comes</u>. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times. When **Daniel** is **writing** - **Israel is in Captivity** in **Babylon** & **The Temple** has been **destroyed**

& V.25 says - there will be a total of 69 sets of 7 yrs

Between the **Command** given to **Rebuild Jerusalem** & the **Coming** of the **Messiah** - **The Anointed One**

<u>God told</u> Israel <u>EXACTLY WHEN</u> the <u>Messiah</u> was to come –

He gave them ALL the signs they NEEDED - to NOT MISS IT

But <u>THEY DID MISS IT</u> - which is <u>why Jesus WEPT</u> over <u>Jerusalem</u> in His <u>final days</u> before <u>The Cross</u>

This Math is <u>SO EXACT</u> – there are Jewish <u>Rabbi Schools</u> that <u>DON'T ALLOW</u> "*Rabbi's in Training*" - to <u>Study this Book</u>

Because it is SO EASY for them to figure out that this prophecy is talking about JESUS

In <u>Neh Ch 2</u> - we are <u>given</u> the <u>DATE</u>

That King Artaxerxes gave the Decree to REBUILD the Temple in Jerusalem

It was in the SPRING OF 445 BC

& <u>if</u> we <u>add</u> <u>69 sets of 7 yrs</u> (*Hebrew Calendar*) to <u>that date</u> We <u>arrive</u> at the <u>SPRING OF 32 AD</u>

& <u>WHAT</u> Significant Event Happened in the Spring of 32 AD ??

Jesus Christ Rode into Jerusalem in The Triumphal Entry

Exactly WHEN - & Exactly HOW God Prophesied He would

<u>BUT</u> - Israel <u>MISSED</u> IT - & instead of <u>RECEIVING</u> the Messiah they <u>CRUCIFIED</u> Him - Which Daniel <u>ALSO Prophesied</u>

Daniel 9:26(a) (NLT)

26 "After this period of sixty-two sets of seven (plus the orig 7 in v.25, equaling 69 sets of 7) *, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, . . .*

Exactly <u>WHEN</u> Daniel Said <u>Jesus</u> would <u>ARRIVE</u> - He <u>ARRIVED</u> Exactly <u>WHEN</u> Daniel Said <u>Jesus</u> would be <u>KILLED</u> - He was <u>KILLED</u>

APPEARING to have accomplished nothing

& then - Daniel Prophesied the Very Next Historical Event

Let me read the 2nd Half of Dan 9:26 – out of the ESV To clearly point out ONE thing

<u>cont'g in - Daniel 9:26(b) (ESV)</u> 26 . . . And the people <u>of the prince who is to come</u> shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The Prince who is to Come - is the Antichrist

His People - are ROME

& Rome Destroyed Jerusalem & the Temple in 70 AD

EXACTLY as **Daniel** Predicted it - **over 500yrs earlier**

If the Prophesies in Daniel have been so Miraculously RIGHT - So Far

CAN we <u>Trust him</u> for the <u>ONE SET</u> of <u>SEVEN</u> - that has <u>NOT YET</u> <u>Happened</u> ??

<u>Guys</u> - We are <u>Living in THE PAUSE</u> <u>Between</u> the First <u>69 SETS of 7</u> – & the <u>FINAL SET of 7</u>

This Pause - is called - The Church Age

It <u>BEGAN</u> at <u>Pentecost</u> & it <u>ENDS</u> - at the <u>Beginning</u> of the <u>FINAL Set of 7</u>

& in Dan 9:27 we have that FINAL SET of 7 - spelled out for us

Daniel 9:27 (NLT)

27 The ruler (the antichrist) *will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven* (the tribulation period), *but after half this time* (3 1/2 yrs), *he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings.* And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him." <u>THIS</u> is called - <u>The Abomination of Desolation</u>

<u>Where</u> the <u>Antichrist</u> comes into <u>the Temple</u> at the Mid<u>-Way point</u> of the <u>Tribulation</u> . . .

He <u>Desecrates the Temple</u> & he <u>Sets himself</u> up to be <u>WORSHIPPED</u>

& <u>THAT</u> is the time - <u>Jesus says</u> in <u>Mat 24</u> -That <u>all Jews left</u> on earth - <u>need</u> to <u>RUN for the HILLS</u>

Because it gets Super-Bad from then on

<u>We have</u> a <u>full</u> – <u>19-part series</u> on <u>Daniel</u> that you <u>can get</u> <u>on</u> the <u>Word By Mail</u> website – <u>wordbymail,com</u>

But our goal today has been:

#1) To show the Awesome Accuracy of the Prophetic Word of God - Have you Seen it ??

#2) To Give you SOME Background - on HOW we KNOW: WHERE the Antichrist Comes From - & HOW he Manages to Take Over the world

I KNOW - There are Still SO MANY More Questions you have

But *HERE* is how we have to end TODAY

God's Prophecies written in the BIBLE

Are <u>ABSOLUTELY</u> <u>WITHOUT Comparison</u> To <u>ANY</u> other <u>document</u> – <u>Religious or otherwise</u>

There are over 1,800 specific prophecies in the Bible

- & <u>EVERY One</u> that <u>HAS Been Fulfilled</u> -<u>Has been</u> fulfilled <u>PERFECTLY</u>
- <u>69</u> of the <u>70 sets of 7</u> <u>Prophesied</u> in <u>Daniel</u> (in the <u>500's B.C.</u>) <u>Have occurred exactly</u> as <u>Daniel Predicted</u> they <u>would</u>

<u>There</u> is <u>ONE SET of 7 Years</u> <u>Left to Unfold</u> <u>As God</u> brings his <u>Good & Final Plan</u> – <u>to PASS</u> on <u>this Earth</u>

<u>& so - Here is my prayer for each of us as we close</u>

- 1) <u>I pray we would be AMAZED</u> & <u>Believe</u> The <u>Supernatural Prophecies</u> in <u>God's Word</u>
- 2) <u>I pray we would be in AWE</u> at <u>God's Plan</u> for <u>this world</u>, & <u>for US</u>
- 3) <u>I Pray we would be On the RIGHT SIDE</u> of <u>God's Plan</u> By **Receiving Jesus** Christ as our **Personal Savior & Lord**

Let's Pray