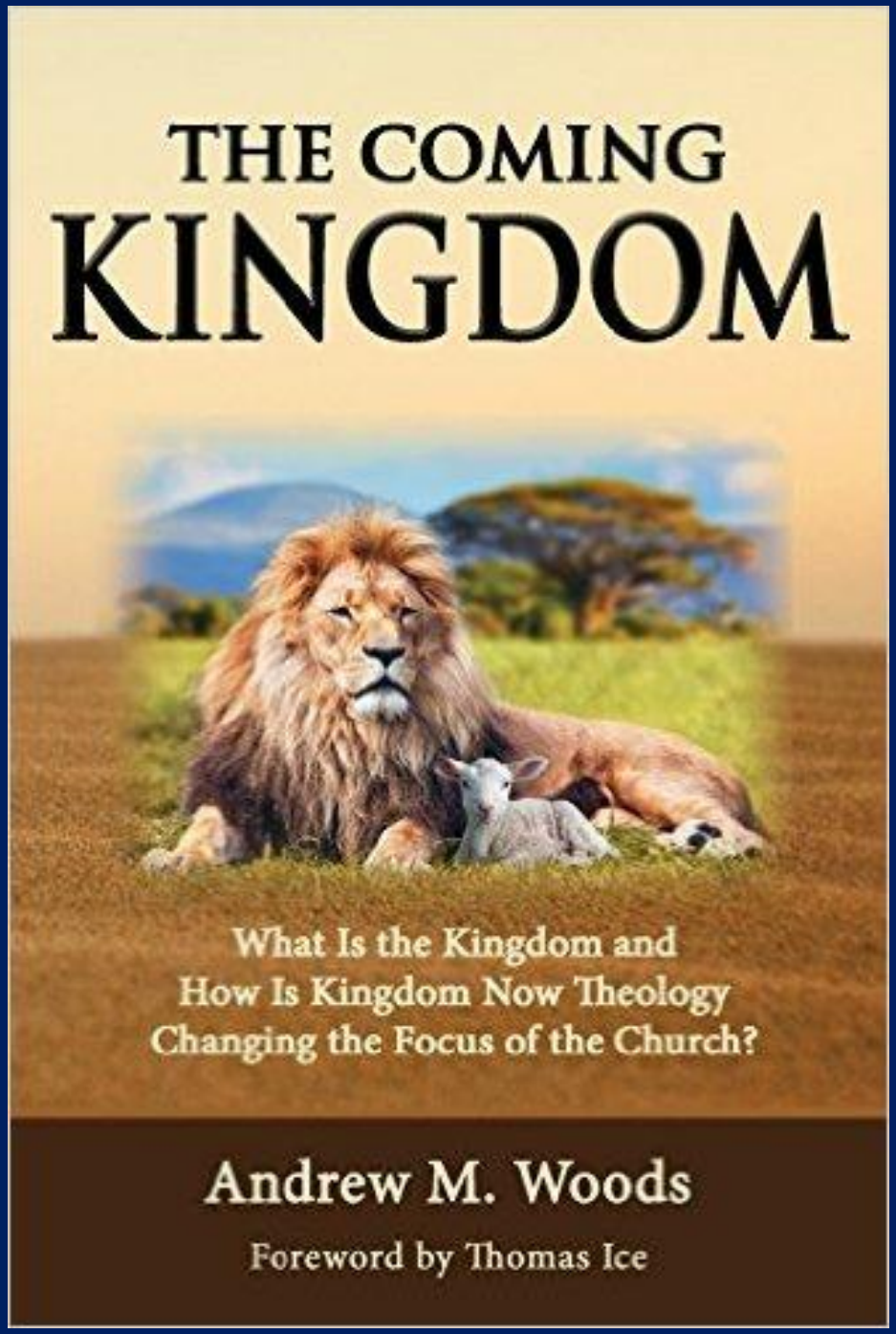

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How Is Kingdom Now Theology
Changing the Focus of the Church?
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Chapter 5



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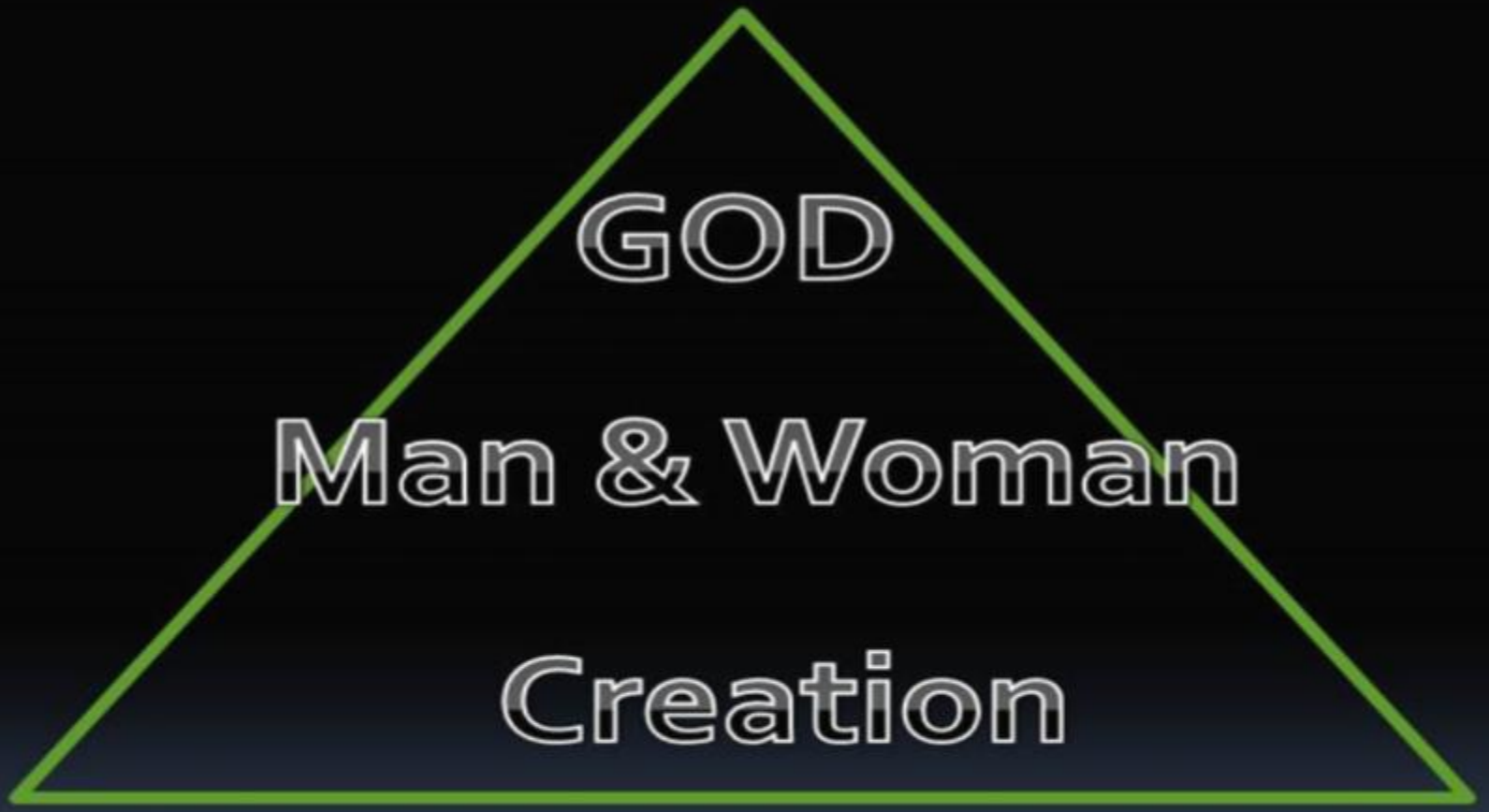


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Theocratic Administrator



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



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Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC
Genesis
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LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**







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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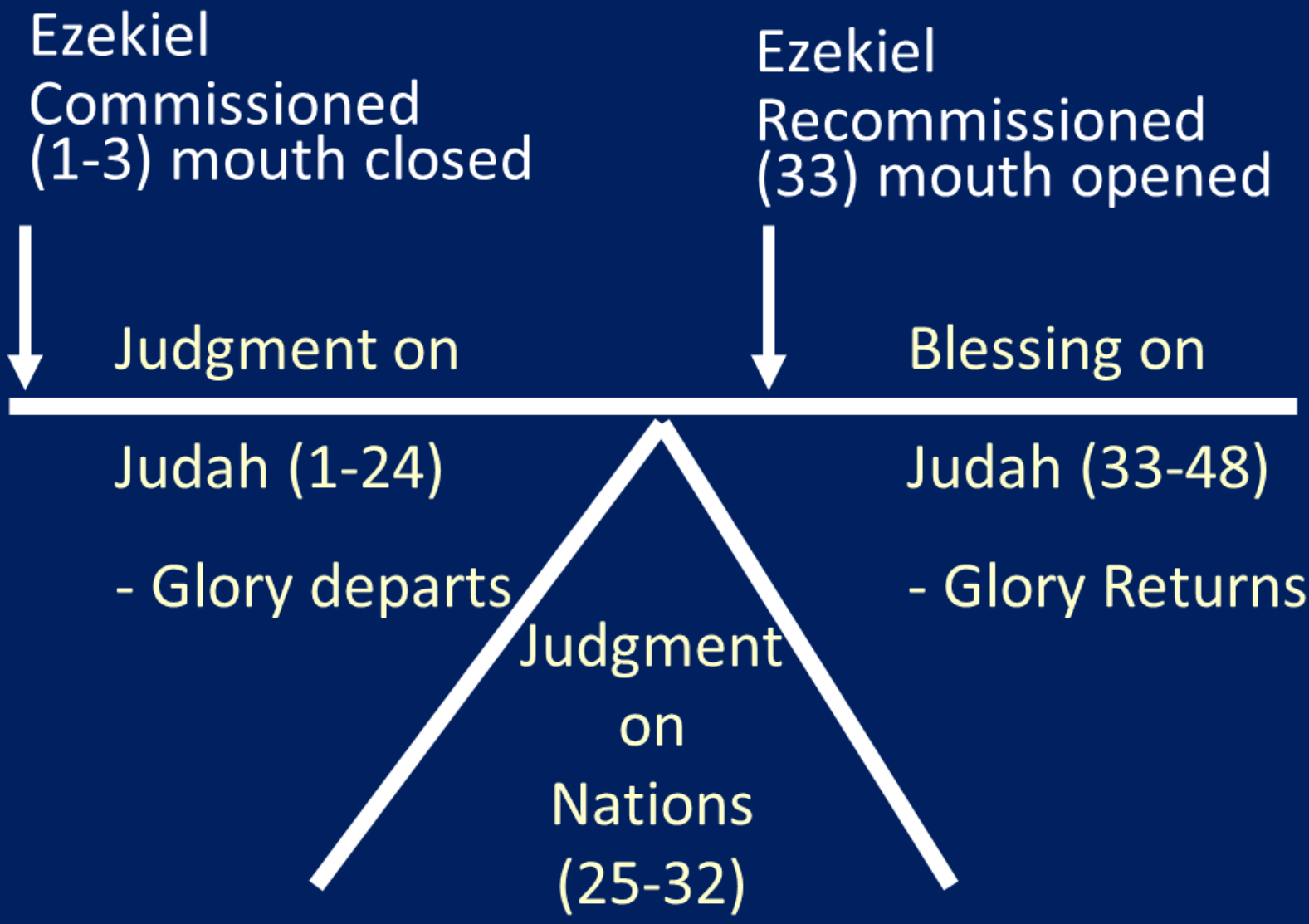
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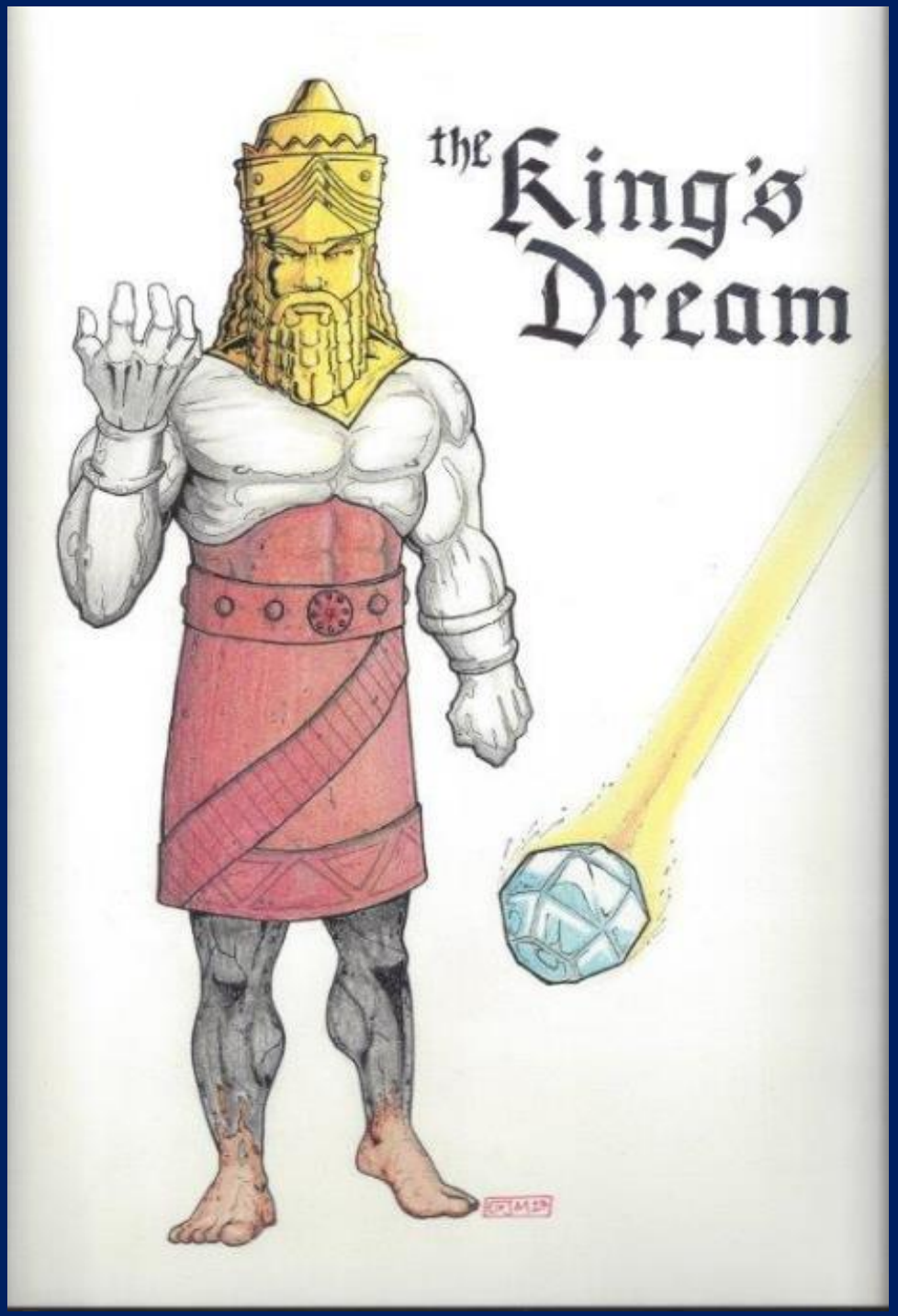


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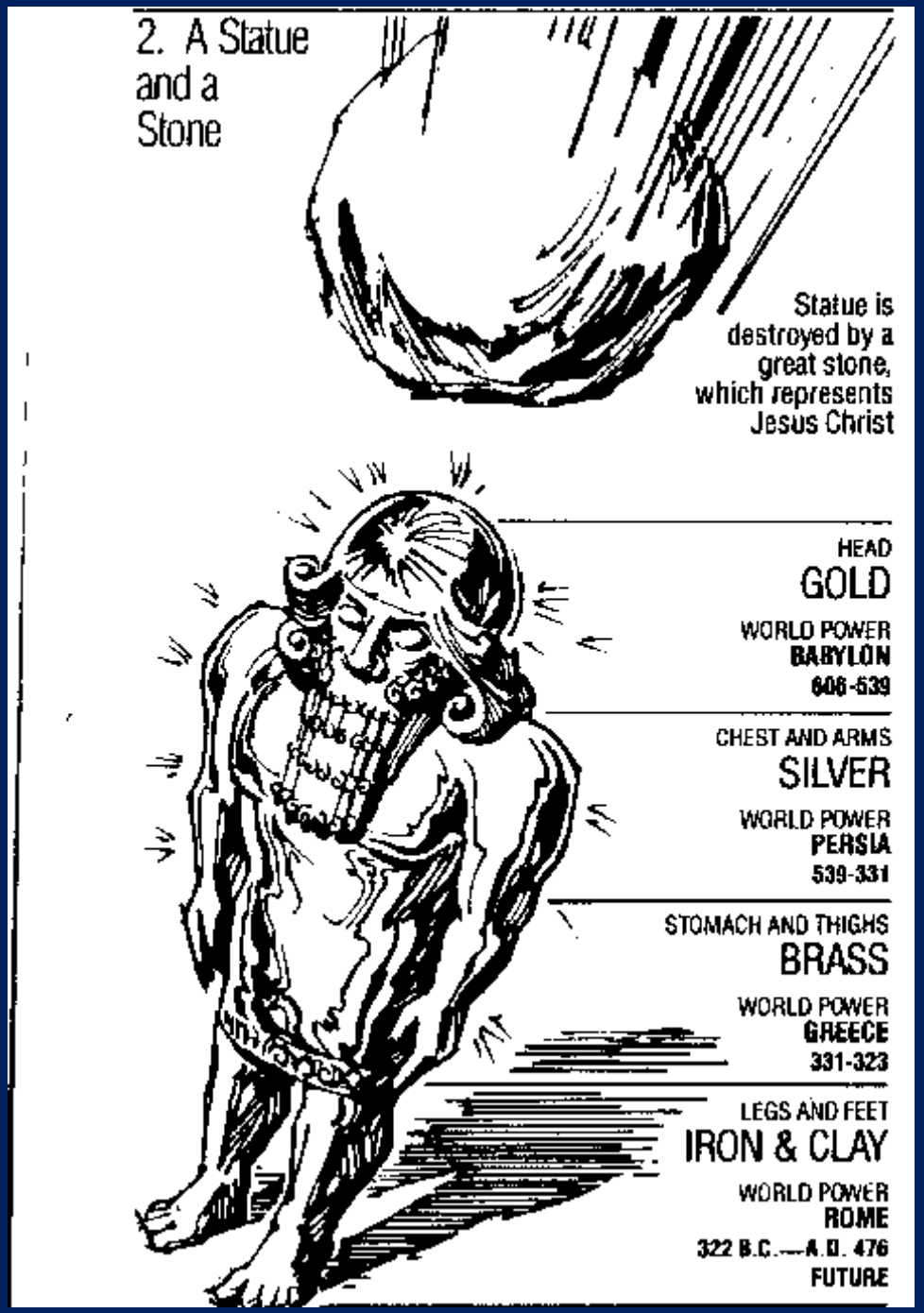
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6 Empires

- Babylon (2:36-38) 605-539 BC
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Isaiah 9:6-7 (NASB)

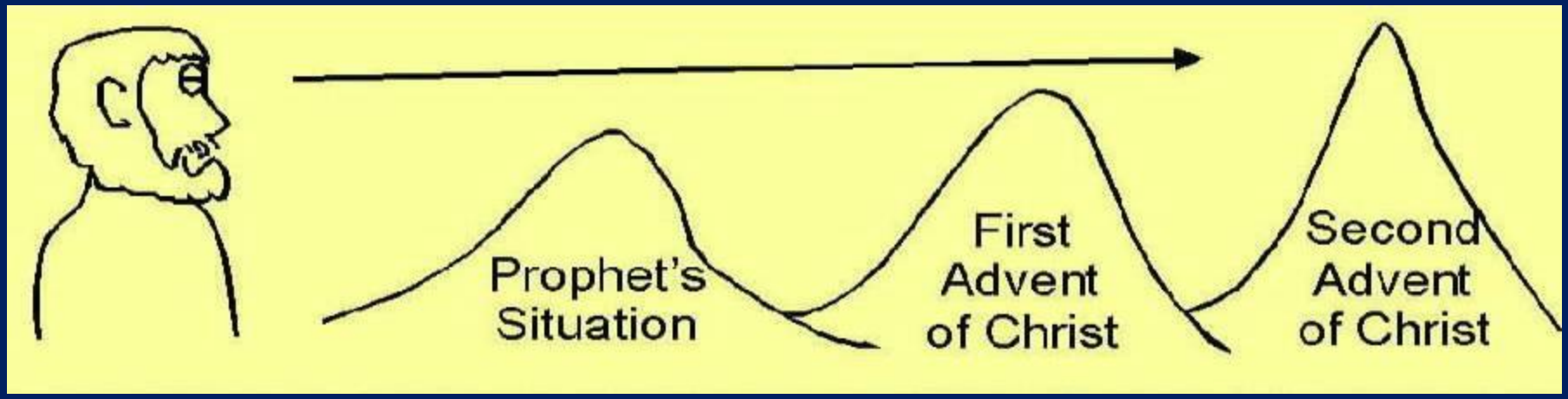
6 **For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders**; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.7 **There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and 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.



Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy





1 Peter 1:10-11 (NASB)

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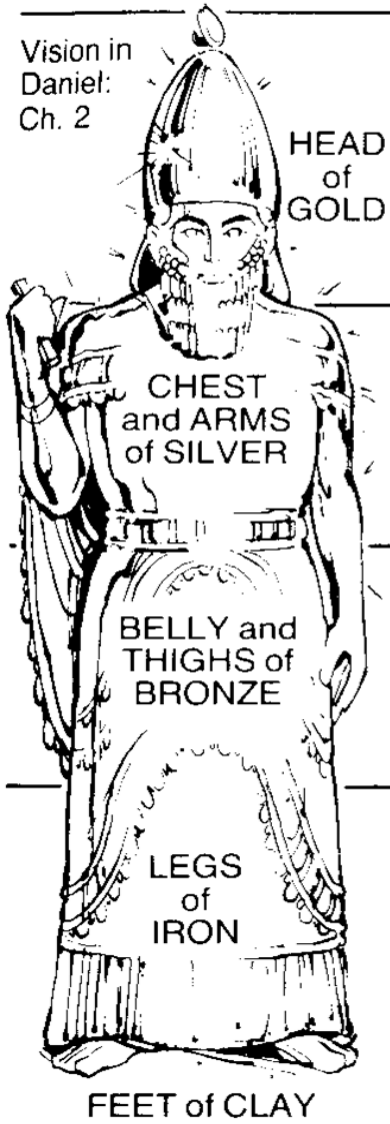
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Identification of the Four Kingdoms



Vision in Daniel: Ch. 2	Vision in Ch. 7	Vision in Ch. 8	IDENTIFICATION
HEAD of GOLD	LION		BABYLON 2:48
CHEST and ARMS of SILVER	BEAR	RAM	MEDO-PERSIA 8:20
BELLY and THIGHS of BRONZE	LEOPARD	GOAT	GREECE 8:21
LEGS of IRON	TERRIFYING and FRIGHTENING BEAST		ROME

Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel

626 B.C.

600

BABYLONIA

539 B.C.

500

MEDO-PERSIA

400

330 B.C.

300

GREECE
(Including Ptolemies and Seleucids)

200

(167 B.C. Maccabees and Hasmoneans)

100

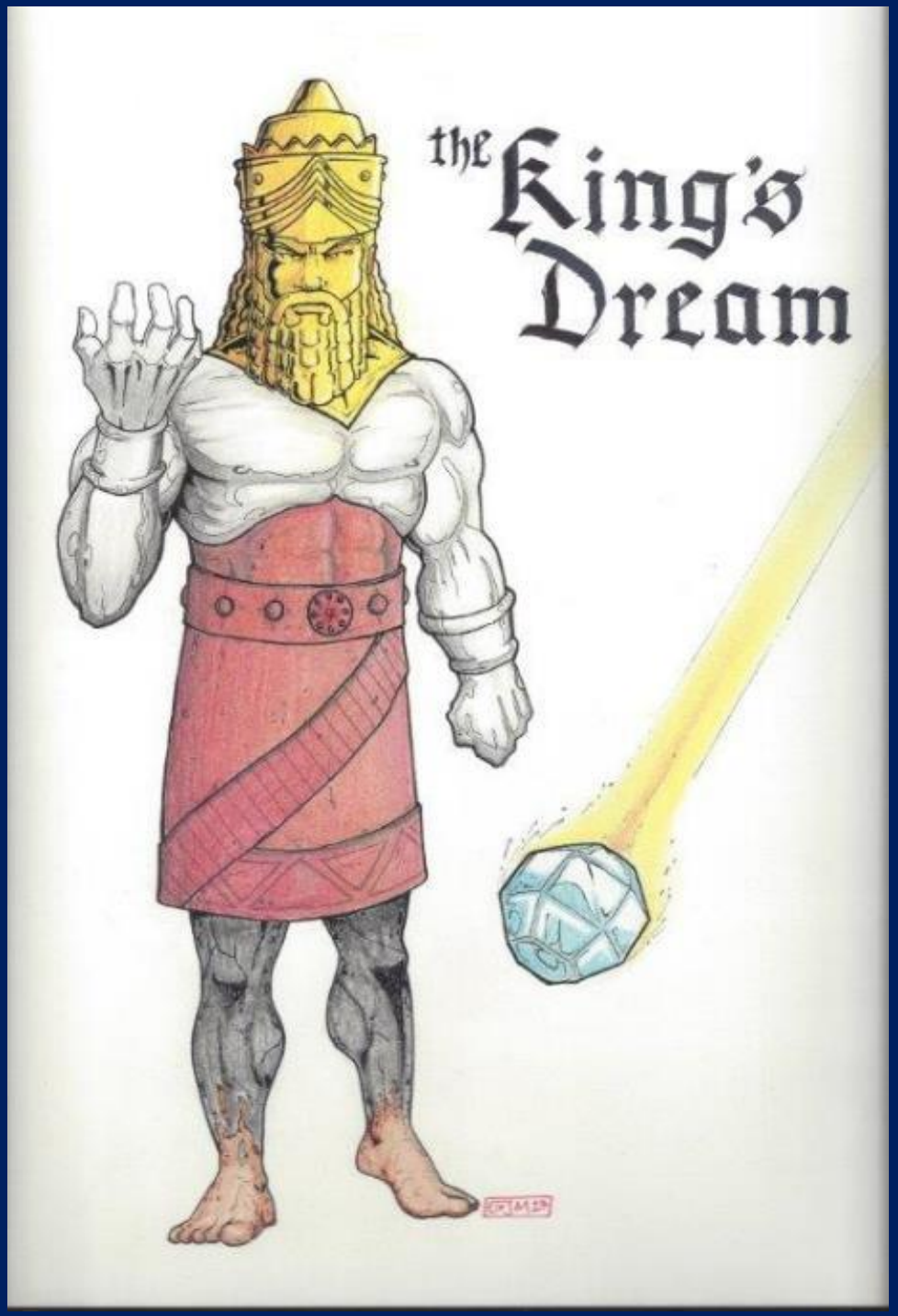
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ROME

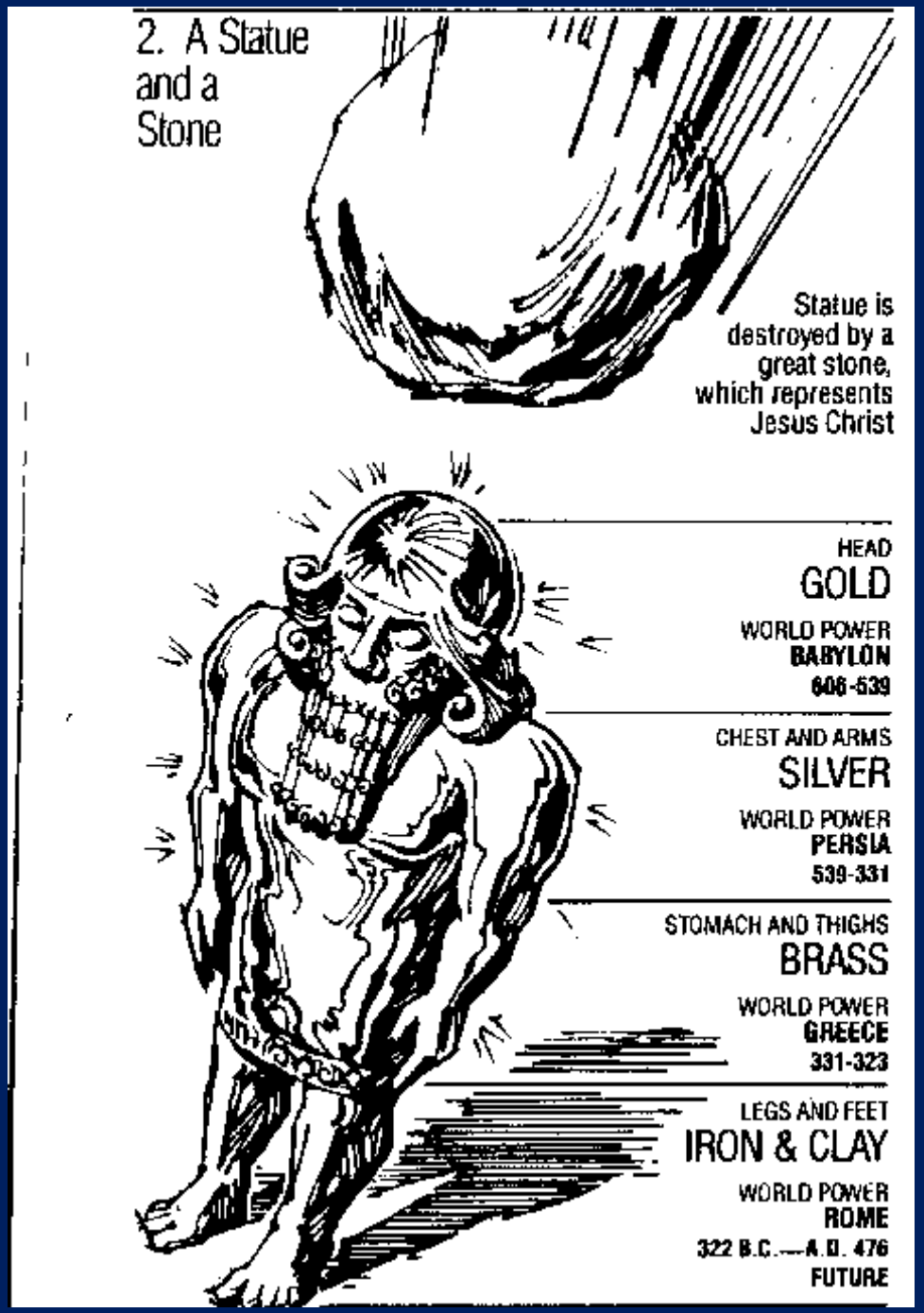
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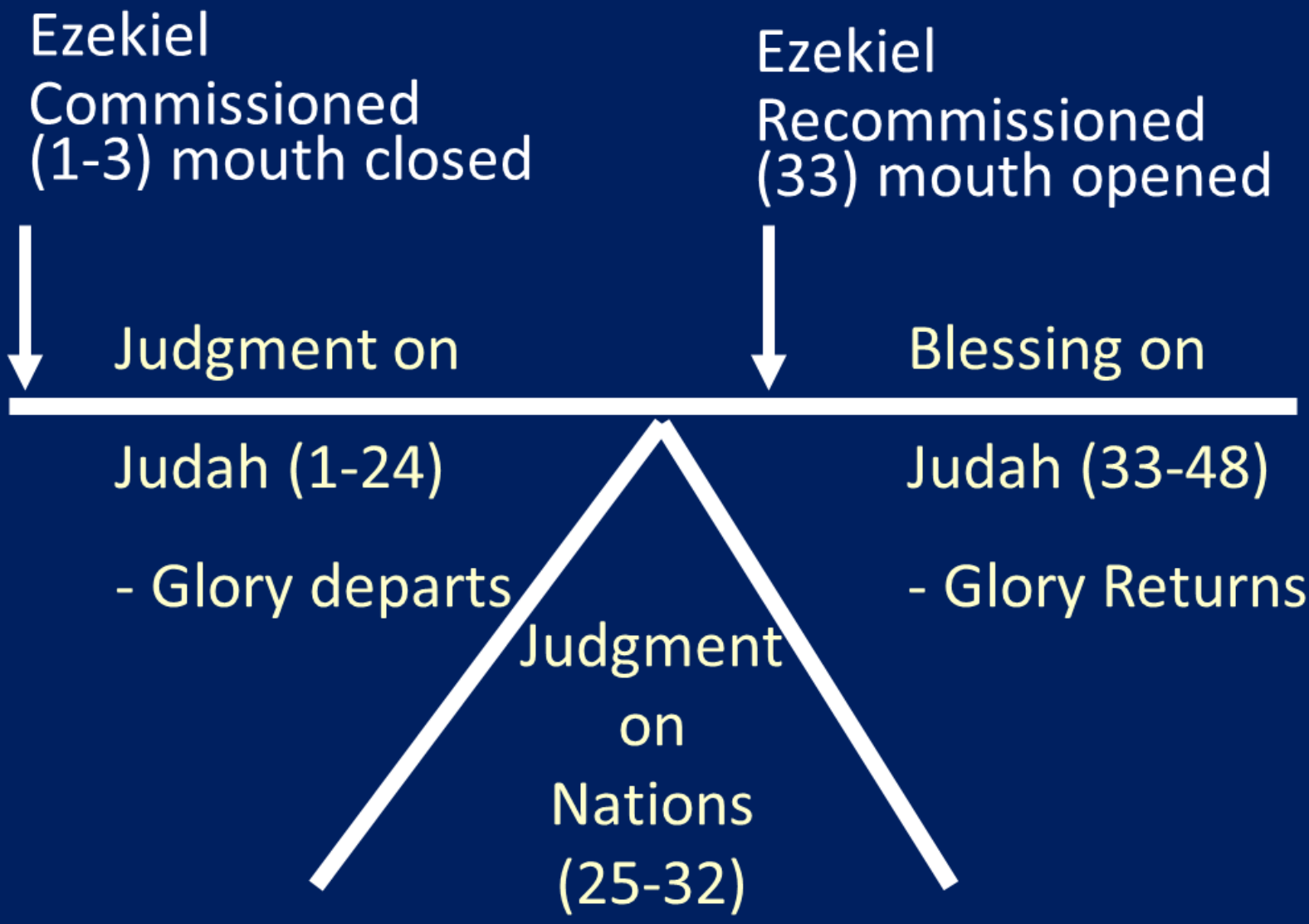
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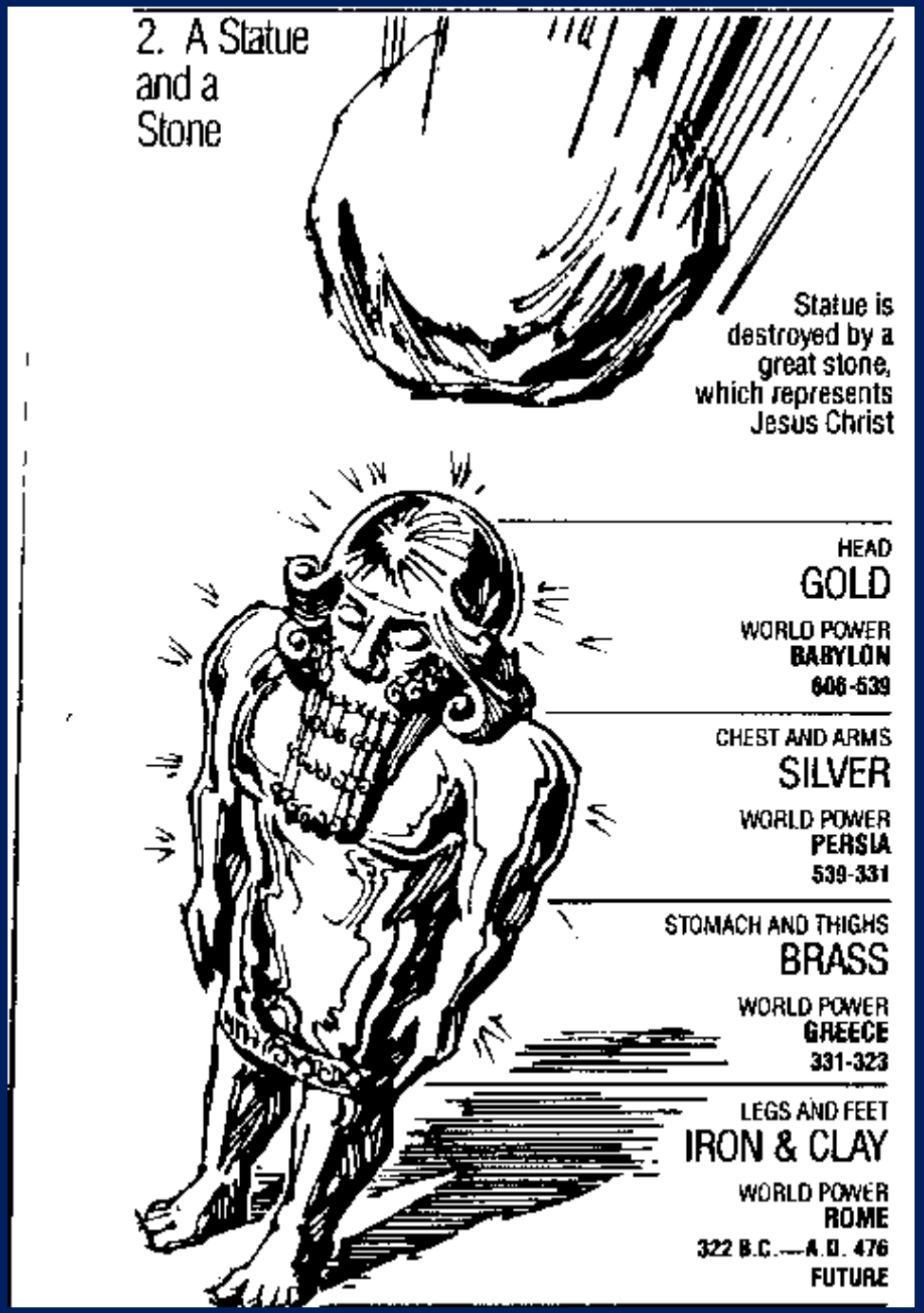
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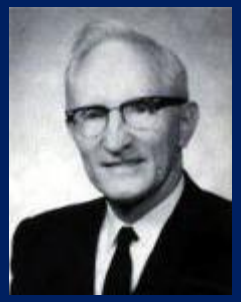




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Merill F. Unger

Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament (Chicago: Moody, 1981; reprint, Chatanooga, 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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2 Peter 1:19

"*So* we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts."



OT PROPHETS DESCRIBE THE KINGDOM



- Kingdom Characteristics
- Is. 2:1-4; 11:6-9; 65:17-25
  - Jerusalem = center of world spiritual and political authority
  - Perfect justice
  - World peace
  - Peace in the animal kingdom
  - Universal spiritual knowledge.