

A close-up photograph of a lion's face, looking directly at the camera. The image is overlaid with a vibrant, multi-colored geometric pattern of triangles and polygons in shades of teal, purple, and orange. The word "DANIEL" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the lion's face. A thick, white, brush-stroke-like horizontal line is drawn across the bottom of the word "DANIEL".

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- A** - The prophecy concerning four Gentile empires that dominate Israel and the world (Dan 2)
- B** - God delivers Daniel's friends from Gentile persecution (Dan 3)
- C** - God humbles the Gentile king (Nebuchadnezzar) to demonstrate His sovereignty (Dan 4)
- C'** - God deposes the Gentile king (Belshazzar) to demonstrate His sovereignty (Dan 5)
- B'** - God delivers Daniel from Gentile persecution (Dan 6)
- A'** - The prophecy concerning four Gentile empires that dominate Israel and the world (Dan 7)



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Daniel 2:1-11



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Daniel 2:12-18



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Daniel 2:19-23

Ages & Last Days

Age: “a long but **finite time** in God’s program of history”

Mark 10:29 Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake,

Mark 10:30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the **present age**, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the **age to come**, eternal life.

Ages & Last Days

Present Age

Age to Come

Ages & Last Days

Last Days: “a final period of the current age, which ushers in the next age”

2Tim. 3:1 But realize this, that in **the last days** difficult times will come.

2Pet. 3:3 Know this first of all, that in **the last days** mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,



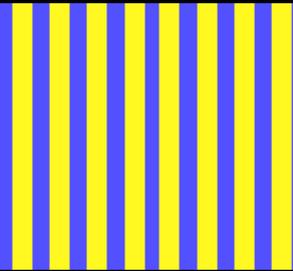
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Daniel 2:24-30



Ages & Last Days

Present Age



Age to Come

Latter
Days





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Daniel 2:31-35



Statue

**Decreasing
Majesty**

**Increasing
Brittleness**





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Daniel 2:36-38

Dan. 2:36 "This was the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king.

Dan. 2:37 "You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory;

Dan. 2:38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. **You are the head of gold.**



Babylon



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Daniel 2:39

Dan. 2:39 “After you there will arise **another kingdom** inferior to you, then **another third kingdom** of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.



Statue

“Timeline”

Times (or Age) of the Gentiles

Luke 21:24

...and [Israel] will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the **times of the Gentiles** are fulfilled.

Times (or Age) of the Gentiles

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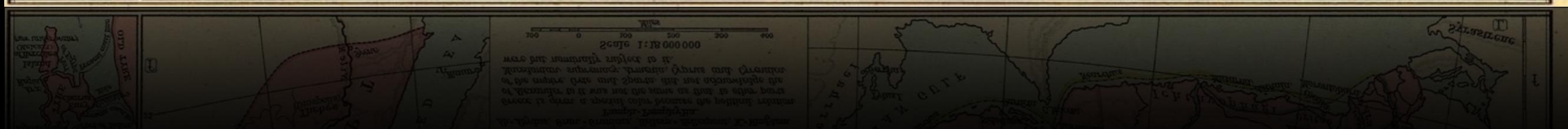
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Age of the Gentiles

1. Israel defeated by Gentiles powers
2. Israel dispersed into all the nations
3. Jerusalem trampled by the Gentiles

...until the times of the
Gentiles **are fulfilled.**

Babylonian Empire



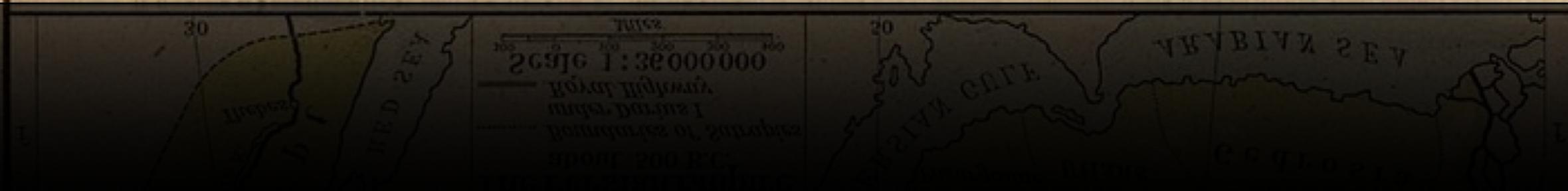
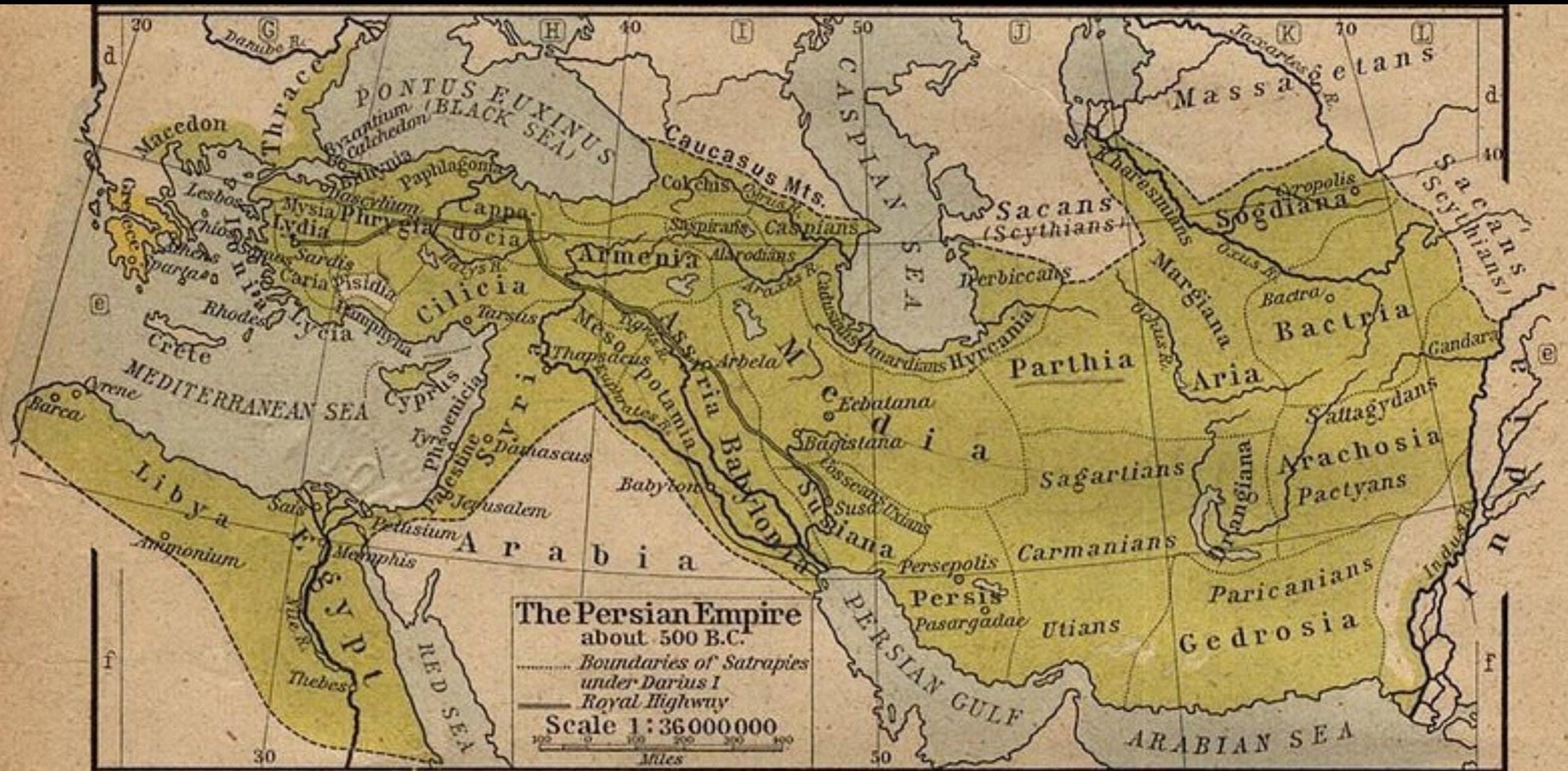
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Criteria for Daniel's Kingdoms

Must be:

1. A Gentile kingdom
2. The dominant power in the world
3. In possession of Babylon
4. Occupying Jerusalem

Medo-Persian Empire



Hellenistic Empire





Babylon

Medo-Persian

Hellenistic Empire
(East-West Division)



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Daniel 2:40-43

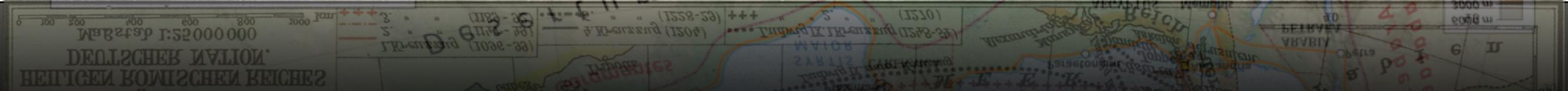
Dan. 2:40 “Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, **it will crush and break all these in pieces.**

Dan. 2:41 “In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it will be a **divided kingdom**; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay.

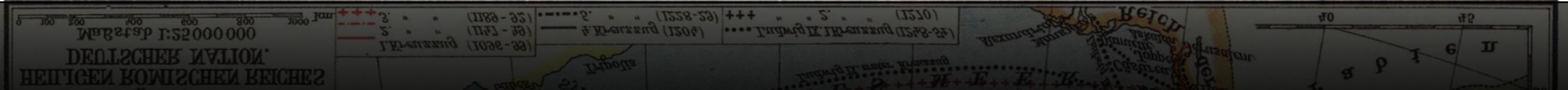
Dan. 2:42 “As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so **some of the kingdom will be strong** and part of it will be brittle.

Dan. 2:43 “And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will **combine with one another in the seed of men**; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

Roman Empire



Holy Roman Empire





Babylon

Medo-Persian

Greek Empire

**Imperialistic
Democratic
Alliances**

Dan. 2:34 “You continued looking until a **stone was cut out without hands**, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

Dan. 2:35 “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. **But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.**



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Daniel 2:44-45

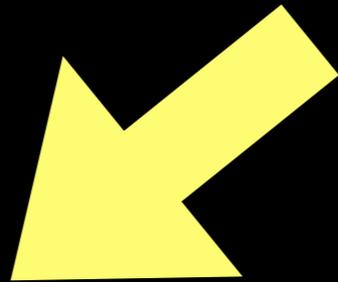
Dan. 2:44 “In the days of those kings the God of heaven will **set up a kingdom** which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and **put an end to all these kingdoms**, but it will itself **endure forever**.”

Dan. 2:45 “Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was **cut out of the mountain without hands** and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”



Deut. 27:6 “You shall build the altar of the Lord your God **of uncut stones**, and you shall offer on it burnt offerings to the Lord your God;





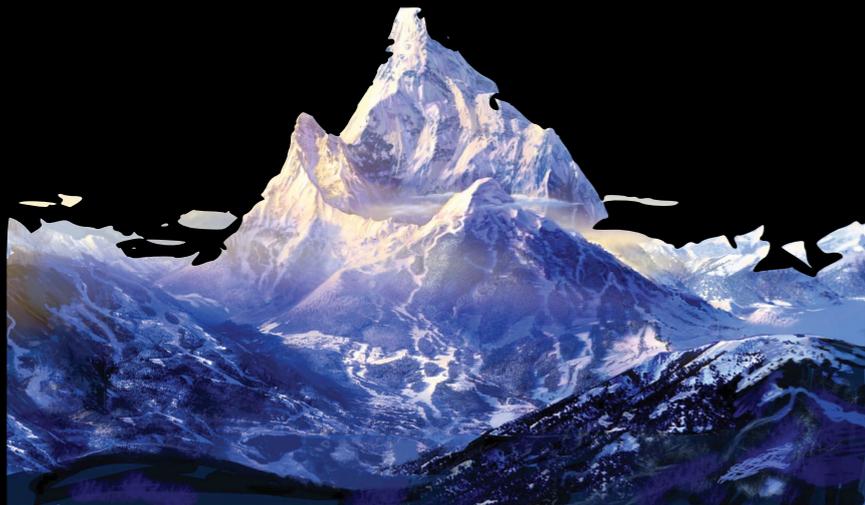
Falls "at the feet..."
i.e., the end of the age



= **Christ**



= **End of Age**



= **Kingdom**



Daniel 2

**The statue represents four
Gentile world empires**

**They become increasingly
brittle and less majestic**

**The age of Gentile
kingdoms lasts until
Christ's Kingdom arrives**



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Daniel 2:46-49



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