

# Kingdoms of Man

## Part One

(Prophecy)

Among some of the believers in Christ, there is a push for a consolidated kingdom of man. This, however, would be contrary to Scripture--if such achievement were even possible. We need only look to Revelation to see that the capstone to the design of God accommodates kingdoms--and not just a single kingdom.

*And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

*And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*

*And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*

*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

(Revelation 21:22-27)

This does not contradict Daniel's prophecy of serial world-ruling governments. Daniel described the emergence, followed by retirement, of four empires of the world. Daniel received this prophecy as God's remedy for king Nebuchadnezzar's concerns about a dream that he had.

*This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.*

*Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*

*And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

*And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the*

*feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.*

(Daniel 2:36-43)

These four empires were not the entire set of kingdoms of the world. They were, though, the controlling kingdoms that governed the shaping of the world, in their respective time periods. There was still competition among the other kingdoms, but the LORD provided the regulating power that the controlling kingdom needed. In the fourth empire, we have a biblical record of the dynamics of the controlling kingdom and the other kingdoms that existed in the world. The record is contained in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, as he speaks of the strained cooperation that would exist between the history shaping kingdom and the other kingdoms.

*And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

*And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

*And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

(Revelation 17:9-18)

From a study of the Scripture (particularly Revelation 21:22-27), it seems that we

must learn to tolerate one another, at the level of kingdoms. However, before going any further, let me stress something that was said before. In the history of mankind; starting from the time of king Nebuchadnezzar, the LORD has designated a particular culture as the kingdom that would shape the world of its day. For the human kingdoms this was not a perpetual right of that empire. Each of the history shaping kingdoms would only have their limited period of time; then, another kingdom, of the four that are in Daniel's prophecy, would arise to continue the shaping of mankind's existence. The Scripture describes the nature of this transition, as it occurred in the transfer of power from the empire that initiated the flow, in time.

*Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*

*And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.*

*For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.*

(Jeremiah 25:9-16)

Though, *serve themselves of them also*, is not a pattern that was destined to continue forever. Daniel spoke of a time when the serving would cease; in the time of the eternal kingdom.

*But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an*

*everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*  
(Daniel 7:26-27)

Now, we must take some time to give this matter a little beyond-this-world thought. The reason that we must do this is because of the statement of Jesus Christ, in reference to the eternal kingdom.

*Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?*

*Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?*

*Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?*

*Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*

(John 18:33-36)

This tells us that the kingdom that will end the flow of world-shaping dominion by man is a kingdom that was not created in the middle time of Genesis. This kingdom is a kingdom of the Spirit. This fact of faith is actually stated in the Bible. In the *Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass*, we are introduced to the eternal kingdom.

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

(Revelation 21:1-4)

There are, though, some interpretations that miss the key point that this is a spiritual introduction, and not a physical one. Remember, Christ said, *but now is my kingdom not from hence*. That it is was not of this world, indicates both that it was in fact in existence at the time of Jesus' statement, and that it would someday be a part of the world of the

kingdoms of man. This is also stated in the prophecy of Daniel; albeit, in a dark speech type of fashion. As a result of the dark speech . . .

Oh; you want me to explain what I mean by dark speech. To do that I will include, here, the encounter of the LORD, and a certain set of family members of the children of Israel, wherein He speaks of this form of communication from the LORD, passing through elect men, on into congregations.

*And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us?*

*And the LORD heard it.*

*(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation.*

*And they three came out.*

*And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?*

*And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.*

(Numbers 12:1-9)

In Daniel's prophecy, he speaks of the renovation that would take place when the kingdoms of man are overshadowed by the eternal kingdom of God, with man.

*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

(Daniel 2:44-45)

To understand the nature of the displacement of the other four empires, you need to remember that at the time of the renovation of the landscape of mankind's world, only one of the four empires of Daniel still existed. The only one that was in existence, at that time, is the fourth empire, as Daniel's prophecy foretold.

*Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*

*Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

*But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

(Daniel 7:19-27)

The first three beasts had already passed into the archives of history, at the time when the fourth kingdom was present in temporal reality. So, how could the eternal kingdom break these physical kingdoms into so much powder? The only way that this could be done, is if the entire collection of the four controlling kingdoms of the four empires were displaced in the reality of the Spirit. This means that the action that is being described in the prophecies of Daniel, and in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, were activities that took place in the realm of the Spirit. This is consistent with the statement that Jesus made to a woman, at a certain well.

*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of*

*the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

(John 4:21-24)

The method of displacement of the kingdoms of this world is, in the case of the first three, a method of spiritual overruling of their lingering effects on the world. In the case of the fourth kingdom, the method of displacement (repair, might be a better word) of the damage that was done to the hearts, souls, and spirits of mankind. This damage occurred in the time of the early extended ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. This would involve the overlaying of their spirits by the Spirit of truth that is from God. This is the power that the Lord Jesus Christ introduced to his disciples, and that was taken throughout the world, in the day of the apostles.

*The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

*And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

(Acts 1:1-8)

By the expansive outreach of God, through the Spirit of truth; the world was moved away from dependence on the logic and practices of the former four empires. The world was, instead, moved to a place at which it has access to the pure practices of the Living God. In that day, all the kingdoms of man became subject to the unfiltered reign of the glory of God, and of His Christ.

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

*And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

(Revelation 11:15-17)

This is the world to which the LORD God opened our eyes, in the time of the prophets.

*And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

*And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

(Joel 2:28-32)

This is the same world to which the apostle Paul introduced us, as he described the method that God the Father used to accomplish this consolidation.

*And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

(Colossians 1:18-20)

This is the same world in which the kingdom of God, and of His Christ, has destroyed the effect of the power that flowed through the preceding empires and kingdoms. The apostle Paul describes how this was done, *through death*.



*But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.*

*For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.*

*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

*Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.*

*And again, I will put my trust in him.*

*And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*

*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

(Hebrews 2:6-15)

We are the beneficiaries of the transformation of the world that happened at the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: this is not a future matter, anymore. We must, indeed, learn how to navigate our existence in this new world. To assist you in doing so, this series has been produced. We will end this portion of the series with two thoughts that we want you to incorporate into your soul.

Thought one: God is the only source of true newness

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

*And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.*

*And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

