

Look for the way-marks as you journey on,
Look for the way-marks, passing one by one:
Down through the ages, past the kingdoms four,-
Where are we standing? Look the way-marks o'er.

First, Babylonia's kingdom ruled the world,
Then Medo-Persia's banners were unfurled;
And after Greece held universal sway,
Rome seized the scepter,-where are we today?

Down in the feet of iron and of clay,
Weak and divided, soon to pass away;
What will the next great, glorious drama be?-
Christ and His coming, and eternity.

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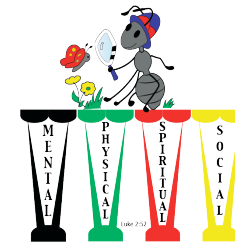
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TEXT

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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18. What was indicated by the mixture of clay and iron in the feet and toes of the image?

"And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, *the _____ shall be _____.*" **Daniel 2:41**

19. In what prophetic language was the varying strength of the ten kingdoms of the divided empire indicated?

"And as the toes of the feet were *part of _____, and part of _____*, so the kingdom shall be *partly _____, and partly _____* [margin, brittle]." **Daniel 2:42**

20. Were any efforts to be made to reunite the divided empire of Rome?

"And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, *they shall _____ with the _____ of men:* but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." **Daniel 2:43**

NOTES: Charlemagne, Charles V, Louis XIV, and Napoleon all tried to reunite the broken fragments of the Roman Empire, but failed. By marriage and intermarriage ties have been formed with a view to strengthening and cementing together the shattered kingdom; but none have succeeded. The element of disunion remains. Many political revolutions and territorial changes have occurred in Europe since the fall of the Roman Empire in **476 A.D.**; but its divided state still remains. This remarkable dream, as interpreted by Daniel, presents in the briefest form, and yet with unmistakable clearness, the course of world empires from the time of Nebuchadnezzar to the close of earthly history and the setting up of the everlasting kingdom of God. The history confirms the prophecy. The sovereignty of the world was held by Babylon from the time of this dream, **B.C. 603**, until **B.C. 538**, when it passed to the Medes and Persians. The victory of the Grecian forces at the battle of Arbela, in **B.C. 331**, marked the downfall of the Medo-Persian Empire, and the Greeks then became the undisputed rulers of the world. The battle of Pydna, in Macedonia, in **B.C. 168**, was the last organized effort to withstand a world-wide conquest by the Romans, and at that time therefore the sovereignty passed from the Greeks to the Romans, and the fourth kingdom was fully established. The division of Rome into ten kingdoms is definitely foretold in the vision recorded in the seventh chapter of Daniel, and occurred between the years **351 A.D.** and **476 A.D.**



21. What is to take place in the days of these kingdoms?

"And in the days of these kings shall *the _____ of _____ set up a _____, which shall _____ be _____*: . . . but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." **Daniel 2:44**

NOTE: This verse foretells the establishment of another universal kingdom, the kingdom of God. This kingdom is to overthrow and supplant all existing earthly kingdoms, and is to stand forever. The time for the setting up of this kingdom was to be "in the days of these kings." This cannot refer to the four preceding empires, or kingdoms; for they were not contemporaneous, but successive; neither can it refer to an establishment of the kingdom at Christ's first advent, for the ten kingdoms which arose out of the ruins of the Roman Empire were not yet in existence. It must therefore be yet future.

22. In what announcement in the New Testament is the establishment of the kingdom of God made known?

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, *The _____ of this _____ are become the _____ of our _____, and of His _____*; and He shall reign forever and ever." **Revelation 11:15**

23. For what have we been taught to pray?

"*Thy _____* . Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." **Matthew 6:10**

24. What event is closely associated with the establishment of God's everlasting kingdom?

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at *His _____* and His kingdom." **2 Timothy 4:1**

25. With what prayer do the Scriptures close?

"He that testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. _____ so, _____, Lord _____." **Revelation 22:20**

