

#62 The Legs of Iron – The Legs of Iron vs. the Rod of Iron

Key Understanding #1: *Jesus Christ ruling with a rod of iron.* The Lord chose *iron* as descriptive of the Legs of the Roman Empire because the Christian Empires that constituted the Legs of Iron of the Roman Empire represented counterfeit millennial reigns of Jesus Christ, who comes to rule with a Rod of Iron (Rev. 19:15).

Revelation 19:14-15 (KJV) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

*15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and **HE [Jesus Christ] SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON**: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Revelation 19:15 (above) represents Jesus Christ and the Saints ruling with a Rod of Iron upon his return.

Daniel 2:40 (below) has basically been fulfilled, and represented a *counterfeit* Rod of Iron rule of Jesus Christ and the Saints, through the Constantine-type ‘millennial’ Christian Empires of this world.

*Daniel 2:40 (KJV) And **THE FOURTH KINGDOM SHALL BE STRONG AS IRON [the Legs of Iron Roman Empire]**, extending through the Western Roman Empire, which ended in 476 A.D., and the Eastern Roman Empire, which ended in 1453 A.D. The Leg of Iron of the *Western* Roman Empire was extended to include the life of the Holy Roman Empire, begun by Charlemagne in 800 A.D. Its political power was generally German-based in the earlier centuries, and Austrian-based in the later centuries through the Habsburg Dynasty. In the meantime, the Leg of Iron of the Eastern Roman Empire was further extended to include the life of the Russian Empire: *forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.**



Depiction of Nebuchadnezzar's image and the 'Legs of Iron' Roman Empire

Key Understanding #2: *The counterfeit rod of iron rule of Jesus Christ.* Therefore, we should see that the establishment of a **Christian King, such as Constantine**, to rule over a Christian Empire, such as what became the ‘millennial’ Byzantine Empire, is a counterfeit of the true Second Coming of Jesus Christ to rule over the earth.

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