

Now you cannot say this has yet been fulfilled That is, I don't know whether a post millennialists could or not. I think he'd have a pretty hard job saying that it has ^{yet} been fulfilled; that all these parts have been ~~put~~ broken in pieces and the kingdom has been set up and filled the whole earth. It would be pretty hard to say. Unless you are going to say something like that; if you are going to consider that as something which is yet future then there is a question. How are you going to interpret? The Babylonian kingdom here lasted 50 years. The Persian kingdom lasted c. 200 yrs. The period of Grecian domination before Rome took over from it lasted for about 200 yrs. Well altogether there is only about 450 yrs. -- that is the first three-fourths. Now you take the fourth one and Rome gathers the power gradually. In about 200 it took over Macedonia; and while in 164 its power was sufficient to make Antiochus retreat and give up, yet it ~~did~~ did not take over his kingdom until 70 B.C. And the kingdom of Ptolemies existed until 26 B.C. After that time Rome held 2/3 of the territory Persian ^{that} had held -- 1/2/ to 2/3rd but it also held a great deal of territory that Persia did not even know existed. They had ~~never~~ never heard of Italy probably. And probably when Alexander died probably hardly anybody had ever heard of Italy. They were just separate little groups struggling against each other -- all Italy and Spain and France and all these areas during that period. The Romans gradually took over the power in these areas until they had as much more than had not been under Greek domination at all. as ~~they~~ the part they had from the section that had been under Greece by the time of Christ. And then after that the Romans gathered more power for the next ¹²⁰ ~~100~~/years They reached their height in the time of Trajan ~~117/138/181/~~ at about 120 A.D. if I remember correctly, and from that time on they were gradually losing strength. Until by 400 A.D. they were little more than an appearance before a great name (????) the actual power was not great ^{by} 400 A.D. And by 500 A.D. definitely nothing but a (name?) And yet the ~~the~~ fame of Rome was continued ^{between} though everything that was typical of Rome absolutely disappeared after 400 - 600 A.D. There was just nothing of it left. It was an entirely new, an entirely different situation. came in and ~~had~~ last from somewhere between 400 and 500 until the time of the Renaissance c. 1450