

Daniel 4 (session 3)

and inside ~~/~~ there were five men in long white gowns and statues - old Roman statues *which* they were studying and reconstructing. They were working on ~~/~~ the history and culture of ancient Rome there in the midst of the ruins of modern Germany. And it is typical of how the ancient Roman attitudes and interests have been revived since the Renaissance about 1550, though I think that the rest of the world aside from Germany has departed in the last 100 yrs. quite a bit from it. ^{But} The Roman civilization and attitude far more than ~~/~~ than that of ^{Alexander's} Alexandrian empire or certainly of the Persians or of the ~~/~~ Babylonians, was typical until fairly recently of a great part of our modern civilization. But there are differences. And so whether you are ^{to think} thinking of that as stretching that long distance or ~~/~~ whether you think there is a gap in the picture in either case it is true that the present area if you think of it as being the peak or being near the ~~/~~ the top of the peak can be thought of as having similarities with ^{to the case} (events ???) which perhaps can make of think of it as in a sense being still in the ~~/~~ era of the old Roman empire, but dividing into a number of sections like the toes and the feet are, and then the toes are, even as the Greek was divided up into these three main ~~/~~ kingdoms and a lot of lesser kingdoms in later years before the Romans came on the scene.

At any rate there were these in early Christian history ~~/~~ who tried to interpret as referring to the this according to ^{that} first coming of Christ. This was the Stone cut without hands. Some said ^{that} this was a picture of the Virgin Birth. And here is the ~~/~~ Stone cut without hands out of the mountains and it comes and hits the statue upon the feet. But certainly nobody can say that in the first, second, third or fourth century that the whole ~~/~~ structure of all the whole ancient civilization just tatters and falls and is all mixed up and scattered together. Nobody can say that that happened although the Middle Ages was more different from Rome than Rome ~~/~~ was from Babylon. But certainly there was ^{then} not established/what could be called the kingdom of God in heaven established forever. It would seem to look to something that is still ^{given} future, in that regard. Now we are not dealing in such detail. It came out of the mountain the stone cut without hands came down and ^{hit} it upon the feet and then the stone grew