

with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, ~~which shall never be destroyed~~ which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to ~~any~~ other people....and it shall stand forever./ Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands.... and the dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure" (vv 43-45). Now what is this stone cut without hands, that destroys the image? The holders of your first would say, This is given to show the succession of kingdoms after Nebu, until you get to A.E., just as chapter 8 and chapter both lead directly up to A.E. Ch. 8, quite specifically, ch. 11 even more specifically. They say this, in a general way, leads up to A.E., and then A.E. they say, is meant by the toes, here. He's the end of it, and they say, in his day, the stone cut without hands comes and hits, and that is the Jewish uprising, gaining deliverance from him, and prediction<sup>ing</sup> ~~that~~ that they will destroy ~~and~~ completely his kingdom, and set up the kingdom and fill up the whole earth. Now, that they say, is what was in mind of the man who wrote this. It is all pointing to A.E. in ch.2. Now those who hold the ~~3rd~~<sup>2nd</sup> view say No. They say, A.E. comes in the 3rd kingdom, not the 4th. They say, in this particular chapter, he's not mentioned at all. They say, He's very very ~~prominent~~ prominent in ch.8. And he is even more prominent in ch.11. But, they say, In this chapter, there is no mention of A.E. But, they say, this chapter points to four kingdoms, of which they say, the first is the Babylonian, the 2nd is the Medo-Persian, the 3rd one is the Greek, Alexander the Great and his successors, and the 4th ~~is~~ is the Roman empire. And they say, In the time of the Roman empire, Christ was born, and He was the stone cut without hands, from the mountains, and he hit the image of brass, the great thing which he did, his death on Calvary's cross, which from all our viewpoints is the great decisive thing in history. That struck the death blow to the empire, and so the whole earth was filled, as this stone became a kingdom that covered the whole earth, and so the Roman empire was destroyed, and Christianity was established, and conquered the whole earth. And God has set up an eternal kingdom. Now that is the second view. No, that is the second view. Now, as you see, that is a very natural inter-

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