

Nebuchadnezzar's Madness

A type of Israel

This presentation is based on knowing the larger framework of history revealed by God in the scriptures and summarized in the timelines elsewhere on this site.

This allows interpretation of many 'types' in the scriptures, including the story of Nebuchadnezzar's madness.

The Beast

- Nebuchadnezzar was warned in a dream that his pride would result in losing his kingdom
- One year later he went mad for 7 'times'...in this case, 7 years
- His man's heart was removed and replaced with a BEAST'S.

Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 4:16-17 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let **a beast's heart** be given unto him; and let **seven times** pass over him...to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men...and setteth up over it the basest of men.

Daniel 4:31-32 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; **The kingdom is departed from thee**. And they shall **drive thee from men**, and thy dwelling shall be **with the beasts** of the field: they shall make thee to **eat grass as oxen**, and **seven times shall pass over thee**, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

- This again is not just a story but also a prophecy
- As is usually the case, this is about Israel
- It identifies Israel as the Beast
- It states the duration of Israel's time as Beast
- It predicts the time of the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel

Nebuchadnezzar = Israel

Nebuchadnezzar	Israel
Jeremiah 27:6 ...I give all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant ...	Isaiah 44:21 ...O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant : O Israel...
Dan 4:14-15.. Hew down the tree , and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth...	Mat 3:9-10 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees : therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down , and cast into the fire.
Dan 4:31 ...there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee .	Mat 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you , and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

- Israel had a thing about bovine idols
- They made a **golden calf** during their 40 years in the wilderness
- Then Jeroboam made **two calves** to compete with the temple in Jerusalem
- God has a lot to say about idols, but generally it is that they are deaf, dumb, and powerless...
...And that those who worship them, *become like them*

- Just as Nebuchadnezzar was driven into the wilderness to eat grass among the beasts as an ox for “seven times”,
- So Israel was driven into the wilderness as an ox among the beasts for seven times.

You Become Like Your Idol

“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. **They that make them are like unto them**; so is every one that trusteth in them.”

Psalms 115:4-8

“The idols of the heathen are silver and gold,
the work of men's hands. They have mouths,
but they speak not; eyes have they, but they
see not; They have ears, but they hear not;
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
They that make them are like unto them: so is
every one that trusteth in them.”

Psalms 135:15-18

The Golden Calf

“They made a **calf** in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. Thus they changed their **glory**^{H3519} into the similitude of an **ox that eateth grass.**”

Psalms 106:19-20

Nebuchadnezzar “ate grass like an ox”

Israel: Worships Cows

“The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.”

Hosea 10:5-6

Israel: Backsliding Heifer

“For Israel slideth back as a **backsliding heifer**:
now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a
large place. Ephraim is joined to idols: let him
alone.”

Hosea 4:16-17

Israel: Threshing Cow

“And Ephraim is as an **heifer** that is taught, and loveth to **tread out the corn**; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.”

Hosea 10:11

“Therefore get thee up, O thou daughter Zion, and thresh out the corn. For I will **make thy horn iron**. and thy **claws brass**, that thou mayest **grind many people**: their goods shalt thou appropriate unto the LORD, and their substance unto the ruler of the whole world.”

Micah 4:13

Israel: Ignorant, Foolish Beast

“So foolish was I, and ignorant, even as it were a beast before thee. Nevertheless, I am always by thee; thou holdest me by my righthand.”

Psalm 73:22-23

Yet God has CHOSEN this people to reveal His power and mercy, stopping all mouths which impugn His character.

But to understand the depth of His mercy, one must accept the depth of the depravity of the ones on whom He shows mercy.

Israel: Cows of Bashan

“Hear this word, ye **kine of Bashan**, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.”

Amos 4:1-2

“Kine” are cows...Cows of Bashan

Bulls of Bashan, Lion's Mouths

“All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, **He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him,** seeing he delighted in him...Many **bulls** have compassed me: strong **bulls of Bashan** have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a **ravening and a roaring lion.**”

Psalms 22:7-8,12-13

The prophecy is about the crucifixion; the bulls are **ISRAEL'S** leaders...not *Romans* as many 'experts' claim.

Jewish Leaders:

“Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, ‘He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.’”

Matthew 27:41-43

Oxen & Lion's Mouth

“Save me from the lion's mouth; Yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen thou hast answered me.”

Psalm 22:21

This is ISRAEL with a lion's mouth and oxen's horns...read the Psalm.

Horns & Lion's Mouth?

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and **ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his **mouth as the mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

Revelation 13:1-2

Israel: Twelve Lions

“The throne had **six** steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays. And **twelve lions** stood there on the one side and on the other upon the **six** steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.”

1 Kings 10:19-20

Israel: Twelve Bulls

“The two pillars, one sea, and **twelve brasen bulls** that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: the brass of all these vessels was without weight.”

Jeremiah 52:20

“It stood upon **twelve oxen**, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.”

1 Kings 7:25

Nebuchadnezzar's Sins

- Pride in accomplishments
- Boasting
- Failure to acknowledge God
- Refusal to accept God as King of Kings

These are also Israel's sins.

(And Israel is itself just a microcosm of the world)

Kiss the Son

Israel's rulers rejected Jesus, putting to death the Innocent and the Righteous:

Exodus 23:7 “Keep thee far from a false matter; and **the innocent and righteous slay thou not**: for I will not justify the wicked.”

Jesus was “the Innocent and Righteous” to which that the law referred. They killed Him.

Why Did They Kill Him?

The main immediate reason was jealousy and fear of losing their power. They said:

“If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and **the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.**”

John 11:48

Jealousy

“and Pilate answered them, saying, 'Will ye that I shall release to you the king of the Jews?' for he knew that **because of envy** the chief priests had delivered him up;”

Mar 15:9-10

In fact, if you can accept it, Jacob prophesied the TRUTH when he said the following about Joseph...who is a type of Jesus the Messiah.

It was Joseph's brothers...the tribes of Israel...who delivered him up:

“And they take the coat of Joseph, and slaughter a kid of the goats, and dip the coat in the blood, and send the long coat, and they bring it in unto their father, and say, 'This have we found; discern, we pray thee, whether it is thy son's coat or not?' And he discerneth it, and saith, 'My son's coat! **an evil beast hath devoured him; torn—torn is Joseph!**'”

Gen 37:31-33

But God knew it before:

Deut 17:15 “Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, **whom the LORD thy God shall choose**: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: **thou mayest not set a stranger over thee**, which is not thy brother.”

Yet what did the rulers of the Jews say?

John 19:15 “But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify **your King**? The chief priests answered, **We have no king but Caesar.**”

- They did not like God's choice
- They made their own choice

Here is a one-word definition for SIN:

CHOICE!

- There is God's WAY
- And there is every OTHER way
- EVERY other way CHOSEN, is SIN
- Full-stop

So The Kingdom Was Removed...

Jesus: “Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you**, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.”

Matthew 21:23

“While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; **The kingdom is departed from thee.**”

Daniel 4:31

...Until They Accept God's Rule!

Jesus: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...your house is left unto you **desolate**. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, **till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**"

Mat 23:37-39

To Nebuchadnezzar: "...**until thou know** that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and **giveth it to whomsoever he will.**"

Daniel 4:32

The Kingdom Removed

- 40 years—one generation—after rejecting Jesus, the Romans dispersed Israel
- They destroyed the city and the temple
- They sold the Jews into slavery among the nations

The Jews *as a people* (there are exceptions!) continue in rebellion as enemies of the gospel to this day, and have *not yet bowed* their knee to God!

Uttermost Wrath

“For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of **the Jews**: Who both **killed the Lord Jesus**, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and **they please not God**, and **are contrary to all men**: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: **for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.**”

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

What Is It All About?

- God has predestined Israel to demonstrate His mercy and power
- God makes Israel worthy of the greatest of wrath because they have been and will become the greatest of transgressors
- Yet God will turn their hearts towards Himself in repentance, and will restore Israel to Himself.
- The greatness of God's mercy demands the absoluteness of transgression, that absolute mercy may triumph over absolute transgression

- When Israel has finally committed the most grievous of sins to the full,
- THEN God will shower His forgiveness on Israel by His own express CHOICE.
- THEN “he who is forgiven MUCH” will “love much.”
- And God will have sufficiently demonstrated His character, might, mercy, etc.

What Am I Saying?

- Israel has killed the Messiah
- Israel will also become the fulfilment of the prophesied anti-christ man of lawlessness.
- This work is already in progress and will be fulfilled in our days.

Israel: Destroying Beast, Brass & Iron

“Therefore get thee up, O thou daughter Zion, and thresh out the corn. For I will **make thy horn iron**. and thy **claws brass**, that thou mayest **grind many people**: their goods shalt thou appropriate unto the LORD, and their substance unto the ruler of the whole world.”

Micah 4:13

“For they are all unfaithful and fallen away, they hang upon filthy lucre; they are clean **brass** and **iron**, for they **hurt** and **destroyed every man**.”

Jeremiah 6:28

“After this, I required diligently to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was so far unlike the other beasts, and so horrible: whose **teeth were of iron**, and his **nails of brass**: which **devoured and destroyed**, and stamped the residue under his feet.”

Daniel 7:19

Israel's Sons: The Wicked Beast

“...come now and **let us slay him** and cast him into some pit, and let us say that **some wicked beast hath devoured him**, and let us see what his dreams will come to.”

Genesis 37:20

And they sent that gay coat and caused it to be brought unto their father and said, "This have we found: see, whether it be thy son's coat or no." And he knew it, saying, "It is my son's coat: **a wicked beast hath devoured him**, and Joseph is rent in pieces."

Genesis 37:32-33

And Jacob their father said unto them, "Ye have **ye** robbed of my children: Joseph is away, and Simeon is away, and **ye** will take Benjamin away. All these things fall upon me."

Genesis 42:36

“Then said thy servant our father unto us, 'Ye know that my wife bare me two sons. And the one went out from me and **it is said of a surety that he is torn in pieces of wild beasts**, and I saw him not since.’”

Genesis 44:27-28

The sons of Israel did actually ‘devour Joseph’...
...just as they devoured Jesus.

Israel: The 4th Beast Daniel 7

Daniel 7:19-23 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose **teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass**; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet... I beheld, and **the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them**; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which **shall be diverse from all kingdoms**, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Leviticus 26:18-19 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you **seven times more** for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make **your heaven as iron**, and **your earth as brass**:

Isaiah 48:1-4 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are **called by the name of Israel**, and are come forth **out of the waters of Judah**, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, **but not in truth, nor in righteousness**. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name. I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. Because I knew that thou art obstinate, **and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass**;

Jeremiah 6:26, 28 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us... They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: **they are brass and iron**; they are all corrupters.

AD 70 started Israel's Third Exile

- First Israel left Canaan for Egypt and was enslaved, freed by the Exodus
- Then Judah was taken to Babylon for 70 years in several waves around 564 B.C.
- They were previously warned in various ways by various prophets

Jeremiah

“And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years.**”

Jeremiah 25:11

“For thus saith the LORD, That after **seventy years** be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.”

Jeremiah 29:10

Israel Did Not Learn

- After they returned, they soon quit building the temple.
- They stopped supporting the Levitical priesthood
- They intermarried again with the heathen
- They even killed Zechariah
- The failure of the 70 years exile as discipline was prophesied by Isaiah:

Isaiah

“After that, shall the **seventy years** of Tyre - even **as long as their king's life was** - be forgotten. And **after seventy years**, it shall happen to Tyre as with **a harlot** that playeth upon a lute. "Take thy lute," say men to her, "and go about the city, thou unknown wench: make pastime with sweet melody, whereby thou mayest be had in remembrance." Thus shall it happen **after seventy years**. **The LORD shall visit the city of Tyre**, and **she shall convert unto her reward**, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms that be in the world.”

Isa 23:15-17

Tyre /S Jerusalem

- The king mentioned was David.
- Judah was captive in Babylon for 70 years, returned, and...forgot her lesson
- 490 years later, God visited them in His Son, Jesus...who they rejected and killed.
- 40 years after that, her kingdom was removed to this day.

The Consequences

- Leviticus 26 describes God's attempts to correct Israel
- This chapter prophetically describes their history right up until now, and into the future
- They will continue to be disciplined a little while longer
- They will turn back to Him, in the end!

1,960 = 4 x 7 x 70: Leviticus 26!

1 x...verse 18

“And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you **seven times more** for your sins.”

2 x...verse 21

“And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring **seven times more** plagues upon you according to your sins.”

3 x...verse 24

“Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you **yet seven times** for your sins.”

4 x...verse 28

“Then I will walk contrary unto you also **in wrath**; and I, even I, will chastise you **seven times** for your sins.”

- The 70 years comes from their previous, unproductive exile period
- This escalation of discipline began to be fulfilled in AD 70
- We are now in the final years of the last 'time'

Trumpet Years (49th Year of Jubilee)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2619	2668	2717	2766	2815	2864	2913	2962	3011	3060
2	3109	3158	3207	3256	3305	3354	3403	3452	3501	3550
3	3599	3648	3697	3746	3795	3844	3893	3942	3991	4040
4	4089	4138	4187	4236	4285	4334	4383	4432	4481	4530
5	4579	4628	4677	4726	4775	4824	4873	4922	4971	5020
6	5069	5118	5167	5216	5265	5314	5363	5412	5461	5510
7	5559	5608	5657	5706	5755	5804	5853	5902	5951	6000

4040: “70 AD”...when Jerusalem was destroyed and its people dispersed through the nations

6000: 2029 AD...when Jesus will return and restore the kingdom to Israel

The Dispersion

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0										70 AD
1	119	168	217	266	315	364	413	462	511	560 AD
2	609	658	707	756	805	854	903	852	1001	1050 AD
3	1099	1148	1197	1246	1295	1344	1393	1442	1491	1540 AD
4	1589	1638	1687	1736	1785	1834	1883	1932	1981	2030 AD

From 4040 to 6000 is 1,960 years.

This period is also 40 Jubilees

This is 7 x 7 x 40 years, or...

$$4 \times 7 \times 70$$

Four “Times”

- Had Israel repented by 560 AD ($70 \text{ AD} + 7 \times 70$)...they could have returned.
- Had Israel repented by 1050 AD ($560 \text{ AD} + 7 \times 70$)...they could have returned.
- Had Israel repented by 1540 AD ($1050 \text{ AD} + 7 \times 70$)...they could have returned.
- Israel WILL repent by 2030 AD ($1540 \text{ AD} + 7 \times 70$)...and they...and He...WILL return.

Jesus:

“Then came Peter to him, and said, "Master, how oft shall I forgive my brother, if he sin against me? Shall I forgive him **seven times**?" Jesus said unto him, "I say not unto thee seven times: but **seventy times seven times**.”

Matthew 18:21-22

$70 \times 7 = 490 \dots \text{years}$

Israel: The Heart of a Beast

Acts 1:6 “When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this **time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**”

The Kingdom was taken from the Jews in **AD 70**.

It will be restored after “**Seven Times**”.

This period is **1,960 years**.

A “time” is **280 years**, or **7 x 40 years**.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
71-350 AD	351-630 AD	631-910 AD	911-1190 AD	1191-1470 AD	1471-1750 AD	1751-2030 AD
4041-4320	4321-4600	4601-4880	4881-5160	5161-5440	5441-5720	5721-6000
→280	→560	→840	→1,120	→1,400	→1,680	→1,960

Jesus:

“Then said he to the dresser of his vineyard,
'Behold, this **three years** have I come and sought
fruit in this fig tree, and find none. Cut it down.
Why cumbereth it the ground?’ And he answered
and said unto him, 'Lord **let it alone this year also**,
till I dig round about it, and dung it, to see
whether it will bear fruit: and if it bear not, then
after that, cut it down.'”

Luke 13:7-9

The Kingdom Of The Beast

- For most of this period, the Beast has not been home.
- It has been and still does, for the most part, live with the other beasts
- But it has established a 'home' of sorts

The Beast Hour

“And the beast that was, and is not, is even the eighth, and is one of the seven, and shall go into destruction. And the ten horns which thou seest, are ten kings, which have received no kingdom, but shall receive power as kings **at one hour with the beast**. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”

Rev 17:11-13

Israel Became The Beast

- Nebuchadnezzar foreshadows past and present history.
- Israel is still the Beast, in spite of being 'in the land'
- The kingdom has NOT been restored to them; what is there is an impostor

The Effect of Being Driven Out

Deut 30:1-3 “And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, **the blessing and the curse**, which I have set before thee, and **thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee**, And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and **will return** and gather thee **from all the nations**, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.”

Israel: God's Prodigal Son!

- Did you think it was just a story?
- It is a prophecy!
- It is about Israel, who had an inheritance and squandered it, coming to his senses far away from home, humbling himself, and returning.
- It is also about a jealous older brother: will we be jealous when Judah is restored? May it never be!

Israel Remains God's Chosen

- After this Dispersion, they will remember
- Israel will return to God in repentance
- When they do so, the kingdom will be restored to them
- This restoration will happen around 2030 because '7 times' will have passed since they were Dispersed.

But are you willing to tell them the truth, so they may repent? They will hate and kill you for it!

When is the Kingdom Restored?

Acts 1:6 “When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this **time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**”

Soon!

Maranatha!