

A Historical Study On The Book Of Luke
Teaching #28: Jerusalem's Redemption: Part Five
Luke 2:38; 21:28; 24:21

In our previous studies, we have been examining the redemption of Jerusalem based on the three mentions of redemption in the book of Luke.

The Three Mentions of Redemption

- **First Mention – By Anna – Luke 2:38**
- **Second Mention – By Jesus – Luke 21:28**
- **Third Mention – By The Two Men On The Road To Emmaus – Luke 24:21**

We have looked at these three mentions in Parts 1-3.

To understand the redemption of Israel, we have been examining the Statue in Daniel 2.

The Statue In Daniel 2

Understanding this Statue is critical if we are to understand the redemption of Jerusalem/Israel.

The Statue symbolizes four kingdoms.

In Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the Statue, there were:

- **Four Earthly Kingdoms** (Babylon, Medes-Persian, Greece, and Rome/Corrupt Israel) that were *a part of the statue*.

The fourth kingdom represented Rome and Corrupt Israel (Iron Mixed with Clay) during the time of Jesus and following his ascension...all the way up to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD ended the fourth kingdom mixed with iron and clay. The iron (Rome) continued after 70 AD, but the clay (Israel) part of the iron was destroyed.

Important Note: Moses stated in **Deuteronomy 31:29**, when Israel was under the old covenant of law, that in the *latter days* of old covenant Israel – the period of time we now know as being prior to Israel being destroyed in 70 AD, that old covenant Israel would become **utterly corrupt** (see also Deuteronomy 32:5).

Let's read this:

*"For I know that after my [Moses] death you will become **utterly corrupt**, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And **evil will befall you in the latter days**, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."* (Deuteronomy 31:29 NKJV – many translations use the phrase **latter days**, which is the correct translation.)

In Deuteronomy 31:30-32:43, the Song of Moses prophesied about the **corruption** that would come to old covenant Israel.

We see **this corruption on full display** during the life of Jesus, **which was the latter days** Moses spoke about.

These were the latter days prior to and leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. **We will examine the full display of this corruption later in this study and in the next study.**

How do we know the latter days were the days of Jesus, the Stone?

We know it because of what Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar concerning **the king's dream about the latter days of Israel**, the same days Moses said would be filled with corruption.

Concerning Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the latter days, Daniel spoke the following words to Nebuchadnezzar about his dream of the **STATUE AND STONE**:

Daniel 2:28 (NKJV)

*But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar **what will be in the LATTER DAYS**.*

Moses and Daniel both spoke about the later days of old covenant Israel.

The latter days would be during the time of the fourth kingdom of iron and clay – when corrupt Israel would be mixed with Rome.

Prior to 70 AD, the desire of many in Israel, such as **Anna** and the **two men on the road to Emmaus**, was to be freed (**redeemed**, set free) from Roman occupation.

In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, there was a fifth kingdom that was outside of the statue.

- **One Spiritual Kingdom** (the Kingdom of God/Heaven) that was *apart **from** or outside of the statue.*

This one spiritual kingdom would crush the other four kingdoms.

Daniel 2:31-34 (Berean Study Bible – BSB)

As you, O king [Nebuchadnezzar], were watching, a great statue appeared [depicting four kingdoms]. A great and dazzling statue stood before you, and its form was awesome. The head of the statue was pure gold, its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs were bronze, its legs were iron [Rome], and its feet were part iron and part clay [the corrupt leadership of Israel during the life of Jesus up to AD 70 when Jerusalem was destroyed]. As you watched [as Nebuchadnezzar watched his dream], a stone was cut out [Jesus the cornerstone of Ephesians 2:11-22], but not by human hands [God cut Jesus out of Israel and created a spiritual kingdom of grace through Jesus]. It [Jesus the Stone] struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay [after the ascension of Jesus, the Stone, Jesus, struck the kingdom of Rome and corrupt Israel in AD 70 when Jerusalem was destroyed], and crushed them.

Daniel 2:35 (BSB)

Then the iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold were shattered and became like chaff on the threshing floor in summer. The wind carried them away, and not a trace of them could be found [the iron and clay kingdom was over in AD 70. Rome continued to exist apart from the clay, but it eventually collapsed]. But the stone [Jesus]

that had struck the statue became a great mountain [the great mountain of grace the began to fill the earth in the first century as the gospel of grace was proclaimed] and filled the whole earth [in the first century, the gospel of grace began to fill the who earth – see Acts 20:24; Colossians 1:3-8; 2 Corinthians 4:15].

Nebuchadnezzar’s dream continued to be explained by Daniel.

Daniel 2:40-43 (BSB)

Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron [Rome]; for iron shatters and crushes all things, and like iron that crushes all things, it will shatter and crush all the others [Rome conquered Greece]. And just as you saw that the feet and toes were made partly of fired clay and partly of iron [Rome and the Corrupt leadership of Israel in the latter days], so this will be a divided kingdom, yet some of the strength of iron will be in it—just as you saw the iron mixed with clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay [Rome and the corrupt leadership of Israel], so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. As you saw the iron mixed with clay, so the peoples will mix with one another, but will not hold together any more than iron mixes with clay [the people of Israel revolted in 66 AD and Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD].

Daniel 2:44-45 (BSB)

IN THE DAYS OF THOSE KINGS [the kings of the fourth kingdom – the kingdom of iron mixed with clay –Rome mixed with the leadership of corrupt Israel], **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom** [the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven...the eternal kingdom of grace – this is the kingdom that John the Baptist and Jesus said was at hand – ready to be established] **that will never be destroyed** [an eternal kingdom that will not be destroyed], **nor will it be left to another people** [a kingdom that will never be overtaken - earthly kingdoms during ancient times change hands – Israel was controlled by the Babylonian kingdom (Gold)...Babylon eventually was controlled by the Mede-Persian kingdom (silver)...the Mede-Persian kingdom eventually was controlled by Greece (bronze)...the Grecian kingdom was eventually controlled by Rome (iron)...Rome eventually mixed in with the corrupt leadership of Israel (clay)]. **It** [the eternal kingdom of God/Heaven] **will shatter all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, but will itself stand forever. And just as you** [king Nebuchadnezzar] **saw a stone** [the stone of the spiritual kingdom of God/heaven- the eternal kingdom of grace] **being cut out of the mountain** [the mountain is Israel – Daniel 9:16, 20; 11:45] **without human hands** [a spiritual kingdom built by God], **and it shattered the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold, so the great God has told the king what will happen in the future.**

Let’s examine how Jesus, the Stone, was born and lived during the time of “**the days of those kings**” (Daniel 2:44) – the days of the kings of the kingdom of iron mixed with clay (Rome and corrupt leadership in Israel).

**The Days of Those Kings
(Predicted in Daniel 2:44 and Fulfilled in the First Century)**

***Kings can also be interpreted to as rulers...as we will see in our study.**

The Kings and Rulers During The Fourth Kingdom of Iron Mixed with Clay

The King During The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7 (BSB)

Now in those days a decree went out from **Caesar Augustus** [Ruler of Rome from 27 BC to 14 AD] that a census should be taken of the whole empire. This was the first census to take place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, since he was from the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her Child to be born. **And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son.**

The Kings or Rulers during the time of John the Baptist

Luke 3:1-2

In the fifteenth year of the reign of **Tiberius Caesar** [28/29AD], while **Pontius Pilate** was governor of Judea [ruled over southern Israel on behalf of Rome from 26/27 to 36/37 AD], **Herod** tetrarch of Galilee [ruled over northern Israel on behalf of Rome], his brother **Philip** tetrarch of Iturea and **Trachonitis**, and **Lysanias** tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of **Annas** and **Caiaphas**, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

In Luke 3:1-2, we see the assembly of the leaders of the kingdom mixed with iron and clay (Rome and the corrupt leadership of Israel).

It was in the days of the leaders of the kingdom of iron mixed with clay (see in Luke 3:1-2) that the kingdom of God/heaven was at hand, meaning ready to be established.

The Stone – Jesus – had been cut out of the mountain (Israel), and the kingdom, starting as a Stone, was at hand.

The Kingdom of God/Heaven is at Hand (As Predicted in Daniel 2:44 and Fulfilled in the First Century)

John The Baptist Announced The Kingdom Of God Was At Hand (Near) – Ready To Be Established

The **kingdom at hand** was the FIFTH KINGDOM of Daniel 2:34-35 and 44-45 – the stone cut of the mountain that crushed the other kingdoms then grew into a mountain of grace filling the earth with God’s grace.

Matthew 3:1-2 (BSB)

In those days [28/29 AD] John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea [southern Israel] and saying, “Repent, for **the kingdom of heaven is near.**”

This is the fifth kingdom of Daniel’s dream.

Jesus, His Disciples, And Seventy-Two Others Proclaimed The Kingdom Of God/Heaven

Like John the Baptist, this is the same kingdom of Daniel 2 – The Fifth Kingdom.

- The Fifth Kingdom that would **appear** as a stone during the kingdom of iron mixed with clay then grow into a mountain.

- This Fifth Kingdom would **crush** all the other kingdoms when the stone smashed the feet and toes of the Fourth Kingdom.

Jesus - Luke 4:42-44 (BSB – see also Luke 8:1)

*At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place, and the crowds were looking for Him. They came to Him and tried to keep Him from leaving. But Jesus told them, “I must preach **the good news of the kingdom of God** to the other towns as well, because that is why I was sent.” And He continued to preach in the synagogues of Judea.*

The Twelve - Luke 9:1-2 (BSB)

*Then Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and power to cure diseases. And He sent them out to **proclaim the kingdom of God** and to heal the sick.*

The Seventy-Two – Luke 10:1-12 (BSB)

*After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place He was about to visit...Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘**The kingdom of God is near you.**’*

Jesus Talks To The Leaders Of The Clay – The Chief Priests and Pharisees About The Stone That Would Crush Them

Luke 20:17-20

*But **Jesus looked directly at them** [the chief priests, teachers of the law, and the leaders of Israel – see Luke 20:1] and said, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written [Jesus quotes **Psalm 118:22** and **Isaiah 8:14-15**]:*

*‘The **STONE** [of Daniel 2 – the stone is Jesus] **the builders rejected** [Psalm 118:22 – the **builders** are the corrupt leadership of Israel – the clay – they rejected Jesus as the Stone, the Messiah/Christ] **has become the CORNERSTONE** [that God has used to build his spiritual kingdom of grace – see Ephesians 2:11-22]?’*

*‘Everyone who falls on this **STONE** [those who reject Jesus as the Stone – the Messiah – of Daniel 2] **will be broken to pieces** [Jesus is referring to the Stone of Daniel 2, and he is quoting Isaiah 8:14-15. Jesus is referring to those who rejected him during his life time], **but he on whom it [the Stone] falls will be crushed** [this is a reference to 70 AD when the kingdom of iron and clay was crushed by the Stone, thus establishing the spiritual kingdom of grace in its fullness – this is the fulfillment of Daniel 2:34 and 44 when the Stone **crushes** the feet of iron mixed with clay].’ “**When the scribes and chief priests realized that JESUS HAD SPOKEN THIS PARABLE AGAINST THEM, they sought to arrest Him that very hour.***

*But they were afraid of the people. So they [the clay - the corrupt leadership of Israel] **watched Him closely and sent spies who pretended to be sincere. They were hoping to catch Him in His words in order to hand Him over to the rule and authority of the governor** [Pontius Pilot – this is the iron (Rome) mixed with clay (the corrupt leadership of Israel) on full display].*

Let’s continue to examine the words of Jesus to the clay, the corrupt leadership of Israel in the first century. Matthew 21:44-45

*“Therefore I [Jesus] tell you that **the kingdom of God** [the kingdom in Daniel 2] will be taken away from you [the unbelieving nation of Israel who rejected Jesus and the new testament of grace] and given to a people who will produce its fruit [the spiritual nation/kingdom of grace – believers who have trusted in Jesus]. Anyone who falls on this **STONE** [rejects Jesus as Christ and remains in the old testament of law] will be broken to pieces [this refers to those who rejected Jesus during his lifetime]; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed [in 70 AD when Jerusalem was destroyed].” **When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them.** They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.*

Luke 20:17-20 and Matthew 21:44-45 flow directly from Daniel Chapter Two and the Statue, Stone, and Mountain.

Jesus quoted from several scriptures in the Jewish Scriptures to communicate to the corrupt leadership of Israel that **he is the Stone of Daniel 2 who will crush them.**

Jesus Quoted Directly From The Jewish Scriptures When Talking To The Chief Priests, Pharisees, and Scribes Who Rejected The Stone

Jesus quoted from Psalm 118:22

*The **stone** the builders rejected has become the cornerstone [see Ephesians 2:11-22].*

Jesus quoted directly from Isaiah 8:14-15

*...he will be a **stone** that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And **for the people of JERUSALEM he will be a trap and a snare.** Many of them will stumble; they will fall and be broken...*

Jesus Placed Daniel’s Fourth Kingdom Of Iron Mixed With Clay During His Lifetime

By referencing Daniel 2 and quoting directly from Psalm 118 and Isaiah 8:

- Jesus **placed** the iron and mixed with clay kingdom during his lifetime.
- Jesus **identified** Israel’s leaders as the clay who were so corrupt that they would seek to have him arrested in deceptive ways.

Jesus Is Arrested And Crucified During The Kingdom Of Iron Mixed With Clay

Jesus Plotted Against By The Clay (the corrupt leadership of Israel)

Luke 22:1-6 (BSB)

*...**the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus,** for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. **They were delighted** and agreed to give him money. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.*

Jesus is arrested by and appears before the leaders of Israel – the clay.

Luke 22:66-67 (BSB)

At daybreak the council of the elders [clay] of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. “If you are the Messiah,” they said, “tell us.”

Jesus is taken to Pilate – iron.

Luke 23:1-4

***Then the whole assembly [clay – the rulers of Israel] rose and led him off to Pilate.** And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.” Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”*

Jesus is taken to Herod – iron.

Luke 23:5-12

*But they [the rulers of Israel] insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.” On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that **Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction**, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. **The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him.** Then **Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him.** Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.*

Remember:

- We are looking at ***the days of the Kings*** in Daniel 2:44, which were the days the Stone (Jesus) was born and the fifth kingdom was at hand.
- We are looking at the rejection of the Stone by the rulers of the fourth kingdom, the kingdom of iron mixed with clay. Not only did the rulers reject Jesus, but also, many of the people of Israel did as well.

Jesus is sentenced to death by many of the people in Israel.

Luke 23:20-23 (BSB)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them [the people of Israel] again. But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.” But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand.

After Jesus' crucifixion...

Jesus is buried by a member of the ruling council of Israel.

Luke 23:50-53

Now there was a man named **Joseph**, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, **who had not consented to their decision and action**. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and **placed it in a tomb CUT IN THE ROCK**, one in which no one had yet been laid.

I find it fascinating that the Stone **cut out of the mountain** in Daniel 2 is placed into a tomb **cut in the rock**.

Jesus, the Stone **cut out of the Mountain** of Israel at birth, was placed into a tomb **cut into a rock** at death.

Yet three days later, a stone would be rolled away from the tomb, and **the Stone would walk out as the world's resurrected Savior and King**.

In our next study, we will continue to examine the iron mixed with clay kingdom on full display and in full operation during **the days of these kings** (as prophesied about by Daniel in Daniel 2:44).

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