

**A Historical Study On The Book Of Luke**  
**Teaching #29: Jerusalem's Redemption: Part Six**  
**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*.

**Important Note:** Moses stated in **Deuteronomy 31:29 and 32:5**, when Israel was under the old covenant of law, that in the *latter days* of old covenant Israel old covenant Israel would become **utterly corrupt**. (The latter day period of time is the time prior to and leading up to Israel being destroyed in 70 AD. This time would have been from around AD 1-AD 70.

Let's read the latter days of corruption:

**Moses** prophesied about Israel becoming corrupt in the latter days of Israel.

**Deuteronomy 31:29 (NKJV)**

*"For I know that after my [Moses] death you [Israel] will become **utterly corrupt**, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you [in the law]. And **evil [disaster] will befall you in the LATTER DAYS** [AD 1 to AD 70], because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."*

In **Deuteronomy 31:39 - 32:1-43**, the Song of Moses prophesied about the **corruption** that would come to old covenant Israel in the **LATTER DAYS**.

### **Deuteronomy 32:5 (NKJV)**

*“They have **corrupted** themselves; They are not His children, Because of their blemish: **A perverse and crooked generation.**”*

Compare this with **Acts 2:40** when Peter states:

*“And with many other words he testified and exhorted them [the people of Israel], saying, “Be saved from this **perverse generation.**”*

The corrupt/perverse generation Peter refers to is the generation that rejected Jesus as the Christ and, in their corruption, falsely had him arrested and crucified.

Peter is directly referencing Deuteronomy 32:5, as well as all of Deuteronomy 32.

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

These were the latter days **prior to** and **leading up to** the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Daniel also prophesied about the LATTER DAYS.

### **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.***

The iron and clay kingdom of Rome and Corrupt Israel was the later days (AD 1 – AD 70).

**Moses** and **Daniel** both spoke about the latter 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. This time was from the birth of Jesus to AD 70.

During this time, there would be a FIFTH KINGDOM that God would set up that would crush the other four kingdoms.

This kingdom is called the **Kingdom of Heaven** or the **Kingdom of God.**

Let’s read about this fifth kingdom.

### **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** [Jesus - 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.**

In our previous study...

- We began to examine **THE DAYS OF THOSE KINGS** in Daniel 2:44, which were the days of the kingdom of iron (Rome) mixed with clay (the corrupt leadership of Israel).

These days were from about **AD 1** to **AD 70**.

- We also began to examine **THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD/HEAVEN** was at hand.

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

In our previous study, we examined:

- The King during the birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-7
- The Kings or Rulers during the time of John the Baptist - Luke 3:1-2
- The conversations Jesus had with the Chief Priests and Pharisees about the Stone that would crush them - Luke 20:17-20

Through these conversations and the verses that Jesus quoted from in Daniel 2, Psalm 118, and Isaiah 8:

- Jesus **placed** the iron 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.

Remember, we are looking at ***the days of the Kings*** in Daniel 2:44, which were:

- The latter days when **the Stone (Jesus) was born** and the fifth kingdom (the Kingdom of God/Heaven) was at hand.
- The latter days when **the Stone (Jesus) was rejected** by the corrupt leadership of Israel and by most of the people in Israel.

Luke Teaching **#28** goes into detail about these latter days.

After Jesus was rejected, arrested, persecuted, crucified, resurrected, and ascended to heaven the corruption of the later days continued.

Remember, this latter corruption was:

- Prophesied by **Moses** in Deuteronomy 31:29 and 32:5.
- Prophesied by **Daniel** in Daniel 2:28.

**In this study**, we will examine the:

- The **Latter Days** of old covenant Israel following the ascension of Jesus.
- The **Corruption** that continued among the leadership of Israel.
- The **Persecution** of those who placed their faith in Jesus by the corrupt leadership of Israel.

This Corruption and Persecution took place during:

- **THE DAYS OF THE KINGS** prophesied about by Daniel 2:44-45
- **THE KINGDOM OF GOD/HEAVEN** being set up as prophesied by Daniel in Daniel 2:44-45.

Let's begin this study by reading Psalm 2:1-2.

### **Psalm 2:1-2**

*Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? **The kings of the earth** rise up and the rulers band together [Rome and the corrupt leadership of Israel during the days of the kings in Daniel 2:44-45] **against the Lord and against his anointed** [Jesus - the Messiah/Christ].*

Contrast Psalm 2:1-2 with Revelation 1:4-6.

### **Revelation 1: 4-6**

*Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from **Jesus Christ**, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and **the ruler of the kings of the earth**. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood [the new testament of grace established in the blood of Jesus – his death], and has made us to be a kingdom [the spiritual kingdom of God established by Jesus, the Stone] and priests [direct access to God – Ephesians 2:18; we relate to God with freedom and confidence - Ephesians 3:12; see also 1 Peter 2:9-10] to serve [worship, relate to, know personally] his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever!*

Jesus becomes the ruler of the kings of the earth.

## **The Kings of The Earth Band Together Against Jesus**

The kings of the earth (the days of the kings – Daniel 2:44-45 – of the fourth kingdom of iron (Rome) mixed with clay (the corrupt leadership of Israel) **banded together against Jesus** (Psalm 2:1-2).

### **Psalm 2:1-2**

*Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? **The kings of the earth** rise up and the rulers **BAND TOGETHER** [Rome and the corrupt leadership of Israel during the days of the king in Daniel 2:44-45] *against the Lord and against his anointed* [Jesus - the Messiah/Christ].*

This banding together:

- **Began** at the birth of Jesus when king Herod tried to kill Jesus.

The banding together:

- **Continued** during Jesus' life by other kings and rulers from both Rome and Israel (see teaching #28).

After Jesus ascended, the banding together continued, but **this time it was against the believers in Jesus**, starting with the **12 Apostles of Jesus**.

### **The Banding Together of the Kings of the Earth Against the Apostles and the Believers In Jesus**

#### **1. The banding together against the Apostles of Jesus.**

Let's read about this in **Acts 4:1-31**.

#### **Acts 4:1-12**

*The **priests** and the **captain of the temple guard** and the **Sadducees** came up to **Peter** and **John** while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the **apostles** were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They **seized** Peter and John and, because it was evening, they **put them in jail** until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.*

*The next day the **rulers**, the **elders** and the **teachers of the law met in Jerusalem**. **Annas the high priest** was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"*

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "**Rulers** and **elders** of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, **you and all the people of Israel**: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. **JESUS IS***

*"**'the STONE you builders rejected, which has become the CORNERSTONE.**' (Psalm 118:22)*

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

Let's continue reading about the Kings of the earth banding together against the apostles of Jesus.

## Acts 4:13-20

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. So they ordered them to withdraw from the **Sanhedrin** and then conferred together. "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

Then they called them in again and **commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus**. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

## Acts 4:21-31

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David [in **Psalm 2:1-2**]:

" 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? **THE KINGS OF THE EARTH RISE UP AND THE RULERS BAND TOGETHER** against the Lord and against his anointed one'" [Messiah-Christ – **This is a quotation from Psalm 2:1-2**]

Indeed **Herod and Pontius Pilate met together [banded together] with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city [Jerusalem] to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed [these are the king of the earth spoken of by David in Psalm 2:1-2 and were the source of the prayers of the believers]**. They [the kings of the earth who banded together against Jesus] did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed [the believers along with Peter and John], the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God [the message that Jesus is the Christ/Messiah see Acts 5:42] **boldly**.

Let's continuing reading about the Kings of the earth banding together against the apostles of Jesus.

This banding together are the days of the Kings in Daniel 2:44 and Psalm 2:1-2.

It is the Fourth Kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar's statue – the kingdom of iron (Rome) mixed with clay (the corrupt leadership of Israel) who banded together against God's Messiah/Christ and against the believers in Jesus.

Also remember, we are reading about **the persecution of believers by the corrupt leadership of Israel** on full display after the ascension of Jesus— the corruption prophesied by Moses in Deuteronomy 31:29 and by Daniel in Daniel 2:28.

#### **Acts 5:12-20**

The **apostles** performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon’s Colonnade [an area at the Temple]. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. Then **the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy**. They **arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail**. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

To see a 3d animation of the Temple during the time of Jesus: [CLICK HERE](#) - This is the same temple Jesus said, in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21, would be destroyed.

#### **Acts 5:21-26**

At daybreak they [Peter, John, and the other apostles] entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the **high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles**. But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.” On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

#### **Acts 5:27-32**

**The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest [the clay of the fourth kingdom – the corrupt leadership of Israel]**. “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

#### **Acts 5:33-42**

When they heard this, **they were furious and wanted to put them to death**. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was

killed, and all his followers were scattered. Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

His speech persuaded them. **They called the apostles in and had them flogged.** Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. **Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah**[this is the word of God they boldly proclaimed see Acts 4:31].

## 2. The Kings of the Earth (rulers and leaders) banding together against **Stephen**, a believer in Jesus.

### Acts 6:8-15

Now **Stephen**, who was full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. **But resistance arose from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including Cyrenians, Alexandrians,** and men from the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. They began to argue with Stephen, but they could not stand up to his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke. Then they prompted some men to say, “We heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and against God [this false testimony is the corruption on full display – the corruption prophesied by Moses and Daniel].”

So **they stirred up the people, elders, and scribes and confronted Stephen.** They seized him and brought him before the **Sanhedrin**, where they presented **false witnesses** who said, “This man never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. For we have heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.” All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Stephen confronts the corrupt leadership of Israel beginning in Acts 7:1.

### Acts 7:35-37

This Moses, whom they had rejected with the words, ‘Who made you ruler and judge?’ [Exodus 2:14] is the one whom God sent to be their ruler and redeemer through the angel who appeared to him in the bush. He led them out and performed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, at the Red Sea, and for forty years in the wilderness. **This is the same Moses who told the Israelites, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers.’** [see Deuteronomy 18:15]

### Acts 7:51-53

You stiff-necked people [corrupt leadership in Israel] with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit, just as your fathers [past generation so corrupt Jewish leaders and people who persecuted the prophets, such as the prophet Jeremiah] did. Which of the prophets did your fathers fail to persecute? They even killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One. And now **you are His betrayers and murderers**—you [the corrupt leaders of Israel – the clay of the fourth kingdom] who received the law ordained by angels, yet have not kept it the did not keep the law because the law pointed to Jesus as the Christ, and they murdered the Christ].”

### Acts 7:54-57



On hearing this, **the members of the Sanhedrin were enraged, and they gnashed their teeth at him.** But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." At this they covered their ears, cried out in a loud voice, and rushed together at him. **They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.** Meanwhile the witnesses laid their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul [we will examine Saul/Paul in our next study].

We have seen that the Kings of the Earth (the days of the kings in Daniel 2:44) banded together (Psalm 2:1-2) against Jesus, the apostles, and Stephen. Let's see how they banded together against all believers.

### **3. The Kings of the Earth (the rulers and leaders) band together against the believers in Jesus.**

#### **Acts 8:1-3**

And Saul was there, giving approval to Stephen's death. On that day **a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem,** and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. God-fearing men buried Stephen and mourned deeply over him. **But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.**

Jesus foretold the persecution was coming.

Remember, **these are the days of the kings and the latter days spoken by Moses and Daniel when the leadership of Jerusalem would become corrupt.**

The leaders in Jerusalem displayed their corruption with the:

- **Crucifixion** of Jesus and the...
- **Persecution** of those who believed in him, even to the point of killing some.

Those who died in this persecution are the **martyrs** in the book of Revelation.

The following verses are **the words of Jesus foretelling the corruption and persecution** that took place in the book of Acts.

#### **Matthew 10:16-17**

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; **you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.**"

#### **Matthew 23:34**

Because of this, I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them **you will kill and crucify, and others you will flog in your synagogues and persecute in town after town.**

#### **John 15:18-6:2 (BSB)**

If the world hates you [see John 15:25 – this is the corrupt leaders of Israel], understand that it hated Me first. If you were of the world, it would love you as its own. Instead, the world hates you, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. Remember the word that I spoke to you: 'No servant is

greater than his master.' **If they** [the kings of the earth-Rome and Corrupt Israel] **persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well**; if they kept My word [Jesus being the Christ], they will keep yours as well. But they will treat you like this because of My name, since they do not know the One who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them [the leaders of Israel], they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates Me hates My Father as well. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did [the miracles that confirmed he was the Christ], they would not be guilty of sin; but now they have seen [the miracles Jesus performed] and hated both Me and My Father. **But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated Me without reason.'** [see John 15:18] When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father—He will testify about Me. And you also must testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

#### **John 16:1-4 (BSB)**

*"I have told you these things so that you will not fall away [deny Jesus as the Christ when persecution comes]. **They [the corrupt leaders] will put you out of the synagogues.** In fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you [such as Saul/Paul] will think he is offering a service to God. They will do these things because they have not known the Father or Me. But I have told you these things so that when their [the corrupt leaders of Israel] hour comes [the period of time where they persecuted believers in Jesus – see Acts], you will remember that I told you about them. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you."*

Jesus said this persecution was coming, and it came.

Amazingly, God **took** one of the passionate leaders of this persecution and **turned** him into the passionate communicator of the gospel of grace.

We know him as Paul.

Paul was then persecuted from town to town and synagogue to synagogue by the same corrupt leadership that he was once a part of.

We will examine this in our next study as we move closer and closer to **the redemption of Jerusalem.**

Thanks for being a part of this Bible Study!

*All verses are NIV unless otherwise noted.*

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