

## ROMANS: INTRODUCTION LESSON #2

*This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while. The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.*

-Revelation 17:9-11

### LIST OF ROMAN EMPERORS

The Roman Historian Tacitus in his history, *The Annals*, begins his list of Roman emperors with Augustus Caesar (Octavian), but the Roman Historian Suetonius begins his list of Roman Emperors in *Lives of the Twelve Caesars* with Julius Caesar as the first of the Roman Emperors as does Dio Cassius in his *Roman History* and Josephus in his *Antiquities of the Jews*. There were, therefore, two official lists in use in the first century AD.

Suetonius' List	Tacitus' List
1. Julius Caesar died 44BC	
2. Augustus Caesar died 14AD	1. Augustus Caesar
3. Tiberius died 37AD	2. Tiberius
4. Caligula died 41AD	3. Caligula
5. Claudius died 54AD	4. Claudius
6. Nero died 68AD	5. Nero
7. Galba died 69AD	6. Galba
8. Ortho died 69AD	7. Ortho
9. Vitilleus died 69AD	8. Vitilleus
10. Vespasian died 79AD	9. Vespasian
11. Titus died 81AD	10. Titus
12. Domitian died 96AD	11. Domitian

### LIST OF 10 IMPERIAL PROVINCES OF THE FIRST CENTUARY AD

Italy  
 Achaia  
 Asia  
 Syria/Judea  
 Egypt  
 Africa  
 Spain  
 Gaul  
 Britain  
 Germany

### LIST OF THE HERODIAN RULERS

1. Herod the Great died (4BC ?) 1BC	5. Herod of Chalcis died 48AD
2. Archelaus deposed 6AD	6. Agrippa I died 44AD
3. Herod Antipas exiled 37AD	7. Agrippa II died 100AD
4. Philip Herod died 34/37AD	

<b>Roman Emperor</b>		<b>Ruler in Judea</b>	<b>High Priest *Boethus Family +Ananus Family</b>	<b>Date of High Priest</b>
<b>Augustus Caesar 27BC-14AD</b>	<b>H E R O D I A N S</b>	Herod the Great 37BC – 4/1BC	-Ananelus -Aristobulus (Hasmon prince and brother-in-law of Herod -Jesus, son of Phabi -Simon son of Boethus* -Matthias son of Theophilus* -Joseph son of Elam -Joazar son (?) of Boethus* -Eleazar brother of Joazar*	37BC 36BC  ? ? ?  4BC? 4BC?
	<b>M O N A R C H Y</b>	Archelaus, son of Herod Ruled 4/1BC deposed by Romans after 2 years. Herod's heirs Antipas, Agrippa I*, Herod of Chalcis, ruled the Galilee, & other territories	<b>(Romans appoint all future High Priests)</b>	
<b>ROMAN</b>		<b>ANNEXATION OF</b>	<b>JUDEA</b>	
<b>Tiberius 14-37AD</b>	<b>R O M A N  P R E F E T</b>	-Coponius (Prefect) 6-9AD -Ambibulus (Prefect) 9-11AD -Rufus (Prefect) 12-14AD -Gratus (Prefect) 15-26AD <b>-Pilate (Prefect) 26-36AD</b>	-Joazar (reappointed)* - Annas son of Seth + (in Greek = Ananus)  -Ishmael son of Phabi -Eleazar & Simon sons of Annas+ <b>-Caiaphas son-in-law of Annas+</b>	5/6AD 6-15AD  15-17AD 17-18AD 18-36AD
<b>Caligula 37-41AD</b>	<b>C E S A R</b>	-Marcellus (Prefect) 36-37AD -Marullus (Prefect) 37-41AD	-Jonathan, son of Annas+ -Theophilus, son of Annas+ -Matthias son of Annas+	37AD 37-41AD 41-48AD
<b>Claudius 41-54AD</b>		<b>-Herod Agrippa I 41-44AD</b>	(Matthias continues as High Priest)	
<b>Nero 54-68AD</b>	<b>R.  P R E F E T  S</b>	-Cuspius Fadus (Prefect) 44-46AD -Tiberius-Alexander (P) 46-48AD -Ventidius Cumanus (P) 48-52AD -Marcus Antonius Felix (Prefect) 52-60AD -Porcius Festus (Prefect) 60-62AD -Albinus (Prefect) 62-64 -Gessius Florus (Prefect) 64-66AD	-Ananias son of Nebedaeus  -Ishmael son of Phabi  -Annas son of Annas+	48-59AD 59-61AD 62-70AD
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**ROMANS: INRODUCTION LESSON #2**  
**THE ETERNAL COVENANT YAHWEH MADE WITH ABRAHAM**

*Yahweh said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your kindred and your father's house for a country which I shall show you; and I shall make you a great nation. I shall bless you and make your name famous; you are to be a blessing! I shall bless those who bless you, and shall curse those who curse you, and all clans on earth will bless themselves by you.*  
Genesis 12:1-3

<b>3 BLESSINGS PROMISED TO ABRAM FOR FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE</b>
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1. <i>I shall make you a great nation:</i> This is the promise of a nation that will belong to Abram's descendants and over which they will rule.
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2. <i>I shall bless you and make your name famous:</i> This is the promised of the blessing of descendants. A man's name was carried on by his offspring.
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3. <i>All the nations on earth will bless themselves by your descendants:</i> This is the promise of a world-wide blessing that will come from the children of Abram.
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These promises will become the 3-fold Covenant with Abram and his "seed"/descendants in chapters 15, 17 and 22, a period that covers approximately 40 years.

1. **"I shall make you a great nation":** Genesis 15:18 *"That day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this country, from the River of Egypt to the Great River [Nile to Euphrates]'".* This promise is repeated in Genesis 17:6-8, and 22:17. =**Abram is promised land/ a kingdom.**
2. **"I shall bless you and make your name [shem] famous":** Genesis 15:4-5 and in Genesis 17:4-8 Yahweh promises Abram: *"And I shall grant a covenant between myself and you, and make you very numerous..."* (verses 6-7) *"I shall make you exceedingly fertile. I shall make you into nations, and your issue will be kings. And I shall maintain my covenant between myself and you, and your descendants after you, generation after generation, as a covenant in perpetuity, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.."* Also see Genesis 22:17 *"I will shower blessings on you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore."* **Abram is promised descendants,** and
3. **"You are to be a blessing!" :** Genesis 22:18 *"Your descendants will gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All nations on earth will bless themselves by your descendants, because you have obeyed my command."* **Abram's obedience will result in a world-wide blessing.**

**THE ETERNAL COVENANT YAHWEH MADE WITH DAVID**

*"Your dynasty and your sovereignty will ever stand firm before me and your throne be for ever secure."* 2 Samuel 7:16-17

**Yahweh's Holy Temple in Jerusalem:** Genesis 22:2; Deut. 12:11; 2 Samuel 24:21; 1Chronicles 21:18-22:1; 2, and Chronicles 3:1 = *"Solomon then began building the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah where David his father had had a vision—on the site which David prepared—on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite."*

Both Abraham and David had visionary experiences of the divine on Mt. Moriah. The visionary experiences of both men on Mt. Moriah involved:

1. God forming an unconditional covenant with both Abraham and David prior to the experience (Gen 17:7; 2 Sam 23:5).
2. Both men experiencing visions and divine intervention on Mt. Moriah (Gen 22:1-18; 2 Sam 24:17; 1 Chr 21:14-30).
3. Both men passing the test of a covenant ordeal (Gen 22:2; 2 Sam 24:1, 17; 1 Chr 21:17).
4. The tests of both men involve sacrifice (Gen 22:2; 1 Chr 21:17).
5. The sons of both men will have prominent roles in salvation history because of their fathers' visionary experiences (Gen 22:2; 1 Chr 22:1-11).

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## HANDOUT ROMANS INTRODUCTION LESSON #2

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPHET JONAH

In the Gospel of Matthew the Old Testament prophet Jonah is referenced 5 times prior to Jesus calling Simon-Peter “son of Jonah”:

1. Matthew 12:39	<i>The only sign it will be given is the sign of the prophet Jonah.</i>
2. Matthew 12:40	<i>For Jonah remained in the belly of the sea-monster for 3 days and 3 nights, so will the Son of man be in the heart of the earth for 3 days and 3 nights.</i>
3. & 4. Matthew 12:41 (twice)	<i>On judgment day the men of Nineveh will appear against this generation and they will be its condemnation, because when Jonah preached they repented; and look, there is something greater than Jonah here.</i>
5. Matthew 16:4	<i>It is an evil and unfaithful generation, and the only sign it will be given is the sign of Jonah.</i>
Matthew 16:17	<i>Jesus replied, Simon son of Jonah, you are a blessed man because it was no human agency who revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.</i>

Jonah came from Gath-Hepher in the Galilee (2 Kings 14:25). He is the only Prophet of God who came from the Galilee, and he is named by Jesus more than any other Old Testament prophet.

### THE TYPOLOGY OF JONAH AND JESUS

The story of Jonah foreshadows redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

<b>JONAH</b>	<b>JESUS</b>
1. His mission was to go to <b>the capital city of the world super power</b> and call the gentile Assyrians of Nineveh to repentance and acknowledgement of Yahweh as the source of their salvation [Jonah 1:1; 3:1-2].	1. His mission was to call all of mankind, including the gentile nations, to repentance and into Covenant with Yahweh [Matthew 28:18-20].
2. Jonah was willing to sacrifice his life for the salvation of his shipmates [Jonah 1:12].	2. Jesus was willing to sacrifice His life for the salvation of the world [Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; John 1:29; 1 Timothy 2:6].
3. He was entombed in the belly of a great fish [Jonah 2:1].	3. After Jesus’ death He was placed in a tomb [Matthew 27:60; Mark 6:29; Luke 23:53].
4. On the third day Jonah was “resurrected” from the belly of the fish [Jonah 2:11].	4. On the third day Jesus was resurrected from the tomb [Matthew 17:23; 20:19; 28:1-10; Mark 9:31; 10:34; 16:1-7; Luke 9:22; 18:33; 24:7; 24:46].
5. After his “resurrection” from the belly of the fish, Jonah continued his mission to call the gentile Assyrians to repentance and salvation [Jonah 3:1-3].	5. After His resurrection from the tomb, Jesus continued His mission to found the universal Church and to commission the Apostles to spread the gospel to every nation on earth; it is a mission that continues even after His Ascension [Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:12-20; Luke 24:13-53; Acts chapter 1].
6. Jonah preached that Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days if the people did not repent [Jonah 3:4].	6. After His resurrection, Jesus taught the New Covenant Church for 40 days before His Ascension [Acts 1:3].
7. Jonah taught that failure to repent sin brings judgment but salvation is a gift of God [Jonah 1:1; 3:4-5, 9-10]	7. Jesus taught that failure to repent sin brings judgment but salvation is a gift of God [Matthew 5:21-22; John 5:22-29; 8:34-36; Luke 24:47; John 3:17; 5:34; 10:19; Acts 2:21].

## THE PROPHET DANIEL

The Prophet Daniel received a series of prophetic visions from the late 7th century to the mid 6th century BC. The visions concern four historical empires that succeeded each other in dominating the covenant people of God. The fourth kingdom will be succeeded by an everlasting 5<sup>th</sup> Kingdom established by God.

Vision of Daniel chapter 2: **The Statue:** *what is to take place in the final days* (Dan 2:28) circa 604BC, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign. Daniel 2:29-45

STATUE	EMPIRE
1. Head of fine gold: 2:31-32, 38	Babylonian Empire: Daniel to Babylonian king: <i>you are the golden head</i> (Dan 2:38).
2. Chest and arms of silver: 2:32, 39	Persian Empire: Babylonian vassal king Cyrus of the Medes defeats Babylon in 539BC and transforms two Babylonian provincial kingdoms (Medes and Persians) into the Persian Empire: <i>And after you another kingdom will rise, not as great as yours</i> (Dan 2:39).
3. Belly and thighs of bronze: 2:33, 39	Greek Empire: Persians defeated by Alexander the Great <i>..then a third of bronze will rule the whole world</i> (Dan 2:39). After his death the Greeks split into 4 different kingdoms. Two of those kingdoms, Greek Egypt and Greek Syria fought for control of Judah
4. Legs of iron, feet part iron , part clay 2:33, 40-43	Rome Empire and her province of Judea: Rome conquered the known world; <i>There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> kingdom,...it will crush and break all the earlier kingdoms</i> (Dan 2:40). The 4 Greek kingdoms were conquered by Rome in campaigns from 197-63BC.
5. The stone that struck the statue 2:34-35, 44-45	<b>The Everlasting Kingdom:</b> <i>...the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and this kingdom will not pass into the hands of another race: it will shatter and absorb all the previous kingdoms and itself last forever</i> ( Dan 2:44-45). The Kingdom of Heaven on earth = the New Covenant Church. Jesus = <i>the cornerstone and the stone that struck the statue.</i>

Vision of Daniel chapter 7:1-9, **The 4 Beasts:** [circa 555BC]

BEAST	EMPIRE
1. Lion with wings	Babylon [Lion with wings was the royal symbol of Babylon]
2. Bear with 3 ribs in its mouth	Persians conquer the 3 provinces of Babylon: Lydia in 546BC; Babylon in 539BC; and Egypt in 525BC.
3. Leopard with 4 wings and 4 heads	Alexander the Great and his 4 generals who won his victories and who will divide his empire into 4 smaller empires upon his death in 332BC
4. 4th beast with iron teeth & 10 horns	Rome with her 10 client kings who rule her 10 provinces [or perhaps the 10 Caesars from Augustus Caesar and the birth of

Daniel receives a vision of “Holy Ones of God” who must endure tribulation and suffering before victory and a kingdom will be given to them (Dan 7:25-27). While in prayer for the sins of his people Daniel receives a prophecy delivered by the angel Gabriel (Dan 8:15-9:27) which concerns a divine Messiah, one who is like “a son of man”, a Messianic prince, an Anointed One who suffers and dies “outside the city” (Dan 9:25-26). Gabriel is only mentioned 3 times in Scripture:

1. Daniel’s vision of the suffering Messiah (Dan 9:25-26).
2. When he delivers the message of John the Baptist’s birth (Lk 1:19).
3. In the annunciation of the birth of the Messiah to Mary of Nazareth (Lk 1:26).