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### **TUESDAY**

### **OPEN**

The Son is coming and I'm not talking about the sun shining on a dreary day. I'm talking about the S-o-n, the Son of man is coming beloved. His coming is probably sooner than we expect. And what will it be like when He comes? Is there any way that we can know what the times are telling us? Is His coming approaching soon? We're going to see that as we look at God's Word.

### **PART ONE**

The Son of Man is coming. He's coming again. You know I was saved when I was 29 years old. And by that time I was married. I was divorced. I was immoral. I was a single mother, earning a living, trying to keep everything going, working day and night, going to school during the day, working at night and trying to be the mother that I should be. And I know that many of you can relate to me. I was so disillusioned and I was so heartbroken



because I never dreamed I would ever be a single mother. And I know darling, if you're listening and you're a single mother, that you never thought that you would be a single mother also. Maybe you're a single mother and you were never married and you never thought that would happen to you. Or maybe you're a single mother and you were married and you were divorced and you never planned that and you just think, where am I going? What is life all about? But then, as an immoral woman, as a sexually active immoral, single mom, God, in His sovereignty saved me. And I got saved and I was so excited and I began to read the Word of God. And I was going to this church that, that really never taught that Jesus Christ was coming again and I kept reading in the scriptures. Hey it's talking about His coming again. What is that? And they would say to me, oh, don't think about that. Don't worry about that. You just study the scriptures. And I thought but, I'm reading the scriptures and I'm reading about His coming again. And then I had to have surgery and when I was there someone told me about a Jew who knew Jesus. And I said I didn't know that Jewish people believed in Jesus and they said oh, yes, and he's a Bible teacher and he's on the radio. And I said oh, I would love to meet him. So they brought him to the hospital and I met, Abraham Roans. And we sat there and I was talking to him and he told me how he had come to know the Lord and I was so excited. And then as we were talking, I mentioned to him or he mentioned to me; I can't remember which; that Jesus was coming again. Anyway, I was so excited. I've read about it. It's in the book; the Son of Man is coming. Now did you do your homework that I told you to do in the last program? Remember I told you to read Daniel, chapter 2 and look at that vision, at that dream that God gave to Nebuchadnezzar. Remember it was a dream about a statue, a statue that was a head of gold. And you remember that we were told that that head of gold was Babylon, that that was the king of Babylon, that Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold. Then another one followed it that was inferior to the head of gold and it was a chest of silver, a chest, to which the



arms are connected, of silver. Then a third kingdom arose, which was bronze and it was on the statue. It was the belly and the thighs and that this kingdom would have great dominion. Let's go back and let's look at the words so that you see them. And I want you to go back and I want you to see it with your eyes. All of this has to do with the coming of the Son of Man. And it says in verse 39: After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you. That's the silver. Then another third kingdom of bronze, which will what, rule over all the earth. And then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron. Inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so like iron that breaks in pieces, it, this fourth kingdom will crush and break all these in pieces. In that you saw the feet and the toes. Now remember this fourth kingdom has those feet and toes brought to prominence and those feet and toes are partly of iron and partly of potters clay. It will be a divided kingdom. All right, and it will have in it the toughness of iron inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so some of the kingdom will be strong and some of it will be brittle. The brittle will be the clay part. All right, verse 43: And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men, but they will not adhere to one another; they, what, the ten toes. It's a divided kingdom. Two feet, ten toes, five on each foot, okay, it will be a divided kingdom. They will combine with one another in the seed of men, but they will not adhere to one another. They will not be like webbed toes, like webbed feet. Okay. And it says and in the days of those kings; catch this, now, in the days of those kings, those ten, the God of heaven will set up another kingdom, which will never be destroyed. Time phrase; you want to put a clock over that. All right, so this fifth kingdom, after those four kingdoms there's a fifth kingdom. And this fifth kingdom is the last and final kingdom. And that kingdom will not be left for another people. In other words, nobody is going to come along and take over it, like the silver took over after the gold, or like the bronze took over after the silver or like the



iron took over after the bonze, this is it. This is the final kingdom. Who sets it up? The God of heaven sets it up. The Son of Man is coming. And it says that kingdom will not be left for another people. It, God's kingdom will crush and put to an end all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. Have you got a green time clock, time phrase, on that forever? Inasmuch as you saw the stone cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king, to Nebuchadnezzar what will take place, when, in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy. So God has just shown Nebuchadnezzar that there are going to be four kingdoms, beginning with him. After him there will be the kingdom that is silver, the kingdom that is bronze, and the kingdom that is iron and then the fifth and final kingdom. The God of heaven will set up a kingdom, which will never be destroyed. That kingdom is described as a stone that is cut without hands. In other words, it's not a stone of mans devising. It's not something that man creates. It's a stone cut without hands. It hits the statue in the side? No, it hits the statue in its feet. Now listen, if you weren't studying for yourself, and if you liked me and you thought hey, she's got her act together and she's a godly woman, I could tell you it hit him in the head. I could tell you it hit him in the side. I could tell you it hit him right from behind the knees and you know, just brought him down. I could tell you that, and if you weren't looking at the Bible you would believe me. See, you've got to look at the Bible. You say, but that's no big deal. Listen, where it hits the statue is a big deal, because when the stone hits the statue, it hits the statue when the fourth kingdom is ruling. And when the fourth kingdom has ten toes and those are ten kings and part of that kingdom is strong as iron and part of it is brittle as clay, and it is a divided kingdom and they do not adhere to one another except in the seed of men, but it is a divided kingdom. And so you can know beloved, you can know that that's when God's going to set up His kingdom, when the Son of Man comes. You say where are you getting that Son of



Man from? Well, if you did your homework or if you haven't just tuned into this program for the first time, you know that the Son of Man is mentioned in Daniel, chapter 7. All right now, what I want us to do is look at what you did on your homework. It is test time, okay. And I want you to see this. Now remember I'm not going to tell you ahead of time what anything means because I want you to discover it for yourself. So we have this revelation of this statue. We have four kingdoms and then the fifth, which is the God of heavens kingdom. All right, when we come to Daniel 7 we have the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, stirs up the great sea and out of the great sea come how many beasts? Four beasts. The beast is like a lion. So next to your statue we've got one vision here, let's put vision number 2. This is Daniels vision. It's given to him in the first year of Belshazzar, who was the king of Babylon. That's very important. So we have four beasts. We have four kingdoms over here and then the God of heavens kingdom. Now we've got four beasts. First beast is the lion. So let's put that opposite the head. Okay. The second beast is the what? The bear, that's right. The bear is raised up on one side and it has what, three ribs in its mouth. Okay, let's catch one other thing about those three ribs in Daniel, chapter 7. And this is what it says. It says the three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth and thus they said to it, arise and devour much meat. So this is a bear and it's going to devour much. All right, then, the third one is a leopard, a leopard that has four wings of a bird, four heads and dominion was given to it. And what's the fourth? We'll talk about that when we come back in just a minute, because that fourth beast is absolutely key to your understanding of the Son of Man coming.

## **PART TWO**

I am telling you beloved, I am so excited, because you know what; we're going to provide you with knowledge and understanding from the Word of God that you can share with others that will be an open door in these times



to prepare people for the coming of the Lord. You say, I'm not sure I could ever teach this. Do you know what we have? We have a forty-minute study on understanding the times. It's on prophecy. It's on Daniel. And all we do is we take the prophesies of Daniel. We take Daniel, chapter 2, and then Daniel, chapter 7 and march you through the rest of Daniel, all the way through Daniel 12 and you read the text to them. You have the students mark the text and then you discuss it. It is awesome and you're going to understand if you'll move carefully, with me through this. All right, now, you're writing these down. We've got the lion. Now we've got the what, the bear. That's right. And then we've got the what, the leopard. All right, dominion was given to it. All right, look back at Daniel, chapter 2 for just a minute. In Daniel, chapter 2 and look at the third kingdom, in verse 39. It says a third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth. All right, so that third kingdom in the statue is going to rule over all the earth. All right, you look at the third beast and dominion is given to it, so both of them are going to have dominion. All right, now come down to the fourth beast in verse 7 and let's put that down parallel to the legs of iron and the feet of iron and clay and let's see any parallels that we see. All right, after this I kept looking in the night visions and behold, a fourth beast. Now if you heard the last program, you've marked the fourth beast, all right. It's a D.T. beast. We don't know what it looks like, but it's dreadful and it's terrifying. It's extremely strong and it had large iron teeth. See any similarities? Yes, the statue, at the legs and the feet were iron and the feet and the toes were partly iron and partly clay. So you have iron and iron with both of them. All right, it devoured and crushed and trampled down all the remainder with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it and it had what, ding, ten horns. Okay, what do you know about the statue? The statue had feet and toes. And when it talks about toes, how many toes would that be? That would be ten toes. Now look at what you see about this fourth part of the statue. It had feet, the fourth kingdom, verse 40, will be as strong as iron



inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things. So like iron that breaks in pieces it will crush and break all of these in pieces. All of these what? All of the other parts of the statue it will break in pieces. Now come down to Daniel, chapter 7 again and let's go back and forth. All right, in Daniel, chapter 7, let's look at it. Daniel, chapter 7 and verse 7 again: It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet. So the fourth beast does the same thing that the fourth kingdom does in Daniel, chapter 2. See the similarities? See that it crushes the remainder, see, or it tramples down the remainder. See that it's iron. See that it has ten toes. See that it has ten horns. Okay, now, in Daniel, chapter 2 the stone comes and crushes the statue and sets up a kingdom. It's the God of heaven that sets up a kingdom, which will never ever be destroyed, never ever be destroyed. It's the last and final kingdom. Now before we go back, do we know anything, about which kingdom is which in the statue? Yes, we know that the first kingdom is Babylon. Just in case you weren't looking, you see in verse 38, he says to Nebuchadnezzar, you are the head of gold; so you can put Babylon right next to the head. Okay, now let's go back and look at Daniel, chapter 7. Now when we look at Daniel, chapter 7, what I want us to see in this fourth verse, of this, of this chapter is that the first beast is like a lion and it had the wings of an eagle. Now stop and think of what you learned about Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel, chapter 4. Remember he was lifted up; he thought that he had gained this kingdom by his power, so God reduced him. And for seven years he lived like a beast in the field. He ate the grass with his mouth and the green spittle came out. His hair grew like feathers and his nails were like claws and he crawled around on that ground for seven years and the mind of a man was taken away from him and he was given the mind of a beast. And then at the end of the seven years his reason was restored to him, so again, he had the mind of a man and his kingdom was restored to him. Do you suppose that that lion is equal to the king of Babylon? If it is, then we know what happened. What happens after the king of Babylon is destroyed? What



kingdom comes next? It's a silver kingdom. Do we know its name? No, we don't know its name. Do we know who took over after Belshazzar was put to death in 539 B.C.? Yes, we know the kingdom that happened because the scripture tells us. It tells us in Daniel, chapter 6 that it is Darius. It tells us at the end of Daniel, chapter 5 that the Medes and the Persians take the kingdom. Oh, could that be the second beast? Well, that's all we can suppose; but is there any greater evidence? There is and we'll see it in the days to come. But we're not going to see it now. What I want you to see is the stone that was cut without hands is surely a parallel to Daniel, chapter 7, verse 13. When it says I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like the Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples and men of every language might serve Him. And His dominion is an everlasting dominion. That Son of Man is like that stone that crushes the statue because His dominion will never pass away. This could not refer to the first coming of Jesus Christ; it has to refer to the fact that He is coming again. You say, but maybe the Son of Man is someone different. You know what, in our next program we're going to take a look at the scriptures that tell us exactly who the Son of Man is. But I'll tell you; the first coming has passed. The second coming is still coming and it could be sooner than you think.