

great kingdom given to the saints, last forever, it didn't happen. We know of nothing that came right after ~~the~~ A.E. to be the end, so we don't believe ~~that~~ is what it is looking to. Ch. 11 might look more like that than ~~the~~ 2 or 7. Then, someone will say, yes, we have ~~xxx~~ these great kingdoms, there are four of them, the last one isn't the Grecian, it is the Roman. All right, you have the great Roman empire set up, and then comes Christ, the stone cut without hands, that strikes the image, destroys it, and fills the whole world. That's the coming of the gospel of Christ, which is referred to in ch.2, and similarly in ch.7, because it says here that the kingdom is given to the saints, and they establish the everlasting kingdom ~~which~~ which shall never be destroyed. Is this the kingdom ~~of~~ that was set up when Jesus was here on earth, and he told his disciples to go out as His representatives and conquer ~~all~~ the world for Him, and finally even Constantine the great emperor became a great Christian, and the whole world has become the kingdom of our Lord. Is that what is meant? Or is it possible that the end which is referred to in some way relates, not to ~~the~~ Roman empire, but to something 2000⁰ years later, 3 or 4 times as much beyond it as these whole ~~four~~ four kingdoms put together. Is that possible? That's a tremendous thought. Now there are three possibilities. I can't think of any others. Does it seem most likely that there would be a sharp parallel between 2 and 7? What is the end to which we are looking. Now we don't want to work on details as yet, of course, except insofar as they relate to our conclusion, starting the main subject. We are very interested in them as far as they are an argument one way or another. But I think at present it is vital that we see what the evidence is as between these three viewpoints, and particularly in ch.2 and 7 with some looking at 8, and I would ~~xxx~~ recommend that you look into various commentaries, look into them and see what view they take/. Ask this about several commentaries if you can. Do they hold that the stone cut with ~~the~~ hands that strikes the image is the same thing as the time when one comes on the clouds of heaven in ch.7? Are they the same or different? Do they point to A.E., and what is to follow immediately? Do they point to the coming of Christ, 2000 years ago and what's to happen thereafter? Do they point to something yet future? Or does one of them