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THE FOUR EMPIRES

Satan has to destroy the morals and the economy of the United States. Right now the United States of America is Israel's greatest friend and protector and we would stand in the way of Satan destroying Israel (please re-read "The Second Reason"). Also, if Satan does not eliminate the United States as "the world's policeman" the U. S. would not allow the Anti-Christ to subdue those three nations that are referred to in Daniel 7:7-27.

Who are those three nations the Anti-Christ will subdue in the last days? Daniel 2:31-45 tells us four different empires were to be established during and after Daniels' lifetime. The first would be the Babylonian Empire which was defeated by the Medo-Persian Empire. The Medo-Persian Empire was defeated by the Grecian Empire and the Grecian Empire was defeated by the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire, however, was never defeated by any other world empire. They simply imploded from corruption and in the latter years of the empire they split into the Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire.

"40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron--for iron breaks and smashes everything--and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. 41 Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. 42 As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. 43 And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay." Daniel 2:40-44 *New International Version*

Those two feet of the image pictured in Daniel 2:41 referred to the Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire. The three nations the Anti-Christ will subdue will occupy territory that had been part of that fourth empire, the Roman Empire, after it divided.