

Clay Toes Prophecy, Digital Currency, and Modern Systems — Study Outline

I. Foundation: The Prophecy of the Statue

A. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:39

“After you, another kingdom will arise inferior to yours; then a third kingdom of bronze, which will rule the whole earth.”

Daniel 2:41–43

“You saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron; it will be a divided kingdom. Some of the firmness of iron will be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with the clay. As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. You saw the iron mixed with common clay; that means they will mix with each other by human seed, but they will not stick together any more than iron mixes with clay.”

Discussion Questions

- If the final kingdom is both strong and fragile, what does that reveal about the **true stability of man-made systems compared to God’s Kingdom**?
 - Where is your confidence actually rooted right now—in something unshakable, or something that only appears strong?
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II. The “Clay” Concept in Prophetic Interpretation

A. Traditional Insight

- “Clay currency” associated with the final kingdom

B. Symbolism of Clay

- Formed, useful—but fragile and temporary
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Discussion Questions

- Are we building our lives on things that are ultimately **formed from dust and destined to break**?
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III. Modern Interpretation: Clay and Technology

A. Clay Materials in Technology

- Devices built from silica, minerals, and metals

B. Devices as Modern Currency

- Phones and systems now function as money
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Discussion Questions

- Have we unknowingly tied our ability to live and function to systems we neither control nor fully understand?
 - If these systems were removed, would your life remain stable—or be shaken?
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IV. Iron + Clay Applied to the Modern Economy

A. Strength and Fragility

- Powerful, global, efficient—but dependent and vulnerable
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Discussion Questions

- Does the strength we see in today's systems reflect true power—or **temporary control allowed by God**?
 - How do you prepare spiritually for a world that appears stable but can shift quickly?
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V. The Shift from Physical to Digital Money

A. From Tangible to Intangible

- Physical value → trust-based digital systems
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Discussion Questions

- What does it say about our world that value is now based almost entirely on **belief rather than substance**?
 - Are we becoming more grounded in truth—or more dependent on perception and agreement?
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VI. Cryptocurrency in This Framework

A. Nature of Crypto

- Decentralized, digital, trust-minimized
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Discussion Questions

- Does removing centralized authority solve the deeper issue of **human nature and trust**, or just relocate it?
 - Are we seeking freedom through systems—or through alignment with God’s order?
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VII. Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)

A. Nature of CBDCs

- Centralized, programmable, controlled
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Discussion Questions

- At what point does convenience become quiet submission to control?
- Would you recognize a loss of freedom if it came gradually through systems designed to “help”?

VIII. Buying and Selling Control

Revelation 13:16–17

“Also it forces everyone — small and great, rich and poor, free and slave — to receive a mark... so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark...”

Discussion Questions

- If access to basic needs required compromise, where would you stand—and what would it cost you?
 - Is your life structured in a way that allows you to remain faithful under pressure?
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IX. Global Economic System

Revelation 13:7

“It was allowed... authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.”

- Connection: Just as Joseph created the taxation system for Pharaoh during the 7 years of abundance requiring 20% tax and creating the grain storage system to then sell everything back to the people during the subsequent 7 year famine. In the big picture leading to Pharaoh owning all the land, all the livestock, all the grain and still continuing a 20% tax. Prophecy in cycle? Centralized economic control of that area (small picture of worldwide control in the future?)
 - Connection: 5th day of creation, birds in the air/creatures of the sea. Multiplication: “*be fruitful and multiply*” first mention. Abundant increase...
 - When God creates abundance ...some humans seek to control it or take “their portion” they believe they are entitled to.
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Discussion Questions

- Are we witnessing unity under God—or a system of control that mimics unity without Him?
 - How do you discern the difference between **global connection and global control**?
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X. Babylon and Trade Collapse

Revelation 18:11–13

“The world’s merchants weep... because no one is buying their cargo anymore...”

Discussion Questions

- If the systems that support modern life collapsed, what in your life would actually remain?
 - Are we investing more in what is eternal—or what depends entirely on a functioning system?
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XI. Identity and Economic Participation

Revelation 13:16

“It forces everyone... to receive a mark...”

Discussion Questions

- Is your identity rooted in God—or increasingly tied to systems that define and validate you?
 - What happens when participation in society requires alignment with values that oppose God?
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XII. Weights and Measures

Proverbs 11:1

“A false balance is an abomination to Adonai, but accurate weights please him.”

Discussion Questions

- In a world of shifting values, how do we remain anchored to what is **just and true in God’s eyes**?
- Are we measuring success and security by God’s standards—or the system’s?

XIII. Crypto vs CBDC Summary

- Crypto = decentralized
- CBDC = centralized

Discussion Questions

- Are we focusing too much on choosing between systems instead of examining the **condition of our own hearts**?
- Can any financial system provide what ultimately only God's Kingdom can?

XIV. Final Synthesis

- Iron + Clay = powerful yet fragile
- Modern systems reflect both

Discussion Questions

- Are we preparing for the continuation of the system—or for its eventual shaking?
- What does it actually look like to live as part of God's Kingdom within a system that may not last?

XV. Important Guardrails

What Scripture Clearly Says

- Economic control will exist
- Authority will be global

What Is Interpretive

- Specific technologies as fulfillment
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Final thoughts

- Are we seeking understanding to grow in faith—or just to predict outcomes?
 - Does this knowledge lead you closer to trust in God—or deeper into fear of the world?
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- If everything you currently rely on was stripped away, would your trust in God remain intact—or would it be exposed as dependent on the system?