

Kingdoms in Time

Built by strength of sword and gun
By stealthy words and battles won,
Great kingdoms of the world have come
But everyone will be undone,
Smote by the Kingdom of the Son.

Great Babylon in ancient days
Enforced its will by whetted blades
Turned hapless nations into slaves,
But now the desert marks its graves,
Its might and power all erased.

The Persians and the Medes allied,
The might of Babylon defied
Reduced to dust its haughty pride
And cast their cruel yoke aside,
Then forced their lords to pay them tithe.

The Greeks attacked with lightning speed
And smashed the Persian and the Mede
By Alexander's crafty lead
Who though in battle would succeed
Would perish in his lustful greed.

The Romans came and conquered all
From Persia to Hadrian's Wall;
They vanquished nations big and small
The Greek, the Saxon and the Gaul--
The Roman system was installed.

These mighty kingdoms paved the road
Relentlessly to end times strode:
Now bombs and armaments are stowed--
A conflagration could explode--
Enter the kingdom long foretold.

The fiercest ruler ever known
By wiles and stealth ascends the throne--
Now men must worship him alone--
By 'mark' is their allegiance sworn--
Man in rebellion's now full blown.

The prophet Daniel knew these things
Before the advent of these kings;
He prophesied that God would send
His Son to pay the price for sins:
The 'times of Gentiles' has an end.

His Kingdom's in the hearts of men
Who have repented of their sin,
By grace through faith have entered in
Whose everlasting hope is Him--
To Israel He'll come again.

Then He will punish all of those
Who would the rule of God oppose,
This present evil age He'll close
And righteous rule He will impose--
Blessed truth the Christian knows!

On David's throne the King will dwell--
Christ Jesus reigns from Israel!!
He's God with us--Immanuel
The One Who conquers death and Hell--
"Praise You Lord!! You do all things well."

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