

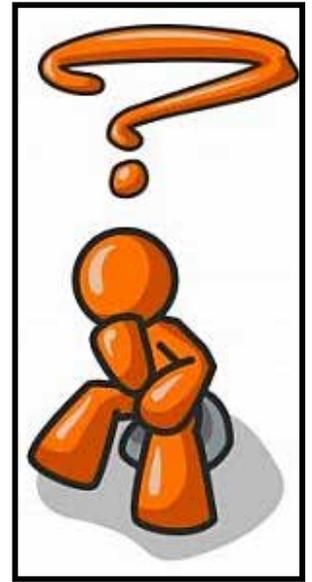
What About ...21st Century Immigration?

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David Brooks, writing for the “New York Times,” April 5, 2016, observed, Global migration is leading to demographic diversity. Economic globalization is creating wider opportunity but also inequality. The Internet is giving people more choices over what to buy and pay attention to. A culture of autonomy valorizes individual choice and self-determination (nytimes.com.).

Yeah, okay, globalization is causing not just opportunity, but inequality...but there’s a bigger picture. Generally speaking, throughout the last 2500 years of history, immigration brought a better society to a worse society, economically, religiously, and socially, thus improving the world. Today’s immigrations are just the opposite. They are bringing inferior societies to mix with and deteriorate superior ones. They immigrate to escape the society that they bring with them.

Does the Bible predict this? I would like to suggest that the prophecy indicated in the statue of Daniel 2, reiterated with the beasts of Daniel 7, outlines the development of western civilization.



The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay (Daniel 2:32-33).

Daniel explained the dream as different empires, beginning with Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon in the 500s B.C., followed by one with two *arms of silver*, the Medes and the Persians in the 400s B.C., who for the first time made law superior to the emperor. In the 300s B.C., Alexander the Great, the *belly and its thighs of bronze*, conquered the western world for Greece, establishing Greek as a common language and spreading the Greek society (such as the influence of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle). Then c. 50 B.C., Julius Caesar conquered the western world for Rome, adding Roman technology and a powerful military police force to the Greek society, establishing an empire of *iron*. In the A.D. 300s, Constantine built Constantinople, and the Roman Empire developed two *legs of iron*—Eastern Europe and Western Europe.

This was followed by the Roman conquests in Europe. The iron empire expanded to England with the Anglos and the Saxons. It spread to South America with the conquests of the Roman Catholic Church and to North America with colonization by the Protestants. Meanwhile, western movements, like the British Empire and

the Dutch East Indies Company, spread a superior society across the globe. Christian missionaries traveled with this development, adding morality to technology, and improving the society everywhere it went. There were atrocities, of course (like the Crusades, the Inquisition, and slavery) because westerners are just as sinful as everybody else. Nonetheless, western immigration brought a better society socially, economically, and yes, even morally (hospitals, orphanages, and schools) to worse societies. They have been the *legs of iron* that have generally improved life all over the world.

But wait! There is one other element in Daniel’s statue vision. *Its feet [were] partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron (v. 41)*. Before history arrives at the toes, something bad happens to the iron society. Today’s immigrations are bringing economically, religiously, and socially inferior societies to the superior ones, thus diluting them. Through the 20th century, globalization of the planet made countries stronger. But in the 21st century, the iron is being mixed with clay.

I’m not suggesting there is something we should or could do about this.

I am just pointing out that Daniel predicted it 2500 years ago.