

#99 The Daniel 2:41-43 Feet of Iron and Clay – The Roles of General Lucius Clay, part 3, “Father” of the Berlin Airlift



Lucius Clay (*pictured*) was promoted to Lieutenant General on April 17, 1945. During 1945 he served as deputy to General Eisenhower. The following year, Clay was made Deputy Governor of Germany during the Allied Military Government. He was promoted to General on March 17, 1947. From 1947 to 1949, Clay was the Governor of the U.S. zone in Germany. In that capacity, he commissioned Lewis H. Brown to research and write “A Report on Germany,” which served as a detailed recommendation for the reconstruction of post-war Germany, and served as the basis for the Marshall Plan for the recovery of Europe.

[Note: It was an unusual situation as concerns the occupation of the capital of Germany, Berlin. Even before the war ended, the Allies had decided to divide Berlin into four sectors. The U.S., Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union agreed to occupy one sector apiece, just like the rest of Germany. Although Berlin lay deep within the Soviet zone of Germany, the Western powers expected the Soviet Union to permit them free access to the city. But then came the Soviet blockade of Berlin of all rail, water, and highway routes through East Germany to West Berlin. The Soviets hoped the blockade would drive Western troops from their sectors and force the people to accept Communism.]

Lucius Clay and the Berlin Airlift. On June 25, 1948, one day after the Soviets imposed the Berlin Blockade, Lucius Clay gave the order for the Berlin Airlift. This was an act of defiance against the Soviets, an incredible feat of logistics, and a demonstration of American support for the citizens of Berlin. At one point cargo planes landed at Tempelhof Airport every four minutes, twenty-four hours a day. Clay is remembered as a hero for ordering and maintaining the airlift, which would ultimately last 324 days, through May 12, 1949. He was given a ticker-tape parade upon his return to the United States on May 19, 1949.



Clay resigned his post after the blockade was lifted. During the Berlin Wall crisis that began on August 13, 1961, President John F. Kennedy asked Clay to be an advisor and to go to Berlin to report on the situation. Clay died on April 16, 1978. He lies buried in West Point Cemetery. At his grave site is a stone plate from the German citizens of Berlin that says: “Wir danken dem Bewahrer unserer Freiheit,” which means “We thank the defender of our Freedom.”

BERLIN AIRLIFT: JUNE 1948 TO MAY 1949



Key Understanding: *Lucius Clay and the broken clay of World War II, and the broken clay of the Cold War.* Through the Berlin Airlift, Lucius Clay would help West Berlin (within East Germany) and West Germany to become fully allied in heart and soul with the U.S. and the West, which would be playing the role of *Strong Iron* in a second phase of the Daniel 2:41-43 War(s) Between the Feet of Iron and Clay, called the *Cold War*. *East Germany* would be forcibly fully allied with the Soviet Union, which was soon going to be playing the role of *Broken Clay* in the Cold War.

Daniel 2:42 (KJV) And as the TOES OF THE FEET were part of IRON [Eisenhower, the Man of Iron, representing the western Allies of America-Britain-France, and Stalin, the Man of Steel, representing the Soviet Union], and part of CLAY [Hitler's Germany at 2:41 a.m., May 7, 1945], so THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PARTLY STRONG, and PARTLY BROKEN [Hitler's Germany at 2:41 a.m., May 7, 1945].

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