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WHERE IS THE WORLD AND AMERICA HEADED?

THE PROPHETIC TIMELINE

WITH ALL THAT IS HAPPENING within our world and our nation, many question where we are headed and if America is on the way out as a superpower? The good news is that the Bible tells where we are headed. The bad news is, where we are headed is not good, before it gets better than we can ever imagine (1 Corinthians 2:9).

WHERE WE ARE HEADED

DANIEL TWO

It is the prophet Daniel, in Daniel 2, that records a timeline of nations from the early 600 BCs to the establishment of God's eternal kingdom. The empires Daniel identifies are Babylon, Medes-Persia, Grecian, the Roman empire, and a global empire consisting of the realignment of all nations under ten global regions. Each of these empires have risen and fallen from the height of their power exactly as recorded by Daniel over 2500 years ago, except for the global empire which is being established as I write.

The prophet also describes each of these empires as a body part with each succeeding empire developing the next part of the body. According to Daniel 2's timeline the body has developed a head, breast and arms, belly and thighs, and legs. The body parts not yet formed are the feet and ten toes. This body of nations is a gentile, antichrist body that is established in opposition to God. It is the Devil's body on earth.

When we look at Daniel's timeline (see Timeline 1 on page 6) he reveals that world power began in the Middle East with Babylon and Medes-Persia. It then shifted to the West with the Grecian and Roman empires. As we will see in Daniel 7, world power then transfers back to the Middle East with the establishment of the global empire where all nations are realigned under ten global regions, referred to here as the ten toes. This is where the world is headed: to form a global empire to oppose God and His people.

HOW WE ARE GETTING THERE?

DANIEL SEVEN

Daniel 2 revealed that the destiny of nations is to develop a global empire. Here in Daniel 7 the empires that put into place this global empire is revealed (see Timeline 2 on page 6).

These empires are identified as a lion, eagle, bear, and leopard since they were not yet known, nor did they exist during Daniel's time. What was unknown to Daniel is known to you and I as Great Britain (the lion), the United States (the eagle), Russia (the bear), and Islam (the leopard). The terrible beast with ten horns and seven heads is the same global

empire as Daniel 2's ten-toed empire and is the composite of all nations and empires represented here as seven heads (nations) and ten horns (kings).

These empires came to power to set the agenda, to give leadership, and to mobilize the nations to realign under ten global regions. We know this because of the body part they are identified with in Revelation 13:2: the leopard is the body, the bear is the feet, and the lion is the mouth. It is the mouth that gives leadership to the body, and it is the feet that mobilizes this body. Currently this leadership is given through the United Nations Agenda 2030 in partnership with the World Economic Forum and national and corporate leaders. These empires complete the Devil's body on earth, represented by the image to the right.

As much as we Americans don't like to look at it in this way, America's destiny, along with Great Britain, Russia, and Islam is to usher in the global empire and the world leader we call the Antichrist.

Daniel 7's fulfillment in our present day is a clarion call that our days are numbered. The United Nations Agenda 2030 is on track to have it all in place no later than the year 2030. The one we call the Antichrist could be in authority as early as 2030 or shortly thereafter. We will know him when he confirms a seven-year treaty between Israel and her enemies with an agreement to rebuild the temple.

We are less than seven years from reaching the 2030 goal. That means from now until then wars, famines, disease, and earthquakes will be more frequent and more deadly, as we will see in the next section. As we've already seen in the past few years, what use to be called apocalyptic or ten and hundred year disasters will be the norm from now until 2030 and beyond.

HOW CLOSE ARE WE?

MATTHEW 24

When Jesus appeared on the earth his first recorded message was, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15).



In other words, when Jesus declared the "time is fulfilled" he was telling us that everything is ready for the arrival of God's kingdom: the empires Daniel wrote of have all risen to power; God's body is now developing on earth preparing for the final war; and the world will now advance toward the final war between God's earthly body—the church—and the Devil's body of nations and the world leader we call the Antichrist.

In his Matthew 24 teaching, Jesus teaches what events to look for that lets us know how close we are to the arrival of the Antichrist and all-out war on God's people. Jesus reveals four time periods with each having specific events to let us know where we are. Timeline 3 on page 6 shows us how Jesus' teaching looks in chart form.

The first time period outlines the events that characterize every generation: deception, wars, and rumors of war. The second and third time periods focuses on our world today and the events leading to the arrival of the Antichrist. The fourth time period focuses on Jesus' return, the rapture, and eternal rewards and punishments. Our focus in this newsletter is on the second and third time periods.

TIME PERIOD 2

The events of this second time period are called "the beginning of sorrows" and "the beginning of birth pains" (Matthew 24:8). These events include war,

famine, disease, and earthquakes (Matthew 24:9). By giving to us the picture of a “beginning” and “birth pains” inform us that these events will begin with very little frequency and impact. They will gradually increase in frequency and impact until the pressure is so great that all the war, hunger, and disease are almost unbearable.

We are currently coming to the end of these beginning sorrows which will then unleash greater persecution and hatred against Jews and Christians. Soon after this the Antichrist will be in authority and all-out war will take place between the Antichrist, his global government, and God and His people.

We know we are coming to the end of these “beginning of sorrows” and ready to enter the great sorrows when physical persecution of Jews and Christians greatly increase, as it is now. Soon and very soon America will be experiencing much of the horror on its soil that we read about in other countries.

The “beginning of sorrows” is characterized by war, famine, and disease. These are the same judgments the prophets warned of prior to their impacting God’s people. [1] They are God’s last warning to prepare, to repent, to return to Him before the devastation is released.

Our current increase in war, famine, and disease is God’s last warning before He unleashes His final, devastating judgement upon our present age.

The time is short. Our days are numbered.

[1] Jeremiah: 14:12, 16:4, 21:7, 9, 24:10, 27:8, 13, 19:17-18, 32:24, 32:36, 34:17, 38:2, 42:17, 22, 44:13. Ezekiel: 5:17, 6:11-12, 7:15, 12:16, 14:21

TIME PERIOD 3

The events of this third time period are called the “great tribulation,” the great sorrows. This is when God’s anger and final warning to repent is poured out upon His people—Jews and Christians—through the one we call the Antichrist. The Antichrist unleashes the all-out final war against God’s people. He is given authority to do as he pleases through war, famine, and disease, leaving one fourth of the world’s population

dead, with the majority of these being Jews and Christians (Revelation 6:6).

After God’s judgment upon His people, which must come first (1 Peter 4:17), He then pours out His anger against His enemies and those who come against the Jews and Christians.

God unleashes His anger on the world as He did in the days of Moses and Elijah: through His people. The remnant will have come through the fires of tribulation with repentance and a renewed outpouring of God’s Spirit (Joel 2:28). This allows them to do exploits (Daniel 11:32) in the same way that Moses and Elijah unleashed God’s judgements (Revelation 11:3-6). In this way God’s people engages the Devil, destroying his global empire, and possessing the nations for God (Daniel 7:22, 26).

PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENTS: TO DESTROY GOD’S PEOPLE

The Devil is developing nations for war against God and His people. This is the purpose of nations, including the United States.

The prophet Daniel speaks of this in this way:

And he [the Antichrist] shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints [Jews and Christians] of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (Daniel 7:25; see also Dan. 12:10)

Jesus speaks of the purpose of nations headed by the Antichrist in this way:

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Mat. 24:9; see also 24:13, 22, 24)

The apostle John records concerning the global empire:

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and

nations. (Revelation 13:7; see also 13:4-7, 10, 15; 12:11-13, 17)

God's word is clear that when the global empire is in place all-out war will take place against Jews and Christians. They will be overcome and killed, leaving a remnant who has repented and is now revived by God's Spirit. They will go forth in the power of Moses and Elijah to defeat the Devil's global empire and bring all nations under the authority of Jesus. This remnant will also be killed, then brought back to life and resurrected to heaven in their physical bodies (Revelation 11:3-12).

The question for you and I is, are we prepared for the final war by overcoming our daily battles? Do we have the mindset of not loving our lives, even if it means death? (Revelation 12:11)

PREPARING FOR WAR STARTS WITH OVERCOMING TODAY'S BATTLES

Overcoming conflict begins with knowing the enemy and the tactics he uses.

We understand our war is with the unseen powers and forces, the unclean spirits, demons, and the Devil himself. We are often unclear about how they engage warfare with us (Ephesians 6:12).

The simple truth is that as God of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4) the earth is the Devil's territory and everything in it is of the Devil and not of God, as the apostle John writes: "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:16).

The Devil uses everything in the world—the good, the bad, and the ugly—to tempt us to trust in all that the world offers for our health, wealth, and happiness instead of trusting God and His promises of perfect health, wealth beyond measure, and eternal peace and comfort in His eternal kingdom.

As the apostle James writes in James 1:14-15 the temptation to trust what the world offers begins with

our desires. When these desires are not controlled, they increase to become a word or act of sin. This is why the apostle Paul encourages us to put to death our affections and desires for the things the world offers (Galatians 5:24). There is nothing in the world that is compatible with God.

Because we are currently in the Devil's territory we cannot escape being impacted and tempted by all the world offers. This is why the apostle John encourages us to, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). John recognizes that we cannot escape being impacted by the Devil's world; however, we are able to keep our affections and desires from being attached to what the world offers.

Both the apostle John and the apostle Paul encourage emotional and mental separation from everything the world offers. We are to use and enjoy what we need for living without giving them priority over our lives (1 Corinthians 7:29, 31). We are to live as pilgrims and strangers, living temperately with the world until we reach our eternal home (1 Peter 2:11-17).

We are to live as disciplined soldiers who do not involve themselves in the affairs of life while he is in the enemy's territory, and as a runner in a race who keeps his focus on the finish line (2 Timothy 2:3-5).

To keep our desires within the boundaries of God and His righteousness, we are encouraged to be **single-minded**, to keep our minds focused on the things of God and our eternal destination (Matthew 6:22; Ephesians 6:5; Colossians 3:1-2; Psalm 1:1-3). We are encouraged to **fast** as the way to keep our physical desires under our control and not us controlled by our desires (Matthew 6:16; 1 Corinthians 9:25, 27; Philippians 4:5). We are encouraged to **pray**, to keep our spirit connected with God and God's character (Matthew 6:7; Luke 18:1-8; Colossians 3:2). Making these disciplines as much a part of our lives as eating and breathing helps to keep our mind, body, and spirit under the control of God's Spirit. In this way we engage spiritual warfare against the Devil and all he impacts us with within the world.

Learning to fight the Devil by rejecting what he offers to us now prepares us for the final war when the Antichrist and his global empire takes our possessions, our means to buy and sell, and even our life. The time to learn how to swim is before you find yourself drowning.

The battles are heating up. The war will soon be here. Are you ready?

IN SUMMARY

Where are we headed?

Daniel 2 lets us know that the Devil is developing a body of nations for the purpose of forming a global realignment of all nations under ten regions. This body of nations have all come to power. The global realignment is now being put into place.

To bring about this realignment, Daniel 7 lets us know that Great Britain, the United States, Russia, and Islam have all come to power to put into place this global realignment. When it is in place the global empire will have the nature of a terrible, devouring beast whose purpose is to annihilate all Jews and Christians.

Matthew 24 informs us that we can know when this global empire is almost in place when great wars, famines, disease, and persecution of Jews and Christians are essentially everyday events. We are currently living toward the end of this time that Jesus calls the beginning of sorrows.

When this global empire is in place, the world leader we call the Antichrist will come out of it to take authority over it. He will use the governments and militaries of the nations to make war against all God's people for their total annihilation.

The purpose for nations and the global empire is to oppose God and destroy God's people.

The Antichrist and the global empire are empowered by the Devil. He will have the power to take everything a Jew or Christian has, even their life. Our only defense is to remain mentally and emotionally detached from anything the world has to offer, and to attach ourselves fully to God, living a daily life of temperance and self-denial. In this way, when everything is taken from us, we will have the confidence knowing that our

real home and possessions are in God's kingdom, and we will soon be home.

In the meantime, consider that any suffering we go through will not compare to what God has in store for those who belong to Him (Romans 8:18; 1 Corinthians 2:9).

Time is short.

Soon we will be home.

Hold on a little while longer.

THE DAYS AHEAD THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Many challenges and tough decisions face us when we consider the future. Worry and fear can be our number one enemy. We must continually remind ourselves that God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but a Spirit "of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). It is this Spirit that gives us the strength to endure any hardship or persecution that may come our way (2 Timothy 1:8; Matthew 24:13). It is this Spirit, the Spirit of God, that keeps us pressing forward to be even more Christian as the days grow darker (Hebrews 10:22-25). It is this Spirit that gives us hope in the promises of God. Without God's Spirit there is no hope. Have you received God's Spirit since you believed in Jesus? (Acts 19:2) Ask God today to fill you with His Spirit of power, love, and a calm mind.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

FOR MORE INFO

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TIMELINE 1: Daniel 2					
WORLD POWER IN MIDDLE EAST		WORLD POWER SHIFTS TO WESTERN EMPIRES			WORLD POWER RETURNS TO MID EAST
BABYLON	MEDES-PERSIA	GRECIAN	ROMAN	DIV ROMAN	NEW WORLD ORDER
Head of Gold	Breast & Arms of Silver	Belly & Thigh of Brass	Legs of Iron	Legs of Iron	Ten Toes of Iron & Clay
608 BC	538 BC	323 BC	160 BC	476 AD	20??
DAN 2:32,37,38	DAN 2:32,39	DAN 2:32,39	DAN 2:33,40	DAN 2:33,41	DAN 2:33,41-43
PAST		CURRENT			NOW BEING PUT INTO PLACE

TIMELINE 2: Daniel 7				
WORLD POWER IN WEST		WORLD POWER SHIFTS TO MID EAST		WORLD POWER RETURNS TO MID EAST
GREAT BRITAIN	UNITED STATES	RUSSIA	ISLAM	NEW WORLD ORDER
Mouth of global empire	Mouth of global empire	Feet of global empire	Body of global empire	The global empire
1707	1776	1922	CURRENT	203??
Dan 7:4; Rev 13:2	Dan 7:4; Rev 13:2	Dan 7:5; Rev 13:2	Dan 7:6; Rev 13:2	Dan 7:7; Rev 13:1-2
<p><i>These empires are in power for one purpose: to establish the realignment of all nations under ten global regions. Once in place the world leader we call the Antichrist will then rise to power.</i></p>				<p><i>Established to annihilate all Jews & Christians</i></p>

TIMELINE 3: Matthew 24			
TIME PERIOD 1	TIME PERIOD 2	TIME PERIOD 3	TIME PERIOD 4
EVERYDAY EVENTS	FINAL GENERATION BEGINS	NEW WORLD ORDER	ETERNAL REWARDS
Deception, wars Rumors of war	Ethnic & national conflicts wars among empires Famines, disease, persecution	Antichrist in Authority Great tribulation God's final wrath	Eternal rewards punishments
Matthew 24:4-6	Matthew 24:7-14	Matthew 24:15-28	Matthew 24:29-31
Takes place throughout all of history	Currently taking place	Takes place at the <u>end</u> of the final generation	Takes place after God's final wrath