

World Governments—Past, Present & Future

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Let's begin in the past and let's see the circumstances shortly after the Flood when men began to multiply. What was the first thing that they were going to do under the sway of Satan the devil? Once you reject God, as they did, and you begin to organize yourself and set yourself up, then man has to figure out his own government. What he wants to do always—and Satan always wants to lead men to do—is a counterfeit of God's way. In other words, the whole way of Satan and man is to try and achieve what God said he would achieve without God. They haven't realized that that is an impossibility!

Genesis 11:1: "And the whole earth was of **one language**, and of **one speech**." Today we have the same thing and we can do not only with just the English language, but there are computer programs which will translate into almost any language that you would want.

"...And it came to pass, as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar. And they settled there. 'Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.'..." (vs 1-3). This means that they were actually taking the bricks and they were glazing them; making them waterproof. The reason that they were making them waterproof—Josephus writes they 'pitched them with bitumen—was to make this tower waterproof in case God would send a flood again. This shows a determined effort on their part knowing what God had done, trying to combat what God might do if He would do it again. Of course, God never does things the way that men figure that He's going to do them. So, let's see what happened.

Verse 4: "And they said, 'Come, let us build us a city...'" This is a counterfeit of the New Jerusalem. All the way through we're going to see that this is a counterfeit.

"...and a tower, *with* its top reaching into the heavens" (v 4). Same thing when you look at New Jerusalem. This is an absolute counterfeit of that in trying to establish *their own way*.

"...And let us establish a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth" (v 4). This is what they were saying because they knew that God was going to send them—each one, each family, each nation and tribe—to their own inheritance. They didn't want to go.

Verse 5: "And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men

had built. And the LORD said, 'Behold, **the people are one** and they all have one language....'" (vs 5-6). Isn't this the thing that we hear today? *One earth! One people! Global village!* We're going to see that just like right here in Gen. 11 there's going to be a coming magnificent counterfeit of God's Millennium! It's coming! We're going to live to see it!

"...And this *is only the beginning* of what they will do—now nothing which they have imagined to do will be restrained from them" (v 6). Of course, they had all the scientific endeavor. Look how quickly we have developed in the last 150 years—from horse 'n buggy age clear to the space age—and now it's multiplying and increasing and growing, and man's ability is phenomenal.

They went down and confounded their languages, v 7: "'Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech.' So, the LORD scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of all the earth. And they quit building the city. Therefore the name of it is called Babel..." (vs 7-9)—from which we get the name *Babylon*. 'Babel' means *confusion*. What they were trying to do was all organized. And when you do something against the will of God He'll take care of it. So He disorganized them!

"...because the LORD confused the language of all the earth there. And from there the LORD scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth" (v 9).

Let's look at another time when there was going to be a kingdom which was a world-ruling kingdom. We're going to spend quite a bit of time in the book of Daniel. This is really quite a tremendous book, which leads us from the time of the first Babylon all the way down through all the history of mankind—in prophecy—clear on down to the last Babylon, Babylon the Great! All of this was prophesied.

Let's understand something very thoroughly here: the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation go together like a hand-in-glove. If you have one and not the other you can't understand it. If you have just the book of Daniel, you have some understanding. If you have just the book of Revelation, without the rest of the Bible, and more in particularly the book of Revelation, you have no understanding.

Let's see that even Daniel, who was given

these prophecies, did not understand. He wanted to. God gave him all of these tremendous prophecies—the most important, major, earth-wide or global prophecies—right on down to the time of the end. And he did not understand it. Here's what Daniel was told:

Daniel 12:4: “But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end...” God wants *us* to know! At the time of the end God shows us that *we will know*; and God shows us that *He's going to give us understanding*.

“...Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” (v 4). We're finding that knowledge is increasing not only in the world in a scientific way, but the knowledge of the Word of God is increasing. I think one of the most important things for us to understand is that we have the *whole* Bible. We have so many Bible helps, have them on computer, have everything we need to understand the Word of God. But *we need to use and exercise the Spirit of God to understand*, because it says here that “...**knowledge shall be increased.**”

Then Daniel wanted to know what these things would be. Daniel heard all of these things, v 8: “And I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, ‘O my lord, what shall be the end of these things?’ And he said, ‘Go your way, Daniel...’” (vs 8-9). Just like Peter said, ‘Many prophets and Holy men have desired to understand’ the things that we understand and have not understood them.

“...for the words *are* closed up and sealed until the time of the end” (v 9). I believe we are living into the time of the end. Albeit we've probably heard that for 35 or more years, but that doesn't mean that we are not living in the time of the end.

Verse 10: “Many shall be purified, and made white...” That's happening to us. Made white means *you have on the garments*, you have the wedding garment, the linen, which is white and bright and clean, *the righteousness of the saints*.

“...and refined...” (v 10). We're going to go through trials, and the trials that we've endured in the Church perhaps are not going to be even comparable to the trials which are coming on the whole world—which we may have to go through—in this end-time. So, this is just kind of warming us up for the future events.

Here's a promise: “...But the wicked shall do wickedly, and **none of the wicked shall understand...**” (v 10). What does the Psa. 111:10 say? ‘A good understanding have all they that keep Your commandments.’ The wicked then are not keeping the commandments of God. Therefore, they

cannot understand. We've also seen the righteous depart from the righteousness, do wickedly and lose their understanding.

But here's the promise: “...but **the wise shall understand**” (v 10). When we get to the book of Revelation we're going to see how this ties in, and how it's very important for us to realize that any wisdom that comes, must come from God; any understanding that comes *must come from God!* So, we have to do everything properly and put it together.

Let's see one of the oldest main prophecies coming from the time of the Babylonian Empire right down to the return of Jesus Christ. We're not going to set any dates as we go through here, because we're going to survey the one-world government—past, present and future—and then leading us on up to the time that Christ is going to set up the Kingdom of God.

Let's get a little background and understand what happened with Daniel. We know that God blessed them (Dan. 1)! God gave Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego all special understanding in all skills of learning and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding of dreams and visions.

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, and he wanted to test all the astrologers and all the political advisors, so he called them all in and he said, ‘Look, I've had a dream.’ They said, ‘Master, tell us what the dream is.’ Nebuchadnezzar said, ‘I'm not. I want *you* to tell me the dream and the interpretation thereof. If you don't, you're all going to lose your heads.’ And they said:

Daniel 2:11: “‘And *it is* an impossible thing that the king asks, and there is no other *man* who can reveal it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.’ For this cause the king became so angry and furious that he commanded all the wise men of Babylon to be destroyed” (vs 11-12). Typical of a dictator! If he can't get his way, kill them! Even God can deal with that, so He dealt with it with Daniel.

Daniel went and he asked God to show him the dream, v 19: “Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. And Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, ‘Blessed be the name of God forever and ever...’” (vs 19-20). This is something we all need to understand:

We can analyze world news, we can watch events, but **only God can give us the understanding on how to rightly put it together**. Once we understand something, we all need to realize that **none of us have anything that we didn't receive**. God is the One Who has given it. And actually, that is the key to wisdom and understanding, **realizing**

that it all has to come from God! That's why David had knowledge and wisdom and understanding, because he knew it all came from God.

“...for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons... [God is the One Who's going to make all of this happen] ...He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. I thank You, and praise You, O God of my fathers, Who has given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we desired of You, for You have made known to us the king's matter” (vs 20-23). So, Daniel came before the king.

Verse 27: “Daniel answered before the king and said, “The secret which the king has demanded cannot be shown to the king by the wise men, the enchanters, the astrologers or the magicians. But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets and makes known to King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days...” (vs 27-28). Clear back here in the 600_{S.B.C.} Isn't that interesting, 2520 days/2520 years? Are we not close to that? *Yes, we are!*

“...Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed *are* these: As for you, O king, while upon your bed your thoughts came to you of what should come to pass hereafter.... [from this time forward] ...And He Who reveals secrets makes known to you what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living man, but so that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart” (vs 27-30). Then Daniel tells him about this huge image that he saw: head of gold, chest of silver, right on down to the toes.

Let's see the interpretation of it. After Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar the dream, Daniel said, v 36: “This *is* the dream. And we will tell the interpretation before the king. You, O king, *are* a king of kings...” (vs 36-37)—counterfeit of Christ! The Gentile world has always wanted to have world-ruling kingdoms. There's one thing that's a really very important vital lesson for us to understand. If we want it bad enough, even if it is sin, God will let us have it!

- to show us
- to punish us
- to correct us

But in this case, God was the One Who did it. God raised up Nebuchadnezzar for what purpose? Remember, he carried away captive all the children of Judah out of Judea because of their sins against

God. Now God began dealing with Nebuchadnezzar to let him know the outline of world history from that day until the return of Jesus Christ and the setting up of the Kingdom of God.

“...for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold” (vs 37-38).

Here's where we get in prophecy that a king equals a kingdom, v 39: “And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you...” That's why we go from gold to silver to brass or bronze and then we go to iron and then iron and clay. It keeps getting more inferior, quality keeps going down.

“...and another third kingdom of brass, which shall rule over **all the earth**” (v 39). In this case when it says ‘all the earth,’ it means *all the civilized world*. But now we know that they had worldwide trade. So, in a sense they did have influence over all the earth.

Verse 40: “And the fourth kingdom shall be *as* strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and beats down all things, and as the iron that crushes all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron, *the* kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay” (vs 40-41). That's a very interesting description as we're coming down through the image and we're coming down to the iron and the clay. Do we not have, today, strength and weakness in the nations of the world? *Yes, we do!*

Now then, we come down to the toes, the last little bit, v 42: “And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mix themselves with the seed of men...” (vs 42-43). Make one amalgamated race is what they're going to try and do. I think this also has to do with trying to create the super-race, which they're trying to do genetically. Of course, that's the same thing that Hitler tried to do in WWII—wasn't it? *Yes!*

“...But they shall not cling to one another, even as iron does not combine with clay. And in the days of these kings...” (vs 43-44). We're going to see all the way through the survey of these prophecies that the Kingdom of God comes and destroys all of the civilizations of mankind.

“...the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, **which shall never be destroyed**. And the

kingdom shall not be left to other people...” (v 44). It’s going to be given into our hands, brethren. We read when Christ sets up the Kingdom of God (Rev. 20) that we are going to sit on thrones and we are going to be kings and we’re going to be priests and we are going to judge with Christ. He’s not going to leave it to other people in his world. **NO WAY!** It’s going to be in the hands of God!

“...but it shall break in pieces and **consume all these kingdoms**, and **it** shall stand forever” (v 44), That’s what the whole Feast of Tabernacles is all about; *how the Kingdom of God is going to stand forever!* And when God sets His hand to rescue this world, He must destroy all of Babylon the Great. Remember how great this first Babylon was? We’re going to see how this end-time Babylon is coming.

Verse 45: “Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands... [that stone was Christ—the Rock] ...and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king...” (v 45). All of the best of man’s civilizations cannot stand before God! It doesn’t matter if it’s gold, silver, brass, iron, or iron and clay. *It isn’t going to work! You cannot have world-government without God!* If you have world-government where Satan is running it and leading it, it’s going to result in a terrible catastrophe, and it’s going to end up in *fighting God!* When Christ returns the fight is over, it is ended, there is no contest!

“...the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. And the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure” (v 45). It’s like they say in modern parlance today:

- you can count on it
- it will happen
- God’s Word is Truth
- Christ is Truth
- these prophecies are a part of the Word of God

As you know in other prophecies, when they are fulfilled, are so fantastically fulfilled, right to the very letter, that it is really an incredible thing, indeed!

We find a parallel account in Daniel 7, very similar to it; we have the ten toes, the four kingdoms. Here we have something very similar arranged a little bit differently.

Daniel 7:1: “In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spoke and said, ‘In my vision by night I was looking, and behold, the four winds of the heavens were stirring up the Great Sea. And four great beasts came up from the

sea, different from one another” (vs 1-3). We know that these *beasts* picture Gentile kingdoms.

Verse 4: “The first was like a lion and had eagle’s wings...” That’s a depiction of the cherubim of Babylon. You also have that over in China and England, showing that this same Babylonian system has come all the way down to our day.

“...I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on its feet like a man. And a man’s heart was given to it” (v 4).

This is showing the experience of Nebuchadnezzar after he got all lifted up in his own vanity and then the angel came and took away his senses and reason, and for seven years he was out there in the pasture with the cows insane. He didn’t lose his mind entirely because God restored the kingdom to him. You can read the edict that he wrote after God restored the kingdom to him (Dan. 4)—and after that he had a man’s heart given to him instead of a beast’s heart.

Verse 5: “And behold another beast, a second, like a bear...” We have the symbol of a bear today—don’t we? We’ll see that when we get to Rev. 13.

“...And it raised itself up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And this was said to it: ‘Arise, eat up much flesh’” (v 5). I’m sure this is the angelic kingdom, which is behind all of the nations. We have the demonic kingdom that is also there and there are wars going back and forth between the demons and angels, which empower the civilizations today.

Verse 6: “After this...”—this kingdom, this beast:

1. Babylon
2. Persia
3. Greece

—we’re going to see a little bit more of that in Dan. 8 when it explains some of these things.

“...I saw, and lo, another *beast*, like a leopard...” (v 6). A leopard is fast, and a leopard works by itself; that’s why it pictures Alexander.

“...which *had* four wings of a bird on its back. The beast also *had* four heads and dominion was given to it” (v 6). We know from history that the empire of the Greeks was divided into four different sections after the death of Alexander.

Verse 7: “After this I looked in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast**, frightening and terrifying, and exceedingly strong. And it *had* great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with its feet. And it *was* different from all the beasts before it; and it had ten horns.”

What is one of the things that is said of our world society today? Even the United States? *We are a diverse people! Multi-culture* is another way to put it. And that's what Rome was. It tried to bring in the best of Babylon, the best of Persia, the best of Greece and make its empire, with its military might, the strongest that the world had ever seen. And this empire endured—as we will see everything back in history—ten resurrections, the Roman Empire as pictured by the ten horns.

Let's understand something altogether. When you add this up, the heads of *the beast* here are seven. Three plus four is seven. Then we have ten horns. All the way through the prophecies concerning Satan's system, in the way of this world, we have the counterfeit of seven plus ten. We'll see that continuing all the way through. The reason that it has this is because Satan's way, as the counterfeit, is going to look good; it's going to seem right. It's going to look as though it's going to solve the problems.

Verse 8: "As I was considering the horns, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one..." I will just have to say this: People have mistakenly understood this to be the papacy. We're not talking about 'religion' here at all. We are talking about kingdoms; we are talking about governments. I understand the power of the papacy, but I think that that gets us off base as to what is happening. Let's just say that this 'little horn' is another dictator that is coming on the scene, who is going to have greater power than the other ten.

"...before whom three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots..." (v 8). We know in history that's taking out the kingdoms of the Ostrogoths, the Vandals and Hureli—who took over the Roman Empire—and they were destroyed.

"...And behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things" (v 8). I can see why people would apply this to the papacy. But I think we fail to understand. Look at the great things that Nebuchadnezzar bragged about. Look at the great things that all of the dictators down through history have bragged about. Look at all the rises of the Roman Empire. Look at how they bragged that they were sent there by God, even down to Hitler. Hitler's way was really trying to establish the Third Reich for a thousand years—it lasted twelve and ended in utter destruction! Did not Hitler stand up and speak great swelling things? *Yes!*

Notice how this ends, v 9: "I watched until thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days sat..."

Let's see what he's looking at, Revelation 20:4: "And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them..." *That's us, brethren!* That's when we're going to rule and reign with Christ, and that's how long this vision endures; goes all the way down to the return of Jesus Christ and the setting up of the true Millennium of God.

Daniel 7:9: "...and the Ancient of Days sat, Whose raiment *was* white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne *was* like flames of fire, and its wheels *like* burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court sat and the books were opened" (vs 9-10). That's exactly what's going to happen during the Millennium. This is really something the way this is.

Verse 11: "Then I was looking because of the voice of the boastful words which the horn spoke. I watched until the beast was slain, and his body was destroyed and given to the burning flame." We find that ties right in with Rev. 19 how *the beast* and *false prophet* are cast into the Lake of Fire.

Verse 12: "And as for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away. Yet, their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw visions in the night and, behold, One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven..." (vs 12-13). When Jesus Christ told the religious leaders that 'when you see the Son of man coming with the power of the Father in the clouds of heaven,' they knew Who He was! They knew this prophecy! That's why it infuriated them, and that's why they said, 'You blaspheme!' But He wasn't blaspheming.

"...and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And dominion and glory was given to Him, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (vs 13-14). That's what we're going to have a part in, in setting up the Kingdom of God.

What I want you to understand is, how all of these prophecies end up in the same place: ***the establishing of the Kingdom of God on earth!***

Verse 15: "I, Daniel, was distressed in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head alarmed me. And I came near to one of those who stood by and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made me know the interpretation of the things.... [he told Daniel] ... 'These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings [kingdoms], that shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and

ever” (vs 15-18).

Again, coming right down to the time of Rev. 20. Notice how everything in the Bible in prophecy focuses down to the return of Jesus Christ and the setting up of the Kingdom of God. But before the Kingdom of God is setup, Satan is going to have his last grand finale, the great world government, which is coming. And we will see how that is forming! We will see perhaps what the seven heads are. We will hopefully understand what the ten horns are. Remember, seven and ten follow all the way through Satan’s system on the earth.

Verse 19: “Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast which *was* different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron and his nails of brass; *who* devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with his feet.” We’ll see something like this again in Rev. 13.

Verse 20: “And of the ten horns that were on his head, and *of* the other horn which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth speaking very boastful things, whose appearance *was* greater than his fellows”—which means *he ended up with more authority*. We’re going to see who this is. This is *not* the pope. This is the coming *beast power* who will actually be proclaimed by the pope as God on earth, God manifested in the flesh. That’s why he’s going to say such great and swelling and blasphemous things!

Verse 21: “I watched, and that same horn made war with the saints...” Even when the Catholics were running their inquisition, they had the civil troops go out and get those who were under the threat of inquisition and the civil government was the one who was the arm of *the* Inquisition. So, they made war with the saints.

“...and overcame them...” (v 21). We’re going to see several place that there is war made with the saints.

“...until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High. And the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom (vs 21-22). The kingdom in this case is the *whole world*.

Verse 23: “Thus he said, ‘The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all the *other* kingdoms...” We are living in the end-time of that fourth kingdom, which is diverse, all amalgamated together! All the best elements of all the civilizations of the world being brought together in the finality of this fourth beast. Very same thing as the toes and the feet of Dan. 2; it’s all diverse! It’s all mixed in together, and it’s not

going to hold. There will be strength and there will be weakness, just like we have in the world today.

“...and shall devour the whole earth, and shall trample it and break it in pieces” (v 23). The Roman Empire did not do this. It did it to the known world, but not the whole world.

Now we’re talking about something at the end, which is going to be very, very profound, v 24: “And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings that shall arise. And another shall arise after them. And he shall be different from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change the set times and the laws. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time” (vs 24-25)—three and a half years. We see that all the way through the book of Revelation in different applications: 42 months, 3-1/2 years, and so forth.

Verse 26: “But the judgment shall sit... [Christ’s coming] ...and his dominion shall be taken away to be consumed and to be destroyed unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, Whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom. And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him” (vs 26-27).

Now, let’s look at this third horn, this ‘little horn.’ It talks about the Greeks, Persians and Medes. Daniel 8:19: “And he said, ‘Behold, I will make you know what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation... [at the end-time] ...because it belongs to the appointed time of the end.’”

That’s a lesson we all need to learn. God has appointed the end-time, He has set the time, and it isn’t going to take place before God has determined that it’s going to be. One of the biggest mistakes that preachers have made all down through history is saying, ‘The kingdom is coming!’ and have false interpretations of all of these prophecies to try and make it happen in their lifetime. They’ve made a fool of God in the eyes of other people. God is never a fool, of course! But they’ve made the Bible look ridiculous and they’ve made Christianity look like a quirk! Of course, that’s Satan the devil misleading people by misapplying the Scriptures.

Verse 20: “The ram which you saw having two horns *are* the kings of Media and Persia.” It tells us very clearly that that’s how we know that ‘a horn’ equals *a king*.

Verse 21: “And the shaggy goat *is* the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king [Alexander the Great]. Now that being broken, then four stood up in its place; four

kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with its power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full...” (vs 21-23). That is quite a statement. We’re going to see what it means *to come to the full*.

Remember what God told Abraham? ‘Now, this is not going to happen with your descendants for another 400 years because the sins of the Amorites have not yet come to the full.’ So, this is a time when all the sins of the whole world are going to come to the full.

“...a king, fierce of countenance and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty...” (vs 23-24). God is the One Who raises up kings. God is the One Who sets up the *basest* over the nations.

“...but not by his own power.... [no, it’s going to be by the power of Satan the devil] ...And he shall destroy marvelously, and shall prosper and do his own will, and destroy the mighty and the Holy people” (v 24). *That’s us! We are* “...the mighty and the Holy people.” Mighty means *something that after that we be destroyed through martyrdom!*

Verse 25: “And also through his cunning he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand....” That’s what all of this New Age is all about, with all of its witchcraft, sorcery, occult and mystery. It’s going to prosper. It’s going to work. It’s going to be phenomenal. That’s why Jesus said that this is going to be so awesome that even ‘the elect could be deceived.’

“...And he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in time of security...” (v 25)—can also be *prosperity*. It’s amazing, in the midst of trouble and famine and starvation, we have peace and we have prosperity—don’t we?

- Are there not nations of the earth that are starving to death? *Yes!*
- Are there not wars in different places of the world? *Yes!*
- Are there not pestilence and famine in different places in the world? *Yes!*
- But are we not prospering? *Yes, we are!*

So it all works together. One does not contradict the other.

“...shall destroy many...” (v 25). That’s what we’re going to see. There is coming a *false peace* and it is going to work temporarily, and people are going to say, ‘My, isn’t this wonderful?’

We know that this is the last *beast*: “...He also shall stand up against the Prince of princes. But he shall be broken without a human hand” (v 25). Ties right back in with Dan. 2 where the God of heaven is going to set up a kingdom on this earth

and He’s going to destroy all those kingdoms and they will be smashed and broken in pieces, and be destroyed without human hand. It’s going to be by the hand of God! All of these prophecies all tie in together.

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Let’s go to the New Testament, 1-Thessalonians 5:1: “Now then, concerning the times and the seasons...” When we’re dealing with Daniel, we’re talking about *times and seasons*. This directly connects within this, which means that **God alone can tell us the times and the seasons**. This is also very important as to why we need to keep the Holy Days, why we need to keep the Feasts. We are to keep them *in their seasons* so that we can *understand the times* in which we are living. That’s something! When we start taking away from God and think that we’re doing all this great thing ourselves, then we don’t understand *the times* or *the seasons* the way we should. We need to all keep it in perspective.

“...brethren, there is no need that I write to you; for you yourselves understand perfectly that the Day of *the Lord* will come exactly as a thief *comes* by night” (vs 1-2). The reason it’s going to come ‘as a thief in the night’ is because until the beginning of the Tribulation things are going to look so good; things are going to look so right. It’s going to look like, yes, this is going to work!

Verse 3: “For when they say, ‘Peace and security’...”—prosperity—and this is what we’re trying to do with the one-global, one-world society—isn’t it? That’s why we’re being all tied together with trade, so that we can be interdependent one upon the other, so that they can mold and form this all together and make us all prosperous. That’s what they’re trying to do.

“...then sudden destruction will come upon them, as travail *comes* upon a woman who is with child; and they shall by no means escape.... [then here’s something for us to understand] ...But you, brethren, are not in darkness that the day of *the Lord* should overtake you as a thief. For you are all children of *the light* and children of *the day*; we are not of *the night*, nor of *the darkness*” (vs 3-5). That’s why it’s so important for us to understand, that in the end-time:

- we need to wake up
- we need to be alive
- we need to be alert
- we need to let the Word of God dwell in us richly

That’s why Paul said, v 6: “So then, we should not sleep, as others *do*; but we should watch, and we should be sober.” That’s what we’re doing.

We're watching and being sober to see as these things are coming along so we can understand them.

Verse 7: "For those who are sleeping sleep in the night, and those who are drunken get drunk in the night." We'll see when we get to Rev. 17 that all are 'made drunk by the wine of her fornication.' And have not some of the Churches of God been drinking out of the cup of 'mother Babylon'? I've done a sermon about 'mother Babylon,' showing how all the 'religions' of the world are going to be coming together. Now we're looking at the one-world government side, the civil side, the political side.

Let's understand some very important things concerning this: this has to be the final *beast power*; the single man who is the 'little horn' that speaks great things against God and heaven and the saints of God. Now we find how this is going to come.

2-Thessalonians 2:1: "Now, we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... [no higher authority] ...and our gathering together to Him... [through the power of the resurrection] ...that you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled—neither by spirit..." (vs 1-2). There were false spirits going around telling lies; we have the same thing today

"...nor by word... [by message, sermon or by someone telling you something] ...nor by epistle, as if from us... [falsely signing the name of Paul] ...saying that the day of Christ is present" (v 2). We need to understand that! It's not going to come in a letter telling you when it's going to be. It's going to be with the Spirit of God. It's going to be with the Truth of God in your heart and mind and God is going to let us know. That's the whole thing about it. If you're sitting back waiting for a letter from the head of the Church, forget it! It is never going to come!

Verse 3: "**Do not let anyone deceive you by any means...**" That's something we all need to really take to heart. We're living in a time when there is more deception, when Satan is actively deceiving this whole world. He's using organization after organization, and movement after movement, to bring about his one-world government. Since Satan can't be in all places at all times, he is having different organizations everywhere working for him. On the surface some of them even seem to be opposing one another. But behold, it's going to be a miraculous coming together at the end.

"...because *that day will not come unless the apostasy shall come first...*" (v 3). This means *great apostasy* or *great rebellion*. It has its application within the Church. Now it's falling away from the true knowledge of God, that's what it is. It's not leaving a church organization—as it's been miss-

appropriately applied for so many years. This is falling away from the true knowledge of God, the true nature of God.

Verse 7: "For the mystery of [iniquity] lawlessness is already working..."—and I believe the 'mystery of iniquity' (*KJV*) is that which changes the nature of God so you unknowingly—but God will never let you do it unknowingly, will He? *No!*—are worshiping Satan the devil. When you change the nature of God, you change everything, and that is the 'mystery of iniquity'! So, there are two things:

1. the apostasy is going to come first—which is already happening
2. "and the man of sin shall be revealed—the son of perdition, the one who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is an object of worship; so that he comes into the temple of God and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God" (vs 3-4)

I believe what is going to happen is that the King of the North is going to come against the King of the South; he's going to go into the Holy Land. I believe the temple will be there at that time. I think he's going to stop the sacrifices, and I also think there's going to be some 'messiah competition' or 'Christ competition' here. I think the Jews are going to have their messiah. I think the eastern religions already have theirs called *Lord Matria*. I think the Catholics will have theirs and I think he will prevail because that comes right out of the whole system right out of Europe. Now then, he's going to go into the temple of God, after killing the Jewish messiah and sit there and say, 'I am God!'—not this Jewish messiah, nor any other messiah.

Verse 5: "Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things?" We also have a warning. He's coming with signs, miracles, power and wonder—and ***if you don't love the Truth you're going to be deceived!*** That's what it says:

Verse 10: "...those who are perishing **because they did not receive the love of the Truth, so that they might be saved.**" There's a tremendous warning for us. We need to be out from underneath that and *not be deceived* by that. Satan is working to get this done.

I mentioned about 'Messiah competition'; 'Messiah' means *Christ, the One Who is coming with the solutions*. There are political messiahs; there are 'religious' messiahs; and in the case at the end, we're going to have the false Christ, who then is a political leader; and we are going to have the *false prophet* who's going to vouchsafe [declare] that he is God.

Let's see how the end-time ties in with this Matthew 24:15: "Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy place'..." The end-time keys right back to the book of Daniel.

Now here's an inserted part that was written into the account, Jesus did not speak these words: "... (the one who reads, let him understand)" (v 15).

We're going to see there are several key things all the way through these prophecies, that if you read you understand. Who gives understanding? *We saw right back at the beginning of this sermon that God said, 'the wise shall understand; the wicked will not understand.'* May God give us understanding that we understand this!

When that happens, v 21: "For then shall there be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until this time, nor ever shall be again." We've seen some horrendous things happen—haven't we? But we haven't seen the worst, yet.

Verse 22: "And if those days were not limited..." That doesn't mean that God is going to stop and change the times that He's already set these to be. It means that these days are so bad that if, in God's plan, He would not intervene to stop it.

"...there would no flesh be saved..." (v 22). It doesn't mean that God is going to intervene and stop short what He's prophesied, because then His Word would not be true and the prophecies would not come to pass as He said.

"...but for the elect's sake those days shall be limited. Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or, 'He is there,' do not believe it. For there shall arise false [pseudo] Christs [Christos]..." (vs 22-24)—false messiahs, and the 'messiahs' in this case are those who are the political leaders with the solutions. Remember, Christ is 'King of kings and Lord of lords'!

"...and false prophets..." (v 24). The false Christs are the false messiahs; the false prophets are the ones who are saying, 'this is the Messiah.' This shows that we're going to have 'messiah competition.'

"...and they shall present great signs and wonders, in order to deceive, if possible, even the elect" (v 24).

We're living right on the brink of those times when the *very elect* are just about ready to be deceived, because they're not exercising their spiritual calling the way that they should. They're abrogating their own responsibility and putting it

into the hands of men and let men tell them what to do, what to think and what to say. *No!* You've got to go to God and let God's Spirit be in you so you know!

Revelation 17—we're not going to go through the whole thing concerning 'mother Babylon' with all of her little harlots there—the one that is sitting there—but it shows very clearly that if you have *the beast*, you must have the 'religious' system working hand-in-glove with it. Politics alone cannot do it, and 'religion' alone cannot do it. They're going to have to come to an alliance. And the 'woman is going to ride *the beast*' because she's going to tell *the beast*, 'You have the political and economic power, but I have the spiritual power,' and they're all made drunk out of the golden cup of the wine of her fornication.

Revelation 17:8: "*The* beast that you saw was, and is not..." *The beast* is a kingdom. So, here is a beast that was—did exist—and yet, it's not the same as the other beasts.

"...but is about to come up out of the abyss..." (v 8)—the depths of hell, out of the depths of Satan the devil. At the appropriate time it's going to happen.

"...and to go into perdition. And those who dwell on the earth, whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, shall be astonished when they see the beast that was, but is not, and yet, is" (v 8). We have a kingdom and we have a beast on the earth just like that today. It is there, but it isn't, but it is.

Verse 9: "Here is the mind that has wisdom.... [he who understands, let him understand] ...The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. And there are seven kings; five are fallen, and one is, and the other has not yet come; and when he has come, it is ordained that he remain a little while. And the beast that was, and is not, he is also the eighth, and is from the seven, and goes into perdition" (vs 9-11). And I've often wondered what on earth does that mean? It seems pretty clear that the sixth one was Hitler.

There's a seventh one that is coming, yet, he's of the eighth. How can that be! I think I can tell you. Whenever you have things done in sevens then the next one is eight. You have seven days in the week, the next day is the eighth day, which is also one. You have counting seven weeks to the harvest, plus one day is the eighth day—the 50th day. But it is one. You have the seven sabbatical year of seven cycles of that, and then you have the 50th year, which is day one. What is it telling us here that it's of the seventh, comes out of the seventh, but is the eighth. I believe that this is telling us that the last Babylon the

Great is going to be the same as the first. In this sense then, eight is one. We're right back to square one, at the beginning—that is why it is called *Babylon the Great*.

Verse 12: “And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive authority as kings *for* one hour with the beast.... [We'll try and cover that and show how that's going to work out.] ...These *all* have one mind, and shall give up their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb... [notice again how it ends, making war against Christ] ...but the Lamb shall overcome them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who *are* with Him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.... The waters that you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages” (vs 12-15).

Now, let's come to Rev.13, and we find some very interesting things here. We have a repeat of it. I think the seventh head comes over here and the seventh head of Rev. 17 is the beast of Rev. 13.

Revelation 13:1: “And I stood on the sand of the sea; and I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns...” Again, seven and ten; that's Satan's counterfeit system.

“...and on his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads *the* name of blasphemy. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet like *the feet* of a bear...” (vs 1-2). This all ties in with Dan. 7; this is conglomeration, an amalgamation. That's why it says it's *diverse*; *it is altogether diverse*, but *one*.

“...and his mouth like *the* mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne and great authority” (v 2). This is going to be something that is *going to happen*. When it does, it's going to be just BAM! We won't understand what's happening! We should because we have the knowledge of the Truth of God, but I mean the world won't.

Verse 3: “And I saw one of his heads as *if it were* slain to death, but his deadly wound was healed; and the whole earth was amazed *and* followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon...” (vs 3-4). That's what all of this is coming to; that's why they want to stamp out the name of Christ everywhere they can, because the name of Christ cannot be tolerated by Satan the devil.

“...who gave *his* authority to the beast....” (v 4). When it rises up out of perdition, Satan is the one who gives it power.

“...And they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who *is* like the beast? Who has the power to make war against him?’ And a mouth speaking great

things and blasphemies was given to him... [notice again, it is the *beast* power that does this] ...and authority was given to him to continue *for* forty-two months” (vs 4-5). That is after the *deadly wound* was healed.

Verse 6: “And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. And he was given *power* to make war against the saints, and to overcome them...” (vs 6-7)—ties in with Dan. 7; how he's going to ‘wear out the saints of the Most High.’

“...and he was given authority over every tribe and language and nation” (v 7). Here again we have a re-enactment of what they wanted to do clear back in the past in Gen. 11.

Verse 8: “And all who dwell on the earth will worship him [the beast], whose names have not been written in the **Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear**” (vs 8-9). That's how we're going to get understanding.

Let's look at some of the things that are taking place, and let's see how Satan is using many, many, many different organizations all together to produce what he wants to produce.

Referring to a chart showing how Satan uses the Illuminati and all these different organizations. You have to understand that those who belong to the Illuminati are the ones who truly worship Satan the devil. These are the movers and the shakers of the earth, which are behind the scenes, which makes everything go. These are the ones who are of the ‘synagogue of Satan.’ They come from many nations and people and kindreds, and so forth. Even though they say they are Jews; that is a counterfeit. They are not true Jews; they are those who worship Satan the devil.

Notice how this all broken down here: **Banking and Money Groups**—it shows the international center banks, which are big powerful banks around the world—central banks in every nation.

- International Monetary Fund
- World Bank
- International Banks of Settlement—which is having to do with trade
- World Conservation Bank
- Multinational Corporations
- Foundations

There are literally scores and hundreds and thousands of foundations that get the money of the rich to further the programs of the rich.

Secret Society Groups

- Free Masons
- The Skull and Bones—that's the one that Geo. Bush (#1) belonged to
- The Grand Orient Lodge
- The Grand Alpine Lodge
- The Knights Templar—which has to do with those who believe the Hapsburgs are the result of the physical descendants from the illegitimate affair between Christ and Mary Magdalene—which of course, we know is a satanic lie and myth
- The Royal Order of the Garter
- The Priory of Zion
- The Rosicrucians

You can tell the Rosicrucians, the political leaders that always have a picture taken with a red rose in their hands.

Since Satan can't be in every place at one time, you have the top people here worshipping him and these are all groups carrying on his orders. They're rewarded with wealth, power, money and secrecy.

Political groups

- National government leaders—they all belong to the CFR; they all belong to the Masons
- United Nations—and we'll talk about that in just a minute, it's going to eventually come out on top
- The Bilderbergers
- Trilateralists
- Council of Foreign Relations
- Club of Rome

And in every one of these things we have seven and ten—marks and identifies every one of them.

- The Aspen Institute
- The Bohemian Grove—out here in Southern California near Santa Rosa, and all the political leaders go out to this grove and they worship there and owl. That's why the spotted owl is the one.

Regional Federations

- NATO
- EEC
- NAFTA
- World Trade Organization
- International Labor Unions

Intelligence Group—spy organizations:

- CIA
- KGB
- FBI
- British Intelligence
- Mafia crime
- drug cartels

- Communist party

Religious Organizations

- World Council of Churches
- National Council of Churches
- World Parliament of Religion
- The Vatican
- New Age cult groups
- liberal Protestant denominations
- Unity Church
- Universal and Unitarian Churches
- Bahai Religion
- The Temple of Understanding

Educational Groups

UNESCO

World Peace Groups—all of them

- Planery Congress
- World Federation Association
- World Constitution and Parliamentary Association

—they already have a world constitution all drawn up, so when this thing comes in. It's gradually being implemented through the United Nations.

Establishment Groups

- Lucis Trust

World Goodwill Organizations

- World Union
- Esiacin Institute

Enlightenment Groups

All of these groups are the ones that Satan is using to further his cause to bring the whole world together.

Now let's look at *the beast* which 'was and is not, and yet, is'—which I believe is the United Nations. It has been here; it's been ineffective, but it's still there and it's growing in power. The UN recently celebrated its 50th anniversary—it began in June 1945. They all came together for 'mankind's last hope for peace'!

- Did you know that all during WWII, all of these institutions that I just showed you—and some created after WWII, especially the foundations—were working for this?
- Did you know that the Rockefellers were behind this?
- Did you know that the Rockefellers donated ten acres in downtown New York City for the United Nations?

We're going to find out some very interesting things here. In their 50th anniversary this year, UN leaders have already announced intentions to restructure the Constitution of the United Nations so that it will be equal to the global demands of the

1990s and beyond. Isn't that interesting? How are they going to restructure it? Let's see some of the things that they are going to do.

Some of the changes that are being proposed this year are (source: *The End-Time Magazine*)—we're not the only ones who know what's going on. God is going to make sure that this is not done in a corner. God is going to make sure that there are many, many people understand this. Here are some of the proposals that they've put forth this year:

1. Expand the Security Council to include Germany and Japan

Didn't we say that years ago at the Feast of Tabernacles? There are five on the Security Council now. If you add two more you have seven. There are also ten rotating members on the Security Council, so you will have seven and ten—there's the mark of Satan's system.

2. Abolish the veto power of the Security Council

You think that might be a good thing, but do you know what this would do? *That would effectively abolish national sovereignty* and placing all nations under the United Nation's authority without any recourse.

3. Establish a world-tax system

Here's a government that is governing the United Nations, which is, and it is not, but it is! What did we say years ago? *They need to have a world-taxing system! When they get that they are going to be!*

4. Shift all war memorial holidays to United Nations Peace Day

Is this why 'Willy' [Pres. Bill Clinton] went to Russia instead of Europe for the celebration of the ending of WWII in Europe? *Could be!*

5. Establish a UN world army whose loyalty would only be to the world government so the United Nations decisions can be enforced.

Speculation: I believe they would want a disaster so they can beef up and make the United Nations more powerful.

Let's see some of the things that have led up to this. First of all, if you would take a guide in New York City and go to the United Nations, here's what you will be told by your guide: 'You are no longer on United States soil. You are on the sovereign territory of the United Nations.' Did you know that? *Of course not!* And then they show you all the flags of all the countries being represented there, and they're all at the same height—showing that all the nations are equal. Then the guide would tell you probably 'noticed that the United Nations flag that stood above all the rest.' Isn't that interesting?

One of the things that led to this was the ending of the 'Cold War.' Mikhail Gorbachev—who now resides in San Francisco presidio, and has a foundation there; makes you wonder where he gets his money; how are these foundations funded?—said, 'We are going to deprive you of an enemy.' Then what happened? *What is called 'the velvet revolution' took place*; swept through Europe, the wall [Berlin Wall] came crashing down; the Soviet Union no longer existed and the Warsaw War Pact came to an end. Now we've got all of Europe getting together more and more. There's going to be more than ten nations there, because the ten nations are not going to come out of Europe. I believe the ten nations are not going to be nations, but ten regions of the world, which are already divided down with the banking system, and already divided down with control of the United Nations.

Now then, what's going to happen is that they have their test with United Nations authority—didn't they? Remember when the Iraq [prior to 9/11] problem came up, everything was done by Security Council resolution? Then the situation in Haiti came along, which was even a further step forward. That was this: President Clinton didn't even ask the American Congress, but he made sure that he checked out with the United Nations before he sent the troops down there, and it's working 'slick as a whistle' according to them.

Now, here's something that people haven't realized: There's been an amazing escalation of UN activity around the world since the end of the Cold War. Virtually every U.S. action on foreign policy has been approved by the United Nations before being implemented. Then it lists them: Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Haiti are just examples of U.S. military actions or help and support given. And President Clinton adamantly refused to ask Congress for the approval of the operation in Haiti, but he took great care to make sure that the United Nations gave their approval first.

You and I have heard of a New World Order. It is coming! This, brethren, I believe is going to strengthen and help all the cause for Satan's way of world peace, for Satan's counterfeit government on this earth, for Satan's counterfeit religion which is coming. What we are going to see is the emergence of the New World Order. Just like 'mama Babylon' could not accept all of her children back as little babies, but has to accept them back as full-grown mutual partners in this, so the whole thing with the world government that we have at the end. All nations are going to be brought into this as Rev. 13 shows us. It's going to be part of this and part of that and part of the other thing all welded together so everyone's going to feel that they are equal and have

a part. But they don't know that they are being subjugated by Satan the devil and made slaves of the system.

As you saw all the listing of all these organizations, those are all the organizations that Satan the devil is using to deceive the whole world. That's why he is going after the Churches of God to try and get them.

- he wants to go after your faith, *to take it away*
- he wants to go after your belief in the Bible, *to take it away*
- he wants to go after those teachers and leaders who have turned their back on God to follow Satan the devil, *so you become disillusioned*

That's what Satan the devil has tried to do! And when he is cast down to this earth there is going to be the persecution against the Church. Let's notice when he's 'cast down' he knows he as 'a short time' and 'persecutes the woman which brought forth the man-child.' Then a certain number of those in the Church are going to go to a place of safety; and those who go, *God alone is going to make sure they get there*—and I feel it's going to be by the hand of an angel. Those who are left behind, notice what happens:

Revelation 12:15: "And the serpent cast water out of his mouth as a river, so that he might cause her *to be* carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman..." (vs 15-16).

Notice what the 'dragon' does, v 17: "Then the dragon was furious..." This is when I believe that the Great Tribulation is about to take place; and this is when *the beast* is going to receive the 'deadly wound that's going to be healed' and then:

"...with the woman and went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (v 17).

The 'remnant' (*KJV*) means 'the other'—that's not limited to a few, small leftovers. These are the ones who are left behind. Then there's going to be war, but they are keeping the commandments of God. We're living in the days when this can take place almost at any time. We have 'religious leaders' within the Churches of God saying, 'You don't need to keep the commandments of God.' There is a Scripture with says, 'they are keeping 'the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ'—which means they understand the New Covenant of Christ!

Let's come over to Revelation 13:9: "If anyone has an ear, let him hear." That means

understanding the words that are in the Bible; that means understanding the events that are going on.

Verse 10: "If anyone gathers *into* captivity, he shall go into captivity. If anyone kills with *the* sword, he must be killed with *the* sword..." This is a warning to us! We are not to take up the sword and fight. We are not to get out our guns and kill them in the name of Christ. That is not the witness that Jesus Christ wants.

"...Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints" (v 10). That's another one. Almost like 'he that has an ear, let him hear.' Their patience or endurance or faith is in spite of all the circumstances around them. ***They are not going to use carnal means to accomplish spiritual things!*** You cannot use physical things to perform spiritual acts. If it comes time that we are to be witnesses, that we are to be martyrs, then we are to do it just like Jesus Christ. We are to give a powerful witness and what may be *may be*. But, we are not take up arms! Then it shows the great religious power, the false prophet, coming on the scene.

Revelation 14:12: "Here is *the* patience..."—endurance! Not only are we to have wisdom;

- wisdom to know what's going on
- wisdom to count the *mark of the beast*—666
- wisdom to know the whole system involved

We're also to have the endurance of the saints. ***We are to endure!*** Remember what Jesus Christ said back in Matt. 24: 'The love of many shall wax cold because iniquity shall abound, but he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved.' This *endurance* here is the *patience*.

We are to have the *patient endurance* "...of the saints; **here are the ones who keep the commandments** of God... [we are actively keeping them at all times] ...and the faith of Jesus" (v 12). The faith which we have is *Christ in us!* And that's going to lead us then to the Kingdom of God!

All of these things are very important for us to understand and for us to know what is taking place. Let's read these warnings again:

Revelation 16:15: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* the one who is watching and is keeping his garments, so that he may not walk naked and they *may not* see his shame." That ties right in with the Laodiceans who are 'miserable and poor and blind and naked.' Here is a blessing for those who are not in that condition but are watching.

Then we are going to see something I hope we can explain here: When did those ten kings receive power with *the beast*? If these are ten areas or regions of the world, then they have a designated leader *who does not have power until it's time to fight Christ*.

Revelation 17:12: “And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive authority as kings *for* one hour with the beast.... [Only for one hour, and for what purpose?] ...These *all* have one mind, and shall give up their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, but the Lamb shall overcome them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who *are* with Him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful” (vs 12-14).

In Revelation 16:13 we find when that last hour is—that is the last bit of time when the “...unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet; for they are spirits of demons working miracles, going forth to the kings of the earth... [these are kings who have no power, yet] ...even of the whole world, to gather them together to *the* battle of that great day of the Almighty God” (vs 13-14). That’s when those ten kings receive power, to fight Christ.

So, all of those religionists who are looking for ten kings in Europe or ten kings wherever they are looking for them, they’re looking for the wrong thing! They’re going to fight with Christ. They’re going to be overcome. They’re going to be put down.

We, brethren, are going to rule and reign with Christ a thousand years, and then we are going to usher in the Kingdom of God, which will last forever and ever and ever! As Daniel said, God is not going to leave it to other people. He’s not going to give it to any other hands, *but into our hands because we are the saints who are going to take the kingdom and the dominion and the glory and the power thereof, and we are going to rule under Jesus Christ in a glorious and a magnificent Millennium!*

So that is the story of one-world government: past, present and future!

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