

“The Time Of The End” Part 5

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Tonight, we are continuing with looking at the facts regarding the empire of the antichrist. This is the 8th Empire mentioned in Scripture and out of one of the first 7 empires of prophecy will come the 8th Empire.

Timeline

The 6th Empire was Rome or the Roman Empire which was in control at the time when the book of Revelation was written by John.

The war of Gog and Magog will take place right around the time of the Rapture of the Church which begins the seven year Tribulation period.

The 7th Empire begins following the Rapture of the Church and the war of Gog and Magog. The 7th Empire, the Bible says, will have a coalition of 10 nations coming together for 3 1/2 years or 1,260 days. During the first 3 1/2 year period of the Tribulation, the 2 witnesses will appear.

Also during the 7th Empire, the Bible says it will have an “apostate Christianity” headquartered in Rome, Italy. This will serve as the religion and “Mystery Babylon” as its’ governmental structure. Both headquarters will be from the old empires that we have been studying.

At the conclusion of 3 1/2 years (the time of the 7th Empire) which is from the time of the Rapture of the Church, the antichrist will rise up. He will receive authority from the coalition of 10 nations and will take out Rome, Italy and Mystery Babylon in one day.

The antichrist will then take over Jerusalem, killing the 2 witnesses (which will rise again as the whole world watches in 3 1/2 days after lying in the street). He will set up a caliphate or governmental/religious system or the system of the beast. In order to operate in the New World Order, you must take a mark or chip. This chip represents the religion, government and that you are slave to it in order to live/buy/sell.

Last week we looked at the theories of the Eighth Empire Location/Headquarters. We concluded with the European Union (EU) Parliament Building in Brussels.

One of the things that has come out on the internet in the last couple of years is that the Parliament building in Brussels where the EU meets, the 666th seat is empty. So, why is the seat empty according to this theory? They are reserving it for the antichrist.

This is not true. There are buildings that the EU controls and that is the Strasbourg Building and the Brussels Building. The 666th seats at one building is held by a woman from France and the other is filled by an Italian man from Italy. So, that is just a rumor and is not true.

Tonight we are picking this back up and looking at the Word and the current events to see where the headquarters of the 8th empire will be.

A lot of people are saying that Brussels, Belgium will be the headquarters of the beast - so is that true?

One of the reasons we talk about the EU is because of the legend of Europa. I will explain this real quick - I don't need to spend a lot of time on this.

In Revelation 17:3 there is a woman who is a harlot that is riding a beast...

Revelation 17:3 King James Version (KJV)

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:3 Amplified Bible (AMP)

3 And [the angel] bore me away [rapt] in the Spirit into a desert (wilderness), and I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was all covered with blasphemous titles (names), and he had seven heads and ten horns.

It doesn't tell you what kind of a beast that it is but we know from earlier that it is a beast with seven heads and ten horns and she (woman) is sitting on top of it.

What is interesting is, that this was written back at the time of the Apostle John. Everyone living at that time would have thought of something, and that is the legend of Europa.

Pictured on the next 2 pages, Europa is on coins that the EU has made and there are statues and art work throughout Europe with her likeness as well. She is a woman who is holding onto the horns of a bull. Greek mythology tells us how Europe got its name.

Zeus, sent by Jupiter, who is the father of the Gods, disguised himself as a white bull and saw Europa. He took her to a beach and raped her and she became pregnant with Minos. Later she had Rhadamanthus, and Sarpedon, the three of whom became the three judges of the Underworld when they died.

In ancient mythology, Europa was a female goddess that rode on a bull with crescent horns. That is the symbol for Baal in the Middle East. Baal was the ruling god/idol of ancient Babylon. The same symbol is being used today in the EU, including parliament buildings, coins and on posters.





Because of this, people will go back to Revelation 17:3 where it says that the woman shall be riding a beast. Some will say that this has a cryptic reference to Europa and the legend of Europa which everyone back in that day would've understood.

Remember, Rome controls all of that area or the kings of the earth in Europe through the Pope and the Vatican. Now, this is a fact, this is not blasting the Catholic Church, this is just historical fact.

So, does the antichrist set up his headquarters in Brussels Belgium? Does he set up his headquarters as being head of the EU?

Well, the Bible says that the 10 kings destroy the woman who is riding the beast.

Revelation 18:1-3 King James Version (KJV)

1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Revelation 18:1-3 Amplified Bible (AMP)

1 Then I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendor.

2 And he shouted with a mighty voice, She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen! She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird.

3 For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers and leaders of the earth have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury and wantonness.

This cancels out this idea of his headquarters being there in Brussels, Belgium as head of the EU. Now, can the EU be swallowed up by this system? Yes. Can the EU submit themselves along with these 10 kings? Yes.

But, to say that his headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium or other areas is a tradition. Preachers started this teaching when the EU had 10 nations and now they have many more along with other nations that are aligned with them as well.

The woman's imagery may represent Europe or the EU, merging eventually with the Muslims. It is interesting that the EU parliament building is shaped like the tower of Babel.

EU Parliament Building in Brussels, Belgium



Tower Of Babel



It's also interesting that the woman is not the antichrist but she is burnt with fire.

Revelation 17:16 King James Version (KJV)

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Revelation 17:16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will [be the very ones to] hate the harlot (the idolatrous woman); they will make her cheerless (bereaved, desolate), and they will strip her and eat up her flesh and utterly consume her with fire.

Others say that this kingdom area will be the previous prophetic empires of Bible prophecy especially the area in which Babylon used to be. That area in which Babylon used to sit is the country of Iraq.



To set up and understand what has been happening now, I need to take you back to the Middle East in 2002. Israel said at that time, their greatest threat or concern was the nation of Turkey.



Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (pictured left) said that the greatest fear for Israel is that there will be one radical Islamic leader to unite Iraq, Syria and Lebanon which is around our borders. He said that would be a reforming of the old Babylonian territory.



Now, I want to focus in on Iraq. They play a very important role and we need to look at their history to understand their significance. (Remember, this is the nation in which the United States joined forces to depose Saddam Hussein's regime).

Note: The 2003 invasion of Iraq lasted from 19 March to 1 May 2003 and signaled the start of the conflict that later came to be known as the Iraq War, which was dubbed Operation Iraqi Freedom by the United States (prior to 19 March, the mission in Iraq was called Operation Enduring Freedom, a carryover from the conflict in Afghanistan). The invasion consisted of 21 days of major combat operations, in which a combined force of troops from the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Poland invaded Iraq and deposed the Ba'athist government of Saddam Hussein. The invasion phase concluded with the capture of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad by American forces.

The Significance Of Iraq

1. The Boundaries Of Eden's East River Is There

Genesis 2:14 King James Version (KJV)

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

Genesis 2:14 Amplified Bible (AMP)

14 The third river is named Hiddekel [the Tigris]; it is the one flowing east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

2. The Tower Of Babel Was Built In Shinar

Genesis 11:1-5 King James Version (KJV)

1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:1-5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

11 And the whole earth was of one language and of one accent and mode of expression.

2 And as they journeyed eastward, they found a plain (valley) in the land of Shinar, and they settled and dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. So they had brick for stone, and slime (bitumen) for mortar.

4 And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower whose top reaches into the sky, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over the whole earth.

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.

7 Come, let Us go down and there confound (mix up, confuse) their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of the whole earth, and they gave up building the city.

9 Therefore the name of it was called Babel—because there the Lord confounded the language of all the earth; and from that place the Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

3. Nimrod Built Cities There - Mosul Is Ancient Ninevah

* We've learned about Nimrod in previous weeks. The construction of the tower was an act of defiance against God ordered by the arrogant tyrant Nimrod.

4. Abraham Came From Ur Of The Chaldees

This is now part of a city which is in Iraq.

Genesis 11:28-31 King James Version (KJV)

28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

Genesis 11:28-31 Amplified Bible (AMP)

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31 And Terah took Abram his son, Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together to go from Ur of the Chaldees into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there.

5. Abraham Went To War With The King Of Shinar

Abraham's first war was with 5 kings and one of those kings was the King of Shinar and that war was in Iraq.

Genesis Chapter 14

6. Babylon Was Built There

Babylon was built in Iraq. Babylon was the time of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Genesis Chapter 11

7. The Media-Persian, Greek and Babylonian Empires Had Headquarters There

All three empires were headquartered in Iraq.

8. Samarra And Karbala Are Sacred To the Sunnis And Shias

Now, today, there are 2 Iraq cities as we move forward in time, called Samarra and Karbala. Both are sacred to the branches of Islam, the Sunnis and the Shias.



There is a place called Najaf, about 150 miles south of Baghdad, where many locals believe that Noah and Adam are buried.

As we move forward, I need to give you a little backdrop on the Islamic religion. Islam means, 'to submit to god'.

The history of Iraq and Islam is very important and we have to get this first before we go anywhere else.

For centuries, Rome, Italy and Constantinople, Turkey were headquarters for the Christian faith. The Byzantines ruled Constantinople for about 1,000 years



Then, in the early 600's, Muhammad who was an Arab man, claimed to be a descendent through Ishmael. He went out into the desert and lived. He claimed to have dreams and visions of the Angel Gabriel. He said that the angel gave him words to speak. He told other people and they wrote those words down.

It is interesting that he lived his entire life in desert areas. People would have to go into the desert in order to see him.

Let me give you this for something to think about in Matthew chapter 24.

Matthew 24:23-26 King James Version (KJV)

*23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is **Christ (the anointed one)**, or there; **believe it not.***

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

*26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, **Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth:** behold, he is in the secret chambers; **believe it not.***

Matthew 24:23-26 Amplified Bible (AMP)

*23 If anyone says to you then, **Behold, here is the Christ (the Messiah or anointed one)!** or, **There He is!**—**do not believe it.***

24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders so as to deceive and lead astray, if possible, even the elect (God's chosen ones).

25 See, I have warned you beforehand.

*26 **So if they say to you, Behold, He is in the wilderness (desert)—do not go out there;** if they tell you, **Behold, He is in the secret places or inner rooms—do not believe it.***

How interesting is it that this particular religion was formed by a man living in the desert. People had to go out and see him in the desert, they classified him as a prophet who had seen an angel of the lord.

I'm not saying this is the fulfillment of the warning that Christ gave, it's just a point of interest to think about.

But, watch this...

Galatians 1:8-9 King James Version (KJV)

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8-9 Amplified Bible (AMP)

8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to and different from that which we preached to you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

9 As we said before, so I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel different from or contrary to that which you received [from us], let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

What is interesting is, that we discover in the gospels that when the Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, you are going to have a son and you will call his name Jesus, He will save people from their sin and he will be called the son of God in contrast to what the Quran says.

Luke 1:26-35 King James Version (KJV)

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

However, in the teaching from Muhammad (the Quran) when the angel Gabriel came to him, (about 600 years after Christ's disciples wrote what Jesus said), Muhammad said the angel told him that God has no son.

He said that God is not begotten which totally contradicts the message of the angel in the New Testament.

If you were to say this to a Muslim, this is what they would say, “Well, the Christians and the Jews changed the Bible, they made that story up and it really didn’t happen that way. The angel Gabriel would never have said that.”

They would defend the writings of the Quran, which is the book that was written years after Muhammad's death. Muslims will defend the Quran by simply saying that the Bible was corrupted by the Jews and Christians.

You need to know what the angel said to Mary exists in Scripture, that it is part of God’s Word or His promise. That is part of the Testaments or contract that He has with you and I. But Muhammad and the Muslim teaching says the opposite of that.

This is the warning once again that the Lord gave:

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