

Last week we went through God's Word studying the spirit of the antichrist, antichrist forerunners and "the" antichrist. The antichrist will be a man, an actual person who is part of the beast system or empire. We went over his characteristics as well and below is a summary of the antichrist when we compare what John wrote about in the book of Revelation with Daniel's writings in the the book of Daniel.

- o The antichrist will be the final world ruler prior to Christ returning to set up His kingdom.
- o The antichrist will have 10 kings submit to him in the final 42 months of the Tribulation.
- o The antichrist will form an 8th kingdom that will rule for the final 42 months of the Tribulation.

- o The antichrist will be given authority over all people for 42 months.
- o The antichrist makes war and cannot be defeated.
- o The antichrist will be defeated and cast into hell when Christ returns to rule on earth.

There are 10 kings who form a kingdom first. The little horn, which is the antichrist rises up after these 10 kings or kingdoms have formed. He will uproot 3 of the 10 and replaces them (leaders) with his own leaders and the 10 will receive power for one hour along with the beast.

Daniel 7:8 KJV

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 7:19-20 KJV

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

Daniel 7:24 KJV

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

John's writing in Revelation is parallel to the book of Daniel which is speaking of the ten horns, ten kings or the ten toes.

Revelation 17:12 KJV

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Revelation 17:12 AMP

12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.

We left off last week in Daniel 11:41-44 where Daniel, led by the Holy Spirit, wrote about 3 nations that would be uprooted at the end of time. Israel would already have to be a nation again as well along with several other prophecies being fulfilled simultaneously.

Daniel 11:41-44 KJV

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

- 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.
- 43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.
- 44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

We ended last week with Egypt falling because of the Arab Spring, it was only a matter of time and Libya was next. These 2 nations are ready for a take over not just politically but they are both in financial crisis and need someone to step in with the solution. This is also true for Ethiopia as well.

These are the plans or strategies of the antichrist. He wants to take over Israel, he wants to drive the Jews out of Jerusalem. We can see now the preparations for what will be happening after we are raptured which the Bible tells us in detail would take place.

Remember, Jesus called Daniel a prophet in the gospel of Mathew and if you're incorrect, if you predict something and it's wrong, you're not a prophet by definition.

Prophet defined by 1828 Webster's Dictionary:

- 1. One that foretells future events; a predicter; a foreteller.
- 2. a person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Moses, Elijah, David, Isaiah, etc.

Matthew 24:15 KJV

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by **Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Matthew 24:15 AMP

15 So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place—let the reader take notice and ponder and consider and heed [this]—

Jesus said, Daniel is a prophet - what he says will come true and has through the "Time Of The End". God is not a liar.

Numbers 23:19 KJV

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Jesus is the Word (John 1:1) and when He says that's the truth, He is saying I said that. I'm backing that which is spoken.

Revelation 19:10 KJV

10 ... for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

John 14:15 KJV

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Jesus commanded us to know the signs of His return.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these <u>things</u>, <u>know</u> (command to know the signs of His return) that it is near, even at the doors.

Luke 21:36 KJV

36 Watch (command to pay attention, to watch, don't put your head in the sand) ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these **things** that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Jesus said we would need the Holy Spirit to be our guide, our comfort and that He, the Holy Spirit would remind us of "things" that we have heard and read. You can't remember or recall something if you never heard or read it.

Tonight we are going to go through more "things" that we are commanded to know which shows our love for Him. Remember, the antichrist's strategy or plan is to take over Israel and take over Jerusalem. In Zechariah it says he wants to divide the city in half. The antichrist is definitely a Muslim.

Zechariah 14:1 KJV

14 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Zechariah 14:1 GNT

14 The day when the Lord will sit in judgment is near. Then Jerusalem will be looted, and the loot will be divided up before your eyes.

Paul wrote in Thessalonians about the same "thing". (There's several other passages regarding wanting Israel and Jerusalem as well that we have studied. Speaking of: for 42 months he shall stop the sacrifices, the Jews flee out of Jerusalem, etc.)

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 KJV

- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 GNT

3 Do not let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until the final Rebellion takes place and the Wicked One appears, who is destined to hell. 4 He will oppose every so-called god or object of worship and will put himself above them all. He will even go in and sit down in God's Temple and claim to be God.

Daniel 7:24-25 KJV

- 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.
- 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints 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. (3 1/2 years)

The antichrist will be coming from Mystery Babylon (Rev. 17) which is the old Babylonian Empire territory that we studied in prophecy of the stump in Daniel Chapter 4. That is modern day Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. The antichrist will set up his headquarters their for the first 42 months of the Tribulation following the Rapture, the War of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38 &39) and following the signing of the 7 year peace treaty.

Then, when the 10 kings are organized, they will submit to him for one hour...

Revelation 17:12 KJV

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Revelation 17:12 AMP

12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast

Then the antichrist becomes the leader for the last 42 months of the Tribulation (Great Tribulation /Jacob's Trouble).

What I want to show you now is when the Bible speaks of "the dragon giving power" in Rev. 13. John, who is the writer of Revelation, sees 7 heads and 10 horns. We know from our study of God's Word that the heads are empires/beast systems and the horns are kings/kingdoms or toes in the book of Daniel.

Revelation 17:10-11 KJV

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

This can get a little complicated so let me slow this down and take it from the onset. There are seven heads of the beast which represent the seven empires of Bible prophecy.

Empires Of Bible Prophecy

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Assyria
- 3. Babylon
- 4. Media Persia
- 5. Greece
- 6. Rome
- 7. One that comes for a short space

Revelation 17:10

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

8. The Beast that was and is not Revelation 17:11

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

There are 2 more empires that are coming, the seventh and eighth empires which will each last 42 months. There are 5 kings that have fallen (Rev. 17:10), which ones are they?

The 5 Fallen Empires

- 1. The Egyptian Empire
- 2. The Assyrian Empire
- 3. The Babylonian Empire
- 4. The Media Persian Empire
- 5. The Grecian Empire

All of these 5 empires used to exist but no longer exist, these are the 5 that have fallen.

Revelation 17:10 KJV

10 And there are seven kings: **five are fallen**, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

In John's day (95 A.D.), when he was writing this (95 A.D.) said "but one is", that is present tense. Only one existed and that was the Roman Empire.

Revelation 17:10 KJV

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Then John says "the other is not yet come, and when he comes (future)..."

Revelation 17:10 KJV

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, <u>and the</u> <u>other is not yet come</u>; <u>and when he cometh</u>, he must continue a short space.

Here John is speaking of Empire #7.

Empire #7 over the years has had many different theories that were not backed up by the Word. Remember the Word, is the author and finisher of our faith. It is the truth, it ends speculation and theories on every "thing" that you have questions about.

Some people have made the Ottoman/Turkish Empire that ruled from 1517 to 1917 over Israel (at the time called Palestine) the 7th Empire. Others call Nazi Germany because of its impact on the Jews by killing 6 million of God's people that is the 7th Empire of Bible prophecy...but that doesn't line up with God's Word - not even close.

When you read God's Word there is a 7 year tribulation. The 7th empire rules the first 42 months and the 8th empire rules the last 42 months. The short space of empire #7 is the first 42 months of the tribulation period. This time period I believe will be a form of a global government.

Empire #8 is the empire of the beast meaning: In the book of Daniel it says that the antichrist rules for 42 months headquartered in Israel.

Daniel 7:25 KJV

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints 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 AMP

25 And he shall speak words against the Most High [God] and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and think to change the time [of sacred feasts and holy days] and the law; and the saints shall be given into his hand for a time, two times, and half a time [three and one-half years].

This is confirmed and paralleled by John writing in the New Testament found in Revelation 12. This is God's Word confirming God's Word, these are not theories...

Revelation 12:14 KJV

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:14 AMP

14 But the woman was supplied with the two wings of a giant eagle, so that she might fly from the presence of the serpent into the desert (wilderness), to the retreat where she is to be kept safe and fed for a time, and times, and half a time (three and one-half years, or 1,260 days)

The empire of the antichrist or the 8th Empire rules for 42 months. Remember there is a 7 year tribulation, the signing of the 7 year peace treaty begins the Tribulation.

<u>Daniel 9:27 KJV</u>

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27 GNT

27 That ruler will have a firm agreement with many people for seven years, and when half this time is past, he will put an end to sacrifices and offerings. The Awful Horror will be placed on the highest point of the Temple and will remain there until the one who put it there meets the end which God has prepared for him."

The antichrist will reveal himself and his intentions after the first 42 months of the Tribulation and then attack and take over Jerusalem for the last 42 months of the Tribulation.

There's something revealing in Revelation 17:11 that we need to read...

Revelation 17:11 KJV

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

Revelation 17:11 AMP

11 And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and belongs to them, and he goes to perdition.

Let me translate this: whoever is going to rule the 8th Empire, it is one of the previous 7 empires of Bible prophecy that doesn't exist in John's day.



Daniel never described the last beast or the 8th empire. When Daniel described the 4th beast in chapter 7, it is a non-descriptive beast. Meaning, he never tells us what it looks like.

I want to show you the 3 beasts that Daniel did see which represents Babylon, Media-Persia and Greece. These 3 beasts are going to be one, which John shows us in the book of Revelation.

God, through John, pulls the imagery from the book of Daniel to give us more insight into these final kingdoms, beasts or empires.

Revelation 13:1-3 KJV

- I And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
- 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.
- 3 And I saw <u>one of his heads</u> as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Revelation 13:1-3 AMP

- I [As] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads.
- 2 And the beast that I saw resembled a leopard, but his feet were like those of a bear and his mouth was like that of a lion. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might and power and his [own] throne and great dominion.
- 3 <u>And one of his heads</u> seemed to have a deadly wound. But his death stroke was healed; and the whole earth went after the beast in amazement and admiration.

This is really important that we understand this. Many people who write novels or have theories say that the antichrist got shot in the head and was resurrected by the false prophet.

Many people have believed this over the years. The Bible says it is a man and in this passage it says one of his heads. A man doesn't have several heads, a man has one head. "One of the heads" refers back to, 1 of the 7 heads of the beast that represents 7 empires.

Revelation 13:1-3 KJV

I And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads...

There is going to be an empire from one of the 7 empires that is dead and does not exist that will come back at the End Of Days.

First 6 Empires Of Bible Prophecy

The Egyptian Empire - Egypt Still exists and is on the news

The Assyrian Empire - Syria
Still exists and is on the news

<u>The Babylonian Empire - Babylon</u> No longer exists

<u>The Media - Persian Empire - Iran</u> Referred to as Persians still exists today and is on the news

The Grecian Empire - Greece Still exists and is on the news

The Roman Empire - Rome
Still exists and is on the news (Italy)

Revelation 17:11 KJV

11 And the beast (empire/kingdom) that was (it did exist at one time), and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

"Is of the seven" meaning: you take the first 6 empires and add the 7th empire or global empire from the first 42 months of the Tribulation. But, what is the beast that used to be or once was? The 6 beasts or empires have already been but the 7th and 8th have not. So, the beast that was but is not - what is it?

The only empire of Bible prophecy in the book of Daniel and Revelation when you go through history that is not existent today is Babylon. Babylon did exist but did not exist in John's day as an empire and will come back once again or come back from the dead. This all goes back to the stump in Daniel Chapter 4 which most Bible prophecy preachers and teachers never speak about.

The stump is Babylon which has been cut down. It was a tree but is no longer a tree, it is just a stump in the earth. But it comes back at the Time Of The End or End Of Days and takes up portions the the Old Roman Empire around the Mediterranean Sea represented by the iron band.

Also, because of Alexander the Great and his brass kingdom, represented by the brass/bronze band on the stump, was taken over by the 4 generals. One of those four areas the Bible says will be in rulership in the first 42 months of the Tribulation and that will be the land of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

The stump and the rings/bands gives us the entire area that will be ruled by that one leader. The brass ring/band gives you the area of where the antichrist is coming from. The iron ring/band gives you the area which the antichrist is going to control and it will all be connected to Babylon.

The antichrist will rule out of the area stretching from Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.





Defense minister Avigdor Lieberman for Israel said that the one thing they (Israel) fear most in the Islamic world is that someone is going to take Lebanon, Syria and Iraq and form it under one empire like the old Babylonian Empire.

So, how can the territory of Iraq become so powerful at the Time Of The End?

1. The Destruction of Damascus, Syria

Isaiah 17:1 KJV

17 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

You can see this just about to happen with rebels, chemical weapons, Russia, Israel and Turkey coming into Syria in our time.

2. Persia or Iran falling

Ezekiel 38:1-6 KJV

1 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

- 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
- 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:
- 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:
- 6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

Syria borders the country of Iraq. Iraq borders the country of Iran which is the Persians. They are going to be involved in a major war involving Israel.



3. Lebanon is going to fall

Zechariah 11:1 KJV

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

So, who is going to fill the void when Lebanon falls, Damascus is destroyed and Iran/Persia falls? Iraq. Iraq is working with a democracy which is the clay and with the iron of Islam. Out of this, the antichrist will form a coalition of nations which will be the 8th empire of Bible prophecy.

When these countries are defeated in the last days this is going to be a sign of the Time Of The End about what God is going to do as it relates to His Kingdom coming.

Now, back to the beast...

Revelation 13:1-2 KJV

I And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which <u>I saw was like unto a leopard</u>, and his <u>feet were as the feet of a bear</u>, and his mouth as the mouth of a <u>lion</u>: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13:1-2 AMP

I [As] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and blasphemous titles (names) on his heads.

2 And the beast that <u>I saw resembled a leopard</u>, but his feet were like those of a bear and his mouth was like that of a lion. And to him the dragon gave his [own] might and power and his [own] throne and great dominion.

Daniel describes a fourth beast in the book of Daniel (7:7) but he never gives the description of the beast other than it has iron teeth and it tramps and devours.

Remember, this fourth beast from the statue (the first 2 empires, Egypt and Assyria has already been) goes all the way to the Time Of The End.

Daniel 7:7 KJV

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

Let's go ahead into the future, this has yet to happen and John puts the imagery of all 3 of these beasts into one in Revelation 13:2. This is God through the Holy Spirit revealing this to John.

Revelation 13:1-2 KJV

I And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

The body is a leopard, that's Greece and that is Alexander the Great which means it moves very swift. The head/mouth is a lion and when you get to Daniel 7:4 it speaks of Babylon, so the lion is Babylon. The feet are like that of a bear which is the Media - Persians.

So you have the body of a leopard - Greece. You have the 7 heads which are like lions - Babylon. You have the feet - which are Persian. Why am I showing you this? The three empires that ruled from the stump (Babylon) are: Babylon, Media Persia and Greece. These are all in the animals that John saw.

When John saw the imagery in Revelation 13 of this creature rising up out of the sea, it was the kingdom of the antichrist. The horns on the head represent the 10 kings.

So where are the kings coming from? Not America, not Canada, not Central America and not South America. All of these heads are heads from the territory where Greece, Babylon and Media-Persia ruled. The 10 horns are the kings that come out of the territory of the Islamic nations which would include:

The area of Northern Africa (Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya). Then to Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Syria. This is an Islamic beast. You cannot fight the symbolism. If the lion was Babylon in Daniel it is Babylon in Revelation. The feet of bears is Persia in Daniel and it is the feet of bears/Persia in the book of Revelation.

In the Bible the leopard is Alexander the Great (Daniel 9) so the imagery in Revelation tells you the following:

- 1. The area of the world from where the antichrist will rule which is the previous territories of Babylon, Media-Persia and Greece.
- 2. It tells us that that the authority which is the mouth is going to be in the Babylonian area.
- 3. It tells us the feet will trample all the area of the Persians and it will be swift.

Remember one man is going to take over 10 kings or kingdoms in one hours time. That is why the body of the beast is like a leopard. Alexander was swift and it took him no time to conquer the entire world.

So what we have is the non descriptive beast in the book of Daniel that is described now in the book of Revelation as being the beast or the system of the antichrist.

Daniel 12:4K KJV

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:4 AMP

4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great.

Revelation 22:10 KJV

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 22:10 AMP

10 And he [further] told me, Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book and make no secret of them, for the time when things are brought to a crisis and the period of their fulfillment is near.