

The Book Of Revelation Review

- **Revelation of whom?** "Of Jesus Christ"
- Not a revelation of Jesus who he was but who he is, today, right now
- The Book of Revelation is an unveiling of Jesus as the judge of the world, it is the book of the world's destiny. [Rev.6:12-17]
- Genesis is the miracle of our origin
- Revelation is the unveiling of the mystery of our destiny.

What Does The Book Of Revelation Reveal?

- The word "revelation" means literally an "unveiling"
- The Book of Revelation is an unveiling of the person of Jesus Christ
- It is God's intention to **reveal** rather than **conceal** His **plan of redemption** of mankind
- At the core of Revelation is the fact that God has spoken. If God did not speak there would be no revelation. Every truth given to us since the beginning of time has been a revelation of the character and person of who God is
- The fulfillment of God's Revelation is Jesus Christ!

The Nature Of History

- Most of the world starts from the foundation that God plays no part in the movement of history. In fact most are driven to diminish or eliminate God's role in history.
- This is in direct conflict with a **Biblical worldview** that begins with God who is involved in all of history not just religious history but all of secular and sacred movements in time.
- It all began when God "spoke" creation into existence and since then all of creative history has been moving to an appointed end. The end will only come when God's "word" is fulfilled.

God's Movement In History

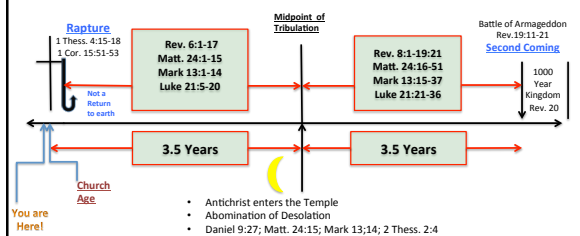
Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And **HE CHANGES THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS; HE REMOVES KINGS AND RAISES UP KINGS;** He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He **reveals** deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.-Dan. 2:20-21

15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17 **For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.** -Rev. 17:15-17

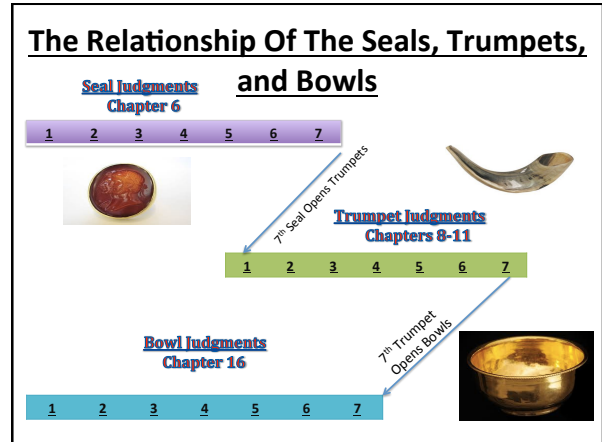
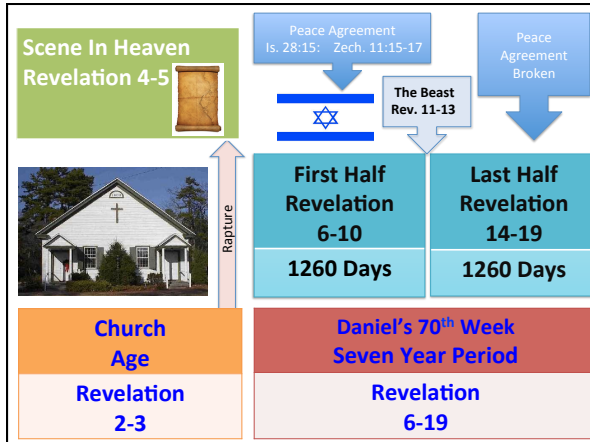
The Book Of Revelation Is The Only Book In The Whole Bible That Comes With A Blessing!

- "3 Blessed is he who **reads** and those who hear the **words of this prophecy**, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."--Rev 1:3
- Reads; **anaginosko**; ana (again) ginosko (learn to know)
- Literally: Study until you learn the **words of prophecy** written in the Book of Revelation and throughout the Bible

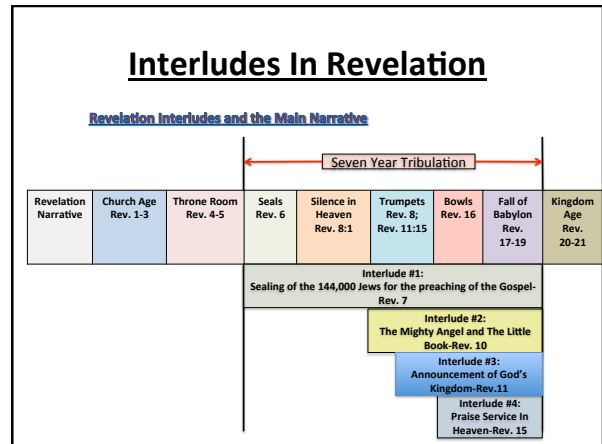
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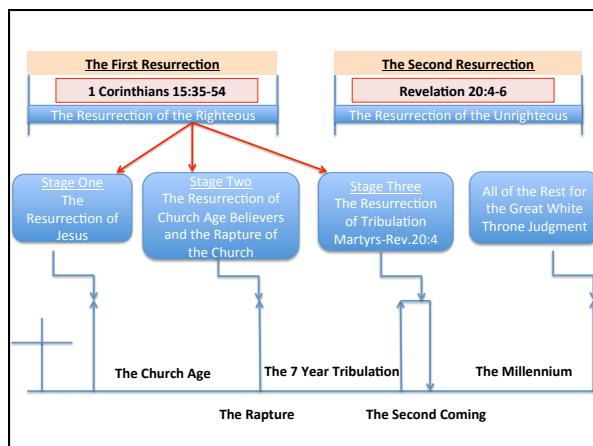


The Second Coming of the Lord is in two phases: The first phase is the rapture of the Church and the second phase is the return of the Lord to set up His earthly kingdom!



The Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments						
White Horse: Peace Rev. 6:1-2	Red Horse: War Rev. 6:3-4	Black Horse: Famine Rev. 6:5-6	Pale Horse: Pestilence Rev. 6:7-8	Martyrs & Great Tribulation Rev. 6:9-11	Cosmic Upheaval Rev. 6:12-17	The 7 Trumpet Plagues Rev. 8:2
Grass and 1/3 of the Trees Burned Rev. 8:7	1/3 of the sea turned to blood and 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed Rev. 8:8-9	1/3 of the water supply turned bitter Rev. 8:10-11	1/3 of the sun, moon and stars darkened Rev. 8:12	Demonic Locusts ruled by the beast Rev. 9:1-12	200 million army unleashed killing 1/3 of mankind Rev. 9:13-21	The Kingdom of God Proclaimed Rev. 11:15-19
Sores on those who receive the mark of the Beast Rev. 16:2	Sea turns to blood and all sea life dies Rev. 16:3	Fresh water turns to blood Rev. 16:4-7	Mankind scorched by the sun and blaspheme God Rev. 16:8-9	The Kingdom of the Beast is afflicted Rev. 16:10-11	The Euphrates River is dried up and the world's armies gather for war Rev. 16:12-16	The Earth is shaken Rev. 16:17-21





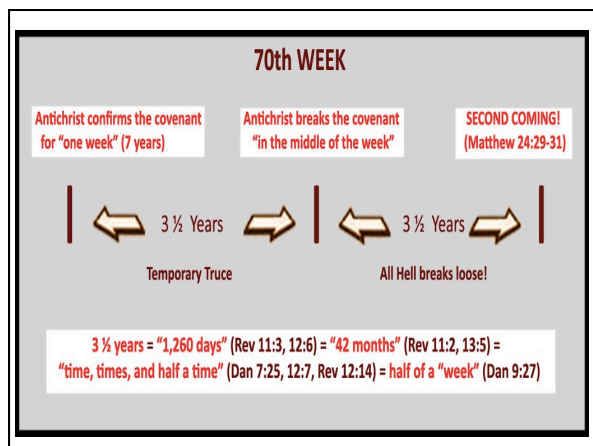
Daniel 9:27

“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

“The Abomination Of Desolation”

- 2 Thess 2:4: he sets himself up in the temple, proclaiming himself to be God. This of course requires a temple.
- Antiochus Epiphanes IV, desecrated the temple by ending sacrifice, and He sacrificed a pig, an unclean animal, on the altar in 167 B.C. He was predicted by the prophet Daniel, and serves as a type of antichrist But not the true antichrist since this did not result in “the end.”
- Paul and Jesus both talked about this future Abomination.

- “Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, **so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**-2 Thessalonians 2:3-4
- “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand)...For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ”-**Matthew 24:15,21**



"He will confirm a covenant with the many"-Daniel 9:27

- The many is referring to Israel, and the covenant is a covenant of hell. (Isa 28:15; Zech 11:15-17)
- " I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; **if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.**"--John 5:43



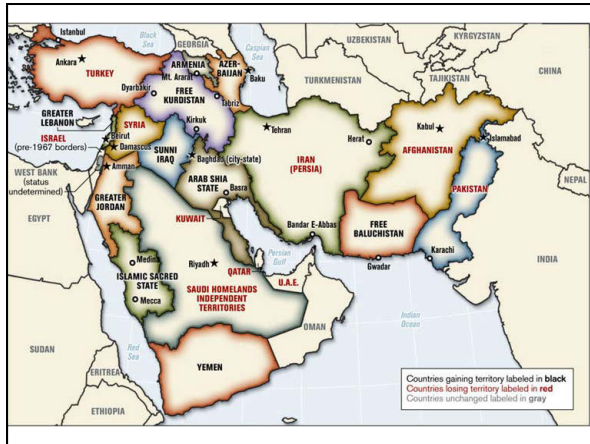
The Holy City Is Jerusalem

- God's Love For Jerusalem
- "Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name may be there....for now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually....Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever"

----2 Chronicles 6:6;7:16;33:7

Luke 21:20-24

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. **And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**



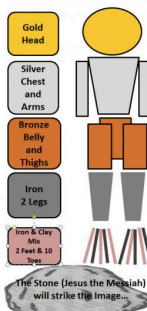
Jerusalem Will Be Attacked

- “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. **For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem**; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.”- Zechariah 14:1-3
- “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.”-Jeremiah 30:7

Times Of The Gentiles



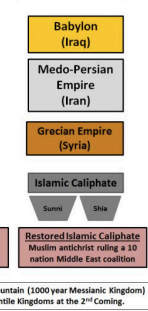
Daniel 2: A Dream
Metallic Colossus/Statue



End Time Prophecy:
A Roman antichrist?



End Time Prophecy:
A Muslim antichrist?



The Stone (Jesus the Messiah)
will strike the image...

The stone grows into a holy mountain (1000 year Messianic Kingdom)
after destroying these Gentile Kingdoms at the 2nd Coming.

Daniel 2:37-39

- “You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or 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.** But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.”

Zechariah 5:5-11

Zechariah has a vision that suggests there will be a time when the commercial and religious center will be moved from Jerusalem to the plains of Shinar. Planet earth will once again migrate back to its original starting place of civilization. Like a salmon returning to spawn and die, civilization returns to Babylon to spawn and be judged.

Similarities Between the Mahdi and the Antichrist

Mahdi rules the world for seven years	Antichrist rules the world for seven years before Jesus comes (Daniel 9:27)
Mahdi persecutes the Jews	Antichrist befriends the Jews and then, in one of the great double-crosses of all time, breaks his treaty and mercilessly persecutes them
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Babylonian Empire



Medo-Persian Empire



Greek Empire

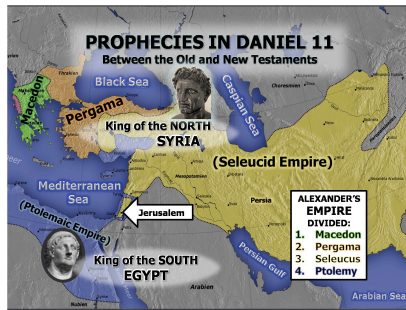


Daniel 8:21-22

- “And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.”

The Four Divisions





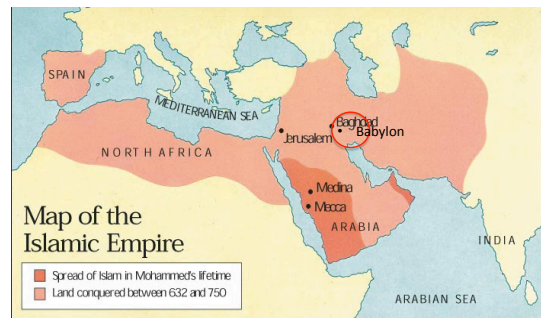
Roman Empire



Empires With The Roman Empire



Islamic Empire



Empires With The Islamic Empire



The Iron Kingdom

- The kingdom represented by the iron was supposed to crush or conquer the other three kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persian, and Greek, something which Rome never accomplished. Rome conquered the Greek and Syrian portions of the Grecian Empire, only reached Babylon for a few months in 116-117 AD and was forced to retreat from Mesopotamia after the death of Emperor Trajan. Rome was never able to conquer the heart of Persia during countless battle against the Parthian and Sassanid Empires.

- "And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others" -Daniel 2:40
- "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns." -Daniel 7:7

The Prince and The People

- "And the people of the prince who is to come..." -Dan. 9:26
- Is Rome the People?
- The word for "people" in Hebrew is the word "am" when interpreted can mean: people (as a congregated unit) or specifically, a tribe (as those of Israel) or (collectively) as in troops.
- Hebrew scholar Arnold Fruchtenbaum states, "We are dealing here with a bloodline, and not a country"
- The focus of the sentence is upon "the people"
- Titus' army was primarily made up of Syrian people
- Is Syria the people?

The People Who Destroyed The Temple

<u>The Legion</u>	<u>The People</u>
Legion V Macedonia	Judea or Moesia
Legion X Fretensis	Syria
Legion XV Appolinaris	Syria
Legion XII Fulminata	Asia Minor/Syria
Legion XVIII	Egypt
Legion III Gallica	Syria

Did Rome Want The Temple Destroyed?

- Josephus records that Titus wanted to leave the Temple intact, but a soldier acting on impulse threw a torch into the temple setting the tapestries on fire, as the temple burned the gold melted and ran into the seams of the stones. Afterward in an attempt to recover the gold Roman soldiers tore apart the stones, fulfilling Jesus' prophecy that one stone would not be left on the other. (Matt 24:2)

- "Titus supposing what the fact was, that the house itself might yet be saved, he came in haste and endeavored to persuade the soldiers to quench the fire...yet were their passions too hard for the regards they had for Caesar, and the dread they had of him who forbade them, as was their hatred of the Jews, and a certain vehement inclination to fight them, too hard for them also...And thus was the holy house burnt down, without Caesar's approbation" (Josephus, *Wars of the Jews*, Book 6, Chapter 4).
- The phrase, "And thus was the holy house burnt down, without Caesar's approbation" indicates that the Roman government and its generals did not command the destruction of the Temple.

The European Union

- The main argument for a Roman Antichrist is that he will come from the revived Roman Empire, which today is the European Union.
- The problem with this argument is that EU consists of 28 countries : Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.
- The only possibility would for ten kings ruling in the future over the EU.

Psalm 83

“Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God! 2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 **They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,** And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 **They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”**

The Beast Empire

- The empire of the beast in Revelation thirteen will be **a combination of the three previous kingdoms before it.**
- “Now the beast which I saw was **like a leopard**, his feet were like the feet of **a bear**, and his mouth like the mouth of **a lion**.” -Revelation 13:2
- ““The **first** was **like a lion**, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it. And suddenly another beast, a **second, like a bear**. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’ After this I looked, and there was **another, like a leopard**, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.”-Daniel 7:4-6

- “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a **fourth** beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horn” –**Daniel 7**
- **The fourth kingdom is the last kingdom before the coming of the Lord Jesus and the establishing of His Millennial Kingdom**

Daniel’s Four Kingdoms

Head of Gold	Babylon
Chest and Arms of Silver	Medo-Persian
Thighs of Bronze	Greece
Legs of Iron	Islam
Feet of Iron and Clay	Islamic Caliphate



Four Great Beasts



Seven Heads And Ten Horns

- The **seven heads represent world kingdoms** with kings under the control of Satan and the **ten horns represent ten end time world leaders** that Satan will control in the last Gentile world empire
- "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time." - **Revelation 17:10**
- "The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings." - **Daniel 7:24**
- "**The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet**, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast." - **Revelation 17:12**

	Kingdom	Attack Against The Woman
1	Egypt	Enslaved the Jews
2	Assyria	Exiled the 10 Northern Tribes 722 B.C.
3	Babylonia	Exiled Judah and destroyed Jerusalem 586 B.C.
4	Persia	Tried to destroy the Jews during the time of Esther
5	Greece	Antiochus Epiphanies slaughtered a pig in the Temple 164 B.C.
6	Rome	Destroyed Temple, killed over a million Jews, renamed Judea "Palestine" under Hadrian 132 A.D.
7	Ottoman Empire	Conquered Jerusalem and ruled from 1517-1917

The Beast

- The word used in the original language is "*therion*" which is a wild beast that tramples, devours, and kills.
- The beast is both a man, i.e. the Antichrist and a system or empire of the Antichrist.
- The Antichrist is different from the "pseudo" or "false Christ". The false Christ does not deny the existence of Christ but builds falsely upon what Christ has already taught and misleads people astray.
- The antichrist denies the existence of the true God and **attempts to replace Him**.

The Beast From The Pit

- “And they (demonic army) had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.”-**Revelation 9:11**
- “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”-**Revelation 17:8**
- “The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.”-**Revelation 17:11**

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The Muslim Jesus

- Jesus is said to return to the earth in the last days near a mosque in Damascus.
- He will arrive at a time when the Mahdi and his army will be preparing to pray.
- He will be subordinate to the Mahdi.
- He will be a faithful Muslim
- He will make a pilgrimage to Mecca.
- He will salute Muhammad.
- He will destroy Christianity.

- He will repeal the *jizyah* tax, thus leaving Jews and Christians with the only options of conversion to Islam or death.
- He will establish Islamic *sharia* law throughout the entire earth.
- He will remain on earth for roughly forty years, during which time He will marry, have children, and then die.
- “Rather than coming to reign as king and messiah over all the earth from Jerusalem, Jesus instead comes to convert the world to Islam-or kill those who refuse to do so. Instead of coming to save and deliver faithful Christians and Jews, he comes instead to slaughter them.”-**Joel Richardson, The Islamic Antichrist**

<u>Name In Psalm 83</u>	<u>Nation today</u>
Tents of Edom	Palestinians
Ishmaelites	Saudi Arabia
Moab	Palestinians Jordan,
Hagarites	Egyptians
Gebal	Hezbollah, Lebanon
Ammon	Palestinians , Jordan
Amalek	Southern Jordan
Philistia	Gaza
Tyre	Hezbollah, Lebanon
Assyria	Syria, Iraq, Iran

Who Is Gog?

- Gog is the leader of a coalition of nations that come against Israel in the last days.
- "You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, **when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.** 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you **he** [Gog] **of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?**" -Ezekiel 38:16-17

- "Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: ' **Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,** Who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?" -Isaiah 14:16-17
- "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; **I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you.** "You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and **I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.** All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever." -Ezekiel 28:17-19

Gog And Antichrist

- Gog and the Antichrist are one and the same individual.
- According to Ezekiel 38:17, Gog is spoken about by the prophets of Israel.
- Scripture Comparisons:
- Gog**: "Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: 'Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth...At my table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers of every kind,' declares Jehovah the Sovereign," (Ezekiel 39:17-20).

- **Antichrist:** "And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, 'Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great,'" (Revelation 19:17).
- **Gog:** "I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone," (Ezekiel 38:22).
- **Antichrist:** "Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon... Then there came... From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundredpounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible," (Revelation 16:16-21).

The Nations In Ezekiel	The Nations Today
Magog	The republics in southern Russia and north of Israel, comprised of Azerbaijan , Afghanistan , Turkistan , Chechnya , and Iran
Rosh "The chief prince"	Used over 500 times in the Bible and each time it is interpreted as: "head, chief, top, best". Modern interpreters say it means "Russia" because of the similar sound to Rosh
Meshech and Tubal	Modern interpreters say it is Moscow and Tobolsk because again the similarity of sound. Ezekiel 27:13 describes Meshech and Tubal trading with ancient Tyre. It is highly unlikely that ancient Tyre was trading with Moscow and Tobolsk. They are located in modern Turkey
Persia	Iran
Ethiopia	Cush in the original language. Ezekiel 29:9-10, associates Cush with the border of Egypt. Sudan borders Egypt's southern border.

The Nations In Ezekiel	The Nations Today
Libya	Phut is Libya
Gomer	Central Turkey
House of Togarmah	Ryrie says, "the southeastern part of Turkey near the Syria border. This identification is consistent with all interpreters. Turkey and Armenia



Genesis 10 Nations



Turkey The Antichrist Nation

- Ezekiel 38, identifies Turkey as the main leading nation of the united force against Israel.
- Revelation 17, Identifies the eighth kingdom of the beast as being resurrected from the seventh which was the Ottoman Empire.
- Revelation 2:13, identifies the Church of Pergamum located in Turkey as being the location of Satan's throne
- Daniel 9, identifies "the people of the prince to come" that destroyed the Jewish Temple were primarily Syrians and Arabs that made up the Legion X of the Roman army stationed in Antioch which is in Turkey.
- Daniel 11, identifies the King of the North as Antiochus Epiphanes the IV ruler of the Seleucid Empire which covered a large portion of modern Turkey. Antiochus is a prefigure of the Antichrist to come.

The Altar Of Pergamum



- A German archaeologist, Carl Humann, began excavating the altar on Sept.9, 1878. The altar was then moved back to Germany and reconstructed. In 1934 Hitler became dictator and ordered construction of the altar at Zeppelin Field in Nuremberg for his Nazi rallies. [www.formerthings.com]

Why Did Hitler's Architect Copy The Altar

"Berlin's Museum Island is for those who love the past. But the past can be a dangerous thing in the hands of those who use it in the cause of evil. And that is especially true of an ancient artifact that was unearthed in 1865 by a German archeologist in the ruins of an ancient Greek city called Pergamon. It is known as the Pergamon Altar.

The altar was moved to Berlin into a building constructed especially for it. It fills a hall six stories high with the area of a football field. Today, to climb its stairs and look down at people far below gives one a feeling of power. In about 1930, a Nazi climbed the stairs, looked down, and got the same feeling. His name was Albert Speer. He was in charge of architecture in the Third Reich. Without knowing the original meaning and purpose of the altar, he adapted it into a new Nazi monument that would aid Hitler's rise to absolute power." [History Channel]



- The Zeppelintribüne during its heyday in the late 1930s. The design was influenced by the Pergamon Altar, a classical Greek structure from ancient Turkey, on display in a Berlin museum. (1938-dated postcard [thirdreichruins.com])

The Satanic Trinity

Description	Represents
The Beast from the bottomless pit.	Satan, Dragon
The Beast from the sea	The Antichrist
The Beast From the earth	The False Prophet

He Spoke Like A Dragon

- As Aaron was the spokes person for Moses' message of truth from God so also the false prophet is the mouth piece of the Dragon with all subtlety, craftiness, and deception.
- "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, **so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**" -2 Corinthians 11:3

The False Prophet

- There is not a clear identity to who this false prophet is but there is compelling evidence for him to be tied to the Islamic teaching of Jesus.
- Islam denies Jesus is the Son of God and that He died on the cross. The Muslim Jesus is **not** the Jesus of the Bible.
- “Muslims await a man who will claim to be Jesus Christ. He would be presented as a lamb.....He is pictured as leading the army that will slaughter tens of thousands of Jews said to follow Dajjal [Antichrist]. If ever such a person existed who could rightly be described as a ‘beast,’ then surely the Muslim Jesus is such a man.”-Richardson

The False Prophet Exercises Authority

- The False Prophet “causes” or forces the people of the earth to worship the Antichrist.
- The role of this “false prophet” is to help the world accept the claims of the first beast.
- The first Beast is Satan manifested. The second Beast is in complete union with the first Beast and works to bring him credibility.
- **The world will be deceived into accepting the Antichrist through the work of the false prophet.**

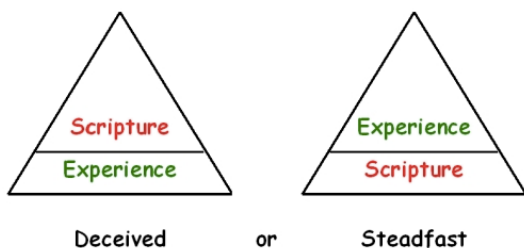
He Performs Great Signs

Revelation 13:13-14	2 Thessalonians 2:9-12
“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”	“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Signs

- The word for “signs” is important to note. It is not the miracles that are important but it is the **miracle as a sign** that distinguishes men as being truly sent by God.
- The people living on earth at the end of time, even those who call themselves *Christian*, have fallen prey to that **which is already at work in our own day: a non-biblical reliance upon signs as evidence of God.**
- They have built their faith upon the wrong foundation!

Two Foundations Of Faith



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"Try everything by the written Word, and let all bow down before it. You are in danger every hour if you depart ever so little from Scripture." - John Wesley, 1758

The Mark

- The word for "mark" literally means **"a brand, or seal"**.
- Every nation has a brand or seal that connects itself with a national identity.
- The Beast requires everyone to receive the mark on their right hand or forehead.
- This corresponds to the *shema* that was required to be on the right hand or forehead of Jewish people as they prayed.
- "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. **You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deut. 6:6-9 Ex. 13:9, 16)



Control Of The Economy

- Without the mark no one is able to buy or sell.
- The False Prophet will implement a system to demand worship from all. The rich and powerful will not be able to escape the requirements. All people will need to submit to worshipping of the Beast.
- Sheik Najih Ibrahim Ibn Abdulla summarizes the purpose of the *Jizya*. He says, quoting Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya, that the *Jizya* is enacted: "...to spare the blood (of the Zimmis), to be a symbol of humiliation of the infidels and as an insult and punishment to them, and as the *Shafi'ites* indicate, the *Jizya* is offered in exchange for residing in an Islamic country." Thus Ibn Qayyim adds, **"Since the entire religion belongs to God, it aims at humiliating ungodliness and its followers, and insulting them.** Imposing the *Jizya* on the followers of ungodliness and oppressing them is required by God's religion. The *Qur'anic* text hints at this meaning when it says: 'until they give the tribute by force with humiliation.' (Qur'an 9:29). What contradicts this is leaving the infidels to enjoy their might and practice their religion as they wish so that they would have power and authority." -www.answering-islam.org

The Number Of The Beast

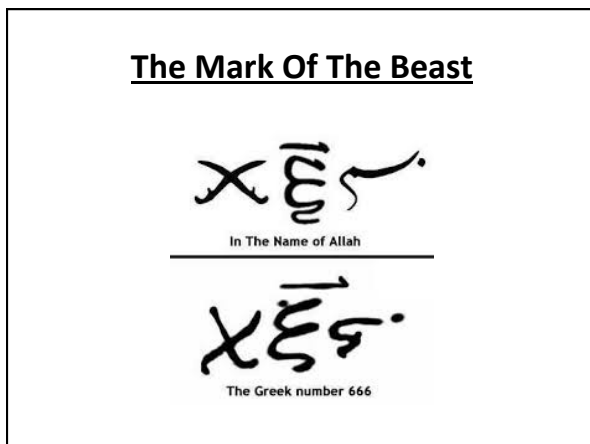
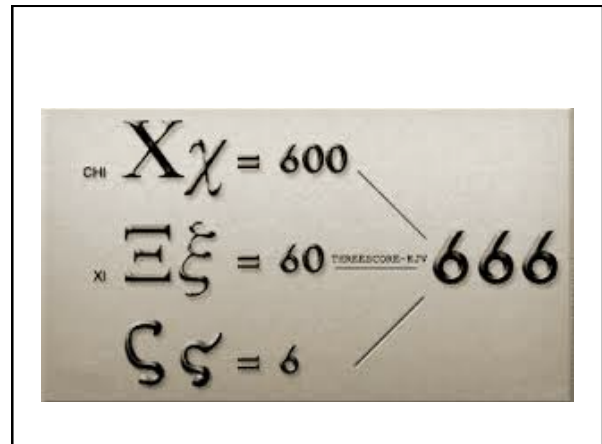
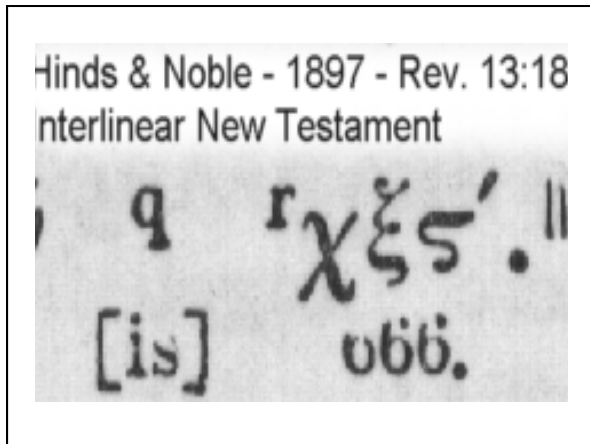
- One in every 10,000 people have the number 666, for their name.
- Gematria:** Is the calculation of the numerical equivalence of letters, words, or phrases, and, on that basis, gaining, insight into interrelation of different concepts and exploring the interrelationship between words and ideas.
- "And the Devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment in time (Luke 4:5). Kingdoms of the world totals **3996 (666 x 6).**
- A letter to the corresponding number on the walls of Pompeii a lover wrote: "I love her whose number is 545"

Three Types Identification Listed

- There are three types of identification listed associated with the the Beast:
- The Mark.
 - The Name of the Beast.
 - The Number of his name.
- The mark is received by the worshippers of the Beast that contains his name associated with a number.
 - The number is 666 and will describe the name of the Beast that will be marked on his worshippers.

The Greek Alphabet and Numbers

GREEK ALPHABET				
Letter	Name	Transliteration	Value	
1	A, α	alpha, alfa	A	1
2	B, β	beta, beta	B	2
3	Γ, γ	gamma, gamma	G	3
4	Δ, δ	delta, delta	D	4
5	E, ε	epsilon, epsilon	E	5
6	ς	digamma, digamma	-	6
7	Z, ζ	zeta, zeta	Z	7
8	H, η	eta, eta	E	8
9	Θ, θ	theta, theta	T	9
10	I, ι	iota, iota	I	10
11	K, κ	kappa, kappa	K	20
12	Λ, λ	lambda, lambda	L	30
13	M, μ	mu, mu	M	40
14	N, ν	nu, nu	N	50
15	Ξ, ξ	xi, xi	X	60
16	O, ο	omicron, omikron	O	70
17	Π, π	pi, pi	P	80
18	Q, Ϟ	qoppa		90
19	P, ρ	rho, rho	R	100
20	Σ, σ	sigma, sigma	S	200
21	T, τ	tau, tau	T	300
22	Υ, υ	upsilon, upsilon	U, Y	400
23	Φ, φ	phi, phi	F	500
24	Χ, χ	chi, chi	X	600
25	Ψ, ψ	psi, psi	Ps	700
26	Ω, ω	omega, omega	W	800



A Religion Of Fear

- Islam means "submission".
- A Muslim is "one who submits".
- Submission through fear is central to Islamic and cultic religions
- Nimrod was the first to use fear-Gen 10:8,9
- "He was powerful in hunting and in wickedness before the Lord, for he was a hunter of the sons of men, and he said to them, 'Depart from the judgment of the Lord, and adhere to the judgment of Nimrod!' Therefore it is said: 'As Nimrod is the strong one, strong in hunting, and in wickedness before the Lord'"--Jerusalem Targum

From The Qur'an

- "Fight and slay the pagans (infidels) wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war."
Quran, Sura 9:5
- Let not the unbelievers think they will ever get away. They have not the power to do so. Muster against them all the men and cavalry at your command, **so that you may strike terror into the enemy of God and your enemy**... Prophet, (Muhammed) rouse the faithful to arms! If they (the non-Muslims) incline to peace (accept Islam) make peace with them. Sura 8:59

Freedom From Fear

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, **and release those who through fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage."--**Hebrews 2:14-15**

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(dim-i-tūd)

I. The condition of living as a *dhimmi*, a non-Muslim, while under Islamic rule. "Dhimmi" comes from the Arabic root "dh-m-m", meaning "being in the care of".

II. A position of subservience adopted by non-Muslims which leads them to remain silent in the face of serious assaults upon their traditions and values.

The 144,000

- The 144,000 certainly haven't been defeated by the Beast; here they are triumphant worshipping and standing firm with Jesus.
- The 144,000 are like the three Hebrews who survived the fiery furnace in Daniel 3:19-25.
- The 144,00 are evidence of God's ability to preserve His people.
- "In chapter 7, we have the sealing; here, we have the end of which they were to be sealed. In chapter 7, the object of their sealing is that they might pass through the Tribulation unscathed; here we see the object attained." - Bullinger

Father's Name

- The 144,000, have the Lambs Father's name written upon their foreheads.
- Those who worshipped the Beast had the name of the Beast written upon their foreheads which we saw in Revelation 13, was Allah the moon god and the god of Islam.
- "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive." - **John 5:43**

- Moon worship has been practiced in Arabia since 2000 BC. The crescent moon is the most common symbol of this pagan moon worship as far back as 2000 BC.
- The moon god was also referred to as "al-ilah". This is not a proper name of a single specific god, but a generic reference meaning "the god". Each local pagan Arab tribe would refer to their own local tribal pagan god as "al-ilah".
- "al-ilah" was later shortened to Allah as Muhammad began promoting his new religion in 610 AD.

- The god Allah existed before Islam did, when the Arabs were polytheistic. Allah was 1 of 360 gods and was known as "the god of the crescent moon." Allah is also called "the morning/dawn star" which completes the symbolism of the Islamic flag.
- Before Islam the Arabs had an idol for every day of the year.
- When Mohammed came along he declared the other 359 gods to be false and that there was only Allah.

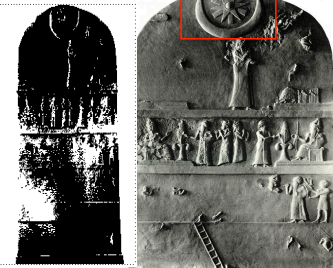
Ur-Nammu

- Ur-Nammu was king of Ur from 2112-2095 B.C., which was during the time of Abraham's call to go out given to him from God.



Stele Of Ur-Nammu

Ur-Nammu the restored stele of Ur-Nammu from Ur, c. 2000-1955 B.C., shows the **Ur-Nammu Law Code** was produced by the founder of the third dynasty of Ur and builder of the best preserved ziggurat in Mesopotamia. He ruled from 2112 to 2095 B.C. Twenty-nine laws are extant, and by way of Eshnunna Code 1950 B.C., then the Lipit-Ishtar Code the fifth ruler of the dynasty of Isin 1864-1854 B.C., which leads to the **Hammurabi Code** in 1738 to 1686 with 282 laws after receiving them from the god **Shamash** seen later in this chapter. To the right is the obverse view of the Ur-Nammu stele, the top register shows a king standing before a deity seated on a throne. Two scenes in the second register each show the king offering libations to a deity. What remains of the third and fourth registers show the king carrying a basket and surveying and building instruments, part of a ladder and bricks (at the lower right of fourth register) built into a wall suggest that the subject was the building of a ziggurat.



Islamic Country Flags



- "So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent (moon) ornaments that were on their camels' necks." - **Judges 8:21**
- "12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son (star) of the morning!" - **Isaiah 14:12**

God Rebuked The Worship Of The Moon God

- "And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, **you feel driven to worship them and serve them**, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage." - **Deuteronomy 4:19**
- Moses warned the Israelites to not worship the sun and moon and stars of heaven because that is what the surrounding nations were doing.

Baphomet



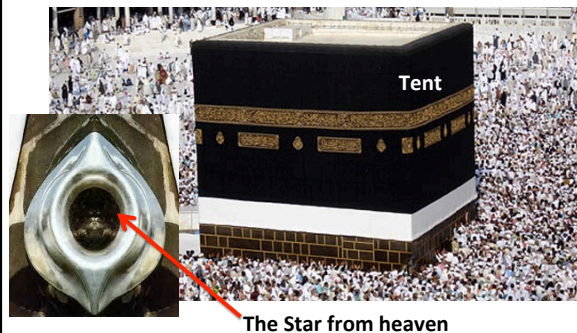
- One of the theories is that the name Baphomet is derived from Mohamet or Mohammed.
- The symbols being pointed to by Baphomet is the symbol of Islam the Crescent moon and the Star on his forehead.
- "The 19th century image of a Sabbatic Goat, created by Eliphas Levi. The arms bear the Latin words *SOLVE* (separate) and *COAGULA* (join together), i.e., the power of "binding and loosing" usurped from God and, according to Catholic tradition, from the ecclesiastical hierarchy acting as God's representative on Earth." - Wikipedia
- Also, the shape of the thing on his head is the exact shape of the black stone of Islam which fell as a star from heaven.

The Ka'ba

- Mecca is the holiest sight in all Islam and was Mohammed's home town.
- Mecca is also the location of the Ka'ba.
- The Ka'ba is the Islamic Temple to Allah.
- It also houses the 360 idols within it.
- One of the five pillars of Islam states that a person must make a pilgrimage to Mecca once per year and go to the ka'ba to worship.
- The chief cornerstone of the of the Ka'ba is the Black Stone.

- One of the key features of the Ka'ba is the black stone which Mohammed claimed **fell as a star from heaven** and was originally white and has turned black from the sins of man.
- When arriving in Mecca the pilgrim will circle the ka'ba 7 times and touch the black stone in order that **the black stone will take away your sins**.
- This is blasphemy at the core of God's being and Jesus His only Son Who was given to mankind to take away our sins.
- Mohammed was trying to claim that the black stone, **which fell as a star from heaven**, has the same power and grace of Jesus Himself and the majority of Muslims believe.
- Islam denies that Jesus died on the cross to redeem mankind.
- It is interesting that 1.3 billions Muslims are required to make a pilgrimage to bow down to the black stone while they have repeatedly destroyed structures of historical antiquity claiming that it is idolatry.

Image Of The Ka'ba



- “Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: ‘Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You also took up the tabernacle (tent) of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made to worship; and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.’”-**Acts 7:42-43**
- The images of a tent and star were images that apostate Jews worshipped.
- Mohammed said the the black stone contained the “Shekina” glory of God.
- These images represent Satan’s desire to be worshipped by imitating God.

Image Of The Beast

- “The Black Stone will come forth on the Day of Resurrection and will testify in favour of those who touched it in truth.”
- “It was narrated that Ibn ‘Abbaas said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said concerning the Stone: “By Allaah, Allaah will bring it forth on the Day of Resurrection, and it will have two eyes with which it will see and a tongue with which it will speak, and it will testify in favour of those who touched it in sincerity.”-Islamqa.info
- “He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak †and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”-**Revelation 13:15**

The Eternal Choice

- There are three angels that bring a warning to the people on the earth.
- Once the Earth’s inhabitants are warned people must choose between God and Satan.
- After the choice has been made by the Earth’s remaining inhabitants, Jesus as “Son of Man”, is pictured on the cloud about to reap the harvest of the Earth In Revelation 14:14.
- Jesus has a sharp sickle and He will reap as the wrath of God is poured out on the Earth meanwhile, those who chose poorly, gather to make war with God.

The Everlasting Gospel

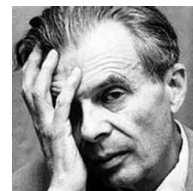
- This first angel is flying in the midst of heaven proclaiming the good news.
- This is the same gospel that the two witnesses proclaimed, the same gospel the 144,000 proclaimed, and the same gospel that the raptured church proclaimed while upon earth.
- The main reason of this moment in history is to turn those who will be turned to salvation and to manifest those who are hardened and will continue to reject it.

The Message Of The Angel

- “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”- **Revelation 14:7**
- There is a creation component that is used to reach the people of the earth.
- Evolution has attempted to destroy the foundation of the origin of man, if we are to reach people we need to begin at the foundation of man’s origin, which is God as creator.

- Paul started at creation when witnessing to pagan cultures.
- “But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.....”-Acts 14:14-15
- The reason Paul and Barnabas are so upset is because the people were calling them Zeus and Hermes. -Acts 14:12
- We as believers are called to believe the revelation given to us in God’s Word about how He created the heavens and the earth.

Aldous Huxley—“It is clear that the doctrine of evolution is directly antagonistic to that of creation....Evolution, if consistently accepted, makes it impossible to believe in the bible.”

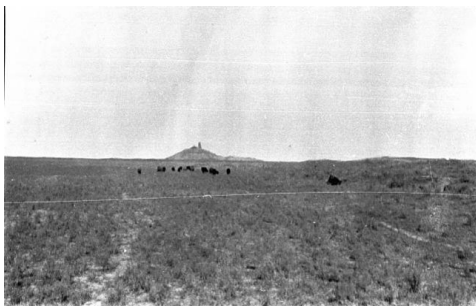


Babylon

- The third angel proclaims that Babylon has fallen.
- "For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."- Revelation 18:5
- The reason God does not forgive the sins of Babylon because it is the source of idolatries.
- It is the place Nimrod organized a rebellion against God by building a tower to the heavens.

- This building of the Tower was in direct defiance of the Lord's command to Noah and his family to be fruitful and multiply on the face of the earth. (Gen 9:1)
- They built the Tower for the purpose of forming a religion that was based on astrology.
- Not only did these people under Nimrod's influence refuse to obey God and populate the earth, but they built a false religion of worship of the stars and how they influence our daily lives.
- Infant sacrifice was used in these high places, i.e., cannibalism, etc.

One Of The First Ziggurats at Nimrud



Picture taken in 1911, author unknown

As Man Spread False Religion Spread As Well



Egypt



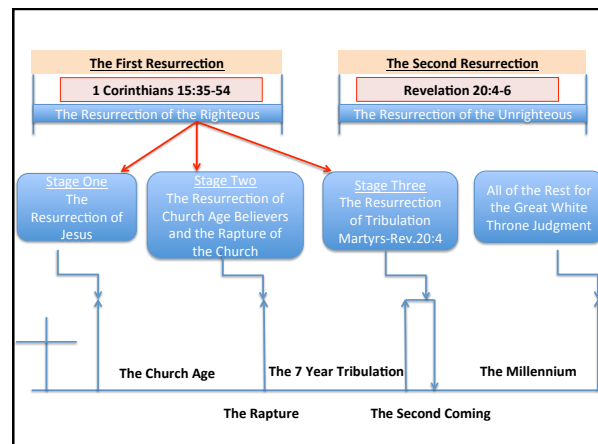
Mexico



- “This wine was already bottled and labeled before the first dispersion. It went with that dispersion into every country and nation under heaven. As a matter of fact we find it to this day among all nations of the earth; affecting, if not controlling their thinking, their politics, their faith, and their worship.”- Joseph Seiss, Voices of Babylon

The Martyrs Of The Great Tribulation

- A Great Multitude Of People will come to know Jesus through the message of the 144,000 and the messages given by the angels and they will place their trust in Jesus during the Great Tribulation.
- Those that endure to the end will be saved and those who are martyred for Jesus' sake will save their souls for eternity.
- The works of those who believe in Jesus will follow with them because their reward is based on what they did during the Great Tribulation.
- These Martyrs are blessed in death because they will take part in the first resurrection of the Lord



Martyrs Beheaded

- “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”-**Revelation 20:4**
- It is not a coincidence that today we are seeing beheadings of those who Muslims believe to be infidels.
- “When you meet the unbelievers in the battlefield, strike off their heads, and when you have laid them low, bind your captives firmly.”-Surah 47:4
- Fight those who believe neither in God nor the Last Day, nor what has been forbidden by God and his messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, even if they are People of the Book, until they pay the tribute and have been humbled. -Surah 9:29

Chapter Sixteen

- Chapter 16, introduces the most brutal judgments of God upon the earth that has ever happened or ever will be.
- “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”-**Matthew 24:21**
- After the bowl judgments the wrath of God will be complete
- This time period is known in Scripture as “the time of Jacob’s trouble”.

The Time Of Jacob’s Trouble

- “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.”-**Jeremiah 30:7**
- “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”-**Matthew 24:22**
- “For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.”-**Isaiah 45:4**
- “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time.”-**Daniel 12:1**

The Wrath On The Earth

- The word in the original Greek is “γῆ” and it has several different meanings.
- “The ground, the earth as a standing place”.
- “The main land as opposed to the sea or water”.
- “The earth as a whole”.
- “The earth as opposed to the heavens”.
- “The inhabited earth, the abode of men and animals”.
- “A country, land enclosed within fixed boundaries, a tract of land, territory, region”.

- Is it the whole earth that God's wrath is poured out upon or is it only the Middle East?
- If it is the only the Middle East then that would explain where the people come from that enter the Millennial reign of Jesus.
- Usually in Scripture when it speaks about the whole earth it states the whole earth or the inhabitants of the earth.
- "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon **the whole** world, to test those who dwell on the earth."-**Revelation 3:10**
- Either way, if the Middle East is affected by the wrath of God it will affect the whole earth as it does today.

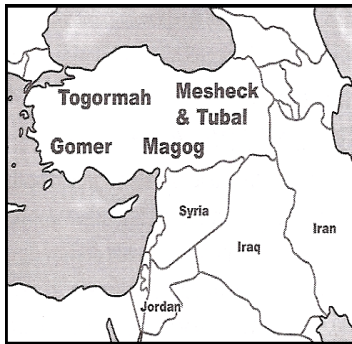
The Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments						
						
White Horse: Peace Rev. 6:1-2	Red Horse: War Rev. 6:3-4	Black Horse: Famine Rev. 6:5-6	Pale Horse: Pestilence Rev. 6:7-8	Martyrs & Great Tribulation Rev. 6:9-11	Cosmic Upheaval Rev. 6:12-17	The 7 Trumpet Plagues Rev. 8:2
						
Grass and 1/3 of the Trees Burned Rev. 8:7	1/3 of the sea turned to blood and 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed Rev. 8:8-9	1/3 of the water supply turned bitter Rev. 8:10-11	1/3 of the sun, moon and stars darkened Rev. 8:12	Demonic Locusts ruled by the beast Rev. 9:1-12	200 million army unleashed killing 1/3 of mankind Rev. 9:13-21	The Kingdom of God Proclaimed Rev. 11:15-19
						
Sores on those who receive the mark of the Beast Rev. 16:2	Sea turns to blood and all sea life dies Rev. 16:3	Fresh water turns to blood Rev. 16:4-7	Mankind scorched by the sun and blaspheme God Rev. 16:8-9	The Kingdom of the Beast is afflicted Rev. 16:10-11	The Euphrates River is dried up and the world's armies gather for war Rev. 16:12-16	The Earth is shaken Rev. 16:17-21

Revelation 16:10-11

"Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds."

Turkey The Antichrist Nation

- Ezekiel 38, identifies Turkey as the main leading nation of the united force against Israel.
- Revelation 17, Identifies the eighth kingdom of the beast as being resurrected from the seventh which was the Ottoman Empire.
- Revelation 2:13, identifies the Church of Pergamum located in Turkey as being the location of Satan's throne
- Daniel 9, identifies "the people of the prince to come" that destroyed the Jewish Temple were primarily Syrians and Arabs that made up the Legion X of the Roman army stationed in Antioch which is in Turkey.
- Daniel 11, identifies the King of the North as Antiochus Epiphanes the IV ruler of the Seleucid Empire which covered a large portion of modern Turkey. Antiochus is a prefigure of the Antichrist to come.



Map 1: Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Togormah all within the boundaries of modern Turkey.

- “Yusuf al-Qaradawi, one of the most influential clerics in Sunni Islam and spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, has said that Istanbul, Turkey is the capital of the coming caliphate and has suggested that Erdogan is blessed by Allah and could be the one to lead the Islamic world order.”- www.centerforsecuritypolicy.org



The Fifth Bowl

- The fifth bowl is directed toward the throne of the beast.
- Satan’s throne is in Pergamos which is the modern town of Bergama in Turkey.
- Satan gives power to the beast but during this bowl judgment his kingdom becomes full of darkness.
- Although, people are in intense pain, they refuse to repent of their deeds.
- In the original Greek the word for “deeds” means: “business, employment or any product whatever, any thing accomplished by hand, art, industry, or mind”.

Revelation 16:12-13

“Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”

The Sixth Bowl

- The sixth bowl judgment is directed towards the Euphrates river.
- The Lord dries up the Euphrates river so that the kings from the east can prepare for a battle against the Lord.
- “Proclaim this among the nations: **Prepare for war!** Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.”-Joel 3:9
- “If the Euphrates were dried up and made a road, massive armies from the east (nations such as China, India, and Japan) could move westward with ease.”-Guzik



Kings From The East

- The word for “east” in the original is “*ἀνατολή*” which literally means the “**the direction of the suns rising.**”
- Most “experts” in the area of prophecy claim that a massive oriental army led by China will invade the Holy Land after the Euphrates River is dried up.
- Historically Anatolia is considered to be the Asian peninsula east of the Mediterranean Sea which is modern day Turkey.
- After World War One the Ottoman Empire and Anatolia were divided into Turkey and neighboring Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, and Syria.

Anatolia Pre-WWI



Post World WWI Anatolia

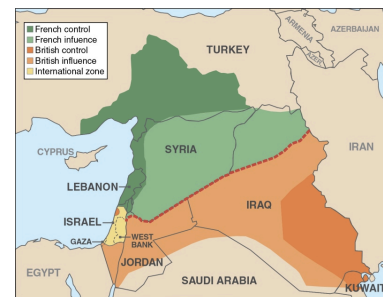


The Levant States

- “The term Levant comes from the French term lever (“to rise”) and its Arabic equivalent is *Mashriq* (“the country where the sun rises”).”-bibarch.com
- Post WWI the French and the British in a push to secure the natural resources of the Middle East, under the Sykes-Picot agreement, divided up the countries formally controlled by the Ottoman’s into the countries we know of today.
- The French claimed Lebanon and Syria meanwhile the British claimed Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.
- The **“Islamic State In Syria”** or **“The Islamic State In Levant”** is attempting to claim back what they believe is the land they lost after WWI.
- The Euphrates River goes right through the middle of the area.



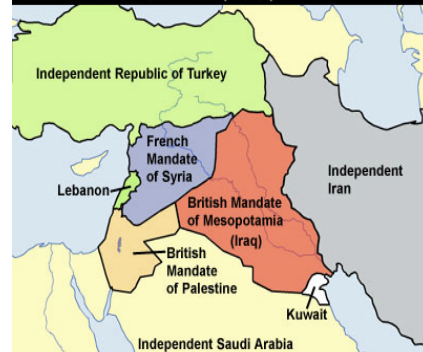
Sykes-Picot Division Of The Middle East



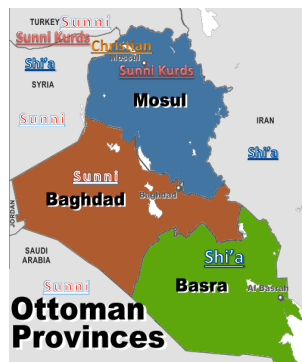
Understanding The Issues

- “As a general rule, understanding the archaeology, history, and geopolitics of the region require mastery of their Levantine geographical context.”-bibarch.com
- When Britain and France divided the Middle East after WWI they didn’t take into account the ethnic peoples or the religion when determining the boundaries of the the Nations.
- WWI was labeled, “ the war to end all wars” but little did they know that they were sowing a seed of conflict that would be used by a sovereign God to bring about the Great and Final Conflict.

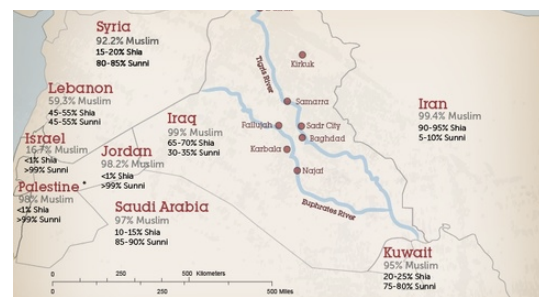
Post-WWI Middle East (1923)



Ottoman Empire And Iraq



Middle East Muslims



<u>Belief</u>	<u>Sunni</u>	<u>Shi'a</u>
Meaning of the Name	Well trodden path or tradition	Followers of Ali
Amount of Followers	940 Million +/-	120 Million +/-
Percentage	90%	10%
Countries Located	Majority of Islamic Countries	Iran, Iraq and Yemen
Origins	632 A.D.	632-650 A.D. after the killing of Ali's son Hussein in 680
Did Mohammed Appoint a Successor?	No	Yes
Successor	Abu Bakr, Mohammed's father in law through Aishah	Ali Ibn Talib, husband of the prophet's daughter.
Qualifications	Tribe of the Prophet or any qualified ruler	Blood line
Current Leaders	Imams	Caliphs or Supreme Ruler
Identity Of Leaders	Human Leaders	Infallible manifestations of God and perfect interpreters of the Quran
The Mahdi	Coming in the future	He was already here but went into hiding but will return at the end of time.

Revelation 16:14-16

“For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame. And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.”

Demonic Frogs

- There are **three** demonic spirits that look like frogs.
- They are “like” frogs therefore they are not frogs but demonic spirits.
- These demonic spirits come from “out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”
- The **purpose** of the demonic spirits is to place a delusion in the minds of the kings of the **whole or inhabited** earth by performing signs in order to battle against the Lord at Armageddon.

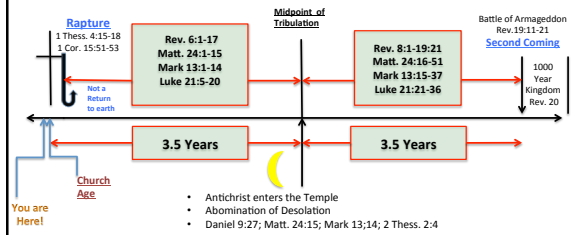
Watchfulness

- There is warning for those who do not follow the beast to watch for the coming of the Lord.
- The Lord has an appointed time to return to the earth at His Second Coming but no one knows the “day” or “hour” except the Father.
- Therefore the Lord does come **as a** thief to those who are left upon the earth.
- The thief analogy is used continually in the New Testament to describe the sudden return of the Lord.
- Those who can persevere to the end will walk into the Millennium.

Armageddon

- Approximately 35 battles have been fought in the valley of Armageddon. Armageddon is also known as the Jezreel valley.
- Napoleon Bonaparte declared it as "the most natural battleground of the whole earth."
- The name "har-megiddo" means the mount of Megiddo.
- This truly will be the war to end all wars and shortly after this battle Jesus will set up His Kingdom.

Prophecy Timeline



The Second Coming of the Lord is in two phases: The first phase is the rapture of the Church and the second phase is the return of the Lord to set up His earthly kingdom!

The Promised Messianic Reign

- "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, **the Son of David**, the Son of Abraham"--**Matthew 1:1**
- "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God **which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh**"-- **Romans 1:1-3**
- "So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, **the Root of David**, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."--- **Revelation 5:4-5**

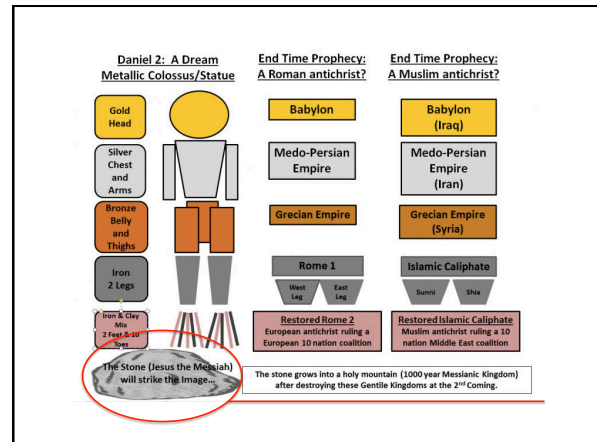
The Promised Messianic Kingdom



Daniel 2:44-45

"And in the days of these kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed**; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall stand forever.

"Inasmuch as you saw that **the stone** was cut out of the mountain without hands, **and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold**—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."



The Davidic Covenant is a Messianic Covenant

- In Genesis 3:15 God promised that a "seed" would come that would crush the Devil
- In the Abrahamic covenant God promised a nation from Abraham that all the nations would be blessed through Abraham's "seed"
- In the Davidic Covenant God promises that David's "seed" would rule forever as a king
- These covenants were for the coming reign of Jesus "the son of David, the son of Abraham"-- Matt. 1:1