Daniel/Revelation Prophecies Being Fulfilled

The main kingdoms of the world throughout the history of this age as shown in Scripture Fred R. Coulter—November 30, 2019

Greetings, brethren! Welcome to Sabbath services!

I have a couple of questions to answer: Someone is now claiming that God the Father will come to the earth at the beginning of the Millennium. Is that true? Whenever you hear something, what are we to do? What does Paul say? Search the Scriptures and prove all things, hold fast to that which is good!

So, when you hear a statement: Is it true? Does the Bible verify it? If it does, then it is true. If it is not, the Bible will not verify it, you will know that that's a wrong interpretation or a false doctrine.

1-Corinthians 15:20: "But now Christ has been raised from *the* dead..." that is verified by:

Revelation 1:18 Christ said, "...for I was dead, and behold, I am alive into the ages of eternity..."

1-Corinthians 15:20: "...He has become the Firstfruit of those who have fallen asleep."

It's very interesting, it's either 1st or 2nd Tim., it says in the Greek that 'He has annulled death.' The *King James* says 'destroy.' But *annul* is a better word, because it means to take the past and make it as it never existed.

Verse 21: "For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came the* resurrection of *the* dead. For as in Adam all die...

[no one has escaped that, yet; not even Christ]

...so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order...

[What are the orders?]:

...Christ *the* Firstfruit; <u>then</u> those who are Christ's at His coming. Afterwards the end *comes*..." (vs 21-24).

What comes before the end? The Millennium and the Great White Throne Judgment!

"...when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to Him Who is God and Father..." (v 24).

If God the Father were already on the earth it wouldn't be necessary to deliver it up to the Father. He would be here running it!

When does Christ do this?

"...when He shall have put an end to all rule...

[and Satan and demons]

...and all authority and power. For it is ordained that He reign until He has put all enemies under His feet. *The* last enemy *to be* destroyed...

[in the Lake of Fire]

...is death. For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when it is said that all things have been put in subjection, it is clearly evident that it does not include Him Who put all things in subjection under Him" (vs 24-27).

That is the Father!

Where is the first place that we find the Father on the earth? Rev. 21! Not until the new heaven and the new earth and New Jerusalem!

There was another question to answer, which is this: You have heard it said that the reason that it got dark for three hours, from the sixth hour to the ninth hour, was because God the Father couldn't look on sin. They turned to Hab. 1.

Habakkuk 1:12: "Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have ordained them for judgment; and my Rock, You have established them for correction. You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look upon iniquity...." (vs 12-13).

That's a statement! It doesn't mean that He doesn't look upon it, because notice:

"... Why do You look upon those who deal treacherously?...." (v 13).

In other words, the first sentence in v 13 is meaning that you don't look upon it approvingly; that could be the only meaning. Otherwise, it's incomprehensible. He looks upon it for judgment.

"...Will You be silent when the wicked swallows the man that is more righteous than he?" (v 13). *No! God sees it!*

How many times have you read in the Scriptures that the eyes of God look upon man? We know from Rev. that there are the seven eyes of God that goes around the earth all the time. So, there are a lot of things going on we don't know anything about.

We're going to pick up where we left off with message: *The Consummation of the Age*. Remember, at the instant that the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ is when the seventh trump has been blown. That starts it. That also starts the first resurrection.

So, Christ is going to start reigning, but what is the first thing that He does? *He resurrects all of those who are going to reign with Him!* Doesn't it say that we're going to reign a thousand years with Christ as kings and priests? *Yes!* So, He's not going to do it by Himself.

- How sure is everything that God has said going to be?
- What did Jesus say about the Word of God? Your Word is the Truth!

• What did He say about Himself? *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life!*

Here's something interesting that we've covered before, but it fits right in with the Scriptures concerning what's going to be happening at the end-time.

Daniel 10:21—Gabriel speaking to Daniel: "But I will show you that which is <u>written in the Scripture of Truth....</u>

[everything is written in heaven above; that's quite a statement]

... (And there is none who holds strongly with me against them, except Michael your prince."

Daniel was given more prophecies effecting the whole world than any of the other Prophets outside of Isaiah. Jeremiah didn't have as many.

Refer to chart of the <u>Prophecies of the Reign of Gentile Kingdoms</u> in the Daniel/Revelation sermon series showing the prophecies of the reign of the Gentile Kingdoms. This is all based upon Daniel and then Revelation. This is also found in *The Holy Bible in its Original Order, A Faithful Version*, Appendix Y, pg. 1366.

As you look at the chart, come across and it says: Dan. 2, Dan. 7, Dan. 8, Rev. 17, the Explanation of symbols, The Events fulfilled in History

We don't have anything like this going back in detail to Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. From the Scriptures, we can pretty well fill out a chronology of their lives and how that came together. But in Dan. 2 God gets very specific in detail showing what's going to happen in the kingdoms of men. It's interesting because from the time of Nebuchadnezzar on forward, the history pretty well collaborates itself all the way through.

Whereas, if you go back beyond that, it's very difficult to make sure that it's true, or that it is accurate. Especially when you look at the old, old Babylonian chronologies and things with Gilgamesh and Egyptian chronologies. They stretch them out many, many years—tens of thousands of years in some cases—which is not true. So, God started this at a time when we would have accurate history to verify all of these facts coming down to the end.

Dan. 2:20 starts out with a prayer from Daniel, after all of the wise men, the astrologers and soothsayers were threatened to be killed because they couldn't answer what the king wanted with this dream that he had. He gathered them altogether and said:

I dreamed a dream. Now I want you to tell me the dream and tell me what the dream means. If you don't I'm going to kill you all.

Of course, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were in with the wise men. Then the three of them got together and prayed and asked God to reveal. Think about what a tremendous thing that this was. Notice how this came about.

Daniel at this point was a young man. Later when we get to Dan. 9 & 10, he was an old man.

Daniel 2:20: "Daniel answered and said...

[after God revealed the secret to him]

... 'Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His."

One key to everything in the Bible, and in life, is *that you have nothing you didn't receive! God gave it to you and in Him we live, move and have our being!* This is always good to remember so that you don't get lifted up in vanity, pride and stupidity. That's happened too many times over and over.

Verse 21: "And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him" (vs 21-22).

That's covering an awful lot of ground! In other words, God is almighty, all knowledge, everything!

Verse 23: "I thank You, and praise You, O God of my fathers, Who has given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we desired of You, for You have made known to us the king's matter."

This was quite a thing that took place, because after this is over, we'll see what happened to Daniel.

Verse 24: "Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had chosen to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said this to him: 'Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will declare the interpretation to the king.' Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel in before the king, and said this to him, 'I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make the interpretation known to the king.' The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, 'Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?" (vs 24-26).

In other words, what does this mean?

Verse 27: "Daniel answered before the king and said, 'The secret which the king has demanded cannot be shown to the king by the wise men, the enchanters, the astrologers or the magicians. But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets and makes known to King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days...." (vs 27-28).

Now, that's an interesting statement!

- As God looks at time, did the 'latter days' start at this point? Don't know! Could be!
- Can you think of any other Scriptures in the Old Testament about the latter days? *Tremendous prophecies that were given to Jacob, and he gave to all 12 sons!*

He gave to all of his 12 sons a prophecy, he said, 'Gather together and I'll tell you what you'll be like in the latter days.' What the key one in Gen. 49 & Deut. 33? *The sons of Joseph! That's very important,* because down through history we're going to cover the Gentile kingdoms.

Note our book: America and Britain in Prophecy: Their Biblical Origin & Prophetic Destiny by Philip Neal. A lot of Protestants think that the Church replaced all Israel, because they believed that all Israel is encapsulated with just the Jews, which is not true!

If there weren't the sons of Joseph and the other ten tribes in Western Europe that we have today, the world would indeed be a terrible, terrible place! So, what happened was that down through the empires of the Gentiles, the children of Israel were running parallel. The Jews were running parallel and scattered in all nations.

The only thing they had at the last time was a place along the coast of the Eastern Mediterranean and Jerusalem and part of the land around there. That's all that God gave them. All of these are working together at the same time. So, here we will focus on the Gentile kingdoms.

Verse 28: "But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets and makes known to King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed *are* these."

God had to reveal that to him! How did he know except that God revealed it!

Verse 29: "As for you, O king, while upon your bed your thoughts came to you of what should come to pass hereafter....

[from this time forward and ends up at the consummation]

...And He Who reveals secrets makes known to you what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living man...

[notice the humility that Daniel has]

...but so that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart" (vs 29-30).

I imagine that the king was sitting there wondering what this guy was going to tell him. I don't know how old Nebuchadnezzar was but here's Daniel who is probably 20 or 21 at this point, and he said:

Verse 31: "You, O king, looked—and behold, a great image! That great image, whose brightness was surpassing, stood before you. And its form *was* awesome. This image's head *was* of fine gold; his breast and his arms *were* of silver; his belly and his thighs *were* of bronze; His legs *were* of iron; his feet *were* part of iron and part of clay. You watched until a stone was cut out without hands..." (vs 31-34).

If you want an interesting study, look up *without hands* and see how many times that is used, and what God does. That means *without human hands!*

"...that struck the image upon its feet, which were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken in pieces together. And they became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors. And the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth" (vs 34-35).

That great mountain is Christ, the Kingdom of God!

Verse 36: "This *is* the dream. And we will tell the interpretation before the king. You, O king, *are* a king of kings, for the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory" (vs 36-37).

There was a time, in Dan. 4, which is actually written by Nebuchadnezzar, which is quite a thing. King Nebuchadnezzar was so important that he's got a letter in the Bible in the book of Daniel to tell about his experience and how God humbled him for all the leaders of the world to listen up and pay attention.

Verse 38: "And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold."

When you look at the chart you can see that it starts right there. All of these prophecies in Daniel start at the same place and end at the same place.

Verse 39: "And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and beats down all things, and as the iron that crushes all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken" (vs 39-42)

—or partly weak!

Now let's look at the chart:

First column, Dan. 2:

Head of gold—Babylon

What happened to Babylon? *The Medes and Persians conquered Babylon!* When Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon, he did a phenomenal thing. The River Euphrates ran right down the middle of the city of Babylon. They had big brass gates so that no one could come in through the river.

So, what Cyrus the Great did was to dig a channel and diverted the river so that it got low enough so the troops walked in under the brass protection and came to the doors that led to the river's edge, which were open. They conquered the city without throwing a spear. Today you would say 'without firing a shot.'

Belly and thighs of brass—Alexander the Great

The events go down the right hand column

Two legs of iron—the Roman Empire

Which goes and goes, and is explained in other chapters. Here Daniel was given this vision right to the end and at the bottom of the column on the left:

The ten toes of iron and clay (vs 36, 41-45) Fight against the Lamb and are destroyed without human hands.

This covers a lot of territory. Is there any other book in the world that can even come close to this, in telling this? *No, there's not!*

Let's see what takes place,

v 44: "And in the days of these kings, the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed. And the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and **consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall stand forever."

That's the Kingdom of God!

That's why we are here, to learn of these things, but also to know and understand exactly what it is that God is doing. We'll talk about some contemporary things a little later on that is taking place today.

Verse 45: "Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands... [Who is the stone? *Christ!*]

...and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. And the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Remember where we started; the Scripture of Truth in heaven! Here's the great King Nebuchadnezzar, ruler over all of this. He spent 20 years conquering Judah. Daniel and the other three were on the first wave that went out from the first invasion of Judah. Here he is and notice what he does:

Verse 46: "Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and worshiped Daniel..." *Think about this!*

Here's the king on his throne, here are all the wise men standing alongside him, and there are probably others out there listening and hearing what's going on. Daniel is standing right in front of the king telling him all of this, and then all of a sudden the king gets off his throne and falls down on his face and worships Daniel.

Think about what an utter surprise that was! Now you know why the wise men wanted to get rid of Daniel a little later (Dan. 5).

"...and he commanded to offer an offering and sweet incense to him. The king answered Daniel and said, 'It is true that your God *is* the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret' (vs 46-47).

Quite an astonishing thing!

I don't know how many days this occurred, but think about that Daniel was there for 79 years, and there were certain times when certain things came along. It wasn't all high-powered all at once all the time.

Verse 48: "Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over all the province of Babylon...

[sounds a little like Joseph and Pharaoh in Egypt]

...and chief of the prefects over all the wise men of Babylon."

Daniel was over all the wise men, all the philosophers; that was quite a thing!

I like what Daniel did in v 49:

"And Daniel asked the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel *sat* within the gate of the king."

From a near slave boy to a young man whom God used to give that dream an interpretation, and then made him rule over the province of Babylon. Now you can see why the Jews had favor in Babylon, with Daniel there, and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

We will by-pass Dan. 3-6; chapter 5 talks about the destruction of Babylon. Here's another thing to understand what God does. In Dan. 2 He gave the outline, and in Dan. 7 He gives more details, which fills in this outline and expands it a bit.

Daniel 7:1: "In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spoke and said, 'In my vision by night I was looking, and behold, the four winds of the heavens were stirring up the Great Sea and four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another" (vs 1-3).

What did we read in Rev. 13? I was standing on the seashore and up out of the sea rose the beast! Same thing!

Verse 4: "The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings....

[that's where we get the Babylonian cherubim; eagles wings with a lion's head]

...I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on its feet like a man. And a man's heart was given to it."

That ties right back with Dan. 4, that after Nebuchadnezzar had his seven years of eating grass and living with cattle, and let his hair and nails grow. Talk about a humiliation! If you're crawling around on that all the time, what's on the ground with there's cattle? *You know!* All of that and the king—the great king—was lower than a beast, and when he came back he was given a man's heart, is that's Nebuchadnezzar.

Verse 5: "And behold another beast, a second, like a bear. And it raised itself up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth...

[we will see three a little later; it's a little different, not the same]

...between its teeth. And this was said to it 'Arise, eat up much flesh."

As we look at the interpretation, that's the Persian Empire. Persia covered all the area. Isn't it interesting that the area where the Holy Land was, was conquered by the Babylonians, was conquered by the Persians, was conquered by the Greeks, was conquered by the Romans. *All four had some part in the Holy Land!* That's quite an amazing thing to understand!

Verse 6: "After this I saw, and lo, another *beast*, like a leopard, which *had* four wings of a bird on its back. The beast also *had* four heads and dominion was given to it."

This is Alexander's Grecian Empire, which when he died was split into four divisions! We can see that interpreted on the chart.

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

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

This has got to be the papacy! Notice where this ends:

Verse 9: "I watched until thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days sat, Whose raiment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was like flames of fire, and its wheels *like* burning fire."

Looking at God's cherubim there!

Verse 10: "A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court sat and the books were opened."

Compare that with Rev. 4 & 5! In Rev. 5 it says that there are thousands and thousands singing and praising God.

Verse 11: "Then I was looking because of the voice of the boastful words, which the horn spoke. I watched until the beast was slain, and his body was destroyed and given to the burning flame. And as for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away. Yet, their lives were prolonged for a season and time" (vs 11-12).

- Do we still have Persia today? Yes, it's Iran!
- Do we still have Greece today? Yes, it's a small nation!
- Do we still have part of the Roman Empire today? Originating in Italy, but also parts of it in various aspects of the governments of Europe!

So, we have all of those things together!

Then we come to the same place, to the end;

v 13: I saw visions in the night and, behold, One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And dominion and glory was given to Him..." (vs 13-14).

Tie in with 1-Cor. 15!

All of these things as you go along and study the Bible and put it together, you see how the old agrees with the new, because the old has the substance and the lock because it's hidden, and the new has the key because it opens.

"...and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (v 14).

Tie that together with many of the Scriptures we covered during the Feast of Tabernacles; we go into details about it.

Lots of times it's given in the Bible in one place, and then in another place there are details of it. When you tie it together with the Holy Days, then you get a greater and greater picture of it all.

Verse 18: "But the saints of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom and possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever."

Notice how v 19 ties in with Dan. 10:21:

"Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth were of iron and his nails of brass; who devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with his feet; and of the ten horns that were on his head, and of the other horn which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth speaking very boastful things, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. I watched, and that same horn made war with the saints and overcame them...

[that's the papacy]

...until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High.... (vs 19-22).

Here's where they may say that the Father comes to the earth at the beginning of the Millennium. But it doesn't say that He came to the earth.

"...And the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom" (v 22).

We don't possess it without the Father giving it to Christ and Christ giving it to us! In that sense He came to fulfill this prophecy. He didn't come to the earth; doesn't say that He came to the earth.

Verse 23: "Thus he said, 'The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all the *other* kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, and shall trample it and break it in pieces."

You look around, everything accept maybe some parts of the Orient, are patterned after Rome. All of our government buildings are patterned after Rome. Even in Congress, they have the symbol of Mussolini, the axe on top of a sheaf of wheat.

Verse 24: "And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings that shall arise. And another shall arise after them. And he shall be different from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak words against the Most High..." (vs 24-25).

Both of them do!

We find that the beast (Rev. 13) blasphemes everybody in heaven, and the one in Rev. 17 speaks words against the Mort High.

"...and shall wear out the saints of the Most High..." (v 25).

That's the whole history of the Church down through the time until America was founded, really when you get down to it!

"...and think to change the set times...

[the times that God sets: Sabbath, Passover and Holy Days]

...**and the laws**. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time" (v 25).

The persecution down through time, and then there's a persecution right at the end all over again.

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

{Please *refer to the chart*: Right column—Events fulfilled in History}

Under The Roman Empire we have the Roman Catholic Church in the west and the Orthodox in the east. We have the Greek Orthodox and the Russian Orthodox

Then the three kingdoms which were taken out: the Vandals, the Heruli and the Ostrogoths.

Then we have the papacy in a stronger position after that

Then there are seven more resurrections of the Roman Empire with an eighth one to come.

{coming down to the Holy Roman Empire in 962 A.D.} I wonder if this will happen with the final Beast Power and be crowned by the pope?

Hapsburg dynasty—the Austrian Hungarian Empire!

Notice that all of these, when you come beginning with Napoleon, they tried to conquer all of Europe and all three of them tried to go into Russia: Napoleon, Kaiser and Hitler. They all tried to control it. We will see that that's already settled, and people don't even know it.

The Bismarck/Germany

If you watch the History Channel you can see quite a bit concerning WWI and WWII, and you talk about how bloody it was in WWI, I mean it was terrible. It was really a slaughter. More soldiers between soldiers. In WWII was a lot of killing of civilians and bombing and burning.

Then the final world government

We have covered the reports how that the pope has specifically said that God willed for there to be different 'religions,' and that they're all coming to the same place. Everyone of these religions believe in going to heaven: Catholicism, Orthodox, Islam, all the eastern religions have a variation of incarnation and final nirvana, which would be like going to heaven. They're making overtures to try and work things together.

Remember we covered how they're going to build that Chrislam cathedral, temple, whatever in Abu Dhabi. It will be interesting to see what happens then. Will there be the third vision of Fatima? What will that tell us? All of those things have yet to happen. How far it is down the road, we do not know.

Revelation 17:1: "And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and spoke with me, saying to me, 'Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great whore who sits upon many waters."

The Church is likened to a woman (Rev. 12). The false church is likened to a woman who is harlot and she "...sits upon many waters."

Let the Bible interpret the Bible;

v 15: "Then he said to me, 'The waters that you saw, where the whore sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages."

That's exactly what the Catholic Church is! Then you throw in all of the other religions.

By the way, do you know what the pope said about communism? *Communism is much like Christianity!* In other words, the same dictatorial system in the Catholic Church is no different than the dictatorial system that the communist have. Only one is 'religious' and one is secular and anti-religious.

Verse 2: "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication..."

Catholicism and religion is always involved in politics. Look what we have today, wherever it is. Some of it with the Protestants may be a smidgen better. But nevertheless, they still follow Rome. They claim to follow the Bible, and they do to a certain extent.

That's not physical fornication, that is *spiritual* fornication,

"...and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (v 2).

Do you want to know how that works, look at how people today are going after Christmas. It's an amazing thing! They think it's good. I got a magazine and on the cover it says: *Christmas Begins with Christ!* When you're drunk you can't see straight.

Verse 3: "Then he carried me away in *the* spirit to a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, full of names of blasphemy"

—all of them!

(This chart that we have in Appendix Y explains all of that leading up to today.)

Verse 4: "And the woman *was* clothed in purple and scarlet, and *was* adorned with gold and pearls and precious stones..."

Do this: Christmas Mass is coming up pretty soon. Midnight in Rome is not midnight here. So, why don't you watch it and look at all of the idolatry that goes on with it. Look at what the pope drinks out of for the Eucharist. *It's a big golden cup!*

"...and she had a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominations and the filthiness of her fornication; and across her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (vs 4-5).

Lots of times we just look and say *harlots is just the religion*. Well the abominations of the earth, part of the fallout of that is all the atheism, agnosticism and all of the terrible things that go on. *They are terrible and evil!* Look at the public schools here in California. They're indoctrinating them into sexual things in the second and third grade. The ones who are pushing it are *the alphabet perverts!* Once they get in control...

Remember what happened in Sodom when the three angels went down to take Lot out? They about tore down Lot's house to try and get to the three angels! Then the angels made them blind, and in the morning the angels took Lot and his family out. They said, 'Get out! Get out! You have to leave!' And Lot's wife didn't believe! That's quite a story. It must have been terrible destruction that happened, because the two daughters said, 'Look, there's nobody else alive around, so let's get our father drunk and have children so that the human race will continue.' Abominations of the earth!

I'll tell you one big abomination of the earth, who supposedly killed himself in his cell while no one was looking. Two things for President Trump even if you don't like him:

- 1. he has stopped an awful lot of this sexual trafficking
- 2. he has helped bring down abortions by about 200,000

That's a lot!

As we saw with Nebuchadnezzar, God does deal with the leaders, and those who acknowledge God He will honor. How much Trump does it in his private life, I do not know. He's still blinded by Christmas and all this sort of thing.

Verse 6: "And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...."

Two categories:

- 1) those are the saints who are converted
- 2) the martyrs are those who believe but were never converted

God doesn't forget them either!

"...And after seeing her, I wondered with great amazement. Then the angel said to me, 'Why are you amazed? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. *The* beast that you saw was, and is not, but is about to come up out of the abyss and to go into perdition...." (vs 6-8).

This is the last one!

"...And those who dwell on the earth, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from *the* foundation of *the* world..." (v 8).

It's not that their names are there from the foundation of the earth, it is the Book of Life was there from the foundation of the earth.

"...shall be astonished when they see the beast that was, but is not, and yet, is" (v 8).

Delores and I have talked about this a lot, and she's right on this. The beast that was and is not, and yet is, and shall come up again can be nothing other than Europe as a geographical and governmental and religious territory!

Bismarck, Hitler and Napoleon all tried to conquer Russia, but what has happened today? Have you heard of NATO? We've thought that was a good, wonderful American alliance, which it was at the time. But 75 years later, what has happened? All of the territory that those three tried to conquer is now part of NATO or seeking to become a member of NATO! You have Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and then you have Romania, Hungry, Greece, Macedonia, Croatia, and Sardinia. All of those are either full members or part members of NATO.

What does Pres. Trump want to do in that area? He wants them to pay more for the military! He wants to remove American troops!

What is happening in the UK? Boris Johnson looks like he's going to win in a landslide! That means that the UK will be out of the European Union! They may be temporarily attached to it militarily, but they're out! What does that do? That puts the two sons of Jacob—Ephraim and Manasseh—outside of the world system for the time being!

Let me read you what's happening and you will see that Delores was right:

Article: November Drumming {https://www.german-foreign-policy.com/en/news/detail/8103/}

Berlin: Leading German politicians are calling for a more aggressive German and EU foreign and military policy, in the run-up to tomorrow's Bundeswehr public oath-taking ceremony.

They take that oath every year, and that is quite a thing. *The Valkyrie!* Tom Cruise was the main one in the movie and they showed how they tried to assassinate Hitler and they killed some other German leaders. These troops are honored and those who belonged to that every year! They take the oath that never again will there be that kind of dictator. So, the dictator that comes into Europe is going to come in righteous at first, and he won't take the dictatorial powers until a little later.

But let's see that now that is beginning to become a reality. How many years will that take? *Who knows!* How many years did it take Hitler when he became chancellor? *Twelve years!*

"Europe must learn the language of power," says Ursula von der Leyen, the designated EU Commission President, and is demanding to "build our own muscles" militarily.

Now that the UK is out, who is the power? *Germany!* The beast that was, is not—it came to nothing—and yet is. There you go!

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas proposes the creation of a 'European Security Council"...

So, it's involving all members!

...with the inclusion of Great Britain...

That will be temporary!

...because the targeted "Army of the Europeans" cannot forego its armed forces. Berlin has simultaneously approved billions in arms projects. The Bundestag's budget committee, for example, has approved more than half a billion euros, to also benefit NATO's "Spearhead," while the defense committee has approved the procurement of 80 Leopard 2A7V battle tanks worth around 1 billion. To increase acceptance of the Bundeswehr's foreign missions, the chancellor is calling for support of tomorrow's public oath-taking ceremonies.

What they're now doing is saying that all the German people are cleansed. 'We have suffered all of this and we have learned our lessons. We want to help build up Europe,' because they know that the United States is going to go. After we leave, that's when things will start to happen.

The Language of Power

Following Defense Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer's announcement, last week, of expanding the deployment of the Bundeswehr...

Where are they going to deploy them? German troops will be with French troops, Italian troops, Polish troops, Ukrainian troops and all of that sort of thing.

...leading German politicians have upped the ante and emphatically called for a more aggressive German and EU foreign and military policy. In her speech at the CDU affiliated Konrad Adenauer Foundation, last Friday, in the German capital, designated EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen claimed that "soft power" is no longer enough in today's world...

They're getting strong!

...and "Europe must learn the language of power."....

What is it that you hear? *Power makes things work!*

- [1] On the one hand, "this means building our own muscles" in security policy. On the other, the Union must become "more strategic in light of Europe's external interests." Under von der Leyen, the Commission is pursuing its arms buildup plan for the EU, with double-digit billions in euros. [2] Regarding "high-end military capabilities," EU member states need "full-spectrum land, air, space and maritime capabilities," according to the "Global Strategy for the European Union," adopted in 2016.
- [3] Critics keep insisting that financing military expenditures from EU coffers is inadmissible under the EU treaties—but in vain.

They can just say, 'we'll change that.'

Revelation 17:8: "The beast that you saw was, and is not, but is about to come up out of the abyss..."

How does Satan always come? *With a benefit!* Just think of how fantastic that is going to be for the Europeans to actually think that we can all come together with the pope's blessing and probably the Orthodox leader blessing as well, and: 'We can have our own army, our own everything. We don't have to kowtow to the American at all anymore.'

America, at first, will say, 'That's great! Think of the billions that we won't have to pay for NATO, and the billions we won't have to pay for aid, and the billions we won't have to pay for keeping the troops in wherever they are in the world. At first, that will sound real good. But you look at the morals of the people—and if you don't have a challenge at hand—what's going to happen?

"...and to go into perdition. And those who dwell on the earth, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from *the* foundation of *the* world, shall be astonished when they see the beast that was, but is not, and yet, is. Here *is* the mind that has wisdom: <u>The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits</u>" (vs 8-9)

—and there are seven hills in Rome!

Verse 10: "And there are seven kings..."

Those are symbolic; what happened with every one of these seven kings? Who ordained them? The pope!

"...five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other has not yet come...

[that's what we're seeing develop here now]

...and when he has come, it is ordained that he remain a little while" (v 10).

Tie that together in the sermon *The Consummation of the Age* about the last seven years. The first three and a half are going to be glorious, wonderful, marvelous, miracles, everybody is happy and doing the right thing. The blessings of the pope, governments are getting along, people are loving one another, and then what happens? *The King of the South doesn't like it!* He comes after the King of the North, and that starts the cascade leading right directly into the Tribulation. This is quite a thing that's developing.

Verse 12: "And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive authority as kings *for* one hour with the beast....

[that will be a very short time]

...These *all* have one mind, and shall give up their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, but the Lamb shall overcome them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who *are* with Him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful" (vs 12-14).

Quite a tremendous thing!

We can understand this a little more because of the times that we are living in, and we can see that, yes, this is happening.

Revelation 13:1: "And I stood on the sand of the sea; and I saw a beast **rising up out of the sea**... [Didn't we read that in Daniel? *Yes, we did!*]

...having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads *the* name of blasphemy. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard...

[Dan. 7]

...and his feet like *the feet* of a bear...

[Dan. 7]

...and his mouth like the mouth of a lion...

[Dan. 7]

...and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne and great authority" (vs 1-2).

What power do you think he's going to have? I've mentioned this a couple of times in the past, but I still firmly believe that it's going to happen. The Cern cyclotron underground in Switzerland—the Hadron Collider—is probably going to make some sort of fantastic discovery that will give the beast—the European Power, who will be personified in the beast—the ability to keep people from making war.

Verse 3: And I saw one of his heads as *if it were* slain to death..."

This comes right at the end of three and a half years, the first three of the last seven is going to be a marvelous thing indeed!

"...but his deadly wound was healed; and the whole earth was amazed *and* followed the beast" (v 3).

That's when they give their authority to the beast! He rises up and now:

We need to get the whole world order together. All of these people fighting against us need to be brought down into submission.

Verse 4: "And they worshiped the dragon, who gave *his* authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who *is* like the beast? Who has the power to make war against him?""

That will be short-lived!

- What's hanging in the North and the East?
- What does China want to try and do? Take over the world!

So, they're over there and seeing all of this; it's going to be quite a thing!

Verse 5: "And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to him... [Dan. 7]

...and authority was given to him to continue for forty-two months"

—three and a half years by months! After the deadly wound was healed, he continues for three and a half years or 42 months.

Verse 6: "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. And he was given *power* to make war against the saints, and to overcome them; and he was given authority over every tribe and language and nation" (vs 6-7

—for a short time! Then it all falls apart!

Keep your eyes on what's happening in Europe, and keep your eyes on what's happening in Germany. Guess who's going to Europe on Dec. 3? *Pres. Trump and NATO is going to meet there.* Look what's happening in the background when he gets over there. They're going to come up to him and say,

Pres. Trump, you're right, we're going to commit more to the defense of NATO. We need to stand on our own two feet.

And he's going to say, 'You're absolutely right! It's about time you understand it!'

Right at first that will look like a wonderful thing. What will it do for America? For a while it will make things better! But what's going to happen in Europe? We'll have to wait and see!

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