

## “The Time Of The End” Part 4

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Tonight we are continuing with looking at the facts regarding the empire of the antichrist. This is the 8th empire mentioned in Scripture and out of one of the first 7 empires of prophecy will come empire number 8. We’ve looked at the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire and the Ottoman Empire. (The predominate areas during their reign are shown below.)



We went through the Word last week and discovered that Rome, Italy will be the headquarters for religion at the beginning of the Tribulation and Mystery Babylon will be for government.

The two witnesses, who I believe will be Elijah and Enoch, will be witnessing for the first 42 months of the Tribulation in Jerusalem then the antichrist will overthrow Jerusalem and kill them but only for 3 1/2 days. They will rise again in front of the whole world - everyone will see it and they will go up into heaven.

**Revelation 11:3-11 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*3 And I will grant the power of prophecy to My two witnesses for 1,260 (42 months; three and one-half years), dressed in sackcloth.*

*4 These [witnesses] are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth.*

*5 And if anyone attempts to injure them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their enemies; if anyone should attempt to harm them, thus he is doomed to be slain.*

*6 These [two witnesses] have power to shut up the sky, so that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying (their prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph); and they also have power to turn the waters into blood and to smite and scourge the earth with all manner of plagues as often as they choose.*

*7 But when they have finished their testimony and their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them.*

*8 And their dead bodies [will lie exposed] in the open street (a public square) of the great city which is in a spiritual sense called [by the mystical and allegorical names of] Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.*

*9 For three and a half days men from the races and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and will not allow them to be put in a tomb.*

*10 And those who dwell on the earth will gloat and exult over them and rejoice exceedingly, taking their ease and sending presents [in congratulation] to one another, because these two prophets had been such a vexation and trouble and torment to all the dwellers on the earth.*

*11 But after three and a half days, by God's gift the breath of life again entered into them, and they rose up on their feet, and great dread and terror fell on those who watched them.*

Then, after 42 months or half way through the Tribulation, Rome will be destroyed and so will Mystery Babylon and the antichrist will be given power by the ten kings. He will set up this new empire or caliphate, both government and religion (Daniel 12:7) in Jerusalem with these ten kings. (Daniel 11:45)

Here is a recap of the first five facts concerning the empire of the antichrist or the 8th empire which will come to power in the final 42 months or the second half of the Tribulation.

## **Facts Regarding The Empire Of The AntiChrist**

### **1. Ten kings will surrender their nations in one hour**

Revelation 17:12-13

Daniel 7:8

### **2. These kings will submit and help destroy a city**

Revelation 18:15-16

Revelation 13:11-18

Revelation 13:1

Revelation 17:16-17

### **3. These ten kings and the antichrist will control the economy.**

They will control the economy especially in their part of the world in the last 42 months of the Tribulation

Revelation 13:16-18

### **4. They will assault Jews, seize Jerusalem and behead enemies**

Revelation 20:4

Zechariah 14:2

Revelation 11:7-11

Daniel 11:45

Daniel 12:7

**5. He (the antichrist) will change times and laws for 3 1/2 years.**

Daniel 7:25

- a. Force a change of religion and day of worship
- b. Change to an Islamic calendar
- c. Implement Sharia Law

When this 8th empire comes into existence it only has 3 1/2 years or 42 months before the Lord returns...

**Facts Regarding The Empire Of The AntiChrist**

**6. The Lord will return to rule in the days of the ten kings**

**Daniel 2:44 King James Version (KJV)**

*44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven 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 for ever.*

**Daniel 2:44 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*44 And in the days of these [final ten] kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people; but it shall break and crush and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.*

When you see these things beginning to form - get ready. This “Time Of The End”, as we've been going through, has ten kings coming to power before the antichrist. He uproots three of them and puts his own leaders in, making ten.

**Daniel 7:8 King James Version (KJV)**

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

**Daniel 7:8 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

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

In the days of these ten kings is when the Messiah returns! As bad or negative as things look right now, lift up your heads for your redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28)!

So, what is the 8th empire? Most scholars, traditionally, look at this and this is what they say - that these are five empires that were non-existent in John's day when he wrote Revelation.

## **5 Empires Non-Existent In John's Day**

- o Egyptian Empire
- o Assyrian Empire
- o Babylonian Empire
- o Media-Persian Empire
- o Grecian Empire

After Greece, came Rome. Now, watch this, John said that in his day there was a kingdom or empire that was...

### **Revelation 17:11 King James Version (KJV)**

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

### **Revelation 17:11 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

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

That kingdom was Rome. Rome was ruling in John's day. Last week we looked at some theories on the 7th empire and tonight we will look at the eighth empire.

Here are some beliefs or theories that people have had over the years concerning the 8th empire.

## Theories Of The Eighth Empire

1. A reviving of the ancient Roman Empire or E.U.



The difficulty you have with that is that the 8th empire is so violent and murderous where they will behead you. This can't be some peaceful man heading up the E.U. which has been talked about for centuries. This is a vicious beast or empire with large iron teeth and claws that tears and tramples anything in its way. This is not the characteristic of the European Union.

The antichrist will more than likely take over that part of the world but to say that the 8th empire is the E.U., it doesn't fit that scenario. Also, the E.U. nations are predominantly western and not eastern, and it has to be an equal east and west in Daniel 2 "The Statue in King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream".

## Theories Of The Eighth Empire

### 2. Ten divisions that form a global system

This would mean that Canada, United States, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, etc., all of these large nations would all have to submit to the antichrist.



In the Bible Zechariah 13:9 and Revelation 6:8, it talks of destruction to 1/3 of water, land and 1/4 of mankind being wiped out. The Bible speaks to a region around the Mediterranean Sea that this beast is very strong. So to say that the 10 kings are 10 divisions across the world that submit to the beast and destroy a city and people in one hour it doesn't fit. Because all the divisions would have to be controlled by a radical Muslim in all of government along with the amount/number of destruction in Zechariah and Revelation, this theory just doesn't fit the Bible.

## Theories Of The Eighth Empire

*\*This is the best choice*

### 3. An Islamic Caliphate will rule for 42 months

This is the only logical and best solution when you look at all the prophecies that are summed up from Jeremiah, Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, Revelation - all of the apocalyptic books in the Bible and the words of Jesus.



Some people will ask, “why doesn’t the Bible just say that it would be an Islamic caliphate?” Because Islam didn't come into existence until 600 years after Christianity came into existence.

So God didn’t name a particular religion but He named the scenarios of what you would see and the details of what would happen. So much of this fits what Muslims are looking for and what Muslims believe.

Now, lets look at the antichrist...

## **The Nature Of The AntiChrist**

### **1. He is a Gentile and not a Jew**

This is based on Daniel Chapter 2 and the image in the dream that King Nebuchadnezzar had. Starting from the top going all the way down to the inter gentile kingdoms.

Also, in Revelation 11:2 it says that the gentiles trampled the city of Jerusalem for 42 months. That is the 8th empire, that is the last kingdom.

#### **Revelation 11:2 King James Version (KJV)**

*2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*

#### **Revelation 11:2 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*2 But leave out of your measuring the court outside the sanctuary of God; omit that, for it is given over to the Gentiles (the nations), and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months (three and one-half years).*

## **The Nature Of The AntiChrist**

### **2. He will become great with a small people**

#### **Daniel 11:23 King James Version (KJV)**

*23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.*

#### **Daniel 11:23 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*23 And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall work deceitfully, and he shall come up unexpectedly and shall become strong with a small people.*

He heads to Egypt with a great army and overthrows Egypt.

## **The Nature Of The AntiChrist**

### **3. He sets out to stop Jewish worship**

#### **Revelation 12:6 King James Version (KJV)**

*6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

**Revelation 12:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*6 And the woman [herself] fled into the desert (wilderness), where she has a retreat prepared [for her] by God, in which she is to be fed and kept safe for 1,260 days (42 months; three and one-half years).*

He takes Jerusalem over when he kills the 2 witnesses and the Jews start fleeing to the wilderness.

**The Nature Of The AntiChrist**

**4. He sets himself up as a god**

**2 Thessalonians 2:4 King James Version (KJV)**

*4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*4 Who opposes and exalts himself so proudly and insolently against and over all that is called God or that is worshiped, [even to his actually] taking his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming that he himself is God.*

**Daniel 11:37 King James Version (KJV)**

*37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.*

**Daniel 11:37 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*37 He shall not regard the gods of his fathers or Him [to Whom] women desire [to give birth—the Messiah] or any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all.*

He will set himself up like god and receive worship just like God would.

We have covered what is the last empire, what is the nature of the antichrist and who will be leading that empire, and now the location. There are a lot of theories on where the last kingdom empire is and I want to share some of those with you.

**Theories Of The Eighth Empire Location/Headquarters**

- 1. New York City and the United Nations will be the headquarters of the beast.**

This theory says he will be from America, he will be in New York sitting in the UN building. This theory says that Babylon in Revelation 17 is New York City.

**Revelation 17:5 King James Version (KJV)**

*5 And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth.*

**Revelation 17:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*5 And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth.*

New York City may have some characteristics of ancient Babylon, but it's not what the Bible is referring to. Lets look at what the Bible says.

**Revelation 17:18 King James Version (KJV)**

*18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

**Revelation 17:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*18 And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates and controls the rulers and the leaders of the earth.*

Well Pastor Grant, they (the UN) control the leaders of the earth through the UN. No the U.N. makes resolutions but it does not rule over the kings of the earth. Also, in New York, since they have the Stock Market people think they will rule the money. But when you read what the city is like in the following verses you will see it's not New York.

**Revelation 18:11-13 King James Version (KJV)**

*11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:*

*12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,*

*13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, **and souls of men.***

**Revelation 18:11-13 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*11 And earth's businessmen will weep and grieve over her because no one buys their freight (cargo) any more.*

*12 Their merchandise is of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; of fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet [stuffs]; all kinds of scented wood, all sorts of articles of ivory, all varieties of objects of costly woods, bronze, iron, and marble;*

*13 Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment and perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) **and souls of men!***

They controlled the “souls of men” is key. This is a religious system that if you believe what we believe and follow us we can determine whether you go to heaven or not.

**Revelation 17:6 King James Version (KJV)**

*6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

**Revelation 17:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*6 I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God's people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed and wondered greatly.*

That is certainly not New York City because New York City, although it has crime just like other cities, didn't kill Jesus. They are not or have not martyred people because of Christianity. "Well, it might happen in the future", but that doesn't make it "Mystery Babylon" because it has to line up with all prophecy that the book of Revelation is speaking of.

**Revelation 18:4 King James Version (KJV)**

*4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

**Revelation 18:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*4 I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues.*

When 911 happened, many people said that this is that judgment because in one hour the city was destroyed. No, there were buildings destroyed and people lost their lives, but the city was not destroyed, it kept going on and was rebuilt.

**Isaiah 46:9-10 King James Version (KJV)**

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,  
10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

**Isaiah 46:9-10 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,  
10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,

**Malachi 3:6 King James Version (KJV)**

6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

**Malachi 3:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

6 For I am the Lord, I do not change;

You and I have to be careful reading into certain Scriptures because what appears to be something you will find out later that it wasn't that at all. Remember, Scripture always confirms Scripture, just like we are looking at Daniel and Revelation, the Old Testament and the New Testament go hand in hand.

This area that John is referring to in these passages is Rome. Rome killed Christ and initiated 10 persecutions against Christians for 250 years. The Roman Church claims to control the souls in purgatory and have the power to release them.

**Revelation 18:13 King James Version (KJV)**

*13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.*

**Revelation 18:13 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*13 Of cinnamon, spices, incense, ointment and perfume, and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat; of cattle and sheep, horses and conveyances; and of slaves (the bodies) and souls of men!*

This is what I believe - that this system or Babylonian system, that controls the souls of men could have the illusion to that doctrine of purgatory. I'm not saying it does, but it makes a lot of sense since it is a Roman doctrine.

Then, you have the Roman Popes who ruled for over 1,000 years and gave global influence to all of Europe. This includes placement and removal of kings.

This is what John wrote in Revelation 18:4.

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*4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

**Revelation 18:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*4 I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues.*

That verse in Revelation 18:4 speaks for itself.

The headquarters of the beast is not Washington D.C. and it is not in New York City. Because, John said it would have to be a city that was ruling over the kings of the earth in his day. That city is Rome.

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**Theories Of The Eighth Empire Location/Headquarters**

**2. E.U. Parliament Building in Brussels.**

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

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

A lot of people are saying that Brussels, Belgium will be the headquarters of the beast, so is that true?... we will pick up from where we left off next week!

