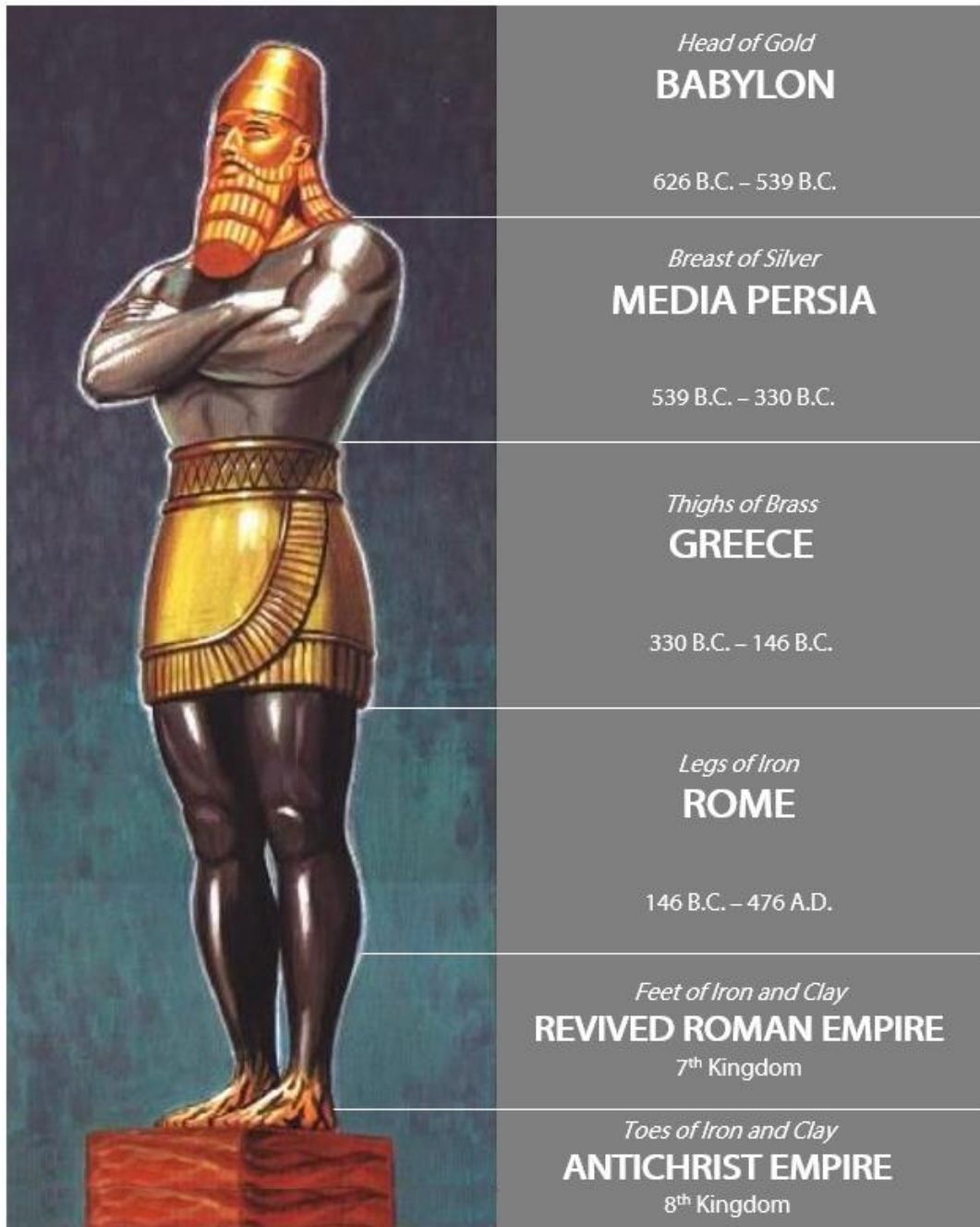


Since we covered a lot of ground in the past two sessions, let me quickly review. As we have seen, God has a *six-fold purpose* for the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. Namely, “to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place” (Dan. 9:24). This *six-fold purpose* is accomplished during a *divine timetable*, which is a period of 70 weeks or 490 years. At centerstage of this *six-fold purpose* and *divine timetable* is the *nation of Israel and the Jewish people*. And finally, the *instrument* God uses to refine, purify, purge, prepare, and judge Israel and the Jewish people are four worldwide empires.

As we have seen, 483 years have already been accomplished as God used Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome. In the final seven years of this prophecy, God will complete His six-fold purpose for Israel by using a revived Roman Empire and the antichrist’s empire. Revelation 17:9-11 reveals these empires are the seventh and eighth kingdoms.

The picture below summarizes the four empires revealed by Daniel and the seventh and eighth kingdoms revealed by John.



As I will explain in the next session, the seventh kingdom will be characterized by tolerance, manipulated unity, humanistic love, soulish compassion, and false justice. This kingdom will promise the world a utopia of peace, prosperity, and equality. The religions of the world will unite. A global economy will flourish. And many nations will form a global government, bound together by laws, courts, and an army to enforce its legislation. Sometime after the seventh kingdom has been established, the antichrist, as a world-renowned leader, will make this kingdom the marvel of the nations.

Nevertheless, 3.5 years before Jesus Christ returns, the antichrist and ten kings will destroy the seventh kingdom and setup the eighth kingdom (Rev. 17:16-17; 13:1-18). The eighth kingdom will be markedly different. It will be a totalitarian regime, which enforces its will through war, forced submission, economic control through the mark of the beast, and mandated worship of the antichrist.

Contrasting the Seventh and Eighth Kingdoms

When teachers and authors describe the antichrist and his final empire, they often lump the seventh and eighth kingdoms together. This usually results in confusion and misunderstanding. There are important distinctions between these final two kingdoms we need to understand. In the table below, I detail some of the main differences between these two antichrist kingdoms.

Characteristic	Seventh Kingdom	Eighth Kingdom
Duration	A short time (perhaps 5 – 20 years?)	3.5 years
Beginning	Several few decades before Jesus returns	3.5 years before Jesus returns
Characteristics	Tolerance, peace, prosperity, manipulated unity, humanistic compassion, and false justice.	Intolerance, war, state-controlled economy, forced submission, totalitarianism, and chaos.
Established by	Uniting the nations through a prosperous economy, a tolerant religious system, and common legislation.	Conquering the nations through formidable military force and a controlled economy.
Religion	State-run church which merges together Islam, Christianity, and Judaism into one-world religion. Freedom of worship in the state-run church.	Elimination of all religions except the antichrist’s religion. The nations are forced to convert to this religion or face death. The antichrist will mandate worship for himself.
Government	Hybrid of socialism, corporatism, and technocracy	Totalitarian dictatorship
Economy	Hybrid of socialism and capitalism, known as Inclusive Capitalism or Stakeholder Capitalism.	State-run and state-controlled economy using the mark of the beast to regulate buying and selling.
Satan’s Goal	Intoxicate the nations and prepare them to worship the antichrist.	Receive worship from the nations through his proxy the antichrist.

Characteristic	Seventh Kingdom	Eighth Kingdom
Scripture	Revelation 17-18	Revelation 13
Response	The nations will unite and align themselves with the one-world economy, one-world religion, and one-world government.	Many nations will resist and war against the antichrist's totalitarian economy, religion, and government.

With these distinctions in mind, let's look at how the seventh and eighth kingdoms will rise to prominence and power in the end times.

The Rise of the Seventh and Eighth Kingdoms

Daniel 7:24 reveals an important truth about the iron kingdom. This verse states, "As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings."

If you notice carefully, this verse, along with several other scriptures, describe five phases of the fourth kingdom of iron and the seventh and eighth kingdoms mentioned in Revelation 17:9-11. These phases are:

1. A Revived Roman Empire
2. Ten kings arise
3. The antichrist arises
4. The antichrist and 10 kings reign
5. The antichrist subdues three kings

Phase 1: A Revived Roman Empire

Notice the phrase *out of this kingdom*. This means the kingdom is established before the ten kings arise out of it in the end times.

When the Western Roman Empire fell in 476 A.D., the prophecy of the end-time iron kingdom was shelved for a season. But fast forward over 1,400 years to 1950, when the European Union (EU) began to form, and we see the beginning of the revived Roman Empire. After two bloody and costly world wars fought in Europe, influential leaders united to establish peace and prosperity between neighboring nations.

In 1950, the European Coal and Steel Community began bringing together European countries economically and politically to secure lasting peace and prosperity. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome created the European Economic Community (EEC), known also as the Common Market. The EEC worked toward creating a common currency and financial system for a united Europe. This led to the launch of the EU in 1958, when the six founding countries of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands aligned to promote peace and prosperity in the region.

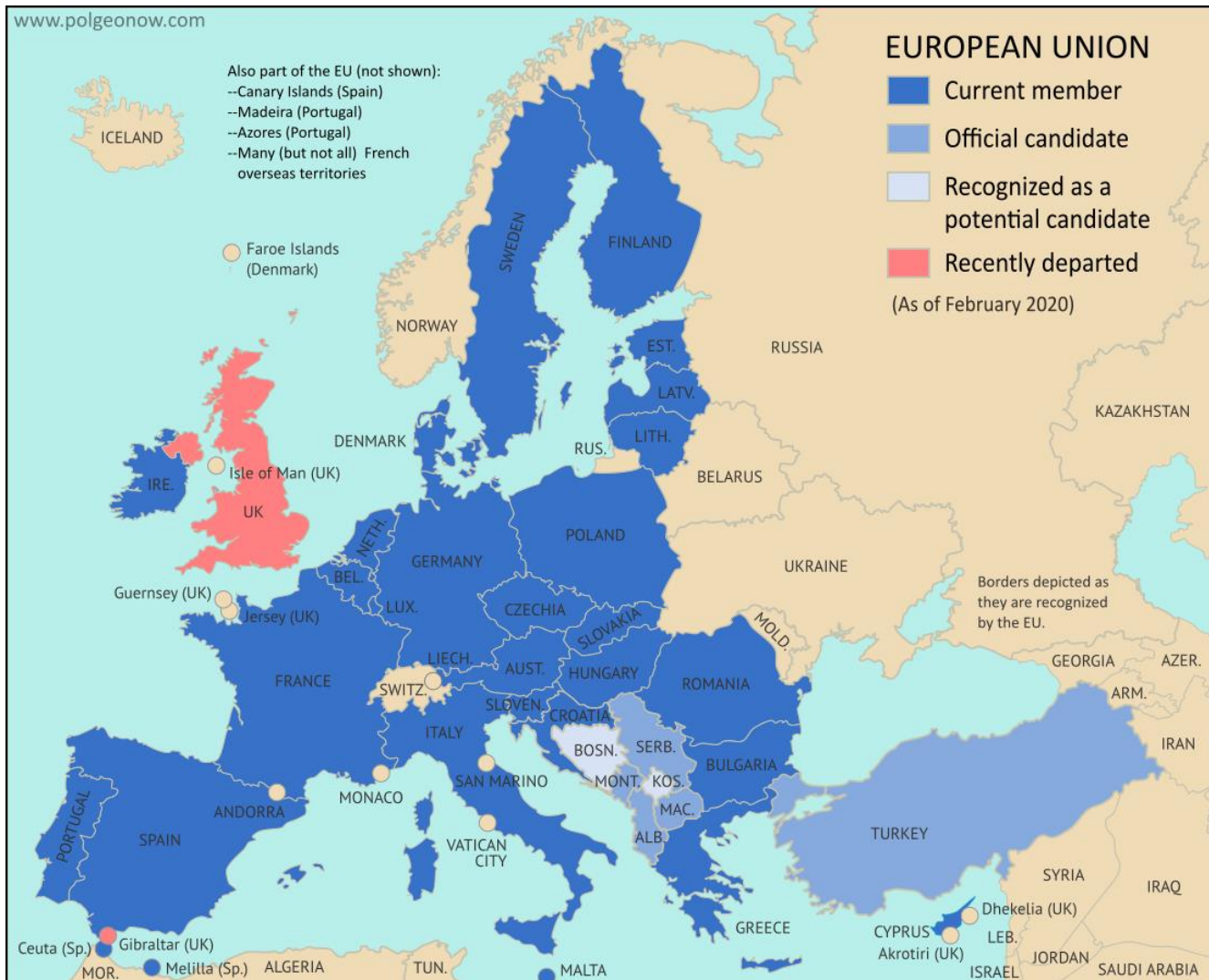
One interesting fact to note. Israel was reborn in 1948, after 1,800-plus years of desolation. Then a few years later, the EU was established. This is no coincidence. Remember: Daniel's Seventy-Week Prophecy stipulates that the Jewish people must dwell in their land before the pause button is released. At the same time Israel was being revived, the Roman Empire was awakened after centuries of lying dormant.

A few years after Israel recaptured the city of Jerusalem in 1967, Denmark, Ireland, and the United Kingdom joined the EU on January 1, 1973, raising the member states to nine. Eight years later, Greece joined the EU in 1981, becoming the tenth member. And in 1986, Spain and Portugal brought the total members to 12.

After the collapse of Communism in central and eastern Europe, the EU grew tighter. In 1993, the Single Market was completed, which permitted the movement of goods, services, people, and money across member states. Two years later, Austria, Finland, and Sweden joined the EU, enlarging the EU membership to 15.

On January 1, 1999, the euro was launched, but it was used only for accounting purposes and electronic payments. But three years later, on January 1, 2002, coins and banknotes were released in 12 EU countries, forming a common economic system.

Two years later, ten new countries joined the EU, including Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Three years later, Bulgaria and Romania joined. And finally, in 2013, Croatia became a member. When the UK left the EU in 2020, it brought the total number of member states to 27. Below is a map of the European Union as of February 2020.



As you can see, the EU covers about a third of the ancient Roman Empire, proving that Phase 1 of the Revived Roman Empire is being fulfilled in our day, though only in its infancy. Though the Roman Empire was decimated, it is beginning to be revived through the EU. But there's still much more to come.

Perhaps through the UN's 17 Goals for Sustainable Development, the 2030 Agenda, and the World Economic Forum's Great Reset, which we will look at in the next session, many more nations will unite, enlarging the territory of the Revived Roman Empire.

Looking at the ancient Roman Empire on a map, I would expect the Revived Roman Empire to stretch from Spain through the heartland of Europe into Turkey through the center of the Middle East and perhaps into Iraq. It's possible, with the unprecedented prosperity of the seventh kingdom's global economy, many more nations could join this empire, enlarging the territory of this kingdom even more. Time will tell.

Europa

I will never forget my trip to Germany in October 2017, when my dad, mom, and I spoke at a Bible school in the small German town of Kenzingen. On the days we were not speaking, we traveled around the area, going to the Swiss Alps, quaint villages in Germany, and to Strasbourg, France.

When we went to an old cathedral in a small German town on the border of France and Germany, I was fascinated by an eye-catching statue of a woman riding a bull. You can see a picture of this below.



Later, when we went to the EU Parliament in Strasbourg, I saw a different version of this statue. What struck me was the eerie similarity to Revelation 17, where the harlot rides on the back of the beast.

After researching this, I learned the woman on the statue was Europa, who, according to Greek mythology, was raped by Zeus. As the legend goes, Zeus, overwhelmed by her beauty and grace, transformed himself into a white bull, seduced her, and took her to Crete. Here, he revealed his true identity, raped her, and impregnated her. Europa gave birth to Minos, the eventual king of Crete, and she became the first queen of Crete.

Europe was named after Europa and the EU frequently uses Europa on the back of a bull as a semi-official symbol, sometimes appearing on EU currency or near a European institution.

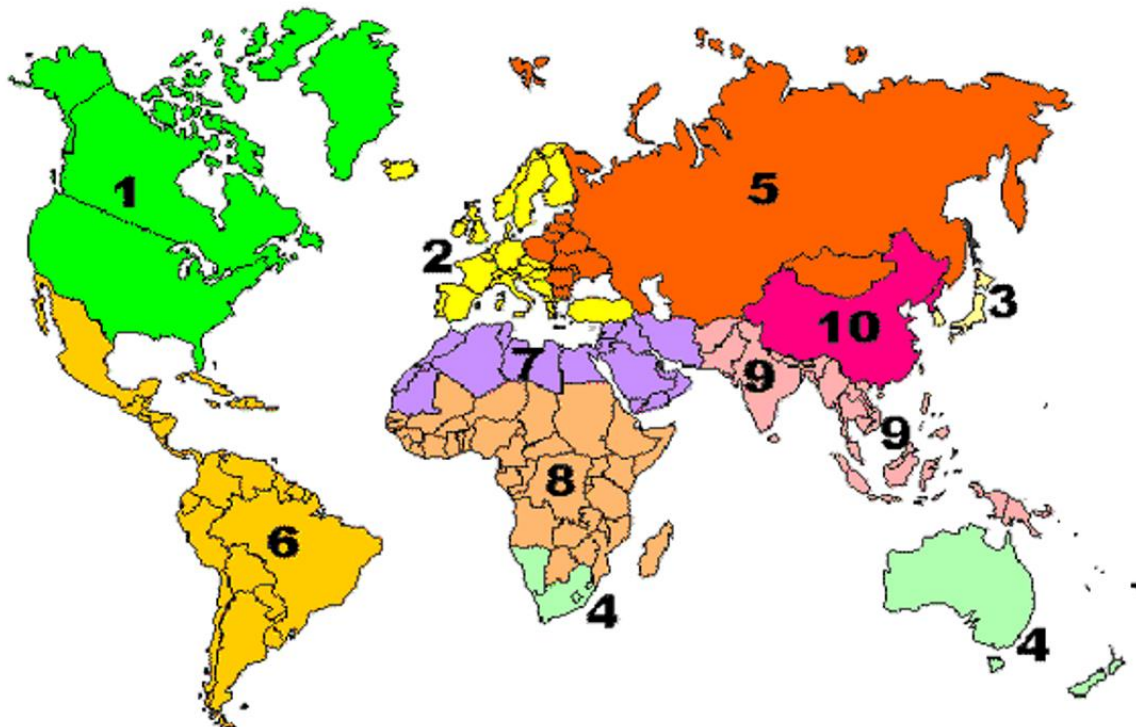
I was struck by the connection between Revelation 17 and this often-used symbol for Europe, especially when factoring in the Revived Roman Empire prophesied by Daniel and John. Then, when you consider the revelation given to John of the woman riding on the back of the beast—symbolizing the city of Rome taken to worldwide prominence by the antichrist—it's striking to see this symbol throughout Europe, confirming what the Bible prophesies.

It might sound odd, but seeing this connection really inspired me to study the history of the European Union, the push toward globalism, the elites who desperately desire global government, the globalist political think-tanks they created to achieve this, and how this is all working toward the fulfillment of biblical prophecy. I spent about 2-3 years diving deep into this, devouring books, videos, and audios trying to wrap my mind around the push toward globalism. This research solidified in my mind that end-time Babylon is rising up. The ancient Roman Empire is being revived in our day. We are living in the days when Scripture is being fulfilled right before our eyes.

Phase 2: Ten Kings Arise

Next, looking back at Daniel 7:24, notice the phrase *ten kings will arise*. This shows a progressive rise to power.

Who are these 10 kings? Some have speculated 10 nations in the EU will rise to great prominence. Others believe it will be 10 regions of the world. This plan was revealed in 1973 by the Club of Rome—a globalist political-think tank with the expressed goal of establishing a one-world government. Their plan is shown below.



According to their plan, the 10 regions would include: 1) North America; 2) the European Union; 3) Japan; 4) Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa; 5) Eastern Europe, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Russia, and the former countries of the Soviet Union; 6) Central and South America, Cuba, and the Caribbean Islands; 7) The Middle East and North Africa; 8) The rest of Africa except for South Africa; 9) South and Southeast Asia, including India; and 10) China.

Still others theorize the 10 nations will be world powers, such as China, America, and Russia, just to name a few. And finally, some see these 10 nations as an Islamic federation seeking to conquer the world for Allah.

Whatever it ultimately looks like, ten kings will rise to prominence and align themselves with the antichrist and his kingdom.

Not only are these 10 kings mentioned in Daniel 7:24, but they also appear in Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue and in Daniel's night vision of the four beasts. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, these 10 kings are symbolized by 10 toes of iron mixed with clay. In Daniel's night vision, these 10 kings are portrayed as 10 horns of authority on the iron monster.

Over 500 years later, John saw these same “ten horns which . . . are ten kings” (Rev. 17:12). Adding further insight, John said they “have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour” (Rev. 17:12). This likely means the 10 kings don’t have governing authority nor do they have dominion until the antichrist crowns them rulers with him in his eighth empire. This coronation takes place in Revelation 13:1, when John sees the beast empire rising up out of the sea. Specifically, John sees these 10 horns crowned with “ten diadems,” which are a kingly ornament for the head or a crown. It means these 10 kings receive authority with the antichrist at the beginning of the eighth kingdom, 3.5 years before Christ returns.

This likely rules out, then, the theory of the 10 kings being 10 leaders of nations or world regions prior to the rise of the antichrist. The 10 kings, therefore, will not be leaders of 10 EU nations, 10 world regions, 10 superpower nations, or 10 Islamic nations before the antichrist ascends to power. What it does mean, however, is the 10 kings will rise in international prominence prior to the antichrist but they will not have governing authority over a nation or region until they are crowned as kings in the eighth kingdom.

Phase 3: The Antichrist Arises

Looking once again at Daniel 7:24, notice the phrase “another will arise after them.” This one will “speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One” (Dan. 7:25). He will “make alterations in times and in law” (Dan. 7:25). This undoubtedly describes the antichrist.

After 10 kings arise to international prominence, the antichrist will emerge onto the world scene. Keep in mind the antichrist will eventually become king of the seventh and eighth empires.

As we see in Revelation 17:3, the antichrist will carry the harlot city Rome to global prominence. Most of the world will regard Rome with great affection and admiration. When the antichrist arises to power, he will make Rome the city of cities. Whether this means Rome will be the headquarters of the seventh kingdom is debatable. I’m inclined to believe Rome will be the capital city of the seventh kingdom. But time will tell. What’s certain to me, however, is Rome will be one of the most beloved cities of the world right before Christ returns.

When the antichrist brings Rome to worldwide renown and the seventh kingdom comes to the apex of its power, the Roman empire will be fully revived, becoming a one-world government, a one-world economy, and a one-world religion. As stated previously, this area will likely stretch from Spain to Iraq. However, with the allure of unprecedented wealth, the territory of this kingdom could be much larger.

When the antichrist rises to power, as king of the seventh kingdom during a time of worldwide peace and safety, he will establish a peace agreement between Israel and the Islamic world. The nations will rejoice as long-lost cousins, the sons and daughters of Abraham, unite on the Temple Mount to worship, supposedly, the same God. This obviously is not true, but the world will believe this lie.

When the antichrist, Israel, and the Arab world sign this peace accord, it will bring a great revival of Judaism to Israel (Dan. 9:27). In the minds of many Orthodox Jews, they will see this as a miracle from God, allowing them to offer Levitical sacrifices in their rebuilt temple. But little do they realize, it will be a covenant of death, ushering in the greatest trial Israel has ever experienced (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:1).

Let me make one final point in this section. Whereas the Roman Empire initially spread out from Rome, the Revived Roman Empire could likely be revived in reverse. Here’s what I mean. The EU is established first. Then the territory expands through a global economic system, religion, and government. This leads to 10 kings rising up in international prominence, followed by the antichrist ascending to power. And finally, when the antichrist makes Rome the headquarter city of this empire, the Roman Empire is fully revived. Thus, it’s a reverse restoration.

Phase 4: The Antichrist and 10 Kings Reign

At the middle of Daniel’s 70th week, 3.5 years prior to the second coming, the antichrist will destroy the seventh kingdom and setup the eighth kingdom. John wrote, “The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction” (Rev. 17:11).

Notice carefully the phrase *is one of the seven*. In the Greek, the word *one of* can mean *out of*. If we take this meaning and insert it into the text it reads like this: The beast . . . is himself also an eighth and is *out of* seven. In other words, the eighth kingdom comes out of the seventh kingdom.

This is exactly what we see in Revelation 17, when the harlot city Rome (seventh kingdom) rides on the back of the antichrist to worldwide prominence. The antichrist becomes the head of the seventh kingdom through his charisma, skill, and intelligence.

Nevertheless, 3.5 years before Christ returns, the antichrist and the 10 kings will set Rome on fire, destroy the seventh kingdom, and establish the eighth kingdom. Thus, the eighth kingdom *comes out of* the seventh kingdom.

The Antichrist and 10 Kings Attack Rome

In the words of John, “The ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled” (Rev. 17:16-17).

To simplify, the antichrist and the 10 kings will wage war against Rome. They will destroy the beloved city, which in turn decimates the global utopia. The one-world religion of tolerance, love, unity, and ecumenical universalism will be replaced by a totalitarian religion. Rather than choosing what religion you want to peacefully embrace, the antichrist and false prophet will force the world by threat of death to bow down to Satan and the antichrist.

The Eighth Empire Expands Through War

God will give the antichrist reign over many nations for 42 months or 3.5 years. When this period begins, the antichrist and 10 kings will go forth “conquering and to conquer” (Rev. 6:2). This coalition will attempt to subdue by force, in all likelihood, the nations which aligned themselves with the seventh kingdom, meaning they will wage relentless war from Europe to Iran.

This demonically energized federation, through their formidable military, will endeavor to conquer the territory of the ancient Roman, Greek, Persian, and Babylonian Empires. This is confirmed in Revelation 13:2, when John saw the antichrist kingdom as “a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion” (Rev. 13:2). As this verse reveals, the eighth kingdom will conquer the territory occupied by the ancient Greek (leopard), Persian (bear), and Babylonian (lion) empires.

Daniel 2:35 validates this as well, for Daniel said when the stone—symbolizing Jesus Christ at His second coming—strikes “the statue on its feet of iron and clay,” which is the antichrist’s final empire, it will crush *at the same time* “the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold” (Dan. 2:35). This means the antichrist will have dominion over the same area occupied by the ancient empires of Rome, Greece, Media Persia, and Babylon. Therefore, the antichrist’s final world empire will likely stretch from Spain to Iran.

Daniel 7:7 and 7:19 confirm this also, for the last empire will devour, crush, and trample down “the remainder with its feet.” The *remainder* likely refers to the territory of the Babylonian, Persian, and Greek empires. Therefore, the antichrist and 10 kings will dominate the European and Arab world just prior to Jesus’ return.

Not only will the antichrist and 10 kings conquer this vast territory, but they will replace the one-world economy, which produced unprecedented prosperity, with the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:16). Everyone who refuses to take this mark will be unable to buy and sell (Rev. 13:17). This mark will signal to the world that a person has pledged their undying allegiance to the antichrist and his empire.

Jesus Crushes the Antichrist and 10 Kings

The reign of the antichrist and his eighth empire will be short-lived, for he will meet his Maker at the second coming of Jesus Christ, when He slays him “with the breath of His mouth and [brings him] to an end by the appearance of His coming” (2 Thess. 2:8, emphasis mine).

John records this future war between the antichrist and the 10 kings with Jesus Christ and His ragtag army of overcoming believers, stating the antichrist and 10 kings “will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them” because “He is Lord of lord and King of kings” (Rev. 17:14). Daniel saw the same event, symbolized by a “stone . . . cut out without hands” striking the ten toes of the statue and crushing it. Jesus Christ will effortlessly annihilate the leaders of this formidable empire with the sword of His mouth.

Characteristics of the Iron and Clay

Before moving on, there's a few more characteristics of the ten kings we need to observe. Speaking of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Daniel said to him, "In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom" (Dan. 2:41). Interpretating this, Daniel said the iron represents "some of the kingdom [being] strong" and other parts of it, symbolized by the clay, being "brittle" (Dan. 2:42).

In addition, Daniel said, "In that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery" (Dan. 2:43). This speaks of an alliance between unlikely people groups. Let me explain.

Notice the word *mixed*, when it's used of the iron *mixing* with the clay. This word in Aramaic is the word *arab*, meaning *to mix, join together*. A slightly different but related word, *erab*, is used in Nehemiah 13:3, referring to the Ammonites and Moabites as "the mixed multitude" (Neh. 13:1-3). The Ammonites and Moabites lived in modern-day Jordan. Thus, in the ancient Middle East, the Arabs were viewed as the mixed desert people.

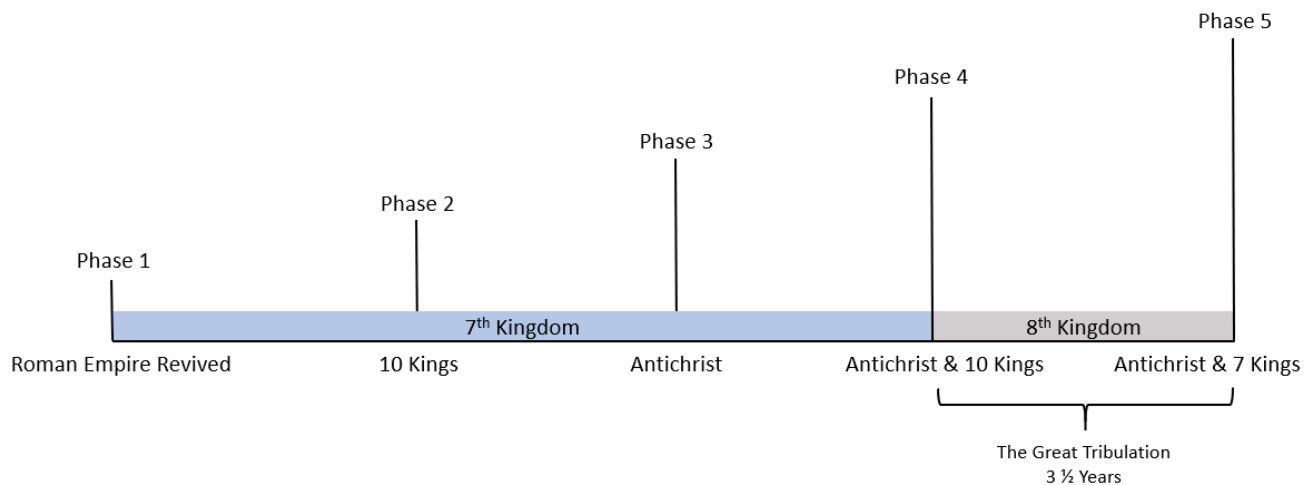
Tying this back to Daniel 2:43, perhaps this verse alludes to European nations (iron) joining with Arab nations (clay) in the final phase of the end-time empire. This makes sense when you look at the landscape of the ancient Roman Empire, which stretched from Europe into the heart of the Middle East. Therefore, it's quite possible the iron mixed with clay speaks of a shaky, tenuous, and fragile alliance between European nations and Arab nations to form the Revived Roman Empire and the antichrist's empire.

Phase 5: The Antichrist Subdues Three Kings

At some point during the eighth kingdom, the antichrist will subdue three of the ten kings as he attempts to bring the entire world under his totalitarian regime.

The five phases of Daniel 7:24 are summarized in the graphic below.

Five Phases of Daniel 7:24



When Is the Harlot Destroyed?

Studying Revelation 17-18, many wonder when the antichrist and 10 kings destroy the harlot with fire. As I said in the *Phase 4* section, I believe this takes place at the midpoint of Daniel's 70th week—3.5 years before Jesus returns. Let me explain why I believe this.

To begin, we have to realize many of John's visions take place during the Day of the Lord. At the beginning of the book, John wrote, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day" (Rev. 1:10). This doesn't mean John

was in the Spirit on a Sabbath or a Sunday. Rather, John was taken by the Spirit into the events known in Scripture as the Day of the Lord. The Old Testament prophets and the New Testament epistles refer to the Day of the Lord several times. This day is not a 24-hour period. It begins 3.5 years before the end of this age, during the last half of Daniel's 70th week. The Day of the Lord refers to the 3.5 years of God's judgment upon the nations for their sin, rebellion, and defiance against Him. The Day of the Lord also includes God's reign on the earth, when Jesus returns and rules the nations from Jerusalem for 1,000 years.

Next, we have to realize some parts of Revelation 6-19:6 are in chronological order while other parts are parenthetical. A common mistake made by many Bible students is assuming all of Revelation 6-19:6 are in chronological order. Some parts are definitely in chronological order. But other parts serve as a parenthesis in the narrative, designed to take the reader deeper into important sections of the prophecy. For example, Revelation 12-14 and Revelation 17-18 are two large parenthetical sections.

Often, John will use phrases such as "then I saw," "after this I saw," "after these things I looked," or "then I saw." These phrases do not automatically mean it was the next sequence of events in the chronological narrative. Instead, it indicates John is seeing a new vision concerning the Day of the Lord.

Sometimes these visions are in chronological order but other times these are not. For those interested, I created a short guide to understanding the structure of Revelation 6-19:6. This guide shows when I believe passages in Revelation are in chronological order and when they are parenthetical sections. You can get the guide by [clicking this link](#) or by looking at the endnote.¹ I also have a chart that graphs this out, which you can get by [clicking this link](#) or by looking at the endnote.²

As I list in this chart, I believe Revelation 17-18:20, which chronicles the harlot city's one-world government, economy, and religion, takes place during the first half of Daniel's 70th week and this harlot city is burned by fire at the start of the last half of Daniel's 70th week.

This being the case, we have to understand why the antichrist hates the harlot in the first place. For example, John said, "The beast . . . will hate the harlot" (Rev. 17:16). Why will the beast hate the harlot? If you think about it, the beast—also known as the antichrist—will view the harlot city, which exports false religion to the nations, as his major revival. This false religious system will likely include a hybrid of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, as I explain in the next session. The harlot's religious pluralism will deflect from what the antichrist craves most—worship for himself alone from the nations. As Paul wrote, the antichrist will oppose and exalt "himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God" (2 Thess. 2:4).

Because the antichrist wants to monopolize worship, he will destroy the harlot city with fire, burning to the ground the false religious system which intoxicated the nations. Then, for 42 months or 3.5 years, the nations will worship "the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?'" (Rev. 13:4). Going further, John said, "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain" (Rev. 13:8).

In short, the antichrist will be worshipped by the nations for 3.5 years without revival. He will be the only one adored by unbelievers in the nations during this time. That's why I believe the antichrist and 10 kings will destroy the harlot city 3.5 years before Christ returns.

Resisting the Antichrist Kingdom

A few more notes before moving on. Many wrongly believe the coming one-world government will have total reign over every single nation. Unfortunately, some adopt a fatalist mindset, wrongly believing God's will is for the antichrist to have total control over the entire world. Their attitude is *why bother resisting what God has sovereignly decreed*. But this attitude is not from the Lord. Let me explain.

Neither the Revived Roman Empire (seventh kingdom) nor the antichrist's empire (eighth kingdom) will include every nation on the earth. Many nations will have a choice whether to align with the coming antichrist kingdom or to resist it. Though Satan yearns to have the entire world submitted to his seventh and eighth kingdoms, the Lord will only grant him a remnant of the nations. Numerous nations will resist these antichrist kingdoms (Zech. 14:16-19).

While the destiny of Israel and the nations who comprised the ancient Roman, Greek, Persian, and Babylonian Empires are sovereignly determined and sealed in Scripture, the Lord gives other nations a choice whether to align with the antichrist kingdom or resist it.

We have a few examples of this in Scripture. Daniel 11:40 shows nations resisting the antichrist and his totalitarian agenda. Daniel 11:41 shows Edom, Moab, and the sons Ammon, which together comprise modern-day Jordan, being rescued from his hand. Egypt will fight against the antichrist but will not escape (Dan. 11:42). Daniel 11:41 also states “many countries” will fall to the antichrist, but it doesn’t say *all* countries will fall to him. In Revelation 16:12, the kings from the east, likely a reference to China and other Asian nations, come to Israel, perhaps to fight against the antichrist.

With all of these scriptures in mind, one thing is certain: Until the end of the antichrist’s short reign, many nations will resist him and wage war against him. The main takeaway is the seventh and eighth kingdoms will not include every nation. We can and should resist the antichrist government and the antichrist agenda with everything in us.

Moving On . . .

Now that we know the high-level distinctions between the seventh and eighth kingdoms and how these two kingdoms will rise to power and prominence in the end times, we need to look in greater detail at the seventh and eighth kingdoms. We will begin this study in the next session, when we look at the seventh kingdom’s one-world government, one-world religion, and one-world economy and how this three-chorded strand is rising up at this moment in history.

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