

Biblical
Prophecy
Bible Study
Are we in the
End Times?

Lesson 2: The Kingdom of the Beast Part 2

- Revelation Chapters 13 and 17
- Daniel Chapter 8

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Strange Times and Strange Happenings An Incomplete and Semi-random List

Authoritarian
COVID policy

Cancel Culture and
censorship

Promotion of
lawlessness

Rise of the
Surveillance State

Labelling of
Dissenting Voices
as Domestic
Terrorists

Weaponization of
government
agencies

Targeting of
children and
hijacking of the
educational system

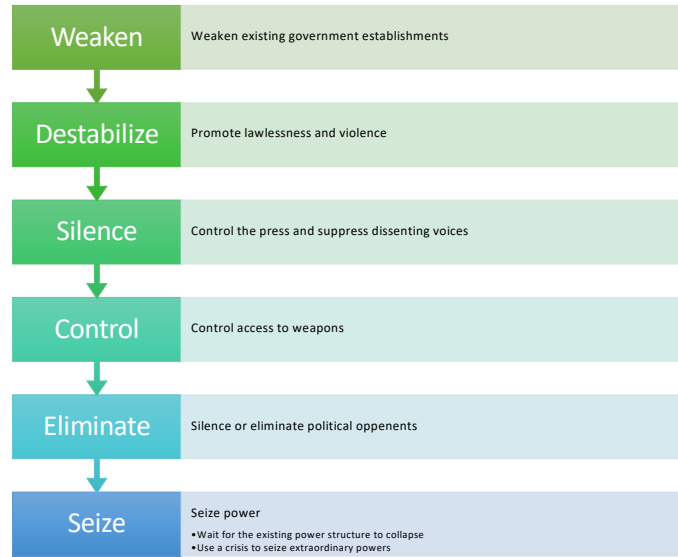
Rise of globalism

Systematic
undermining of the
Constitution

Aggressive assault
on Biblical
Authority

Rise of
antisemitism

Is there a pattern
developing?
How to seize
control of a
government



Can we put these strange times
and strange happenings in a
Biblical framework?

Biblical Prophecy Bible Study

Goals

- Study Biblical prophecy
- Use Biblical prophecy to interpret recent events
- Attempt to make sense of the world around us
 - Open and encourage discussion within the Church
 - Inspire further study
- Encourage fellow believers in the Gospel and God's redemptive plan
 - Engage unbelieving seekers

Biblical Prophecy Bible Study

Rules

- The Bible is the ultimate authority
- Be aware of what is known (fact) and what is conjecture
 - There is a limit to what we can know
 - Many of my previous conjectures have been proven wrong
- Keep an open mind
 - Be aware of biases
 - Salvation is through faith alone (Sola fide) and not through your end times views
- Conspiracy theories are fair game
- The only savior is Jesus Christ, not a political party
- Be comfortable with uncertainty

Biblical Prophecy Bible Study

Assumptions

- The Bible is God-breathed
 - Plenary verbal inspiration
- The Bible is inerrant
- The Bible is the sole infallible source of authority
 - Sola scriptura

We will discuss other end-time views, but...

- Dispensational Premillennialism is the basis for our analysis
- A pretribulation rapture is the basis for our analysis

Biblical Prophecy Bible Study

Outline

- Kingdom of the Beast
- Antichrist
- Satan
- 70-weeks Prophecy
- Olivet Discourse
- Nation of Israel
- Rapture
- One World Financial System and the One World Religion
- Millennial Kingdom
- Gog and Magog

Lesson 2: The Kingdom of the Beast

Review

A Biblical Model so far (Daniel 2 and 7)

- The three kingdoms of Daniel 4 will transition to a fourth kingdom
- It will be mixed, partly strong (iron), partly brittle (clay)
- It will be “dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong”
- Initially there will be 10 rulers
- Another ruler will arise, defeat three rulers, and become dominant
- The saints of the Most High will be persecuted
- The kingdom of the beast will be replaced by God’s Eternal Kingdom

What does the Bible tell us about the Kingdom of the Beast?

Key Biblical Passages

- Daniel Chapter 2
- Daniel Chapter 7
- Daniel Chapter 8
- **Revelation Chapter 13**
- Revelation Chapter 17

Book of Revelation

- Greek apokalypsis – unveiling or revelation
- Commonly dated to 95 AD
 - Last book of the New Testament written
 - Last book to be accepted as cannon
 - Book with the least extant early manuscripts
- Text identifies John as the author 4 times
 - Early church fathers identified John the Apostle as the author
 - John was exiled to Patmos
 - John was pastor to churches in Ephesus
 - Written late in the reign of Emperor Domitian (AD 81-96)

Book of Revelation Outline

Chapter 1: Introduction and Vision

Chapter 2: Letters to 4 Churches

Chapter 3: Letters to 3 Churches

Chapter 4: Throne Room of God

Chapter 5: Opening the Scroll

Chapter 6: Seals 1-6

Chapter 7: The 144,000

Chapter 8: Seal 7, Trumpets 1-4

Chapter 9: Trumpets 5 and 6

Chapter 10: The Little Book

Chapter 11: 2 Witnesses, Trumpet 7

Chapter 12: Revelation 12 Sign

Chapter 13: Beasts of the Sea and Land

Chapter 14: Jesus and the 144,000

Chapter 15: 7 Plagues, 7 Bowels

Chapter 16: 7 Bowels Delivered

Chapter 17: Babylon, Mother of Harlots

Chapter 18: Babylon is Fallen

Chapter 19: Christ's Second Coming

Chapter 20: Satan if Bound

Chapter 21: New Heaven and New Earth

Chapter 22: River and Tree of Life

Revelation 13: 1

“And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.”

From Revelation 12: 9 we know the dragon is Satan

Sea is gentile nations

Ten horns are ten rulers (DAN 7)

Diadems are signs of kings

From Revelation 17 we will learn the seven heads are seven kingdoms

The nations will be ungodly (Blasphemous names)

Revelation 13: 2

“And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.”

Leopard – Greece from DAN 7

Bear – Medo-Persia from DAN 7

Lion – Babylon from DAN 7

The authority of the Kingdom of the Beast comes from Satan

Revelation 13

Revelation 13: 3-10

- The Antichrist

Revelation 13: 11-18

- The False Prophet
- The Number of the Beast

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Revelation 17: 3

“And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.”

A large portion of Revelation 17 is about the Mother of Harlots, the coming One World Religion, but important clues are given about the Kingdom of the Beast. He is “one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls”

Revelation 17: 6-7

“And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly. And the angel said to me, ‘Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and ten horns.’”

Revelation 17:4-5 are a description of the Mother of Harlots

Revelation 17: 8

“The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name had not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.”

The beast was – existed in the past

“and is not” – does not exist in the present (at the time of John?)

“and is about to come up out of the abyss” - will exist soon and

comes from the abyss, a bottomless pit where evil spirits are confined

Luke 8:31 spirits that Jesus cast out of a man beg Jesus

not to be sent to the Abyss

Revelation 9: 1-3 locusts and Abaddon are released

from the abyss

Revelation 11: 7 beast from the abyss attacks the two

witnesses

Revelation 20: 1-3

And those who dwell on the earth – carnal, earthly people

Whose name has not been written in the book of life – those who are not saved

From the foundation of the world – God knows the end from the beginning, he knows all of time

Isaiah 46: 9-10 “Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure.’”

Revelation 17: 9-10

“Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.”

Many commentators compare this beast to the Roman Empire, because Rome was built on seven hills. While there does seem to be a connection between the beast and to Rome, the Greek word is mountains, and not hills.

Kingdoms are sometimes referred to a mountains.

It is unclear from these verses if the mountains are a reference to the kings, or a reference to actual mountains and kings.

five kings have fallen – they existed in the past

one is – this may be Rome, which existed at the time of Paul’s writing

The other has not come – the seventh Kingdom will arise in the future. This may be the OWO or it may be a modern nation, perhaps the US?

And when he comes, he must remain a little while – This suggest a finite, short time frame. This may be a reference to the 7+ years of the OWO

Revelation 17: 11

“The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.”

The eighth and final ruler/kingdom is one of the seven and is the one that goes to destruction. This suggests it is the kingdom of the Antichrist and it is destroyed by Jesus prior to the Millennial/Eternal kingdom.

If the eighth kingdom is the Kingdom of the Beast (Antichrist) then the seventh kingdom may be the One World Order, or the global government that the Antichrist usurps (pulls three horns out by the roots).

Revelation 17: 12-13

“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.”

The ten horns are rulers who do not currently have power but they gain power when the beast gains power.

They have one purpose, which may mean they are united in their goals, or it may mean their only purpose is to give power to the beast.

Revelation 17: 14

“These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.”

Here we learn that the 10 horns will also wage war against the Lamb, Jesus. We can expect their kingdom, possibly the OWO, to be violently anti-Christian and to be involved in the final battle against Jesus at Armageddon.

Revelation 13, 17

A Biblical Model

The final kingdom will consist of 7 nations

- Five kingdoms existed in the past
- One kingdom existed at the time of John
- One kingdom was future to the time of John

When the kingdom comes into power, 10 rulers will be given power

- The 10 rulers will rule for a short time (one hour)
- They will give power to the Antichrist

The Antichrist is one of the 7, but also an 8th

- He is linked to a former nation (was) but not at John's time (and is not)

The Seven Nations

A Possible Model

The One World Order will form an alliance of nations

- Ten individuals, who are not heads of state, will rule this government
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Who Are They?

Five kingdoms existed in the past

Babylon

- Daniel 2 identifies Nebuchadnezzar as the head of gold
- First beast of Daniel 7 is a lion with wings
- Revelation 13:2 “and his mouth like the mouth of a lion”

Babylon is in modern day Iraq

Daniel 8: 1-3

“In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously. I looked in the vision, and while I was looking I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I looked in the vision and I myself was beside the Ulai Canal. Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last.”

Daniel 8: 4-6

“I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased and magnified himself.”

“While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. He came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.”

Daniel 8: 7-8

“I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power. Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.”

Daniel 8: 20-22

“The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. The broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which arise from his nation, although not with his power.”

The Seven Nations

Who Are They?

Five kingdoms existed in the past

Medo-Persian Empire

- Historically, Persia conquered Babylon in 539 BC (Daniel 2)
- Second beast of Daniel 7 is a bear
- Revelation 13:2 “and his feet were like those of a bear”
- Daniel 8: 20 Identifies the ram as the Medo-Persian Empire

Persia is modern day Iran

The Seven Nations

Who Are They?

Five kingdoms existed in the past

Greece

- Historically, Alexander the Great conquered Babylon in 331 BC (Daniel 2)
- Third beast of Daniel 7 is a leopard
- Revelation 13:2 “the which I saw was like a leopard ”
- Daniel 8: 20 Identifies the goat as the kingdom of Greece

Hellenistic Kingdoms included Greece, Turkey, Syria, the Levant and Egypt

Daniel 9: 26

“Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.”

Rome conquered Jerusalem and destroyed the temple in 70 AD

The prince who is to come is thought to be a reference to the Antichrist

The Seven Nations

Who Are They?

One kingdom existed at the time of John

Rome

- Historically, Rome conquered Jerusalem in 63 BC (Daniel 2)
- John wrote Revelation during the reign of Emperor Domitian (81-96 AD)
- Rome destroyed the Second Temple in 70 AD

Rome is modern day Italy and the Vatican City

The Seven Nations

Who Are They?

Five kingdoms existed in the past

- Babylon (Iraq)
- Persia (Iran)
- Hellenistic Kingdoms (Greece and Macedonia)

Two additional kingdoms

- Egypt?
- Assyrian Empire?
- Hittites?

The Seven Nations

Who Are They?

One kingdom existed at the time of John

- Rome

One kingdom in the future

- The One World Order?
- The European Union?
- The United States?

The 8th Kingdom of the Beast

- Associated with the Roman Empire?

Revelation 13, 17

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The Kingdom of the Beast

A Hypothesis

Two opposing factions are at work

One is visible

- Coalition of governments, corporations, and individuals
- Drive toward globalism
- Marxist in origin
- Environmental authoritarianism

One is hidden

- The Antichrist

2 Thessalonians 2: 5-8

“Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.”

Questions and Discussion

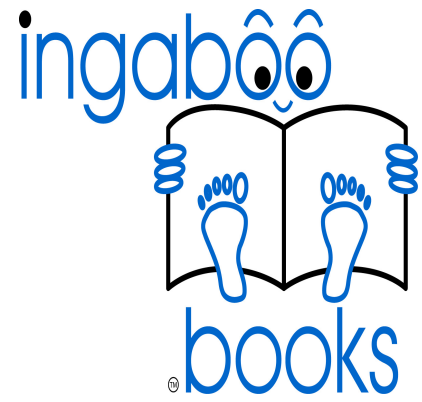
Acts 17:10-11

“The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”

Don't trust anything I saw. Please go and look it up for yourself. Challenge me when I am wrong. Discuss when you disagree.

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Lesson 3: The Origins of COVID

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