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PREFACE

Most apocalyptic Scripture dealing with the period immediately preceding Christ's Second Coming is associated with war. Spiritual and physical conflicts between Christ and His people and Satan and his minions define earth's final years. Satan's key agent in captivating most of humanity is known as the "antichrist."

Stunning details regarding this "leader" fill pages of God's Holy Word as warnings for us to be fully aware that his deceptive practices easily ensnare the mind and emotions. To make sure there is "prophetic recognition" of this evil, God has presented him through a myriad of ways. The imagery varies, such as: a "little horn," a "king," a "vile person," the "man of sin," the "sea beast," to even a "harlot," which John centers in Rome (Revelation 17:9). There is one other picture that stands unique and singular in Scripture – that is identifying him as the "*king of the north*."

It is important to note that this "antichrist" will become **the** world leader as humanity approaches its "end." This situation has been recognized by many: "Here the great crisis is coming upon the world. The Scriptures teach that ... **[he will regain his] lost supremacy,**" and then "**the fires of persecution will be rekindled.**"¹

It is fascinating to observe that its position as the geopolitical leader does not come easily. It relies on the power of others, detailed especially in Revelation 13 (Satan and the earth beast) and Revelation 17 (ten horn coalition). There is one place, however, that Daniel records competition with another "equal" power. That's in chapter 11, verses 40-42. That competing force is called "*the king of the south*." Intriguingly, within that context, Inspiration directed Daniel to call the "antichrist" there the "*king of the north*."

That completion was previously recognized: "The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a **fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world**, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestant coalition has done."²

Prophecy Research Initiative discusses the verses germane to this successful geopolitical "campaign." Its relevance is extreme, especially when seen in the greater picture of the "anti-christ" prophecies. But even more – the issues will touch all of humanity today. The period of time for this saga to unfold is imminent.

¹ White, Ellen G.; *1888 Material*, p. 901 (emphasis added).

² White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, pp. 565-566 (emphasis added).

The Final Battle Between Two Apostate Powers

(Daniel 11:36-45)

Daniel 11:30-45 presents the **final era** of the **antichrist power** during a time of trouble, called by many a “tribulation” period. It details two phases of his geopolitical aggression:

1. Against the Islamic world (11:40-43)
2. Against God’s remnant (11:32-35, 44)

Within this narrative, focusing mainly on verses 36-45, is commentary about the antichrist’s power finally achieving world domination and economic control. At the zenith of its rule come arrogant claims that end with its destruction (11:45) at the Second Coming (cf. II Thessalonians 2:3-12, Revelation 18:7-8).

This block of verses continues the Hebrew part of Daniel’s book, given especially to inform the final “remnant” or group of saints of what lies ahead. It is earth’s final history of Satan’s desperate work through his key surrogate agent – the “*king of the north*” – the antichrist.

Many alternative views claim that this narrative is a progressive description of Antiochus Epiphanes. The pagan historian Porphyry is usually cited as originating this proposal. Many scholars have convincingly refuted this understanding.³

Preamble to the King of the North

“And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done” (Daniel 11:36).

“And the king shall do according to his will;” (vs 36)

This wording assumes that we already know much about this king! He was first discussed in 8:23-24, which described a “time of the end” evil little horn! Later, in 11:21-28 he is called a *vile person*. Daniel describes him during the first rise of papal power. That is a different antichrist era.⁴ Then – a new eschatological timing period for that “*vile person*” (KJV) or antichrist work begins in 11:29 (“*And at the appointed time he shall return*”). From verses 29 to 35 this individual is referred to by using the simple pronoun, “he.” “*He*” threads back through these many masculine references to this “*contemptible person*” (NIV), “*despicable person*” (NET), “*vile person*” (KJV), in 11:21.

³ E. J. Young, *The Prophecy of Daniel* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1949) 250-51; Robert Dick Wilson, *Studies in the Book of Daniel* (Reprint; Grand Rapids: Baker, 1972) 266; H. C. Leupold, *Exposition of Daniel* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1949) 510; and John F. Walvoord, *Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation* (Chicago: Moody, 1971) 271 – as quoted by George M Harton, *Grace Theological Journal*, 4.2 (1983), p. 210.

⁴ Steinmann, Andrew E.; *Daniel* (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis), pp. 538-539.

Here in verse 36, the identity of this deceitful person (“he”) is embellished by calling him “*the king*” (*hao melek*). Significant is the distinctiveness of this individual now called “*the*” king. It alludes to a very specific person. That will be embellished further by the name “*the king of the north*.”

For centuries the “traditional” Christian religions have viewed this “*king*” as “*the man of sin*” or the eschatological “*antichrist*” of II Thessalonians 2:3-12. This again ties to Daniel 8:23, which describes a king exercising his evil power – timed in verses 8:17 and 19 to the ***time of the end***, at an ***appointed time*** (cf. 11:35c).

This “*king*” is distinctly end-time, when he, *the antichrist*, will rise to world power (cf. Revelation 17:12). Daniel’s ominous note comes with “*this king will do according to his pleasure*” or “his will.” Daniel 11:35 is fascinating because similar words are used that describe the Ram in 8:4, symbolizing Jesus! This continues the story of the horrific attempts that this “*man*” makes to “*be like God*.” Arrogance, elitism, suppression and control are in view by this man of sin in his final venture.

This king is first shown as primarily superintending religious issues (11:36-39); thus he is seen as a religious leader⁵ similar to what’s described in II Thessalonians 2:4b: “*so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God*.” His authority, for a time, will remain unchallenged (8:4; 11:3, 16).⁶ This raises “cries” from Gabriel (Daniel 8:13), Daniel (12:6) and the fifth-seal martyrs (Revelation 6:10), as to “How long?” This is a timing plea as to ***when*** God will intervene and vindicate His people and His character. Prophecy defines what God’s timing is!

“he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god.” (vs 36)

One can immediately perceive images of Satan – and that is an identity that some see (cf. Isaiah 14:11-14). But – the allusion to an earthly antichrist power is so pervasive in Daniel 11:21-45 that one’s attention must focus there. Since Revelation 13 and 17 also reveal an ***earthly power*** that wields blasphemous abusive force against God, distinct parallels are additional evidence. This also describes the little horn imagery of Daniel 8:10-11 and 25! No power matches the collective, coercive, spiritual defiance of the papacy so conclusively identified in these cross references.

“and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods,” (vs 36)

The “God of gods” refers to the one true God (Joshua 22:22; Psalm 50:1, 136:2; Deuteronomy 10:17).

One might conclude that such words would provoke a universal abhorrence for such speech, yet prophetically this “king” is such a charismatic, “God-like” figure, he mesmerizes the world while defying God! This is the imagery of charismatic blasphemy.

⁵ Steinmann, *op. cit.*, p. 540.

⁶ Goldingay, John E.; Daniel – *Word Biblical Commentary*, vol. 30 (Word Books, Publisher – Dallas, TX), p. 304.

- This echoes the little horn – “*he shall speak great words against the most High*” (Daniel 7:25)
- It is interesting that Nebuchadnezzar made a law against this type of arrogance: “*Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which **speak any thing amiss against the God** of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort*” (Daniel 3:29). That “little horn” defies the very principles that that global secular pagan king even set into Babylonian law!
- Intriguingly, skewed sensitivity toward the meaning of blasphemy led to Stephen’s death: “*Then they suborned [bribed] men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God*” (Acts 6:11). Those leaders were serving Satan. Prejudice and hatred confused their spiritual perceptions. In defending tradition, they supported falsehood – just as will shortly happen with the papacy!

“*Marvelous things*” (*niplaot*) is from the noun “*wonder*” (*pele*). That Hebrew expression usually refers to a divine “word” or “act” of God! This rivets conclusively that this “king” will have God-like charisma when he speaks. Such amazing “gifts” will draw the attention of the world toward this evil leader – portraying himself as God – with such “marvelous” words and likely works. All will be deceptively “crafted” to replace God’s Word (II Peter 2:1, 18; Jude 4, 16).⁷

This describes supreme apostasy as a characteristic of this eschatological “king.” The kingdom that this “king” rules is portrayed in Revelation as a sea beast (Revelation 13:1 – where its heads are covered with *blasphemy*) **and** the harlot’s beast (17:3 – where the beast is covered with names of *blasphemy*). The latter distinctly refers to a religious power centered in Rome (17:9). **Collectively**, these prophecies reveal a church–state power that unquestionably represents earth’s final antichrist power.

The instructive key: This eschatological antichrist/king/leader will give to mankind false teachings, disguised as divine messages, which will flatter the world as he elevates his authority above God.

“and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done” (vs 36)

The power that was previously referred to as the “*little horn*” which came out of the north in Daniel 8 is similarly described:

- “*It practiced and prospered*” (8:12) – that ***little horn*** (later called a “king” – Daniel 8:23) and this Daniel 11 ***king*** are the **same** power.
- He magnified himself against the “*prince of the host*,” later called the “*Prince of princes*” (8:11, 25), referring to Jesus Christ.

The success of this Roman religious power is **time-** and **event-**limited. At a defined point, God’s wrath or “*indignation*” comes against it. “***Indignation***,” as used here, is *zaam*, which usually refers to God’s wrath (cf. Isaiah 10:25, 26:20; Malachi 1:4). That wrath was also recorded in chapter 8:

⁷ Steinmann, *op. cit.*, p. 540.

- “And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the final end of the **indignation** [wrath – zaam]: for at the **time appointed the end shall be**” (Daniel 8:19).
- God’s wrath occurs at an “appointed time” (when the little horn and this king’s prophecy applies – 11:29, 35). It will be at the “**time of the end**” (11:40).
- Again, these rivet together the eschatological importance of these verses.

All this is under a prophetic decree (“is determined”) – it will happen. The Pauline description of this “**man of lawlessness**” reveals that his power will end at Christ’s second coming. The **appointed time** will have come to its end.

- “Until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming” (II Thessalonians 2:7c, 8).
- At the end God’s sovereignty prevails.

This is history in advance of a ruler who “will live in the last days, immediately prior to the coming of the Lord.”⁸ Verse 40 reveals that his activities will occur at the “**time of the end**” (*es qes*) (cf. 10:14), and will be associated with a time of tribulation (12:1) – referred to by Christ in Matthew 24:21 (which occurs immediately before His second coming – Matthew 24:29-31; cf. Revelation 7:14). “But the clearest indication that this ‘king’ will live in the latter days is that the resurrection of the saints will take place immediately after God delivers His people from this individual’s power (12:2). Of course, the resurrection is an eschatological event.”⁹

This king is given power and authority by the dragon (Revelation 13:2) and an “earth beast” (see Appendix I) that forces the whole world to worship him (alluding to the antichrist beast from the sea – Revelation 13:12).

Amazing additional information says:

“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).

“God of his fathers” refers to Yahweh in the Old Testament (Exodus 3:13, Joshua 18:3, II Chronicles 7:23). That means that this king does not honor the God that his people anciently revered! He is an apostate from early Christianity! This is contrasted with a righteous people “*who know their God*” in 11:32. In verse 38 this king honors another god his fathers didn’t know. Thus, in this eschatological setting, two divergent powers exist:

1. People **who know God**, who will be strong and teach others (11:32-33; cf. Exodus 6:7, 29:46; Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 7:9; 28:64).
2. King (of a kingdom of people – implied) **who is an apostate**, defying God – making himself as God (11:37).

This means that this end-time apostate leader arises from a religious body that used to worship the one true God. In the context of earlier verses and Paul’s description of the anti-

⁸ Miller, Stephen R.; *The New American Commentary*, vol. 18 (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), p. 305.

⁹ *Ibid.*

christ, he claims to be a Christian.¹⁰ He takes his seat in God's temple – His church (II Thessalonians 2:4), purporting to be its leader. He arises from what once were faithful believers (I John 2:18-19).

“Neither shall he regard ... the desire of women.” (vs 37)

The weight of evidence suggests that this refers to disfavor or rejection of normal marital relations (understood and affirmed by such as Luther, Calvin, Keil, Leupold, Young and Archer).¹¹ This reflects well the prohibition of nuns to marry by the Catholic Church and relates to the celibacy mandated on its clergy. The evidence more strongly mounts that this apostasy is the Roman Catholic Church, with its papal head centered in Rome. Its liturgy, guised as Christian, had its origins in ancient pagan rites. The unadulterated faith in the apostolic era was poisoned by ancient myths.¹²

“nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all” (vs 37)

This is amazing – this king holds himself up as supreme, superior to all other gods. He actively “*magnifies himself*,” pretending to be like God but functioning like Satan.

- “*For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High*” (Isaiah 14:13-14).
- Echoing the little horn prophecy: “*Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host*” (Daniel 8:11a) (referring to the Messiah – cf. 8:25, 9:25).

Some claim that the phrase “*nor regard any god*” actually belies an atheistic stance. Thus, his demand that he be worshiped rather than allow obeisance to any deity appears to reflect the conceited horror of this apostate king (cf. Revelation 13:12, 14-15).

“But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things” (Daniel 11:38).

“But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces:” (vs 38)

This phrase has been inconclusively interpreted. In place of God, the king honors the god (likely should be lower case “g”) of forces (*maoz*).

Many see *maoz* as representing God as a “*fortress*” (II Samuel 22:33, Isaiah 17:10, Jeremiah 16:19, Joel 4:16, Proverbs 10:29). But contextually that doesn't fit. *Maoz* can also mean a “safe place,” such as a mountain (Judges 6:26), harbor (Isaiah 23:4), cities (Isaiah 17:9) or even the temple (Ezekiel 24:25). There is another meaning that ties to a later verse. *Maoz* can figuratively mean *human protection by a temporal power*, especially a civil/national power (Isaiah 30:2). Could the papacy rely on a civil power of another nation(s) to see its purposes

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 307.

¹¹ Steinmann, *op. cit.*, p. 542.

¹² Cardinal J. H. Newman, *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, p. 359.

advanced? This eschatological king will deal with “temporal threats” – with the help of ‘a foreign god!’ (11:39). Note these observations:

“The spirit of persecution manifested by paganism and the papacy is again to be revealed. Prophecy declares that this power will say ‘to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast.’ [Rev. 13:14.] The image is made to the first or leopard-like beast, which is the one brought to view in the third angel's message. By this first beast is represented the Roman Church, ***an ecclesiastical body clothed with civil power, having authority to punish all dissenters.*** The image to the beast represents another religious body clothed with similar power. The formation of this image is the work of that beast whose peaceful rise and mild professions render it so striking a symbol of the United States.”¹³ (The land or earth beast of Revelation 13:11-17).

“The ***civil power is called to the aid of the Church in persecuting*** those who keep holy the seventh day. The Church and the world are united in trampling upon God's commandments, and those who obey these commandments they threaten with death. John declares, ‘The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.’ The decree goes forth that no man shall be allowed to buy or sell save he that has the mark or the number of the Beast.”¹⁴

“The church ***appeals to the strong arm of civil power***, and in this work, papists and Protestants unite.”^{15,16,17}

“In order for the United States to form an image of the beast, ***the religious power must so control the civil government that the authority of the state*** will also be employed by the church to accomplish her own ends.”¹⁸

Notice what is introduced later, in verse 40: “*and the king of the north shall come against him [the king of the south] like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships.*” That is military language. The antichrist will use civil power – the military might – of other nations, especially the United States in the waning years of its global power.

This is what the late Pope John Paul II appealed to regarding Sunday observance:

“Therefore, also in the particular circumstances of our own time, ***Christians will naturally strive to ensure that civil legislation respects their duty to keep Sunday holy.***”¹⁹

In an encyclical called *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth) (June 29, 2009), Pope Benedict XVI called on world leaders to rethink the status of the global economy. He believes capitalism is effectively obsolete. A world economy, driven by morally neutral concepts, would be for the common good of all. This, too, was a step into the world geopolitical stage, appealing to civil power to bond with Rome's ideology.

¹³ White, Ellen G.; *The Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 4, pp. 277-278 (emphasis added).

¹⁴ White, Ellen G.; *The Review and Herald*, July 16, 1901 (emphasis added).

¹⁵ White, Ellen G.; *The Review and Herald*, July 16, 1901 (emphasis added).

¹⁶ White, Ellen G.; *Maranatha*, p. 169 (emphasis added).

¹⁷ White, Ellen G.; *The Faith I Live By*, p. 330 (emphasis added).

¹⁸ White, Ellen G.; *Maranatha*, p. 169 (emphasis added).

¹⁹ Pope John Paul II, *Dies Domini*, Section 67, May 31, 1998.

The endgame reveals the antichrist depending on military might to deal with the king of the south (vss 40-41), and civil power to deal with those resisting the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:15-17). The text beautifully fits what just lies ahead in the “time of the end.... instead of relying on God and His Word as a fortress to protect him ... he will rely upon temporal power.”²⁰

“and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things” (vs 38)

The word “god” is here difficult to fully define. Contextually, it suggests a different “god” than the “god of forces,” previously mentioned. It appears to mean its **power and ability to control and influence** secular nations is honored by valuable gifts.

This “honour” given to that “god” of “power” comes with tangible gifts, which appear to be deceptive mechanisms bordering on bribery. It suggests that a religious leader – called a “king” – has the “services” of power (his god) from civil authorities in a coalition that prospers as the result of these gifts. The “religious” aims of this antichrist are coercive – just as was seen during the Dark Ages – they will, once again, become violent. It has power and wealth that enamors the world.

We have additional clues in Revelation that allude to this type of geopolitical might:

1. A symbolic tie is illustrated by a beast (papal kingdom) and ten horns (ten world divisions – already divided by the UN and the Club of Rome – see Appendix II and III). They work together by resisting God/Christ (the God of their fathers).

“How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow” (Revelation 18:7).

*“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have **one mind**, and shall **give their power and strength** unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful” (Revelation 17:12-14).*

2. An earth beast (suggested elsewhere to be the United States) (see Appendix I) is forcing earth’s inhabitants to worship the sea beast (papal kingdom power).

*“And he exerciseth **all the power** of the first beast before him, and **causeth the earth** and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed” (Revelation 13:12).*

The picture suggests that the earth and its major powers sympathize with the leadership of Rome; and, in turn, the world works on her behalf – all functioning in opposition to God.

What does the “king” or beast do for the world? There appears to be a false hope at a time of global despair. Additionally, this is what the record says: *“With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” (Revelation 17:2).*

²⁰ Steinmann, *op. cit.*, p. 543.

The setting clearly shows that “*fornication*” is false or a deceptive belief. By the tight bond of the world’s nations with Rome, revealed in these prophecies, there is a “religious” coalition based on some doctrine, creating a false hope at a unique time of need. That universal bond is so strong that the power of at least one nation (the earth beast), the Bible says, will kill all those who don’t identify with the “*image*” or sign of loyalty to the papacy (Revelation 13:15) and its singular “mark.”

“It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity **[a false hope]**.”²¹

“Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain” (Daniel 11:39).

“Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god,” (vs 39)

Again – this eschatological, religious king fails to rely on God, but relies on temporal powers. That might or authority is his “fortress” (his god); his strongholds, his alliances. In this light, this “king” is a geopolitical power. John notes: “*And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations*” (Revelation 13:7) (noted previously).

“The United States is the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns, and ... this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a **restoration of her power**.”²²

“Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to **regain control of the world**, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side.... These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.”²³

“The peoples of the world will be so impressed by his might that they will say: ‘Who is like unto the beast? Who can make war against him?’ (Rev. 13:4).”²⁴

²¹ White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, p. 590.

²² White, Ellen G.; *The Faith I Live By*, p. 329 (emphasis added).

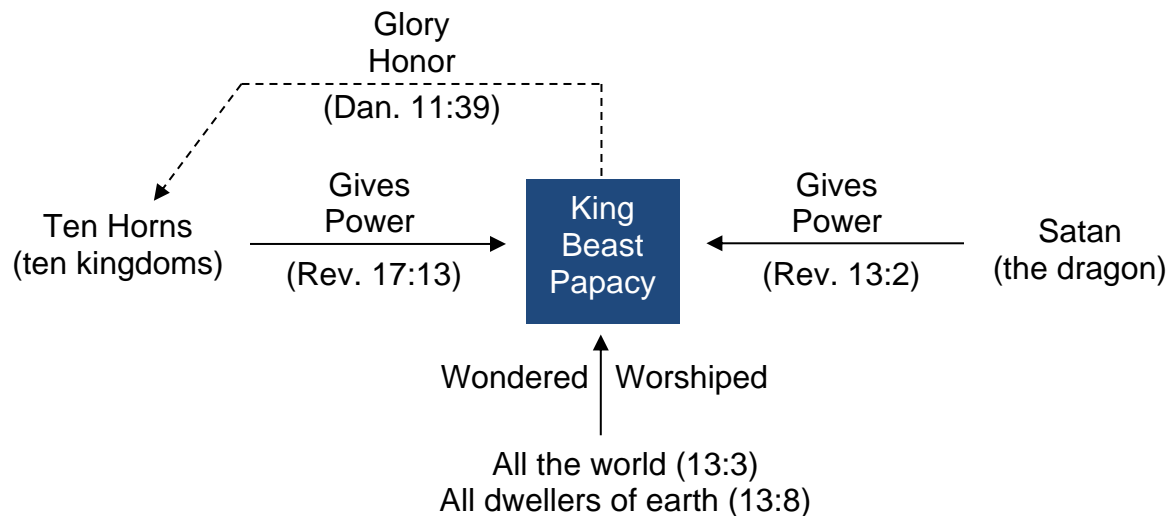
²³ White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, p. 565 (emphasis added); cf. Steinmann, *op. cit.*, pp. 547-555.

²⁴ Miller, Stephen R.; *The New American Commentary*, vol. 18 (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), p. 308.

“whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory:” (vs 39)

The powers – ten horns on the beast (Revelation 13, 17) – are said to *“have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast”* (Revelation 17:13). In turn, the beast, this king, acknowledges them before the world and increases their honor. His “god” is the **power** he receives from them. Now he reciprocates with fiendish gratitude. Why?

A satanic bond is in view, where each power gives glory to the other. John also notes that *“the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority”* (Revelation 13:2). Combining all these verses:



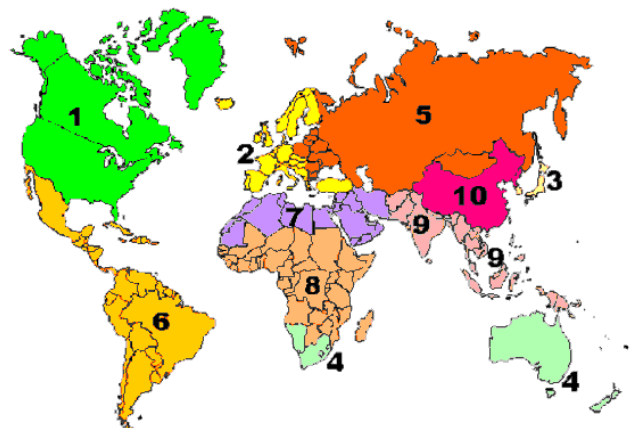
“and he shall cause them to rule over many,” (vs 39)

The imagery is stunning. *“He”* – the king – the papacy – apparently will now have unlimited power to designate who rules over these ten divisions of the world (the ten horns on the beast). The decision of who rules will be related to the support and power they arranged for him to have (with Satan’s direct intervention). Then – an issue that can only captivate our imagination:

“and shall divide the land for gain” (vs 39)

This refers to the world already provisionally divided by the United Nations into ten divisions or special regions. The evidence suggests that these powers/kings receive their geopolitical divisions to govern or rule by what the papacy decrees – over people (*“many”*) and boundaries (*“land”*). Commensurate with this, the Club of Rome has made the recommendation seen on the map to the right – ten divisions, just like the ten horns on the antichrist beast.

In Revelation it is first noted that these horns/powers/kings *“have received no kingdom as*



Club of Rome’s Map

yet” (Revelation 17:12). Then they (the horns) appear with crowns (Revelation 13:1). In both instances, they are horns on the beast. Between Revelation 17 and 13, the Daniel 11:39 prophecy is fulfilled!

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over” (Daniel 11:40).

“And at the time of the end” (vs 40)

“Time of the end” is *es qes* (*eth qets* – Strongs) in Hebrew. Its combined use is found nowhere else in the Old Testament except in Daniel, where the seer uses it five times. Therefore, we must study each word and then analyze the Danielic context opens a timing message.

Es (*et* or *eth*): *“time”* that refers to a “season of opportunity”²⁵ when God acts (Psalm 119:126), especially when all will be consummated (Daniel 12:9); a set time when opportunity comes (I Chronicles 9:25).

Qes (*qets*): *“end”* means a point when something is cut off or severed. In the Old Testament it is often used to describe when God’s executive punishment comes (Genesis 6:13, Ezekiel 7:2-3).²⁶ There is no other opportunity to change after this time.

When used together (*es qes*), it suggests that **earth’s final season of “opportunity” just before God judicially acts has come.** Daniel first used this in 8:17: *“So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the **time of the end** shall be the vision.”* Then in 8:19 he embellished what that means: *“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for **at the time appointed the end shall be.**”*

This *“time of the end”* is an *“appointed time,”* a set period that God has identified in prophecy, when earth’s last season of redemptive opportunity comes. This is also noted to be when God’s judicial wrath (indignation – *zaam* – H) will occur. (See Appendix IV.)

Habakkuk 2:2-3 had previously suggested this brief era of time. Paul later notes, *“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an **appointed time**, but **at the end** it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry”* (cf. Hebrews 10:36-37).

- This period is at “the end of the world [just before] the return of Christ”²⁷ at the termination of a tarrying time.
- “There is nothing in the context that would restrict the force of the word ‘end’ and so the end of all things must be meant.”²⁸

²⁵ Harris, R. Laird; *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, vol. 2, p. 680.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 809.

²⁷ Steinmann, *op. cit.*, p. 544.

²⁸ Leopold, *Daniel*, p. 520, as quoted in Miller, *op. cit.*, p. 309.

In Daniel 11:29, where this ***last-day*** antichrist prophecy begins (representing a second rise of the papacy within this chapter), Daniel already gave a contextual timing statement:

- “At the ***time appointed*** he shall ***return***, and come ***toward*** the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter” (Daniel 11:29). This refers to end-time rise of the anti-christ power at the end and its initial conciliatory moves toward the Muslim world.
- Those positive gestures come to an end in verse 40.

“At the time of the end” – the *es qes* – in verse 29: While God’s people are going out with earth’s final warning – conflict between Christianity and Islam, the king of the south, accelerates.

Now – one of those competing forces:

“time of the end shall the king of the south push at him:” (vs 40)

Ever since Vatican II’s move to “placate” the Islamic world (the “*south*”), a superficial coalition with them has existed. (see Appendix V for why the “*king of the south*” is identified as the Islamic World.) They wrote:

“The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place among whom are the Muslims: these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind’s judge on the last day.”²⁹

Later: “The Church has also a high regard for the Muslims. They worship God, who is one, living and subsistent, merciful and almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, who has spoken to men. They strive to submit themselves without reserve to the hidden decrees of God, just as Abraham submitted himself to God’s plan, to whose faith Muslims eagerly link their own. Although not acknowledging him as God, they venerate Jesus as a prophet.”³⁰

- Twenty-eight Muslim scholars visited the Vatican in 2008 with a signed document, “A Common Word between Us and You.” Later, many Muslim countries formed diplomatic ties with the Holy See (the Roman Catholic Church combined with the Vatican City State).
- These geopolitical bonds will ultimately unravel, which begins here in verse 40.

The “*king of the north*” noted in Daniel 11:40-45 represents the papal head of “Christianity” when he becomes a lead geopolitical power.³¹ This is detailed in Revelation 17:12-13, followed by chapter 13!

- “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast” (Revelation 17:12).
- That beast is a religious and political power located in the “*city of the seven hills*” (17:9).

²⁹ Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium* 16, November 21, 1964.

³⁰ Second Vatican Council, *Nostra Aetate* (3), October 28, 1965.

³¹ White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, p. 565.

“This battle concludes with the destruction of the Antichrist, apparently in Palestine (v 45), followed by a special resurrection of the saints (12:2). These events have not transpired, and therefore, the ‘end’ in view here must be the final days of the ‘present age.’”³²

This leader’s jurisdiction and prerogatives are suddenly challenged when the *“king of the south pushes at him.”* “Push” is *nagach* in Hebrew in the hithphel tense. This is a “reflexive” or reactionary act. It is mainly used in a military sense. The imagery suggests that there will be a unique and intense conflict right at the end between apostate Christianity and this retaliatory “southern king.”

WHO IS THIS SOUTHERN KING? Again, see Appendix V, which discusses this in greater detail.

Our first clue comes from verse 5. Gabriel is conveying a narrative describing the key kings that will arise during the 490-year probationary period of Daniel 9. This is the background: four of Alexander’s generals, after his death, took up territory in four different areas:

1. Seleucus I Nicator (321–316) – Babylon and Syria (**north**)
2. Lysimachus – Asia Minor
3. Ptolemy I Lagi (Soter) (323–285 B.C.) – Egypt, Palestine and Phoenicia (**south**)
4. Cassander – Macedonia and Greece

In symbolic language, as the prophecies are unfolded, a powerful division between the north and the south emerged. This literally started with those generals – the **north** included Syria, Babylon, Asia Minor and Greece; the **south** included Egypt, Palestine and Phoenicia. This historically occurred due to the weakness of Cassander and Lysimachus. The north grew in power under Seleucus I Nicator and the south through Ptolemy I in Egypt. From that division the early symbolisms of **north** and **south** were carried forward. Through verse 15 of Daniel 11, the military conflicts between the north and the south are described – then, that phase of the prophecy ends when Rome takes over the “world” in 64 B.C.

The final king to arrive within the 490-year review was the “raiser of taxes” (11:20). He was Caesar Augustus, who was in power when Jesus was born.

In verses 21-28 ***Papal Rome comes on the scene during the Dark Ages.*** Then the king of the south is visited again: *“And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him”* (11:25).

The *vile person* stirs up his power against the *king of the south* with a great army. This leader’s kingdom is representative of the Islamic world. The Crusades are being described, especially in verse 25.

“In the 7th century A.D. Arab Muslims conquered Palestine. During the 11th century the fierce Seljuk Turks from central Asia invaded the near east and became conquerors of the Byzantines (Battle of Manzikert in Asia, 1071 A.D.), capturing many lands, including Palestine, from the Arab Muslims. They then blocked all Christian pilgrimages to the area.

³² Miller, *op. cit.*, p. 309.

"The Byzantine Emperor Alexius Comnenus (1048-1118 A.D.) asked Pope Urban II for the help of the Catholic Church in fighting the Muslim Turks. Urban II was competing with a rival 'pope' and thought this a unique way to consolidate his power and prestige.

"In the autumn of 1095 A.D. he met with church leaders in Clermont, France"³³ and appealed to his European parishioners to unite and fight to regain Palestine. He offered spiritual and physical rewards, including forgiveness of sins, if they joined this crusade.

"From 1096 A.D. through 1270 A.D. Crusades against the Turks (symbolic of the south) were conducted. Knights and princes, the common people and the wealthy joined. This added greatly to the trade and economic growth of Europe. Their immediate goals were reached. With a 'very great and mighty army,' Palestine was retaken. Biblical prophecy was fulfilled. But the Ottoman Empire continued to resist. Their control of the 'glorious land' was regained and then lost again. By 1453 A.D. the Byzantine Empire fell and the Muslim Turks were permanently in charge."³⁴ That anti-Christian power was ***anciently, for a time***, the "king of the south."

Those battles between the Christian world in the north and the Muslim world in the south became a type of what will occur at the end of time, beginning in verse 40.

"The *little horn* of Daniel 8, representing the end-time papal power, 'waxed exceeding great, toward the south and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.' ...

"Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain" (Daniel 11:26)....

"... the Muslims repeatedly showed their resiliency. Their goal was to conquer the European Christian world. The Crusades were, in part, an attempt to turn back those conquests. But they were by and large poorly organized, without a central leader and, ultimately, ended in defeat.

"Who shared with the papacy the same interest in defeating the Islamic world? Initially France, then Spain and, later, Germany – then back to France. They all 'fed' with the papacy the shared religious cause of the Crusades, bearing the symbol of the Cross in their exploits. But the text says that those who were part of the *vile person* 'destroyed him.' His support and defense was 'overflowed' (*shataph* – inundated, under judgment) or came under wrath, and many were slain.

"This commenced in 1798 when General Louis A. Berthier, upon Napoleon's orders, was sent to Paris to take Rome. A Roman republic was established, and Pope Pius VI was taken captive. He later died in France. 'They that feed' with him 'shall destroy him.' That would be called later in Revelation 13 a 'deadly wound.'"³⁵ It was fully consummated when the final defeat of the Papal States occurred under King Victor Emmanuel II when the city of Rome fell.

From this event-driven historical data, one concludes that the "*king of the south*" was tied to the Muslim world. Daniel 11 now fast-forwards to the present graphic account when the "*king of the south*" is on the attack, once again, against the "Christian north." Reference from history helps to inform the student of the meaning of this end-time prophecy.

Let's continue to analyze:

³³ <http://www.milestonedocuments.com/documents/full-text/urban-ii-call-to-crusade/>

³⁴ *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 1996 Edition (World Book Inc, a Scott Fetzer Company; Chicago, London, Sydney, Toronto), 1995.

³⁵ Fowler Jr., Franklin S.; *EndTime Secrets of Daniel 8–12*, pp. 148-150 (adapted).

“and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind,” (vs 40)

- The Christian world, under its papal leader (undoubtedly supported by the ten-horn world leaders noted in Revelation 17:12-13), fights back at the “*king of the south*,” who is aggressively attacking. Recall that this northern king was initially described in Daniel 8’s little horn (vs 23).
- There are strong Biblical and extra-Biblical links showing that this northern king should also be seen as the prophetic “king of Babylon” (which is more deeply embellished in Revelation).³⁶
- Another key Hebrew word is “*whirlwind*,” *sa’ar*, which is actually a reflexive verb. The northern king is responding mercilessly, like a storm that sweeps something away. Additionally, because the terms “*north*” and “*south*” are used, the picture suggests one of rival powers of equal magnitude³⁷ (otherwise the “*king of the south*” would not have embarked on such a daring venture).
- ***Something unstated*** provokes the king of the south to “attack” the “Christian” northern leadership. The context of Daniel 11 and 12 strongly favors a “geo-religious” purpose.

What power hates Christianity enough to fight and even annihilate it (even though it may be apostate itself)? There is one collective force that could mount such resistance. Intriguingly, the Islamic world (the global competitor of Christianity) easily meets this description. Their global “membership” rivals Christianity with 1.2 plus billion people. They are driven by such “sacred” text from the Qur’an as:

- Qur’an 5:51: “O ye who believe! ***Take not the Jews and Christians for friends.*** They are friends one to another. He among you who taketh them for friends is (one) of them. Lo! Allah guideth not wrongdoing folk.”
- Qur’an 2:21b: “***Fighting is prescribed for you***, and ye dislike it. But it is possible ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and ye love a thing which is bad for you. But God knoweth, and ye know not.”
- Qur’an 8:12: “I will ***cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them.***”
- Qur’an 5:33: “The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His messenger and strive to make mischief in the land is only this, that ***they should be murdered or crucified or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides*** or they should be imprisoned; this shall be as a disgrace for them in this world, and in the hereafter they shall have a grievous chastisement.”

This imagery is provocative, hideous, and likely partly what justifies their violent aggression noted in Daniel 11:40. It is an evil world power that despises Christianity. It is big enough to take on the Christian world. Two of earth’s greatest religions by number are depicted in conflict!

³⁶ Doukhan, Jacques B.; *Secrets of Daniel* (The Review and Herald Publishing Association; Hagerstown, MD 21740; 2000), p. 173.

³⁷ Miller, op. cit., p. 309.

By now they also share equal interest in world control, coercion, moral failure, deception, and violence.³⁸

In the past, atheism, Marxism, communism and fascism were great threats to Christianity. They have often been identified as the “*king of the south*” by Bible students. But in this end-time setting, nothing is emerging with greater antagonistic power than Islam – the Religion of the Sword (aka, politically, “The Religion of Peace”).³⁹ Is this really a threat to the Christian world? (Again, review Appendix V – especially with its maps.) In September, 2017, they killed 878 Christians; in the second week of October, 211 were martyred!

- Tens of thousands have been brutally killed in the last three decades (mainly Christians), which was driven by this religious ideology.
- It is “*pushing*” against Christianity in countries around the world. This has recently been called the “New Holocaust.”⁴⁰
- This prophetic narrative suggests that there will soon be a major standoff between Christianity and Islam, marking that period called the “*time of the end*,” the end-of-time period.
- Nothing else properly matches the context, which intimates two competing religious powers.

The description of “*the king of the north*[’s]” “attack apparatus” is:

“with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships;” (vs 40)

These “implements” suggest hostile movements on both land and sea. Though in Daniel 8–12 many symbolic illustrations depict the final struggle between Christ and His host (people) and Satan and his host (people) here in verse 40, a major war between two evil forces is portrayed. This is the only apocalyptic prophecy that addresses these two antagonistic powers in conflict.

It appears that they are in ***competition for world religious dominance***. For Islam it is a firm objective.⁴¹ For the papacy is this fascinating observation:

“Romanism as a system is no more in harmony with the gospel of Christ now than at any former period in her history. The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and ***increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world***, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done.... These things should awaken the anxiety of all who prize the pure principles of the gospel.”⁴²

This verse describes the time when these two ***religious forces*** will be seeking geopolitical control.

³⁸ <http://schnellmann.org/how-islam-will-dominate-the-world.html>;
http://www.answering-islam.org/Authors/Arlandson/ultimate_goal.htm

³⁹ <https://www.thereligionofpeace.com/attacks/christian-attacks.aspx>

⁴⁰ http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2007/07/islams_global_war_against_chri.html

⁴¹ <http://schnellmann.org/how-islam-will-dominate-the-world.html>

⁴² White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, p. 565 (emphasis added).

Shortly thereafter (11:44), the hostility will turn against God's loyalists, who don't side with the "northern power."⁴³ God's forces are also at work, proclaiming the last gospel call.

By then the antichrist (*"vile person,"* this *"king"*) will have become an eschatological world kingdom."

The following thoughts have already been inserted into Daniel's narration as orientation reminders:

1. *"And they [God's true people] that understand among the people shall instruct many"* (Daniel 11:32a) (a prophecy related to that final gospel call).
2. *"Some of the wise will stumble [from weariness and defeat], so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the **time of the end**, for it will still come at the **appointed time**."* (Daniel 11:35) (partially repeating 8:17, 19).
 - At that period of final opportunity, God has a people who understand prophetic truth.
 - They are *"instructing many"* – the final gospel cry.
 - Persecution is the lot of some (Daniel 12:7). Many will appear defeated.
 - Because of their success, however, this king becomes livid (Daniel 11:44).

This papal power is devoid of a military arm. Its fighting action is dependent on the forces of other powers and nations. This is dramatically depicted in Revelation 13, where an earth beast, a nation of global might, executes the wishes of the sea beast, a symbol of the Vatican city-state.

"and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (vs 40)

The king of the north is depicted as – sweeping through many lands like an overflowing river or flood. The counter attacks against the south will involve many geographical areas where Islam is resisting Christianity. These "military" maneuvers will succeed. There will be major conflicts (like the Crusades) between these two religious powers. The intensity increases against the Islamic world in the next two verses. This is what **sets the stage** for the *"king of the north"* to fully command the geopolitical world!!!

In all this there is a subtle message that doors might then open for the gospel to uniquely move forward as Islam is defeated. At this writing (2022) the ability to penetrate the Islamic world with the gospel remains severely restricted. God's commission is global. A change in how the gospel can penetrate every heart must occur. Though these prophecies reveal conflict between satanic forces, the evidence suggests that it will be to the benefit of heaven's final work!

"He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (Daniel 11:41).

⁴³ Steinmann, op. cit., p. 539.

**“He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown:”
(vs 41)**

The word “*countries*” is added, which, however, is contextually implied. It is an echo of what was said in the previous verse. The antichrist and his forces (apostate Christianity), in an effort to subdue Islam, will bring many “*countries*” to their knees.

The word for “*overthrown*” is *kashal* (as noted above in 11:35). It means “*stumble*.” This can be figurative (Psalm 64:8) or literal.⁴⁴ It is used symbolically by Daniel in many places (11:14, 19, 33-35, 41), implying a “defeat.”⁴⁵ The narrative clearly shows that these “*countries*” or areas they symbolize will be subdued.

This description again portrays military action where many Islam-controlled nations are overthrown (defeated) and no longer able to maintain their religio-political regimes.

Who the “personal” “*king*” of the south is, is not clear. There are secular geopolitical documents that suggest that Iran will control region seven in the Middle East. This “*king*” contextually will likely soon become as distinct as the antichrist of the north.

The unique notation that the “*glorious land*” (cf. 8:9, 11:16) “*will be entered*” is a distinct message. The word for “*enter*” is *bo*, a verb in the qal tense. There is no indication that force is used for this particular incursion! Since Palestine is the historic crossroads of Islamic hatred, this entrance alone suggests that Israel will not resist this northern king, perhaps seen as a protective move. This is a simple statement of **entering and likely controlling** or protecting this strategic area.

Intriguingly, recent regional geopolitical maps of the New World Order, which the Club of Rome made,⁴⁶ do not show Israel’s future existence!

An **additional** view is entertained by some scholars. An exegesis of these verses suggests to them that the “*glorious land*” may also refer spiritually to God’s people. This would then be a metaphor for the remnant church, the new Israel, residents destined for the Jerusalem above (Galatians 4:26; cf. Hebrews 12:27). Since in the immediate narrative *kashal* can refer to persecution and martyrdom, the “*enter*” could mean that during their exploits, adverse contact with God’s people will begin to occur (vss 33-35). Does end-time papal power want to suppress or control God’s remnant? It is a prophetic issue at the end.

This could embellish what has been said earlier. God’s people will encounter a major time of crisis. It appears, however, that this comes mainly to fruition **after** the actions against the Islamic nations are under way. We know that the “*king of the north*” becomes central to this persecution in verse 44, where he is troubled so much by what God’s true followers do that their destruction is sought. The contextual sequence must be preserved. The references to God’s people and this battle are separate and distinct. This additional view is not favored by the author of this writing.

⁴⁴ Theological World Dictionary, TWOT 11:41.

⁴⁵ Steinmann, op. cit., p. 514.

⁴⁶ <http://www.conspiracywiki.com/documents/club-of-rome-report-regionalized-and-adaptive-model-of-the-global-world.pdf>; <https://themarktheory.wordpress.com/2013/09/27/regionalized-and-adaptive-model-of-the-global-world-system/>

Within the end-time context of silencing Islamic power, the antichrist, heading apostate Christianity, progressively turns against God's remnant people, later addressed in this chapter. Islam is already suppressed, and the final moves against God's people will be with efforts to silence them – perhaps a death decree will be given.

“but these shall escape out of his hand,” (vs 41).

“*Escape*” (malat) – will be delivered out of his hand. Most expositors interpret this phrase to mean that the peoples living now in these ancient areas will be protected against military assault. No overt spiritual metaphor has been understood.

“even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon” (vs 41)

These three “nations,” though related to Israel by descent, were “hereditary enemies” of the chosen people⁴⁷ (Psalm 83:7-8, II Chronicles 20:1-2). Why would the suppression of Islam be bypassed here? One must look at the end-time setting this is in. Those three countries compose today what is the nation of Jordan.⁴⁸

More than 90% of Jordan adheres to Sunni Islam. Its 1952 constitution stipulates that the king and his successor must be Muslim and born of Muslim parents. ***Strict adherence, however, to the Islamic traditions has not been prevalent***, though more so since 1980. Women's freedom has been strong. Ties with Egypt and Israel came in 1979 with the Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel. It has, in addition, been a nation of many conciliatory gestures towards Christianity!

Jordan has also been identified as the custodian of the Islamic Holy Sites in Jerusalem.⁴⁹ The Catholic Church is, in turn, the custodian of the Christian “Holy Sites.” Yet, Muslims open and close the Catholic-owned Church of the Holy Sepulcher.⁵⁰

King Abdullah has been a remarkable mellowing force in the “center” of Islamic hatred. Though the Islamic Action Front wishes to destabilize Jordan, its chance of success is slim.⁵¹ The “*king of the north*,” in his violent moves to destroy Islamic power, appears to avoid the country that used to be Moab, Ammon and Edom.⁵²

Since Moab, Ammon and Edom are metaphors for theological enemies of God's people, could they help move forward the persecution against God's remnant people along with the king of the north? That isn't within the text but arguably in the associated context. It is a consideration to watch. But, at this time, Christians have considerable freedom in Jordan, even holding positions in the Parliament and the military.⁵³ Roman Catholicism flourishes in Jordan. Muslim converts to Christianity are, however, having an upsurge in conflicts as of 2016.⁵⁴

⁴⁷ Hartman, Louis F. and Di Lella, Alexander A.; The Book of Daniel (Doubleday, New York, 1977), p. 304.

⁴⁸ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islam_in_Jordan

⁴⁹ <https://kingabdullah.jo/en/page/the-hashemites/custodianship-over-holy-sites>

⁵⁰ <http://www.ancient-origins.net/ancient-places-asia/why-holiest-shrine-christianity-guarded-two-muslim-families-007843>

⁵¹ http://www.sussex-academic.co.uk/sa/titles/midle_east_studies/Tal.htm

⁵² Miller, *op. cit.*, p. 311.

⁵³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_in_Jordan

⁵⁴ <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/jordan>

“He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape” (Daniel 11:42).

“He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries:” (vs 42)

There are just three Hebrew words making up this phrase. The NET appears to reflect best their meaning: *“He will extend his power against other lands.”* This is the third time allusions are made to *“countries.”*

He shall enter into the countries

Many countries shall be overthrown

Stretch forth his hand ... upon the countries

This is a trilogy (three similar thoughts) as often used in John’s apocalyptic prophecies. The emphasis suggests that the work of suppressing Islamic influence/power will be broad and complete. ***Evidence is mounting that a geopolitical phenomenon is in view.*** This is symbolically riveting in the next phrase:

“and the land of Egypt shall not escape” (vs 42)

The word for *“countries”* and *“land”* are duplicate expressions in this verse, using only one Hebrew word – simply implying that *“Egypt will not escape.”* The action initially suggests harm will come to this nation.

Egypt is 88% Muslim, which is often in conflict with its 10% Christian community. Though Egypt is currently in a peaceful alliance with Jordan, its antichristian laws are harsh, which helps to drive this *“south”* imagery! It is prophetically and literally singled out.

In prophecy ***Egypt*** also symbolizes the ***wicked world*** from which God’s people are to be delivered, as they journey toward the promised land! If we observe this metaphorical meaning, this thought emerges: “The antichrist shall stretch his hand of power over the earth, and the whole world will not escape his grip.” Though there is a distinct military action by the antichrist against Islam, the ultimate mission of Rome is world dominion. Islam is ***in the way*** of that final objective. An additional “global mission” of this northern king is in view!

This is intriguing when tied to the geopolitical thoughts of Revelation 13.

Sea-beast – papacy

- Blasphemes God’s name, His church and all heavenly beings (Revelation 13:6)
- Power was given him over ***all kindreds, and tongues, and nations*** (Revelation 13:7) (earth)

Earth-beast

- Exercises all the power of the first beast (Revelation 13:12) – ***on its behalf***

This additionally links ***the world power it finally wields*** with the *“ten kings”* for a short time at the end (Revelation 17:12). Those ten horns and the papal beast are unified in a coalition.

The “*king of the north*” is seen exercising world power in this end-time setting:

1. Against the Islamic world – religious and political
2. Against the world (symbolically, Egypt) – geographically – to gain control

Paraphrasing part of verse 42: “***The world shall not escape.***”

Through both, there is ***no indication that “nations” are destroyed. The context seems to be mission-specific:*** Stop the expanding violent power of Islam and begin to assume control of the world. Intriguingly, as the Rome-centered power seeks to block expansion of Islam, world dominance happens. In the collective messages of verses 29 to 45 is also another “mission-specific” issue: Destroy the remnant people. This warning comes again in verse 44.

Deeper focus on “Egypt”:

Egypt in Prophecy

The final time the word “*Egypt*” is mentioned in the Bible is in Revelation 11:8. There, a great summation of prophetic symbols is presented. After referring to the great city Babylon, an allegorical expression for apostasy of the Christian world, it then notes, “*which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt.*” Egypt is figurative of oppression and bondage⁵⁵ of the wicked world where Sodom intimates the depth of its sinfulness.

Egypt stood as a God-defying nation, beginning at the time of Moses, with Pharaoh’s utter contempt for heaven. God’s people, under His guidance, escaped, beginning their journey toward the Promised Land. That imagery symbolizes the journey of the saved right up to the end. Thus – Egypt, in turn, became a Biblical emblem for global wickedness, oppression and an influence that interferes with God’s purposes.

Later, defiant Pharaoh Hophra of Egypt had lost a major battle with Nebuchadnezzar at Carchemish in 605 B.C. He had endlessly challenged the Babylonian king (as king of the south against that king of the north). Egypt’s threats could interfere with how God would use this Babylonian king. Jeremiah 46:13-26 had prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar would subdue Egypt. It would become nothing more than a hissing serpent, slithering away (46:20-24), all with the divine purpose of moving forward the events in preparation to fulfil prophecy!

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (a king of the north), could then be called from the north (the route taken to approach apostate Judah) to take captive apostate people into Babylon: “*Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations*” (Jeremiah 25:9; cf. Ezekiel 26:7-12). That vicious despot of the ancient world was called “*my servant.*” God had a special mission for that pagan king.

⁵⁵ Mounce, Robert H.; *The Book of Revelation* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1977), pp. 226-227.

When in rebellion, God's people were seen "returning to Egypt" (Hosea 8:13, 9:3). That land would feel the ultimate curse from God – desolation (Joel 3:19). But before that would occur, God called His people out of Egypt – out of bondage (Hosea 11:1) – as He would similarly do with Babylon at the end of time (Revelation 18:1-5)!

Thus, we can see that Egypt is seen as a kingdom to the south, and also as a metaphor for a wicked world, trying to hold God's people in bondage. Yet, if needed, even pagan kings or apostate forces become servants of God to do His will, yielding to what He devises.

"But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps" (Daniel 11:43).

"But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver," (vs 43)

"He" – the king of the north – has "*power over*." The Hebrew word is *mashal*, which means "dominion over," "rule over." This is in the immediate context of the military exploits into many countries that have Islamic influence. But, as was just noted, "*Egypt [the world] will not escape*" (vs 42). Contextually, the weight of evidence suggests that the global "*treasures*" (*mikman*) or "stores" of gold and silver have come under the rule of this northern "*king*." Then it notes:

"and over all the precious things of Egypt:" (vs 43)

Most scholars assume that "*precious things*" and "*gold and silver*" are tied together, revealing control of the wealth of "*Egypt*" or, symbolically, the world's wealth. If the eschatological "campaign" of exploiting "countries" were **only** a suppressive Islamic objective, then singling out Egypt as controlling its wealth would make the prophecy highly disjointed. That is why there is so much opinion and speculation over what this means, especially from literalists. Metaphoric Egypt, representing the evil world, is cohesive and is what now beckons our attention.

It appears that this northern king obtains coercive financial control of the world. It reinforces what Revelation 13 and 17 point out – the "*beast*" and the "*woman*," have geopolitical control for a brief time via its ten horns (17:13)! There is currently a mysterious tie between the Vatican Bank and the International Bank of Settlements in Basil, Switzerland. Additionally, brilliant individuals have been appointed to head the Vatican's bank; as they began to "audit" secret accounts, they were fired or quit. This happened as recently as July, 2017, when Libero Milone resigned.⁵⁶ There is – right now – a sinister *financial* tie to the international economy.

"and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps" (vs 43)

"Steps" (*misad*) contextually means that it is marching; its military forward movement anticipates conquest. Since these countries are not known for their wealth, why are they mentioned here? This is parenthetically inserted to inform us that no country will be exempt – even the most insignificant (in the contextual eyes of that time) – perhaps some of the poorest. Again, forcing us to think globally.

⁵⁶ <https://cruxnow.com/analysis/2017/06/25/mysterious-exit-vatican-auditor-begs-question-reform-even-possible/>

According to Ezekiel 30:12, God will dry up the Nile River (the great river of Egypt). This represents the elimination of all support (people – Revelation 17:15) for the nations that hamper earth's final moves. Through this text we are shown that the exploits of the king of the north will be successful! But – only for a time. Numerous prophecies reveal that the antichrist is given a limited time period in which to operate – three and a half years.

“But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many” (Daniel 11:44).

“But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him:” (vs 44)

The word “*tidings*” (*shema*) is best interpreted as “*reports*” (NET, NIV). News has reached Rome that is troubling. In fact, “*trouble*” (*bahal*) really denotes *terror*. He (the “*king of the north*”) is terrified.⁵⁷

This is a dramatic turn in the narrative. The bold king of the north – the papacy with its world support – has been described in powerful, conquering, subduing terms. He has been in command. Undaunted by the “attacks” of the “south,” his counter-exploits have succeeded.

But suddenly, he is terrified. A greater “foe” is in evidence. He is threatened. But the description of the “enemy” must be derived from things that have been said previously. The *directional location* of the news helps.

- **East** is where the end-time forces of Christ come from (Daniel 8:4, 17, 19). The two horns of the ram represent two groups of people who “*know their God*.” It comes from the direction of deliverance!
- **North** is, again, intriguing. That is where this king *is from* – “*king of the north*.” Then why would news from “*home*” terrify him? North is also the symbolic place where God dwells (Psalm 48:2). The final exploits of God’s people receive His power – and this king is threatened.

Earlier, an overview of this “*vile person*” or “*man of sin*” (verses 29-35) indicated that a distinct group of individuals is segregated out, whom this Roman power will also “attack”:

- “*the people that do know their God shall be strong*” (vs 32)
- And they will “*do exploits*” (vs 32) – spreading the final gospel message to planet earth
- “*they that understand among the people shall instruct many*” (vs 33)
- “*some of them of understanding shall ... [become] white*” through purging “*even to the time of the end*” (vs 35) – their robes (Christ’s righteousness) reveal that they are pure (cf. Revelation 7:14).

Since that represents a special group of people who “*know their God*,” those verses paint a picture that this “*king of the north*” has harmed them in the recent past! “*Yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil many days*” (vs 33). But something has now changed/transitioned. He is terrified by the news of their continued success. In fact, this

⁵⁷ Steinmann, *op. cit.*, p. 535.

appears to be the final gospel cry planet earth will ever hear! And nothing will stop it (Revelation 11:5-6). Their mission does succeed (Revelation 11:7a)!

“therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many” (vs 44)

This unquestionably belies a move or decree to kill God’s people. Harm against them is part of numerous end-time messages! Examples:

- “*shatter the power of the holy people*” (Daniel 12:7 – NAS)
- “*it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them*” (Daniel 8:10)
- “*shall destroy the mighty and the holy people*” (Daniel 8:24)
- “*under the altar [were] the souls slain for the word of God*” (Revelation 6:9)
- “*shall overcome them, and kill them*” (Revelation 11:7)
- “*not worship the image of the beast should be killed*” (Revelation 13:15)

All these, along with Daniel 11:33, and here in 11:44, speak of the same events during the “*appointed time*” so frequently alluded to in Daniel and in Habakkuk. This is the tribulation or, as some call it, the “time of trouble,” and also the time when the “Loud Cry” of the fourth angel of Revelation 18:1-5 is sounding throughout the world.

“The most bitter and cruel persecution always comes from those who have the form of religion without the spirit and power of godliness. ***There is nothing at which religious prejudice will hesitate....*** Angels are watching the development of character, and are weighing moral worth. They are bidden to place a mark upon those who are loyal to God’s commandments; such will have special help from God to endure the test and proving of the time of trouble.”⁵⁸

“The two armies will stand distinct and separate, and this distinction will be so marked that many who shall be convinced of truth will come on the side of God’s commandment-keeping people. When this grand work is to take place in the battle, prior to the last closing conflict, many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives from cities and towns, and many will be martyrs for Christ’s sake in standing in defense of the truth.”⁵⁹

Throughout the three and a half years, the “*appointed time*,” there will be persecution. But, as the end draws near, more pointed hatred will develop against those “*from the east*,” who identify with the divine power of the “*north*.” This will reach a point in which God’s people will be the target of destruction.

“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him” (Daniel 11:45).

“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace” (vs 45)

⁵⁸ White, Ellen G.; *Historical Sketches*, p. 196 (emphasis added).

⁵⁹ White, Ellen, G.; *Maranatha*, 199.

“The planting of the tabernacles” is actually an expression: “he shall pitch or set up the tents” of his palace.⁶⁰ There is disagreement as to the meaning of this apparent idiomatic expression. It has been recently suggested that this means only a temporary move (implied by the word “*tents*”).⁶¹ It appears to be the final act of the antichrist. The setting up of the palatial tents suggests that a center of worship or leadership is being established. Literalism has enamored most scholars in this verse. The king of the north – the antichrist – has established a new residence or **center of power**. He is already functioning as a geopolitical king from Rome. Why this? Why now? The answer appears to be in the next phrase.

There is a **place** where the antichrist or “man of sin” sets up his seat of **power**, noted by Paul: “*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, showing himself that he is God*” (II Thessalonians 2:4). This appears to represent words similar to those of Christ (Matthew 24:15), when the abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel the prophet will “*stand in the holy place.*” “*Standing*” or “*sitting*” means that he is *functioning* as ruler.

- Might this imply, with these new Testament verses, that a religious dominion is being established?
- Prophecy is filled with the antichrist seeking coercive control even over Christianity.

“between the seas in the glorious holy mountain;” (vs 45)

The literal meaning of “*between the seas*” is understood by most scholars as between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. This is confirmed by the words “*glorious holy mountain.*” That refers to Mount Zion, the *sacred* temple mount. Anciently, that was Mount Moriah, where Abraham attempted to offer Isaac but was rescued by the stay of his hand, a heavenly voice and “*lifting up his eyes*” (Genesis 22:13). ***Mt. Zion remains symbolic of where God and His people reside*** (Revelation 14:1-5).

To the Jewish world, Islam and Dispensational Christians, this “*mount*” is a holy mountain. It ***symbolizes*** the central place of worship, where God meets man. That, in turn, figuratively ***represents*** the “place” where the antichrist ***performs his final act.***

- “*standing*” – he has dominion over all places of worship (Matthew 24:15)
- “*sitting*” – judicial rule, no one is higher – he claims lordship over all; the antichrist acts as God (II Thessalonians 2:4)
- “*glorious holy mountain*” – the symbolic center of all worship (Daniel 11:45)

Though literal imagery is used, a metaphor representing God’s church comes into focus – albeit now in apostasy. Will this be physically on the Temple Mount? Unlikely. It represents “central control” of the world’s religious elements – at least over the literal and spiritual descendants of Abraham.

“*And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven*” (Revelation 13:6). Of him it is said, the world

⁶⁰ Steinmann, *op. cit.*, p. 535.

⁶¹ Gane, Roy E.; *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society*, vol. 27, nos. 1 & 2 (2016), “Methodology for Interpretation of Daniel 11:2–12:3,” p. 294.

“wondered after the beast” (Revelation 13:3) and the world *“worshipped the beast”* (Revelation 13:4). The beast is the Roman Catholic “empire” and its leader, depicted especially in Revelation 13 and 17 and here as the *“king of the north.”* Paul embellishes this apocalyptic imagery:

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 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, showing himself that he is God” (II Thessalonians 2:3-4).

Putting these thoughts together: The world is shown to accept this **“religious position”** by the papal antichrist. It is so enamored, it finally, in impudence, asks a rhetorical question: *“Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war against him?”* (Revelation 13:4). This moral collusion will be so strong that anyone at variance with it, like God’s remnant, will be harmed. It assumes the supreme head of God’s church in the position of *“standing”* and *“sitting.”*

In this final drama from the apostate religious world, that question appears justified after the successful war between the kings of the north and south. The sinister obeisance of the world is now further embellished by the persecution of those saints.

- *“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints [the members of God’s true church], and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him”* (Revelation 13:7-8a).
- But then, God has had enough!

“yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him” (vs 45)

This echoes *“they shall take away his dominion”* (Daniel 7:26) and *“he shall be broken without hand”* (Daniel 8:25). What brings him to his end? II Thessalonians 2:8 says the *“brightness of his coming.”*

From this verse (as well as Ezekiel 39:2-29; Joel 3:2-16; and Zechariah 12:2-9, 14:1-21) literalists claim that the final conflict or battle will be fought in Palestine. Since the papacy has much land in Palestine and has sought to mediate the terrible conflict there between Jews and Muslims, there may be events occurring there. The greater imagery, however, is spiritual. *“Israel,”* at the end, refers to all of God’s people (Galatians 3:28-29).

The beautiful news comes in the next chapter (Daniel 12:1) – God’s people will be delivered. There – a great issue is clarified. *“God’s people”* includes all those who shall be found written in the Book (of Life) (Daniel 12:1).

This prophecy ends with 12:3 (an unfortunate chapter break is between 11:45 and 12:1). Daniel 12:1 begins: *“Now at that time”* – this ties earth’s final events with Daniel 11:29-45.

“There is small doubt in the minds of any except a very few that the first portion of chapter 12 is prophecy concerning ‘last things’ – in the theological nomenclature, ‘eschatology.’ Events connected with the resurrection of the dead and final rewards and punishments can hardly be otherwise.

“If there were a clean break in thought between chapters 11 and 12 it might be possible to say that all of the previous section of the prophecy relates to events of now past history. But such a break does not exist. Rather, a chronological connection is clearly provided between the last of chapter 11 and the first of chapter 12 by the opening words of chapter 12. Referring to the destruction of a certain king whose career is predicted in the last part of chapter 11, chapter 12 opens thus: ‘And at that time shall Michael stand up,’ etc. Thus a clear connection with the eschatological prediction of chapter 12 is established for the last portion, at least, of chapter 11.”⁶²

⁶² Culver, Robert D.; *Daniel and the Latter Days* (Chicago: Moody, 1954), p. 163.

APPENDIXES

Appendix I

IDENTIFYING THE EARTH BEAST

(REVELATION 13)

Introduction:

The prophetic story of Revelation 12, showing the dragon's (Satan's – vs 9) rage against the pure woman (vs 1) (God's true church) leads to war against her offspring (a remnant who identifies with God's commandments and with Jesus) (vs 17).

- Chapter 13 shows how that war will be waged.
- There, the dragon uses two "agents" – a sea beast and an earth beast – to fight that remnant.
- Chapter 14:1-5 further identifies God's victorious saints – that remnant.

Our focus is on the earth beast. To clarify its identity and mission, we must briefly look at the sea beast. It parallels the beast in Revelation 17 and the fourth "earth beast" of Daniel 7. Those prophecies clarify that it is a state power, centered in Rome, controlled by an apostate church (harlot), who has developed an illicit relationship with the world through an abomination (false doctrine) she holds in a cup.

- That "beast" comes center stage in 17:11 when it emerges as a geopolitical power with the collective support of ten horns:
 - **First** without kingdoms (geopolitical regions) (17:12-13).
 - **Later** – with identifiable crowns (13:1) – powers ruling geopolitical areas of the earth.

That descriptive coalition is of a "world order," which is currently and rapidly evolving!¹ The papacy is predicted to be its "head."²

"The ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings ... these have *one mind* and *shall give their power and strength unto the beast*" (Revelation 17:12-13; cf. Daniel 7:24a).

The bonding occurs through the harlot's sharing of her abominations: *"With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.... having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication"* (Revelation 17:2, 4c).

The world was recently (1942) divided into ten regions.³

¹ Fowler, Franklin S., Jr.; *The Last Geopolitical "Order"* (Christian Heritage Foundation, Lucerne Valley, CA, 2014).

² White, Ellen G.; *The Faith I Live By*, p. 329.

³ http://www.his2ndcoming.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=57&Itemid=66

“We shall have a world government, whether or not we like it. The question is only whether it will be achieved by consent or by conquest.” (James P. Warburg, international financier and political scientist).⁴

Later, The Club of Rome refined those ten divisions.⁵

“World peace can be ours if we only submit to a one-world government that manages our lives and our finances.”⁶

There were voices that spoke out against papal global power:

“The Roman church–state is a hybrid – a monster of ecclesiastical and political power. Its political thought is totalitarian and whenever it has had the opportunity to apply its principles, the result has been bloody repression.

“The Roman church–state ... is an institution recovering from a mortal wound. If and when it regains its full power and authority it will impose a regime more sinister than any the planet has yet seen.”⁷

“The encyclical [Pope Paul VI’s, *Populorum Progressio*, 1967] is the manifesto of an impassioned hatred for capitalism; but its evil is much more profound and its target is more than mere politics: The Catholic church has never given up the hope to re-establish the medieval union of church and state, with a global state and a global theocracy as its ultimate goal. This is the spectacle of *religion climbing* ... in a desperate attempt to recapture the power it lost.”⁸

Enamored, prophecy says that all the world will wonder after that papal beast with ten crowned horns (Revelation 13:3). Her world control, however, won’t happen easily: She will employ “every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a **fierce and determined conflict** to regain control of the world.”⁹

The Sea Beast Activities

The dragon gives it its power, seat and authority (Revelation 13:2), currently (2014) functioning as a church/state with 179 ambassadors, defined in Revelation 17.

- The world becomes so enticed that it even worships this beast (13:2-3, 8). Thus, it has a religious image/influence.
- It blasphemes God – it is the antichrist (13:5-6).
- It is the key agent of Satan’s war against the remnant (13:7, 17:6) – it is “Babylon” (Revelation 17:5).
- Its evil power is permitted for 42 months (13:5) – just like the dragon (12:14).

⁴ Warburg, James P.; Testimony before the *Senate Foreign Relations Committee*, February 9, 1950.

⁵ <http://conspiracywiki.com/documents/club-of-rome-report-regionalized-and-adaptive-model-of-the-global-world.pdf>

⁶ Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, 2009.

⁷ John W. Robbins, *Ecclesiastical Megalomania* (The Trinity Foundation, 1999), p. 195.

⁸ Rand, Ayn; *An Answer to the Papal Encyclical Populorum Progressio*, pp. 315, 362; 1967.

⁹ White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, p. 565.

Expositor White correctly saw a dual application to this beast prophecy:

“In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. ***Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator’s prophecy.*** ‘*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*’ (Revelation 13:4-5) [13:6-18 is quoted].”¹⁰

1. There is to be a new geopolitical order.
2. The papacy will be its head.
3. The world becomes enamored of its leadership and **evil** focus.
4. Satan has already appeared as an angel of light, affirming its abominable doctrine and sinister global power.

In this context, the earth beast can be addressed:

The Earth Beast

John appears to have a second vision:

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon” (Revelation 13:11).

- Since this new “beast” has lamb-like horns, some see this as a parody of the Messianic Lamb or that it must be Christ-like.¹¹
- The sea beast “ascends” (cf. Revelation 11:7, Daniel 7:17).
- This new creature “arises out of the earth” (*ges*) – naturally a “settled” or “fixed” geographic area. John uses this word in a variety of ways. Since it contrasts with the sea (restless waters – Isaiah 57:20-21 – unsettled wicked state of world), many see this as arising from a more peaceful area.¹²
- Together, the earth and sea convey a “global” prophetic picture such as represented in 10:5.¹³ (Such Christ and Satan end-time contrasts are frequent in Revelation.)

The final phrase associates this beast with the “dragon,” and, stunningly, the Greek word for “beast” is *therion*, implying a vicious, savage, terrifying creature.

- Beast imagery symbolizes a world empire or a nation (Daniel 7:17, 23). Some geopolitical power is in sight. Since the prophetic context unfolds sequentially, a story is evolving

¹⁰ White, Ellen G.; *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 19, p. 282 (emphasis added).

¹¹ Stefanovic, Ranko; *Revelation of Jesus Christ*, p. 419.

¹² Barnes, Albert; NT Commentary (Revelation 13:1) software.

¹³ White, Ellen G.; *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 19, p. 321.

within this chapter. **After** a global coalition is in evidence (sea beast with crowned horns), the **activity** of this earth beast emerges! It portrays a meek, lamb-like imagery, but it then speaks/directs/leads like Satan and acts viciously and terrifyingly.

- Its **“speaking like a dragon”** contrasts with its “lamb-like” horns.
- This is a “message by design,” given to John for us to understand.

Again, the imagery reveals:

From a peaceful area (earth, opposed to restless sea) → A nation arises (beast) → In its final **prophetic setting**, during a 42-month period (vs 5), then acts like a tyrant, revealing a vicious nature

This wild “savage” beast imagery (*therion*) means that we must identify which “nation” this represents! A prophetic change in its nature, that God wants us to anticipate, is in evidence in this end-time prophecy. Peaceful – then tyrannical.

“And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed”
(Revelation 13:12).

John is revealing that a theo-political peaceful nation will later wield tyrannical power on behalf of the papacy (within a 42-month setting). This immediately precedes Christ’s coming (another study) (cf. Revelation 10–11).

- The prophecy relates to the time of the end (13:7; 12:17; 11:2, 7; 6:8-11) sometime during a three-and-a-half-year period (cf. Daniel 9 and 12).
- This nation is apparently established before the world is enamored by the sea beast (via the timing limitation).
- It must have worldwide influence and power.
- It must have an initial imagery of innocence and peace (that changes – but deceptively continues to “wear” those lamb-like horns. That introductory portrayal is a significant clue).
- It must be so unique that it can represent (though deceptively) the ideals of the “other Lamb,” elevated in John’s apocalyptic book as the “Lamb of God” and, later, called a prophet.

End-time Paradox

Since we will see this beast/nation giving global support to the sea beast (Holy See – church/state), there is a coalition between the two. But a paradox is presented:

- This beast “speaks like Satan” – its nature has changed.
- Yet, it is called a “prophet” (Revelation 16:13, 19:20, 20:10) – thus it continues to portray a religious aura.
- Albeit – a “false prophet” according to John.

- A true prophet leads to the worship of God. This prophet leads to the worship of the antichrist.¹⁴

Jesus specifically warned against “false prophets.” They “come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15).

- False prophets appear within the church (i.e., Revelation 2:2, 14-15, 20-24).
- Even inside the “believing community” itself.¹⁵

An apostate religious aura flows throughout the world from both the sea and earth beasts. They are both given authority and power by Satan but are located in two different geographic areas. One is clearly Rome (Vatican – the sea beast – cf. Revelation 17). The other, that earth beast, arises from a place that was previously devoid of political turmoil (opposite of the sea).

Exploring Additional Clues

The papal beast was given a geopolitical blow in 1870 when it finally lost the remaining Papal States along with the City of Rome.

- That occurred September 20, 1870, under General Giuseppe Garibaldi, on behalf of Italy’s king, Victor Emmanuel II.
- The nation/country of Italy was finally unified.

From 1870 to 1929 the Roman Catholic Church had no state. It was **not then** “beast” oriented.

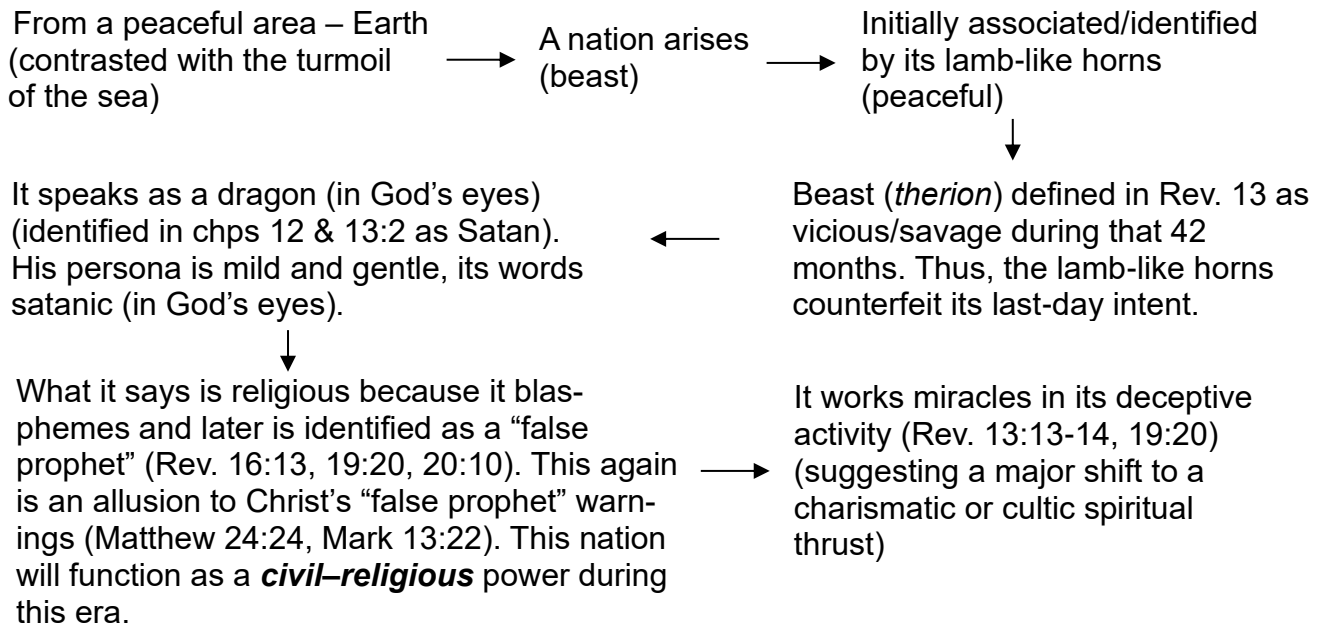
- In 1929, under Pope Pius XI and Italy’s Benito Mussolini, the Lateran Accords were signed, giving the Church the Vatican City State.
- Ambassadors quickly began to be exchanged.
- The **beast’s** “deadly wound” was healed (not a head).
- The church then enters end-time prophetic history as having a beast/state in 1929!
- In Revelation 13 it is **in** a world coalition with ten powers (crowned horns), during a 42-month period, **when** the **support of the earth beast arises**.
- Again, that occurs sometime during the 42 months (vs. 5).

¹⁴ Beale, G. K.; *The New International Greek Testament Commentary; The Book of Revelation* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan – 1999), p. 707.

¹⁵ Osborne, Grant R.; *Revelation* (Baker Book House; Grand Rapids, MI), p. 512.

That Earth Nation

Summation to this point:



What world power, prominent in today's world, began as a peaceful nation but is changing?

We appeal to history that looks at the early United States of America – but is now becoming coercive.

American Exceptionalism – The Lamb-like Past

Five decades after America gained independence, French political writer and analyst Alexis de Tocqueville (1805–1859) remarked on the exceptional character of the United States. “Unlike other nations that were defined by ethnicity, geography, common heritage, social class, or hierarchical structures, America was a nation of immigrants bond[ed] together by a shared commitment to the democratic principles of liberty, equality, individualism and free enterprise economics.”

It came from a sparsely populated area without political upheaval or conflict.

G. K. Chesterton said that the “American creed” “is set forth with dogmatic and even theological lucidity in the Declaration of Independence.”¹⁶

Thomas Jefferson, the main author of that Declaration of Independence, and the least religious, wrote: “We are not in a world ungoverned by the laws and the power of a Superior Agent. Our efforts are in His hand, and directed by it; and He will give them their effect in His own time.”

¹⁶ Chesterton, G. K.; *What I Saw in America* (T. and A. Constable Ltd. at the Edinburgh University Press, London), 1922.

Ben Franklin issued this stirring appeal during an arduous debate in the Constitutional Congress:

“In the beginning of the Contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for Divine protection.... All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of Superintending Providence in our favor.... Have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? ... God Governs in the affairs of men (Daniel 4:17). And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice (Matthew 10:29), is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?”

Centered on the back of the dollar bill are the words, “In God we trust.”

Expositor White keenly observed:

“The beast with horns like a lamb is seen ‘coming up out of the earth;’ [Revelation 13:11.] signifying that instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, the nation thus represented arose in territory previously unoccupied, and grew up gradually and peacefully.

“Here is a striking figure of the rise and growth of our own nation. And the lamb-like horns, emblems of innocence and gentleness, well represent the character of our government, as expressed in its two fundamental principles, Republicanism and Protestantism. The Christian exiles who first fled to America, sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance, and they determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. These principles are the secret of our power and prosperity as a nation. Millions from other lands have sought our shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth.”¹⁷

- For those who love America and cherish her ideals and history, there must be a growing discomfort , an uneasiness, at its more recent changes.
- John said that it will exercise the same power as the sea beast (which came from Satan).
- Thus, it is in a coalition with “him.”

How can this prophecy of a savage, Satan-like beast, represent the United States? It just doesn’t seem possible! Let’s first look further at the other keys John shares.

1. It is a nation so strong that it tries to force **all** of earth’s inhabitants to worship the papacy or something it stands for (Revelation 13:15, 12) – it is a **global** power, a dominant nation, which becomes coercive and tyrannical.
2. It uses its moral focus to deceive, as a tool to force the whole world to worship that sea beast.
3. Under its religious guise it will perform **supernatural miracles** (similar to what Elijah did on Mt. Carmel, representing “the” God above all gods – I Kings 18:36-39). A dramatic turn of events occurs when it functions as a “prophet.” Spiritualism is now a considera-

¹⁷ White, Ellen G.; *Spirit of Prophecy*, vol. 4, p. 276, 1884.

tion. Since Satan will have already been appearing as an angel of light,¹⁸ any supernatural possibility is present.

4. The papal sea beast looks to the earth beast to accomplish its geopolitical goals.

“Though Pius [XI] has little liking for our wicked ways and our heresies, he sees in us the nation [United States] that counts for most in the world today – the nation of the future. We are rich, young, strong, and our life is before us as a nation. He would have us; he needs us; he means to have us. He believes that the destiny of the Church will be fulfilled in America and that with the spiritual conquest of America the world-dominion of the Church will be regained.... Meanwhile through his Press he reminds Americans that to the Church alone belongs the right of reforming the social and moral order. [Ref. 1: ‘To the Church and to the Church alone belongs the leadership of social forces for reform and human improvement,’ said Pius XI.]”¹⁹

5. It is a leader in an emerging geopolitical order (ten crowned horns).

To the casual observer, the history and “being part of” the United States speaks against this understanding. ***In fact, this prophecy could not be properly understood until recently.*** But that is now changing – and quickly. In a recent article in *Forbes Magazine*, Bill Flax observes: “It has become evident Washington now embodies the gravest threat to freedom.”²⁰ There’s more!

The Emerging Drama

In the Counter-Reformation the Roman Catholic Church eclipsed the rapid spread of Protestantism through the work of Ignatius de Loyola (founder of the Society of Jesus – Jesuits), the establishment of the Roman Inquisition and the Council of Trent.

- Their expressed objective was defined as wanting “control of the world,”²¹ to be earth’s sovereign leader.²²
- This goal was later set into a geopolitical agenda by Pope Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum* (1891). This was an ingenious encyclical that created “victims” of the poor and working class and, using ***spiritual*** dogma, conveyed solutions.
- By this one document the Roman Catholic Church moved beyond its ecclesiastical realm into key issues of the secular world. Redistribution of wealth for the poor became a major part of their agenda.

After the Catholic Church regained its “nation” status (the Vatican City State in 1929), Pope Pius XI engaged psychoanalysts to guide in how the Church might dominate the world’s powers. A summary observation by Jesuit E. Boyd Barrett (one of those analysts) – again:

¹⁸ White, Ellen G.; *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 19, p. 282.

¹⁹ Barrett, E. Boyd; *Rome Stoops to Conquer* (Julian Messner, Inc., New York – 1935), pp. 259, 263.

²⁰ <http://www.forbes.com/sites/billflax/2011/06/30/a-politically-incorrect-perspective-on-american-exceptionalism/>

²¹ General Montholon, *Memorial of the Captivity of Napoleon at St. Helena*, vol. II (Paris: Paulin, 1847), p. 62. Charles-Tristan Montholon was aid-de-camp to the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte (as quoted in *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome* by Charles Chiniquy, chapter 59).

²² *The Brothers Karamazou* (1821 – 1881) (New York: Random House, 1950, originally published in 1880), p. 309, 310. http://hotfile.com/dl/211653233/ed1343e/The_brothers_Karamazou..pdf.html The brothers Karamazou..pdf ebook, pdf (emphasis added).

- “The Church, under Pius XI’s superb leadership, has become a world power again.”
- “He [the pope] believes that the destiny of the Church will be fulfilled in America and that with the ***spiritual conquest*** of America the world-dominion of the Church will be regained.”²³
- America must be religiously dominated by “Catholic power” at the end of time. And through the United States global power will be regained.

That objective, through its “social” agenda, moves forward under the guise of a New World Order. Popes Pius XI, Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis all wrote encyclicals similar to Leo XIII’s *Rerum Novarum*. Each rendering its goals through increasingly coercive language. All documents undermine capitalism and elevate Marxist principles.

- Underlying all global objectives is the need to bring this country under its geopolitical “ideals.”
- In turn, their world dreams are being implemented through the New World Order agenda.²⁴

How would the United States give Rome such an ideological “gift?” Through the grooming of Barack Obama. Coming up through community work in Chicago with the Catholic Developing Community Project, he learned about dealing with the socially and financially needy. Then he ran for the Senate, getting the endorsement of the Democratic Socialists of America organization with a large gift from Marxist ideologue George Soros.²⁵ Then Roman Catholic Emil Jones, president of the Illinois Senate, took on the role of being “senator maker.” Suddenly, a Jesuit professor of St. Peter’s College came out publically as an activist for Barack’s Senate run.²⁶ Barack Obama won.

The Obama Presidency

On November 5, 2008, Senator Barack Obama became the first “Black” president of the United States. It wasn’t long after his inauguration (March 2009) that the documentary “The Obama Deception,” produced by Alex Jones Productions, hit the screens. It claimed that Obama was a puppet, that he would undermine the Constitution, that he would be a proponent of global chaos (like fascism) and make attempts to disarm America and bankrupt the country, and that “globalists” would be behind him, directing his administration.

- His former defense Secretary, Leon Panetta, told Senator Jeff Sessions (2011) and the Senate that the U.S. military answers to international bankers, the U.N. and NATO – not the Congress of the American people.²⁷
- The Affordable Health Care Act would be a major means to redistribute wealth in America,²⁸ just as the Roman Catholic Church’s social doctrine envisioned.

²³ Barrett, E. Boyd; *Rome Stoops to Conquer*, pp. 254, 259.

²⁴ Fowler, *op. cit.*

²⁵ <http://www.theobamafile.com/BarackObama.htm>

²⁶ <http://www.crisismagazine.com/2008/a-jesuits-case-for-barack-obama>

²⁷ Saman, Mohammadi; www.infowars.com

²⁸ Johnson, Erika; New York Times, November 24, 2013.

The Marxist ideology went forward, claiming totalitarian control of the “communities of citizens.” By mid-2012 President Obama perpetrated the principle that he can pick and choose which U.S. laws he wishes to enforce. He claimed a legal basis for this, which he has frequently exercised.²⁹ ***This is a change in the nature of the “earth beast.”*** This is a form of tyranny. The power he is wielding spills over into the international scene through:³⁰

- Economic restructuring and the IMF
- Immigration – limiting enforcement
- Fomenting unrest on foreign soils – arming revolutionaries (e.g. Syria, Libya and Iraq)
- Spying through NSA on other world leaders³¹
- Drone spying and killing

Jonathan Turley, a Constitutional law scholar at the Jesuit-run George Washington University Law School, notes: “In many ways President Obama has fulfilled the dream of an imperial presidency.” Constitutional Professor and Legal Advisor to Obama, Laurence Tribe, Harvard Law School, agrees that no one can stop what the president is doing.³²

One of the key elements of Catholic social doctrine is the right of everyone to use what another has for the “common good.” “In a 2005 senatorial speech, Obama attacked the ‘ownership society’ and made an argument for the collective good of government action. This philosophy is opposed to the individual liberty ideals of the Founding Fathers and of Abraham Lincoln.

“Obama said that Americans must have a ‘sense of mutual regard for each other, the idea that everybody has a stake in the country, that we’re all in it together and everybody’s got a shot at opportunity.”³³ Yet, his actions undermine completely that “liberty” ideal.

The current trends within the Obama administrations are moving toward a “police state,” the very tyranny that Revelation 13 describes. In fact, Daniel Ellsberg, the man who leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971, told the Huffington Post that the digital surveillance of every phone conversation, email, text message, utility bill, bank statement, credit card statement, chat log of this government “outmatches any police state in the history of humanity.”³⁴

A major theme from the social papal encyclicals invites a central “world order,” decrying “income inequality” by encouraging redistribution of wealth. Robert Grady of the *Wall Street Journal* notes that President Obama’s concern over redistribution of American wealth is misguided – and he was siding with the Marxist ideology as did Rome (referring to the Vatican State)!³⁵

²⁹ <http://libertycounsel.com/2014/04/the-growing-movement-to-impeach-obama-lcaction/>

³⁰ Hanson, Victor Davis; *National Review*, June 15, 2012. <http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/303037/are-we-revolutionary-times-victor-davis-hanson>

³¹ <http://news.yahoo.com/u-taped-moscow-plotting-chaos-094500766--politics.html>

³² Friess, Steve; *Politico*, “Obama’s Policy Strategy: Ignore laws,” June 6, 2012.

³³ Stepman, Jarrett; July 24, 2013. <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/07/24/Obama-at-Knox-College>

³⁴ <http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/ellsberg-obama-police-state/2013/08/22id/521757#ixzz2ccipyK3yP>

³⁵ Grady, Robert E.; *Wall Street Journal*, December 22, 2013.

Recently, Obama launched a chilling purge against political enemies by retiring seasoned military generals who opposed his policies. This was a “police state” tactic that targeted decency.³⁶

Respected conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia noted in a recent speech at the University of Hawaii Law School:

- “In time of ‘war,’ the law falls silent.”
- Then he said: Internment camps may be just around the corner here in America, as they were in World War II under Stalin.³⁷
- The “earth beast” is quickly “claiming” its Greek name, *therion*.

No nation in recent history can match the description of Revelation 13:11ff as the United States. With the New World Order close to its full début, the Obama administration, closely allied with papal Rome and the world elites, shares a Marxist ideology. The “great changes” in the world that expositor White talked about are ready to burst into end-time prophecy.³⁸

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³⁶ Watson, Paul J.; infowars.com, January 26, 2014.

³⁷ Gehrke, Joel; *Washington Examiner*, February 2, 2014.

³⁸ White, Ellen G.; *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 11.

Appendix II

NEW GEOPOLITICAL ORDER

(TEN “HORNS” ON THE BEAST)

(PART I – NWO)

Introduction

The apocalyptic “*beast*” is described in Daniel 7:7-8 and 20-25; Revelation 13:1 and 17:12-13. Common to all narratives, it:

1. Blasphemes God – curses Him!
2. Has seven heads – a “perfect” number
3. Has ten horns – a “complete” number



Horns give **authority** and **power** to a beast or nation. Daniel was told that those horns were “*ten kings*” or kingdoms in that context (Daniel 7:24).³⁹

- The same explanation was given to John (Revelation 17:12).
 - “And the **ten horns** which thou sawest **are ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive **power** as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their **power** and **strength** (exousia – authority – NIV, NET) unto the beast” (Revelation 17:12-13).
- **When** the angel said that they had *not yet received* their “kingdom” or area of governance (Revelation 17:12), *it was in anticipation* that it was about to happen.
- Then in Revelation 13 the **horns** have **crowns**. Clearly, the kings there are now ruling nations or kingdoms. That, then, fulfilled the Revelation 17 “horn” interlude prophecy!

Those **ten horns** represent a **coalition** – a **unit** of nations – that involves the whole world (16:13-14; 17:2, 18; 18:3-4; 19:19).

- The number “ten” is symbolic for “the whole” in Bible prophecy. It is “complete,” “made up” as God designed.
- It suggests a group of **sovereign world powers** that join with the beast or papacy.
- This reveals that those “ten” are a **universal geopolitical bond** of “*kings of the earth*” (Revelation 17:18; 16:14, 16).

These ten kings must, therefore, collectively rule over ten world divisions or regions **with the beast** – the Holy See or papacy. In fact:



³⁹ Beale, G. K.; *The New International Greek Testament Commentary; The Book of Revelation* (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan – 1999), p. 879.

- They give their power to papal control.
- She, in turn, shares some “religious mores” with them.

God has no respect for that “religious dogma.” How do we know?

- What she **shares** is in a golden cup, which God says is filled with “*abominations*” (Revelation 17:4).
- He calls that **sharing** “*fornication*” (vv 2-4)
- See *When “The” Church Rides the Beast* (Franklin S. Fowler Jr., M.D.).

At the end, those kings **and** the beast work unitedly to war against Jesus (Revelation 19:19). But we have a promise: “*These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful*” (Revelation 17:14).

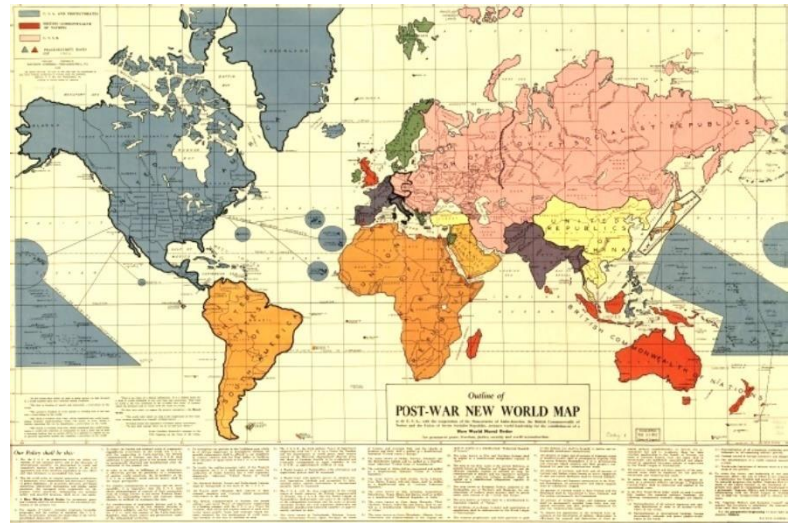
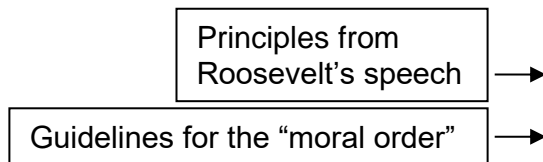
The Ten Horns – Beast – Antichrist Coalition

The Revelation 17 prophecy is about the **end of history**. How do we know? Revelation 17:1 says: “*And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters.*” The story of “her” end is about to unfold. Her demise was revealed in 16:19.

A natural question then: What **are** these ten world regions or governments that we expect to see soon? The answer moves us back to the World War II era.

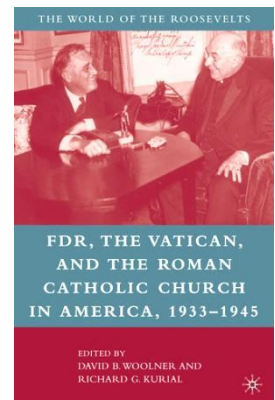
A very unique historic map, housed in the Library of Congress (posted February 25, 1942), uncovers a sinister “world empire!” This details its background:

- In 1941 a Maurice Gomberg, cartographer for the U.S. State Department, drew a world map showing **a coalition of regions** that anticipated a “**New World Moral Order!**” (This label was apparently given by the State Department, under the direction of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.)
- It quoted excerpts from Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s State of the Union address to the 77th Congress, January 6, 1941.
- An extensive outline of that **moral ideal world** was at the bottom of the map. Then on December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Shortly thereafter:
- The State Department published that document (February 1942 in Philadelphia, PA). Its distribution appears to have been limited.



Intriguingly:

1. The United States, along with the Carnegie Institute, divided the world into **ten divisions**. Here is an amazing issue to observe:
2. Some of those divisions wouldn't be a reality for years!
 - a. The nation of Israel wouldn't arise for another seven years.
 - b. The north American Union wouldn't emerge until 1994 (NAFTA).
3. Dr. Thomas Moriarty, historian and professor at Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, MA, while researching for a book on U.S. wartime global ambitions, noted regarding this map: "Either the U.S. State Department had someone who could **see into the future** or else they meticulously planned to redraw the entire map of the world" with mysterious geopolitical sensitivity. Clearly, there was "someone" who had incredible savvy about the world powers that directed Maurice Gomberg (all quoted from Tom Prendeville, *Irish Sun*, June 23, 2009). *This is a very mysterious map!*
4. World leaders had been in contact with each other (especially Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Stalin). A coalition from those respective nations was to "enforce" world peace!
5. The map noted that all natural resources would be nationalized and distributed among all nations. Banking, investments, railroads and power plants would be nationalized everywhere. A common world monetary system would be established.



Where did all these ideas originate from? What resource influenced the Carnegie Institute?

In the book, *FDR, the Vatican, and the Roman Catholic Church in America (1933-1945)*, editors David B. Woolner and Richard G. Kurial, N.Y., Palgrave (2003) noted that the Catholic Church played a very active role in domestic policy and in the planning of Roosevelt's presidency. The Church influenced many issues incorporated in the "New Deal," using its *social teachings*.

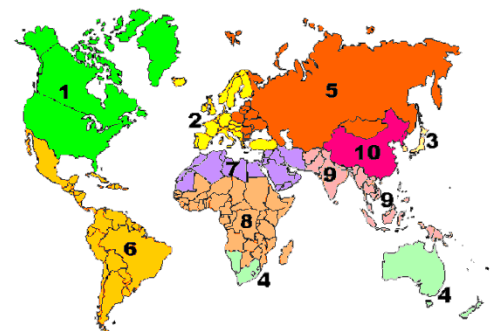
Did they also influence the details of this map? The “ideals” at its bottom **coincide** very closely with Catholic Social policies and its geopolitical ideals! They were originally outlined by Pope Leo XIII in the 1800’s (*Rerum Novarum*) and embellished by Pope Pius XI (*Quadragesimo Anno* – 1931).

In these, the Catholic Church renounced economic “individualism” (capitalism) to establish what they coined as “*social justice*” for the “*common good*.”

The United States and Roman Catholic ties seem more than a coincidence as to what was published on this map.

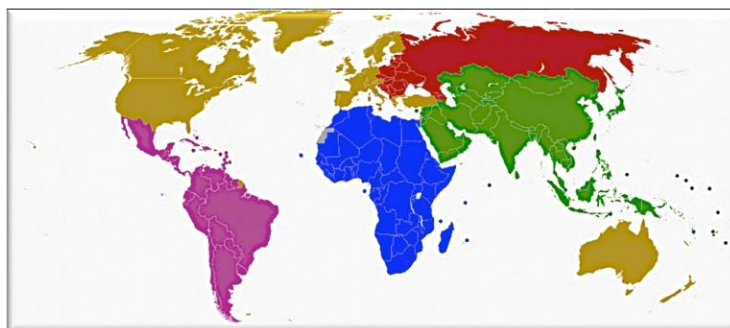
No one is a hundred percent sure of the relationship between Maurice Gomberg of Philadelphia, Roosevelt, the Catholic Church and the Carnegie Institute. But – most intriguing is **a very mysterious organization** that emerged slightly over two decades later:

“The **Club of Rome**, a global **think tank** that deals with major international political issues, was founded in 1968 at the Accademia dei Lincei (literally the ‘Academy of the Lynx-Eyed’). This Italian science academy was founded in 1603, associated with the Roman Catholic Church. The Club of Rome published a stunning book, *The Limits of Growth*. It outlined all of the major geopolitical issues that would unify the world (from the right to life, global warming, population control, distribution of wealth, value of labor unions, ecumenism, etc.).”⁴⁰ Many of those objectives were described at the bottom of that 1942 map! In addition, they **re-drew** the 1942 map to accommodate the changes since WWII. The **ten** world divisions were retained!



- This could have been any number of divisions!
- The Bible said there would be “ten horns” or world kingdoms at the end!
- Also, the “ten toes” of Nebuchadnezzar’s image has an end-time application, consistent with those world divisions!

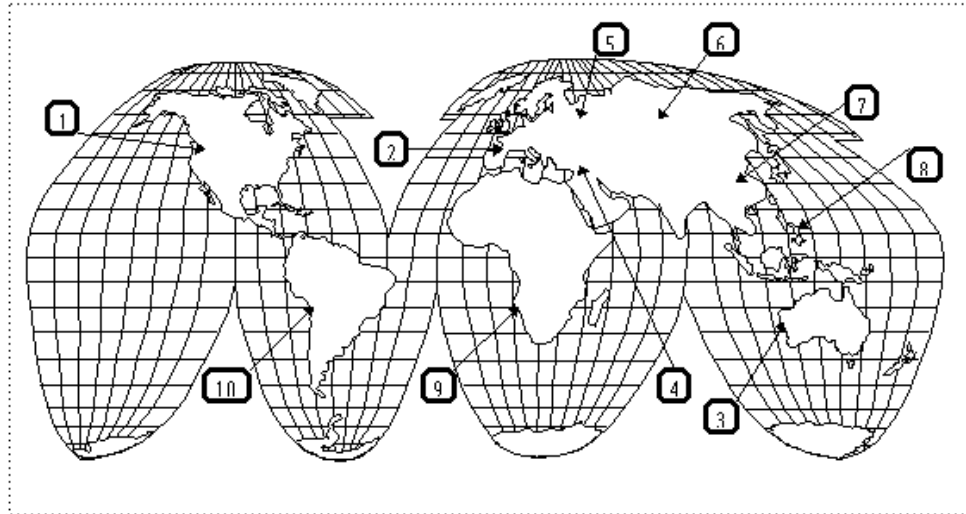
Other agencies have subsequently drawn similar maps to reflect this New World Order design:



United Nation’s Ten World Divisions – 2009

⁴⁰ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Club_of_Rome

**"THE 10 REGIONS OF FREE TRADE UNDER GATT"
THE NEW ONE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**



Always, there are **ten** divisions.

These have found their way into many geography books.

As prophecy predicts, the papacy would enter the arena of geopolitical thinking.

On October 23, 2011, the Pope's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace called for a **new world economic order**, based on ethics and the "achievement of a universal common good." It followed Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 economic encyclical, *Caritas en Veritate* (Charity in Truth), that denounced a profit-at-all-cost mentality that they claimed was responsible for the global financial meltdown.

Then over a period of six months, Pope Benedict XVI asked U.S. bishops to publically warn that increased secularization of society demands the adoption of a social dogma that Roman Catholicism can globally provide.

There is an "increased sense of concern on the part of many men and women, whatever their religious or political views" that a "troubling breakdown in the intellectual culture and moral foundations of social life" has imperiled the "future of our democratic societies."

Catholics should insist on providing "wisdom and insight, and sound guidance" to "people of good will."⁴¹

This **ecclesiastical projection** has been on the *Catholic agenda* for decades. In its many social encyclicals, its call for a world government has been frequent. Each subtly hints that the Church has the capacity to rule the world.

One of those documents, *Gaudium et Spes*, was issued by the Second Vatican Council:

"It is our clear duty, therefore, to strain every muscle in working for the time when all war can be completely outlawed by **international consent**. This goal undoubtedly requires the establishment of **universal public authority** acknowledged as such by all and endowed

⁴¹ *Catholic News Services*, May 2012.

with the power to safeguard on the behalf of all, security, regard for justice, and respect for rights.”

That “universal public authority” is by implication the Holy See – the papacy. Its claim for the “common good” of society and the economy is a ruse and “political fiction.” It is an excuse to forward their **agenda**, portraying that it would benefit **everyone**. But its real focus is a controlling power by the Catholic Church.

Publically, there is **competition** between the secular world and the **Vatican**. **The Bible makes clear that the Roman Church will prevail**. Expositor White noted:

“The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a **fierce and determined conflict** to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side.”⁴²

Since the Church and State were reunited in 1929 by the Lateran Treaties, Rome has published numerous geopolitical documents. She has recommended that:

1. There must be a **moral order** with a centralized world public **authority endowed with a wide range of powers and organization**.
2. An authority that can order the “universe” through management of the environment.
3. **That power would control all multi-national corporations**, independent of their national political powers, for the *common good*.
4. **International free trade** should end – echoing the teaching that originated with Pope Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum*. The purpose is to prevent economic dictatorship.
5. The **leader** should have power to **transfer massive amounts of wealth from rich nations to poor nations**; the superfluous wealth of rich countries should be placed at the service of “poor nations.” This is “the duty of universal charity.”
6. Since national governments are incapable of ensuring the universal common good and all the nations of the world must be considered inadequate to **promote the universal common good, an independent moral authority is needed**.⁴³

Though the United Nations and individual governments are promoting a geopolitical agenda, the papacy is positioning itself to superintend its control.

When the United States appointed an ambassador to the Roman *church-state* in 1984, during the Reagan administration, the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs commented on the diplomatic significance of the Roman *church-state*:

“The Vatican is an important player on the world stage. Vatican diplomats, widely regarded as among the most skilled in the world, play an active role in international political affairs.”

Former Jesuit Priest Richard Bennett (now Protestant minister) noted: “It is the Pope, as the purported ‘Vicar of Christ,’ and his Vatican that will declare what is the correct ‘interconnection

⁴² White, E. G.; *The Great Controversy*, pp. 565-566.

⁴³ Robbins, John; *Ecclesiastical Megalomania* (The Trinity Foundation – 1999), pp. 192-194.

between moral and social spheres.’ Regarding politics, economics and civil governments of all levels – or the temporal sphere – the **new universal temporal authority** will enforce these papal declarations.” Section 67 of the latest encyclical (*Caritas en Veritate*), when placed in the context of the corpus of Roman Catholic social doctrine, shows that the Papacy is very much obsessed with **gaining the power to have all the world under its control**.

“The Papacy’s vision is this: **It claims the divine right to organize the whole human race** by whatever means necessary to participate in its ‘divine vision’ because [quoting the Catholic Church] ‘Man’s earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family. In an increasingly globalized society, the **common good** and the effort to obtain it cannot fail to assume the dimensions of the whole human family, that is to say, the community of peoples and nations, in such a way as to shape the earthly city in unity and peace, rendering it to some degree an anticipation and a pre-figuration of the undivided city of God.’”⁴⁴

How coercive might the papacy then be or become?

In 1983 Pope John Paul II revised the 1917 Code of Canon Law, **adding to the laws** of the Roman Catholic Church. “The Church has an innate and proper right to coerce offending members of the Christian faithful by means of penal sanctions.... The following are to be punished with a just penalty: A person who ... teaches a doctrine condemned by the Roman Pontiff.” (Canon 1312) Does history give us a clue of what “just penalties” might mean?

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) noted: “The ‘absolute good’ (and this means building a just **socialist** society) becomes the **moral norm** that justifies everything else, including – if necessary – violence, homicide, mendacity.” (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, *US News & World Report*, December 2, 1985) [“Socialist” – Marxism; “Violence” – harm to another; “Homicide” – murder; “Mendacity” – lying.]

The Bible notes of the horns (world order): “And all the world wondered after the beast.... and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him ... And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:3b, 7b, 8).

The interest in a “new order” has become almost universal. Even Iran’s recent President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, noted in a speech to African leaders:



“‘We should work toward the creation of a fair world order that stems from the will power of nations and one all nations and governments can play a role in establishing under fair conditions.... the world is in need of a new order characterized by justice, brotherhood, human dignity, progress and welfare.’

⁴⁴ Bennett, Richard; *The Pope’s Plans on Organizing Political, Economic and Religious Activity Worldwide*, http://www.bereanbeacon.org/articles/The_Popes_Plans_on_Organizing.pdf).

He [added] that a demand for the establishment of a just world order is becoming a popular demand in the world, adding that this goal can only be achieved through collective effort.”⁴⁵

Ellen G. White notes: “The unsettled state of society forecasts approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

“The agencies of evil are **combining their forces and consolidating**. They are strengthening for the final great crisis. **Great changes are soon to take place** in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.”⁴⁶

Ayn Rand was right when she wrote in 1967: “The Catholic Church has **never** given up the hope to re-establish the medieval union of church and state, with a global state and a global theocracy as its ultimate goal.”⁴⁷

The Holy See is a hybrid ecclesiastical monster:

- Her political thought is totalitarianism.
- Her history is bloody repression.
- She has almost fully recovered from the mortal wound of 1870.

“When it regains its full power and authority, it will impose a regime more sinister than any the planet has yet seen.”⁴⁸

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⁴⁵ <http://english.irib.ir/news/economy/item/92915-ahmadinejad-calls-for-new-world-order>

⁴⁶ White, E. G.; Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 11

⁴⁷ Rand, Ayn; “Requiem for Man,” in *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal*, p. 315 (emphasis added).

⁴⁸ Robbins, *op. cit.*, p. 195.

Appendix III

PAPAL INTEREST IN GEOPOLITICAL POWER

(PART II – NWO)

During the years 1798–1870, the papacy reeled from Pope Pius VI's arrest and death, the rise of the Italian Republic (nation) in 1861, and then threats to its sovereign control over the Papal States (approximating 20% of what is now Italy).

In the middle of this period, a powerful pope arose, Pope Pius IX. He would become the longest serving papal leader in Catholic history (1846–1878). During his tenure, he began to reassert the church's authority as a "superpower."



Pius IX infiltrated the citizenry of those Papal States with spies. People were tortured for minor offences. The tribunals of his priests wielded almost unlimited power. Anti-Semitic crimes were rampant. Human dignity was degraded and people were heavily taxed.⁴⁹

In the middle of his "tenure," he published a sweeping list of what the papacy viewed as societal "wrongs," called the *Syllabus of Errors*. The following are a few of those things the church considered detestable (note these are "errors" – thus, the Roman Catholic position is in total opposition):

15. Every man is free to embrace and profess that religion which, guided by the light of reason, he shall consider true. – Allocution "*Maxima quidem*," June 9, 1862; Damnatio "*Multiplices inter*," June 10, 1851.

16. Man may, in the observance of any religion whatever, find the way of eternal salvation, and arrive at eternal salvation. – Encyclical "*Qui pluribus*," Nov. 9, 1846.

17. Good hope at least is to be entertained of the eternal salvation of all those who are not at all in the true Church of Christ. – Encyclical "*Quanto conficiamur*," Aug. 10, 1863, etc.

18. Protestantism is nothing more than another form of the same true Christian religion, in which form it is given to please God equally as in the Catholic Church. – Encyclical "*Nosctis*," Dec. 8, 1849.

24. The Church has not the power of using force, nor has she any temporal power, direct or indirect. – Apostolic Letter "*Ad Apostolicæ*," Aug. 22, 1851.

42. In the case of conflicting laws enacted by the two powers, the civil law prevails. – Ibid.

43. The secular power has authority to rescind, declare and render null, solemn conventions, commonly called concordats, entered into with the Apostolic See, regarding the use of rights appertaining to ecclesiastical immunity, without the consent of the Apostolic See, and even in spite of its protest. – Allocution "*Multis gravibusque*," Dec. 17, 1860; Allocution "*In consistoriali*," Nov. 1, 1850.

⁴⁹ Hogue, John; *The Last Pope* (Element; Boston, MA – 1998), p. 230.

44. The civil authority may interfere in matters relating to religion, morality and spiritual government: hence, it can pass judgment on the instructions issued for the guidance of consciences, conformably with their mission, by the pastors of the Church. Further, it has the right to make enactments regarding the administration of the divine sacraments, and the dispositions necessary for receiving them. – Allocutions "*In consistoriali*," Nov. 1, 1850, and "*Maxima quidem*," June 9, 1862.

55. The Church ought to be separated from the .State, and the State from the Church. – Allocution "*Acerbissimum*," Sept. 27, 1852.

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77. In the present day it is no longer expedient that the Catholic religion should be held as the only religion of the State, to the exclusion of all other forms of worship. – Allocution "*Nemo vestrum*," July 26, 1855.

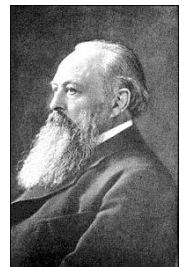
78. Hence it has been wisely decided by law, in some Catholic countries, that persons coming to reside therein shall enjoy the public exercise of their own peculiar worship. – Allocution "*Acerbissimum*," Sept. 27, 1852.

Pius IX convened the first Vatican Council in 1869, which decreed **papal infallibility** and affirmed the dogma of the **immaculate conception of Mary**. The Council's deliberations were temporarily cut short when Italy declared war against the Papal States, and then the City of Rome. In spite of fierce resistance, these areas were absorbed into the Italian nation in October of 1870.

Papal Power – A Reflection

During this time, historian, philosopher and moralist Lord Acton wrote:

"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." He was alluding to the papal horrors that had been promulgated. Acton's writings remain as one of the world's most brilliant on personal liberty.



He was a Roman Catholic – yet, his writings were brutally honest. Of St. Bartholomew's Massacre in 1572 he reflected that there was no evidence to absolve the Roman church–state from premeditated murder.⁵⁰

"The story is much more abominable than we all believed," Acton noted. "S. B. [St. Bartholomew's Massacre] is the greatest crime of modern times. It was committed on principles professed by Rome. It was approved, sanctioned, and praised by the papacy. The Holy See went out of its way to signify to the world, by permanent and solemn acts [its authority]."⁵¹

Later, speaking of another time of European Catholic terror, he said:

"The object of the Inquisition [was] not to combat sin.... men learned that outward submission **must** be given [to the church]. All this [was] to promote authority more than faith. When ideas

⁵⁰ Robbins, John W.; *Ecclesiastical Megalomania* (The Trinity Foundation – U.S. – 1999), p. 112.

⁵¹ Acton, Add. MSS 5004; Robbins, *op. cit.*, p. 113.

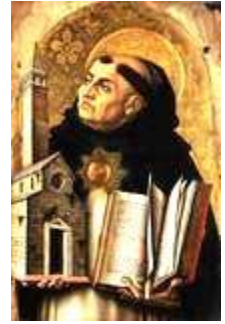
were punished more severely than actions ... men understood that authority went before sincerity.”⁵²

The Roman *church-state* made it an act of Christian duty and “mercy” to kill a heretic.

“The papacy contrived murder and massacred on the largest and also on the most cruel and inhuman scale. They [the popes] were not only wholesale assassins but they made the principle of assassination a law of the Christian Church and a condition of salvation.... [The papacy is] the fiend skulking behind the Crucifix.”⁵³

Ingrained Coercive Power

Roman Catholic history is veiled in darkness. A central historical figure in contemporary church thinking is the Dominican priest Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274 A.D.). He is considered the greatest and most influential Catholic philosopher and theologian, especially in ethics, metaphysics and political theory.⁵⁴



In his best known work, *Summa Theologia*, he notes that heretics are on the side of sin and deserve not only to be excommunicated but severed from the world by death.⁵⁵

He also said that it was lawful to take another’s property openly or in secret for “extreme need.” It is not theft if it is in support of life for oneself or his neighbor.⁵⁶

This philosophy simply means “need” makes another’s goods one’s own. “Need” is the ultimate moral title to property. “Need” gives the right to take possession of another’s goods.

The writings of Thomas Aquinas were later endorsed by the Council of Trent and then made the official dogma of the Roman Church-State by Leo XIII in his 1879 encyclical, *Aeterna Patris*.

Jesuit-trained Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) was the oldest “reigning” pope (age 93 when he died). He was responsible for the emergence of modern-day Catholic social teaching from his encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (On the Condition of Labor). That changed the Roman Catholic Church’s perception of and relationship to world authorities!



Sidestepping religious issues, it addressed social inequalities – capital and labor. The right to hold private property was to be limited because civil authorities might demand it be opened for public use. Capitalism and communism were to be seen as flawed political systems. But the encyclical was fascist in thought!

The exploitative genius of *Rerum Novarum* was then promoted by Pope Pius XI in a similar encyclical, *Quadragesimo Anno* (On the Reconstruction of Social Order) (1931). This new document revealed the papacy’s interest in geopolitical control of society. He noted:

⁵² As quoted in Robbins, *op. cit.*, p. 112 (emphasis supplied).

⁵³ Acton, Jan. 1, 1870, *Correspondence*, 91; Robbins, *op. cit.*, p. 117

⁵⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Aquinas

⁵⁵ Aquinas, Thomas; *Summa*, II–III, Q.11, art. 3.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, 7th article.

“Under the guidance and in the light of Leo’s Encyclical was thus developed a truly Christian Social Science, which continues to be fostered and enriched daily by the tireless labors of those picked men whom We have named the auxiliaries of the Church. They do not allow it to remain hidden in learned obscurity, but bring it forth into the full view of public life, as is clearly shown by the valuable and well-frequented courses founded in Catholic Universities, Academies and Seminaries; by social congresses and ‘weeks’ held at frequent intervals and with gratifying success; by study circles; by sound and timely publications spread far and wide.

“Nor were these the only blessings which followed from the Encyclical. The Doctrine of ***Rerum Novarum*** began little by little to penetrate among those also who, being outside Catholic unity, do not recognize the Authority of the Church; and thus Catholic principles of sociology gradually became part of the intellectual heritage of the whole human race. Thus, too, We rejoice that the Catholic Truths, proclaimed so vigorously by Our illustrious Predecessor, are advanced and advocated not merely in non-Catholic books and journals, but frequently also in legislative assemblies and in courts of justice.”⁵⁷

Pope John XXIII followed by appealing to all people to live as “one community,” working for the “common good” in another encyclical, *Mater et Magistra* (Christianity and Social Progress), May 15, 1961. This brought emphasis to the need of a “world moral order.”

Then Pope Paul VI wrote another encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples) (March 26, 1967), p. 26, in which he said:

“It is unfortunate that on these new conditions of society a system has been constructed which considers profit as the key motive for economic progress, competition as the supreme law of economics, and private ownership of the means of production as an absolute right that has no limits and carries no corresponding social obligation. This unchecked liberalism leads to dictatorship rightly denounced by Pius XI as producing ‘the international imperialism of money.’ One cannot condemn such abuses too strongly.”

Pope John Paul II later took this up with a crusade against capitalism, calling it “the system of injustice and harm that cried to heaven for vengeance.”⁵⁸

Though freedom and religious liberty are promoted as a “human right” within the realm of the “common good,” it must be interpreted through the “socialist eyes” of Rome!⁵⁹

Then John Paul II released *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (On the Social Concerns of the Church), December 30, 1987).

Intriguingly, the whole encyclical emphasizes the need of state intervention in economic planning and control, minimizing free enterprise! Promoting centralization of power is a growing mantra of this church, paralleling the current geopolitical moves of the New world Order.

⁵⁷ Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931), II.

⁵⁸ Pope John Paul II, *Laborem Exercens*, pp. 20, 35-36 – 1981.

⁵⁹ Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Instruction on Christian Freedom and Liberation* (1986), p. 79.

Today's Social "Thinking"

As the world solidified a "new world" interest, Pope Benedict intensified his moves to be at its **administrative center**. Catholic "social doctrine" lends itself neatly to be a "leading partner!" He has called for "one community" in the encyclical *Caretas en Veritate* (Charity in Truth), under a centralized moral authority.



"To manage the global economy ... there is urgent need of a true world political authority ... to seek to establish the common good."⁶⁰ A moral base, founded on moral leadership, is required to protect society.

What Benedict XVI was promoting, Professor Martin Fitzgerald of Redfield College, Sydney, calls the purification of "the finest achievements of western civilization, freedom and equality." He sees the pope as trying to recover the idea that we are social by nature because we are equally children of God. He appeals to make mankind more than neighbors but brothers; more than equality but fraternity. But to achieve this, he wryly observes, history has shown that it requires a police state!

Kishore Jayabalan, Director of Acton Institute, Rome, noted in a newsletter (July/August 2012) that Pope Benedict's call for a moral order based on "faith and reason" as an idealism **is impossible to achieve**. Such attempts, historically, always lead to coercion, penalties and persecution. **The central authority that Benedict dreams of will quickly become tyranny.**

Again, Thomas Aquinas captured its essence long ago when he noted that some may have to be killed to purify the whole. That becomes the ultimate **"solution"** to create a "common good." Intriguingly, Hitler called the genocide of the Jews the "final solution."

A **moral basis** for a geopolitical order will soon be demanded. The idealism of a "common good" will cease to protect the "minority," as it appeals for some spiritual or moral "standard."

The Bible has much to say about an end-time global standard. God earmarked it as an "abomination," which He warned would lead to desolation. Christians need a precise grasp of what **that** is, described in detail in Daniel and later in Revelation. Intriguingly, Jesus personally appealed to us to reference those sources (Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14). John referenced that church (harlot) as holding a cup filled with those abominations (Revelation 17:4).

One must reflect, carefully analyze, evaluate, each word coming from Rome. The Bible says that it **will** become that geopolitical leader. Its moral base will be riveted on a common religious standard. A new world order is part of apocalyptic prophecy and is quickly being organized!

Though the papacy has amazing documents on the rights of individuals and an elevated view of religious liberty, there are always qualifiers!

"This Vatican Council declares that the human person has a right to religious freedom. This freedom means that all men are to be immune from coercion on the part of individuals or of social groups and of any human power, in such wise that no one is to be forced to act in a

⁶⁰ Pope Benedict XVI, *Caretas en Veritate*, 2009.

manner contrary to his own beliefs, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others, within due limits.”⁶¹

What do the words “within due limits” mean? We will soon see – they will be “morally defined” by Rome and coercive to God’s loyalists.

In an unprecedented Vatican meeting (May 9, 2014) Pope Francis addressed the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the executive heads of all the U.N.’s agencies, including the World Bank. He called for a “true, worldwide ethical mobilization.” In verbal concern for the “poorest and most excluded” the redistribution of wealth was Rome’s answer. The aggregate theme: the need for a new world order headed by a moral/ethical leader.

That should invite concern! Prophecy is unfolding. The ten horns are soon to be crowned – then a leader that the world wonders after and worships will be seen. A countdown has begun.

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⁶¹ *Declaration on Religious Freedom*, promulgated by Paul VI, December 7, 1965.

Appendix IV

WHAT DOES “END-TIME” MEAN IN DANIEL?

This question is so important! From the answer we will learn about a myriad of events and signs that *relate* to the period of time just before Jesus comes again. But – if we don’t understand what God means by “the end” or “the time of the end,” those events may be missed, just as it occurred at the first Advent. His return will be as a thief (I Thessalonians 5:2).

We will soon see that “the end” comes when a “tarrying time” concludes!

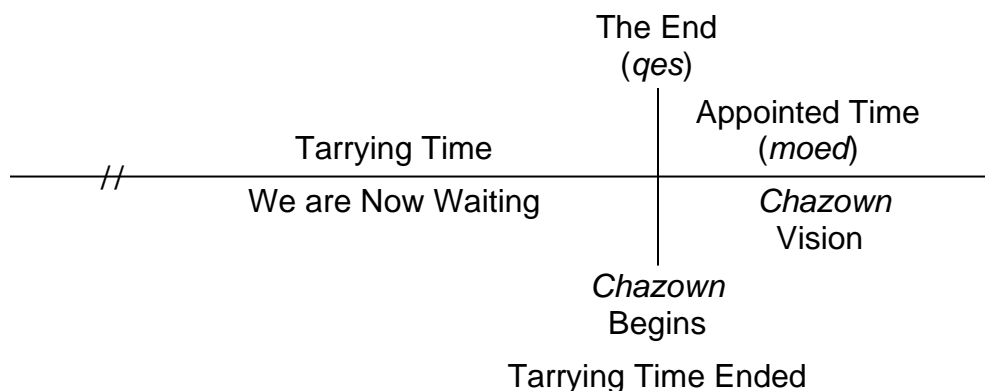
Incidentally – Daniel initially misunderstood what Gabriel said about future timing (Daniel 8:14)!! He was so concerned about his people being released at the end of the 70-year captivity; he thought God had extended that time 2300 more years. He actually fainted (8:27)! That is one reason Gabriel had to come back again and again to talk with him. One can learn from all those communiqués how heaven, step by step, portrays the true end of earth’s history when deliverance finally comes.

Let’s Start in Habakkuk. There are tight parallels between Habakkuk and Daniel:

“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry” (Habakkuk 2:2-3).

- The “vision” (*chazown*) [“prophetically,” a message of apostate powers – fighting Christ and His people]
- An “appointed time” (*moed*) [a specific period of time that is set aside – here, by God!]
- At the “end” (*qes*) [when “time” is cut off] truth will be known, even though it is now vague – “it shall speak.”
- “Tarryes” (***appears*** as if it is delayed – wait – it will not “tarry.” God has an appointed time when the wait will be over).

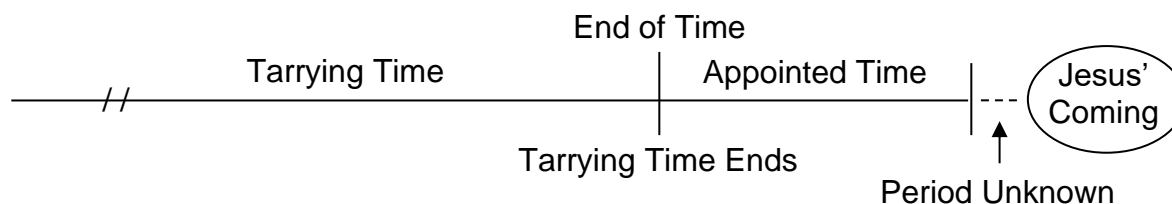
When that “appointed time” comes – the “tarrying time” will end. This will unfold further as we continue this study. Thus, from Habakkuk’s simple template we have:



The appointed time is a *period of time*. Another helpful text is Hebrews 10:36-37: “For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise [our eternal reward]. For **yet a little while** [a delay or tarrying time], and he that shall come will come, and will not **tarry** [end of the waiting time].”

This refers to the same waiting or tarrying time as Habakkuk. Something new has been added! The end of the tarrying time is *related to the coming of Jesus*. There is no formula to “set a date” – but a sequenced template is evolving.

Putting Habakkuk and Hebrews together:



What does this all mean? At the “appointed time” this end-time prophecy begins – a count-down starts.

- The “appointed time” relates to the *end* of the “tarrying time” or waiting period.
- The “appointed time” is when the *chazown* vision unfolds.
- Following the “appointed time” (we don’t know exactly when) Jesus comes.

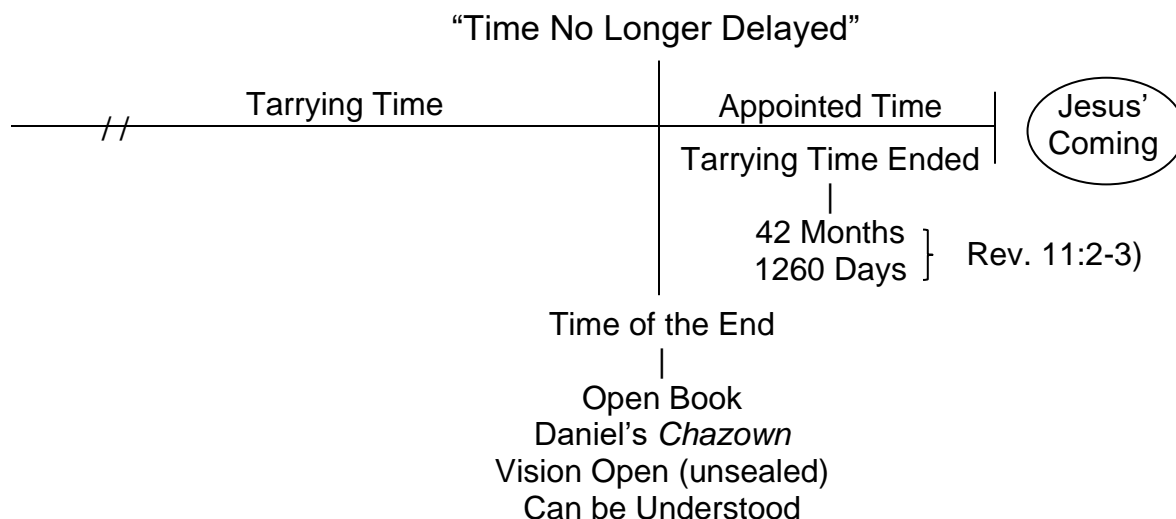
Another important reference – Revelation 10:1a, 2, 6: “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: ... And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.... And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer [delayed].” (Bracketed word best explains the purpose of that prophecy).

Sound familiar? This verse relates to the fourth commandment (Exodus 20:10); but that is not part of this study.

- “**Time no longer**” means that time is to be *no longer delayed*.
- This is the announcement that the *tarrying time will end soon* (in relation to the prophetic context). That means the “appointed time”, which is specifically described in 11:2-3 is an actual period of time. If that is so, it must be confirmed by Daniel’s “original” prophecy.
- Amazing –amazing! The little book **is** now open – that is the sealed portion of Daniel – the *chazown* vision (*Selected Messages*, bk 2, p. 105). **And** – that is what we were told by Gabriel hundreds of years ago: At the time of the end the book would be opened to our understanding (Daniel 12:4).
- It will be part of the Loud Cry.⁶²

⁶² White, Ellen G.; *Manuscript Release*, vol. 2, p. 20.

“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end [es qes]” (Daniel 12:4). (Revelation 10:6 notes that time is about to begin!)



End-of-Time Concepts in Daniel

Daniel notes:

- The *chazown* vision began at the Ulai River (8:1-12) [specifically a message for the 144,000 (another study)].
- Gabriel then asked Jesus, “How long shall be the vision?” (8:13). That is, “When will the *chazown* vision happen?”
- Jesus answered in 8:14 – On or after 2300 years holiness would be vindicated. That really *did not* answer the question Gabriel posed. The answer doesn’t come until Daniel 12:11. Christ’s answer actually ties to Daniel 9.
- Something very interesting now follows:

Daniel is confused and deeply concerned. He says, “*I sought for the meaning*” (8:15). He knew that Jesus did not make it clear regarding the issues posed by Gabriel.

Jesus orders Gabriel: “*Make Daniel understand*” (8:16). Gabriel says to Daniel: “*Understand!*” (8:17).

Isn’t that amazing? This play and interplay of prophetic questions and messages are incredible! At first it seems that God and Gabriel are making it hard on Daniel. But all this is to help him focus on timed prophecies in the right way. AND – to make sure we do, too!! NOW – what Gabriel is about to tell Daniel means everything to us – right at this very moment! What follows is vital to know! It will help us to understand what the rest of the book AND the book of Revelation are all about.

Let’s now listen carefully to Gabriel (8:17b): “**at the time [es] of the end [qes] shall be the vision [chazown].**”

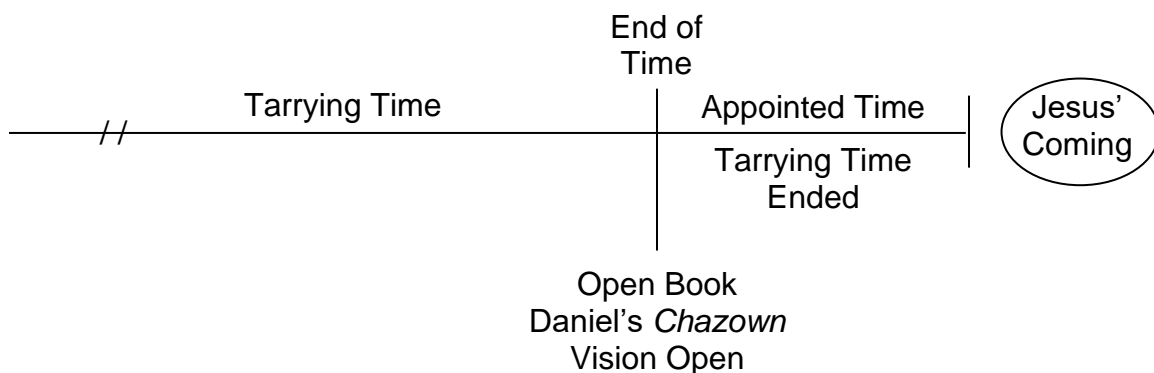
- That is what we really learned from Habakkuk, Hebrews and Revelation.
- Everything that Daniel hears regarding the *chazown* vision relates to the **time of the end** when the tarrying time ends.

Gabriel gets more specific (8:19a): “***I will make thee know what shall be in the last end [acharyth – prophetic future].***”

- I’ll tell you *exactly* what that *prophetic future time* means.
- Now comes a **KEY** comment by this elevated angel. (This unlocks many prophecies.):

Here’s his **very specific** answer (8:19b): “***... at the time appointed [moed] the end [qes] shall be.***”

- At the appointed time – the end has come.



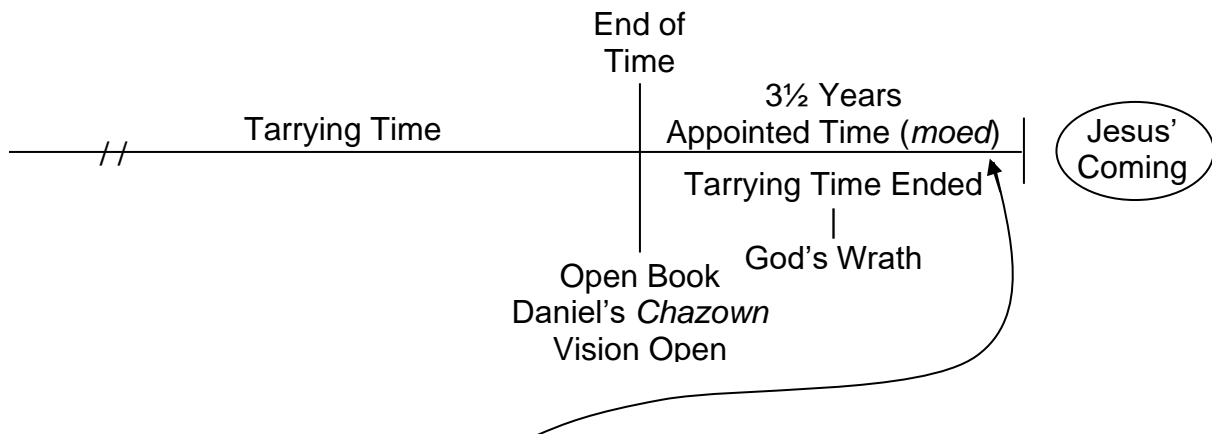
- Does this differ from Habakkuk?
- The *end [qes]* is associated with the *appointed time [moed]* as before.
- They are all speaking of the same period of time and how it ends!!!

That means if we can figure out when the appointed time (*moed*) is, we will know when the time of the end (*es qes*) is, when the tarrying time ends! The information is incredible.

There is another clue. Back in 19a it says the time of the “prophetic future” (*acharyth*) is at the “indignation” (*zaam*). What is that? The wrath of God.

- When is God’s wrath? *At the appointed time.*
- It begins with mercy at the Trumpets and without mercy at the Plagues (a Revelation workshop study).

“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation” (Daniel 8:19a).



- If we can understand when the *moed* (the appointed time) occurs, we will know when the very end of time is – that “appointed time” period.
- Daniel will tell us in chapter 12.

Daniel Fills in the Details

Daniel wants to inquire further about these issues also. Then Jesus appears to him once again (the third time). Something incredible is about to legally happen. Anxiously, Daniel blurts out a pent-up question:

“And one [Daniel] said to the man clothed in linen [Jesus], which was upon [above] the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?” (Daniel 12:6).

- Did you catch the question?
- How does it relate to Gabriel’s question way back in 8:13?
 - Gabriel: How long until it begins? (Implied)
 - Daniel: How long until it ends?
- Fifth-Seal martyrs asked similar questions – Revelation 6:10 – “How long” till you judge or avenge our enemies?
- In Revelation 14:15 comes the answer – It is at the time of harvest.

In Hebrew “clothed in linen” means that Jesus is **totally** clothed with this fabric. This echoes Leviticus 16:4. That is how the High Priest dressed on the Day of Atonement. This is Atonement imagery and a further commentary to Daniel 10:5.

Holy linen coat Linen breeches Linen girdle Linen mitre	}	Collectively, they are called “Holy garments”
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- He is above the waters of the Ulai River, representing people (Revelation 17:15) – the 144,000.
- Jesus is **above** – sovereign over and guiding this people – and about to give them a key timing message. A judicial setting is unfolding.

- Bold Daniel asked that Being, Jesus, timing questions. And He answers with incredible details.
 - Jesus answers for *you and me*.
 - Atonement oriented messages are anticipated.
 - A distinct 'end' is in sight for Jesus will soon say, *"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand"* (Daniel 12:10).

What "Wonders" does Daniel mean (verse 6 above)?

"How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?"

The Hebrew word for "wonders" is *pele*. It refers, with few exceptions, to miraculous acts of God.

What did Daniel mean by "end of these wonders"? They refer to the last things Gabriel spoke about that wrapped up the *chazown* vision.

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Daniel's "end"-time question relates to when the deliverance of God's people and the special resurrection will occur – be finished!

Expositor White put it this way: "Twice Daniel inquired, How long shall it be to the *end of time*?" – *Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 114-115. Note: She grasped the meaning of what *es qets* means the *very* end of time (referring to Daniel 12:6, 8).

- Many put this all before the 18th or 19th century, which takes it completely out of context.
- This is distinctly end-time – at the "appointed time."

"And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever" (Daniel 12:7a).

- Grasp what Jesus just did!
- Swears or takes an oath to God – right hand
- Takes an oath of blood – left hand

- Right hand promises – just like in courtrooms today – that truth is about to be presented.
- Left hand – these timing messages are so vital for God’s people, this is so precise, that His blood is pledged against their fulfillment.
- Together, the imagery of the *blood of the covenant* is to be completed at the “time of the end.”

It is when His pledge that sin and rebellion will end, ushering in the everlasting covenant of righteousness. “The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus’ coming, and delivering the everlasting covenant to His people.”⁶³

Gabriel had asked **when** will the final work of the little horn occur or *begin*, Daniel asked **when** God would step into earth’s final history.

Jesus now begins a series of three timing messages. When He is finished, the “how long” questions will have been answered from both Gabriel and Daniel.

The Three and a Half Years – Here’s Why

Jesus continues to respond to Daniel’s inquiry:

“That it [how long] shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he [papacy – King of the North] shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people [persecution], all these things [wonders] shall be finished” (Daniel 12:7b).

- The *chazown* vision with its opposition and persecution of God’s people will last that “time, times, and half.”
- Persecution will be by “he” – the *king of the north* – the antichrist
- The end is when God’s “miraculous things” in that vision are finished – ***special resurrection and deliverance of His people.***

Back in Daniel 8:19 we learned that if we could know when the “appointed time” (*moed*) was, we would know when the *es gets* is – the very end of time. Here it is!

When Jesus said “time, times, and half,” amazing as it might seem, the word here for ***time*** is *moed*! The *moed* here means one sacred cycle of a year. Thus *moed* would be one, two and a half solar years:

1 year + 2 years + ½ year, equaling 3½ years.

- A 3½-year period would end at the terminus of the wonders!

⁶³ White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, p. 640.



- Is there a beginning *in this verse*? **No.** That is all Jesus gives – at least for now. He revealed the period of that end and two events that bring it to a close!
- **Key Note:** In 8:14 we were told when spiritual deliverance will come. Here we are told when physical deliverance will come!

Daniel still doesn't understand. Why? He wasn't supposed to:

“And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?” (Daniel 12:8).

It was sealed from his understanding! And from everyone else's “until” that period was about to begin.

“And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end” (Daniel 12:9).

“The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that *portion* of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days. The angel commanded, ‘But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.’ Daniel 12:4.”⁶⁴

Then Jesus inserted a clarifying comment for His people to study for the next 2500 years. He wanted everyone to know this was end-time prophecy. The very final fragment of time when the rams and the goats would be separated, the good and the bad (Matthew 25:32).

“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand” (Daniel 12:10).

- When is this – when two global groups are being finalized? The time of harvest – *at the very end* – is in anticipation.
- This verse is seen by scholars as the very end – right in the center of these timing prophecies.

When is this portion of Daniel to be fully unsealed?

- Just before the tarrying time ends (Revelation 10:6, 11:2-3). Then it can be “eaten” or understood in preparation to teaching it to the world (Revelation 10–11).
- When the prophecy is given, “time is no longer [delayed].”
- *Selected Messages*, bk 2, p. 105, clarifies that the open book there in Jesus' hand in Revelation 10:1-2 is the unsealed portion of Daniel.

⁶⁴ White, Ellen G.; *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 585.

How many seals sealed this portion of Daniel?

- Only one.⁶⁵ (Vital to know – it is not the seven-sealed scroll of Revelation 5 and 6. It's contextually and exegetically totally different.)

Gabriel's Questions are Finally Answered

- Gabriel had asked those “How long” questions years ago regarding the “daily” and “abomination” (Daniel 8:13).
- Now another incredible timing prophecy is given.
- Here's Jesus' answer:

“And from the time that the daily [sacrifice] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days” (Daniel 12:11).

There, we have those familiar words that Gabriel presented us within Daniel 8:13. This time, instead of referencing the sin as a *transgression*, Jesus now calls it an *abomination*.

- The Hebrew word for “abomination” means a filthy, disgusting, detestable idol. It is something man honors and that God rejects!
- It is a word that is always associated with some illicit worship object or concept.

What does this verse say?

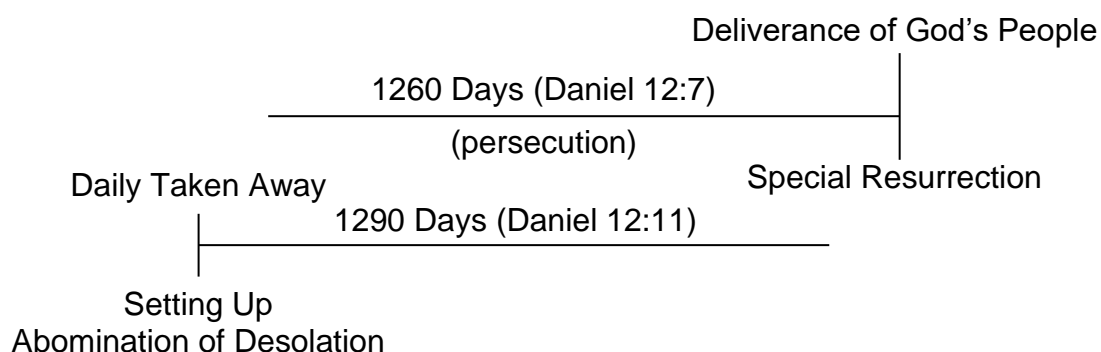
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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Daily Taken Away | |
| | ----- 1290 Days ----- |
| • | (vs 11) |
| Setting Up of | |
| Abomination of Desolation | |

- “From the time” – means we have a *beginning*! In verse 7 we had only an *ending*.
“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)” (Matthew 24:15).
- Even Jesus pointed to this horror as an event that must be noticed and referenced.

What idolatrous standard is **set up**? (This is language alluding to a decree or law that is made.) Daniel 8 clearly defines the word “transgression” as a false sabbath. Sunday becomes an idol because it became a day to worship, not just a day for worship.

- We now have an *ending* and a *beginning* events – Gabriel's and Daniel's questions are finally answered.

⁶⁵ White, Ellen G.; *Sermons and Talks*, vol. 1, p. 225.



Is this literal time or some symbolic time?

- The Hebrew word for “days” is *yom*
- When it is used with a *number* in the Hebrew language (i.e., Daniel 1:14-15), it always means a *literal day!* (Umberto Cassuto – Jewish scholar).^{66,67,68,69}
- Daniel, to this point, always uses the Hebrew word *yom* as literal days with a number.

How close or how far apart are these two time periods? If the prophecy stopped there we would never know. But Jesus is still speaking. He won't leave Daniel or us until *that* is made precision clear. Let's listen in:

“Blessed is he that waiteth [tarrying time], and cometh to [means – cometh to and goes through] the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days” (Daniel 12:12).

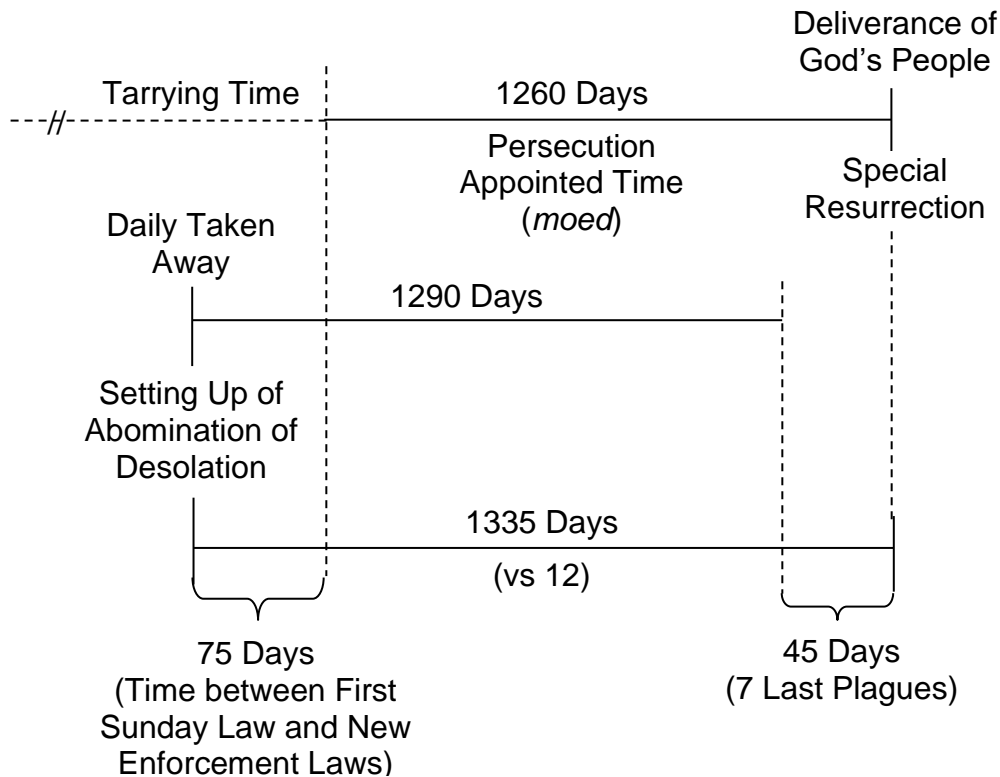
- Is there a beginning? No.
- Is there an ending? No.
- Why? The beginning and ending were already given (vss 7, 11).
- This is a beatitude – you are blessed if you *wait for this time* (the tarrying time) and then *come to and go through this time* (the appointed time).
- Why? It will then be time for God's people to receive the ultimate blessing – eternal life.

⁶⁶ Cassuto, Umberto; *Genesis I* (1961), p. 29, as quoted by Harris, R. Laird, et al. in *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, vol. II, p. 694.

⁶⁷ Hasel, Gerard F.; *The “Days” of Creation in Genesis 1: Literal “Days” or Figurative “Periods/epochs” of Time?* (Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI).

⁶⁸ Stambaugh, James; *The days of Creation: A semantic approach* (Evangelical Theological Society papers, ETS-0152, 1996), pp. 3-4, 10, 12.

⁶⁹ Gentry, Kenneth L, Jr.; *Ordained Servant, “In the Space of Six Days”* (extract), vol. 9, no. 1 (January 2000), pp. 12-16.



You protest – “We are not to know when Jesus is coming! These end-time periods are date setting!”

- What date? We don’t know.
- What coming? Daniel hasn’t mentioned it.

There has been a strong traditional position within many churches that all time prophecies of 42 months, 1260 days, “time times half” or the “dividing of time” were that of papal power in the Dark Ages.

That served a historical purpose for the Protestant world. BUT – it is out of context here and most places.

- Contextually, it surrounds the time when the word “wonders” (Daniel 12) is used!
- Expositor White repeatedly alluded to Daniel 12 as end-of-time.
- Prophetic periods of Daniel extend to the eve of the consummation (*The Review and Herald*, 09/25/1883).
 - Daniel 12 warns of *events* we need to understand before the time of the end (*Manuscript Releases*, No. 15, 07/30/1903).
 - Daniel’s two questions in Daniel 12 are end-of-time (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 114-115).
 - Unsealed book to be part of the three angels’ messages (*Manuscript Releases*, No. 19, p. 320).

- Little book of Revelation relates to time (*Manuscript Releases*, No. 19, p. 320).

Revelation 13 Timing:

“The Sabbath question will be the issue in the great conflict in which all the world will act a part [Revelation 13:4-8, 10 quoted.] This *entire chapter* is a revelation of what will surely take place [Revelation 13:11, 15-17 quoted – (including the 42 months)].” – *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 88, 1897.

“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints’ [Revelation 13:10 quoted]. This *entire chapter* is a revelation of what will surely take place [Revelation 13:11, 15-17, quoted.]” – *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 19, p. 282 (Aug. 1897).

- Is Revelation 13 looking into the future?
- What is in that chapter (verse 5)? 42 months or 1260 days.
- Jesus said we wouldn’t know the day nor the hour. He did tell us we will know when it is near, even at the doors (Matthew 24:33).
- Paul admonished us to be children of the light so Jesus would *not* come as a thief (I Thessalonians 5:4-6).

It won’t be long until the Sunday laws are first passed. Then when they are enforced, it will be too late for those who had the opportunity to know the truth but never decided to go all the way with Jesus.

“A message will soon be given by God’s appointment that will swell into a loud cry. **Then** Daniel will stand in his lot (Daniel 12) to give us his testimony.” – *Letter 54*, 1906.

End of Time

This is a three-and-a-half-year period (literal time) referred to in Habakkuk and Daniel as the “appointed time.” The Hebrew word for this period is *moed*. It is a set-aside time during which the gospel will go to all the world. Daniel’s unsealed messages (the open little book of Revelation 10) is to merge with the three angel’s messages (Revelation 14) and become the loud or final gospel cry to planet earth. It will also be a time of persecution. During all these events God begins His mission of wrath to this world.

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Appendix V

KING OF THE SOUTH

Compass directional notices in Scripture can orient us to “where” an occurrence originates, reference an important symbol or introduce a key association. The wise men came from the “east” to see Jesus (Matthew 2:1). Judah would be attacked from the “north” because of apostasy (Jeremiah 13:20). Reuben was a lead tribe and his camp was to the “south” of the tabernacle (Numbers 2:10). Directions *also* represent spiritual metaphors. The ram that came out of the “east” (Daniel 8:4) (historically, Cyrus – but represents the Messiah) meant “deliverance.” Christ will come as lightning that shines from “east to west” (Matthew 24:27) – when mankind is “delivered.” God’s dwelling place is seen as in the “sides of the north” (Psalm 48:2, where Zion is). West is associated with apostasy where the tribe of Ephraim was located.

When we look at a prophecy that has directional information, it has unique clues for a greater truth. When Isaiah penned that Lucifer exalted his throne to “the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north” (14:13), we can immediately conclude that he wanted to be like God and rule on Mount Zion. The next verse confirms *that*: “I will be like the most High” (14:14). “Direction” alone can give amazing insight.

Daniel conveys remarkable information regarding the eschatological future through “compass” orientation. The kings of the “north” and “south” in Daniel 11 are no exception. In this narrative we will focus on the southern “king” and assume the northern leader is the antichrist from contextual issues.¹

The King of the South

Concentrating on the pivotal verse, it says: “*And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over*” (Daniel 11:40).

This verse is filled with amazing facts:

1. It is for the “*time of the end*” – recognized by a majority of scholars as eschatological (the period surrounding Christ’s Second Coming).²
2. A “king” (leader or ruler) originating from the “south” and attacks a northern “king” (leader or kingdom) – the antichrist.
3. The attack is in military language. The intention is to do harm to the northern antichrist power. “Push” (*nagah* – H) means to attack, wage war – “gore,” like a bull.
4. The counter-attack by the “king of the north” requires action into many nations or countries.

¹ Steinmann, Andrew E.; *Daniel* (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis), p. 543; Brighton, Louis A; *Revelation, Concordance Commentary* (Concordance Publishing House, Saint Louis), 1999, pp. 357-363.

² Miller, Stephen R.; *The New American Commentary*, vol. 18 (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1994), p. 309.

5. The southern kingdom or power is defeated.

A footnote to a prior prophecy in Daniel 11:21-28 (focus vs 25) shows another “north” and “south” conflict between the Islamic world and the papal-dominated Christian world. That was a prophecy of the Crusades. That became a historical model for what emerges at the “time of the end.” Looking at the “south” and “north” conflicts from the time of Isaac and Ishmael forward brings us to an even clearer understanding of this end-time saga. A conflict between Islam and Christianity is in view as part of earth’s final events.

The Biblical “South”

The Hebrew word for “*south*” in Daniel 11:40 is *negeb*. It is a common word related to “the south” – but comes from a Hebrew root word meaning “to be dry.” This is used numerous times in the Old Testament – first in Genesis, related to Abraham (12:9, 13:1, 3) in his journeys below the “promised land” (south) – even alluding to the country of Egypt.³

Negeb was known as a **geographical area**, roughly 4800 square miles of barren land, including the southern tip of Palestine on southward into the Sinai Peninsula and southeast into Arabia. That was an area described as “desolate” (Jeremiah 13:19, Ezekiel 20:46-47). It is possible that it was fertile at the time of Abraham.



“Desolation” became an important symbolic term in the Bible for **nothing left** – the final result of **God’s wrath** of Daniel 12:11). Thus, “*south*” has an association with “*desolation*,” *few blessings* or a *divine curse*.



Pictured is the area noted as the **literal negeb**. Anciently, there were cities in this location. The inhabitants were referred to as “the people of the south.”

“The south is primarily a negative symbol. But the fact that it is represented by the right hand makes it also a positive one. It is negative because to the south of Israel was the wilderness, a region where life does not prosper (Isa. 30:6). To the south was Egypt, which opposed God’s power and oppressed His people.”⁴

Looking Back to Abraham’s Time

When Abraham came out of Egypt, where he and Lot had gone to escape a Canaan famine, he entered Negeb (Genesis 13:1) and then traveled northward to Hebron (13:18). That would later become the first capital city of David. It lay south of Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the lower part of Judah. It was in this area that the saga of the “south” all began.



³ <http://biblehub.com/topical/n/negeb.htm>

⁴ <https://adventistbiblicalresearch.org/materials/archaeology-and-history/symbolism-four-cardinal-directions>

Sarah's Egyptian servant Hagar became Abraham's "second wife."

The birth of their son, Ishmael, led to woe and heartache in that household. Abraham saw it as symbolic of a later conflict when the seed of righteous people would be mixed with the ungodly.⁵ In a sad series of events, Hagar and Ishmael were asked to leave Abraham's home at God's directive. The Bible says:

- *"And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba"* (Genesis 21:14).
- That was on the northern edge of the wilderness of Negeb and south of Hebron, approximately 35 miles.

Their supply of water ran out. Hagar cried to God, and an angel came to talk with her and gave her special help.

- *"But God heard the boy's voice. The angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and asked her, 'What is the matter, Hagar? Don't be afraid, for God has heard the boy's voice right where he is crying. Get up! Help the boy up and hold him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.' Then God enabled Hagar to see a well of water. She went over and filled the skin with water, and then gave the boy a drink."* (Genesis 21:17-19).
- Hagar later found an Egyptian wife for Ishmael (21:21b).

The narrative then notes that Ishmael became an archer and dwelt in the "wilderness of Paran" (21:21a). From the wilderness of Negeb, extending through the wilderness of Paran (northern Arabia) became the land of Ishmael and his descendants.

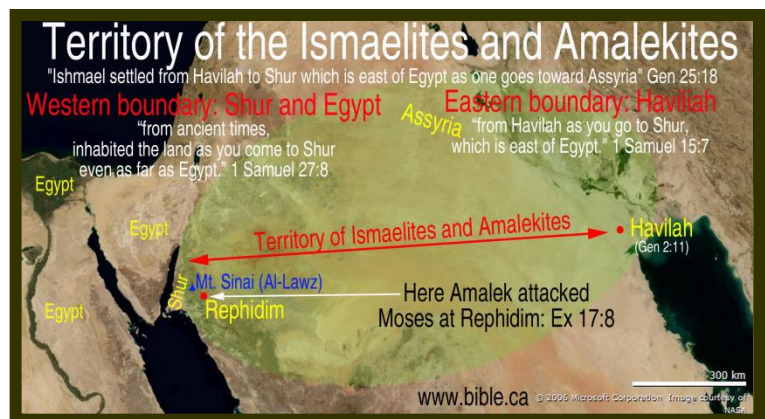
This geographic area, in turn, became a metaphor, a model for what we will eventually see in Daniel 11 as the land of the south.

God had promised Abraham that a great nation would come out of Ishmael – "because he is thy seed" (Genesis 21:13). Hagar received the same assurance.

But – something different would evolve out of Ishmael and that "great nation":

- *"He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers"* (Genesis 16:12 – NIV).

From Abraham – the "called" patriarch – would come **two nations**:



⁵ White, Ellen G.; *Conflict and Courage*, p. 57.

1. Through Isaac – the son of promise – related to the **north** – the promised land
2. Through Ishmael – the son of presumption – related to the **south** – Negeb/Paran – the desolate land eastward

Ishmael's descendants would be contentious, especially against those claiming to be God's people. Both would eventually become apostates – the great nation of Israel eventually being cursed by Jesus Himself (Matthew 21:43, 23:37-38). Thus, over time:

Apostate North	}	The last imagery that moves us into the time-of-the-end narrative
Apostate South		

The descendents of Ishmael became the Arabs. Most historians, however, believe that they intermarried with the Amorites, Moabites, Edomites, Amalikites, and especially the descendants of Keturah, Abraham's wife after Sarah's death, forming the many Middle Eastern peoples (along with the descendants of Esau). Of interest is the record in the Book of the Jubilees, found in the Dead Sea Scroll caves:

"And Ishmael and his sons, and the sons of Keturah and their sons, went together and dwelt from Paran to the entering in of Babylon in all the land which is towards the East facing the desert. And these mingled with each other, and their name was called Arabs, and Ishmaelites" (Book of Jubilees 20:13).

The Psalmist, in enumerating those who intensely hated Jehovah, noted especially the Ishmaelites (Psalm 83:1-2, 5,6). Intriguingly, that record was almost 900 years after Ishmael, with his mother Hagar, left for the "south." The Bible calls the descendents of Hagar "Hagarites." Saul engaged and defeated them according to one record: *"And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east land of Gilead.... And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab. And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them; because they put their trust in him" (I Chronicles 5:10, 19-20).*

The Ishmaelites gradually spread east and south, still following a pattern to the "south" of Canaan.



This now is the first prophetic model we use to move deeper into the “north” and “south” issue.

The Future that Began in the Past

Isaac: The “son of promise” (Genesis 21:12)⁶ was in Paul’s thinking when writing to the Roman church: “In Isaac shall thy seed be called” (Romans 9:7). Canaan, the land of promise, was associated with the “north,” as it related to Egypt. God told David that the “north” was where “Zion” was – God’s dwelling place (Psalm 48:2). Satan even aspired to be “in the sides of the north” (Isaiah 14:13-14).

Ishmael: “He will be hostile to everyone, and everyone will be hostile to him” (Genesis 16:13). It is intriguing that studies have been conducted (over 3000 years later), noting:

“In all these places [the geographical line between Muslims and others], the relations between Muslims and peoples of other civilizations – Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, Hindu, Chinese, Buddhist, Jewish – have been generally antagonistic; most of these relations have been violent at some point in the past; many have been violent [since] the 1990s. Wherever one looks along the perimeter of Islam (which claims Ishmael as its ancestor heritage), ‘Muslims have problems living peacefully with their neighbors.’”⁷

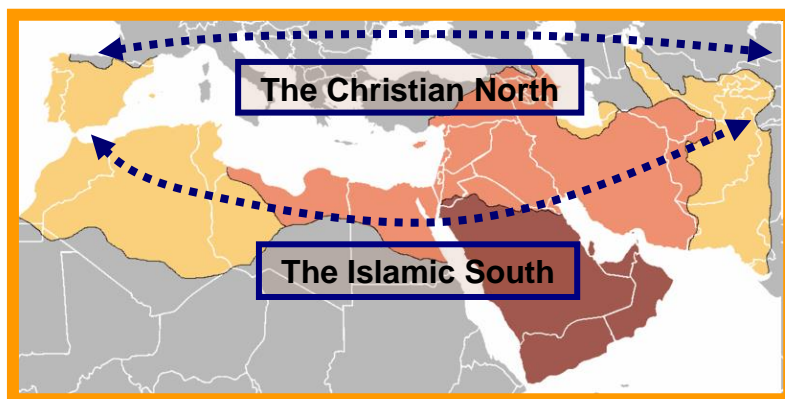
“The 12 sons of Ishmael, and his Egyptian wife, became princes and progenitors of as many tribes... Today all Arabs, **following Mohammed’s example**, claim descent from Ishmael.

⁶ White, Ellen G.; *Gospel Workers*, 1892, p. 214.

⁷ Huntington, Samuel; *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order* (Simon and Schuster), 1996.

Those who claim Islam as their sacred tradition teach that Mohammad's ancestors came directly from this son of Abraham, whom **they** say is the 'son of promise.'"⁸

The Ishmaelites became the Bedouin Tribes, along with the people of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. The followers of Mohammed were south of the world of other religions noted above, including across northern Africa.



Mohammad Abdulla (570–632 A.D.), the founder of Islam, was born in Mecca, Arabia. He is purported to have had divine revelations, leading to the writing of the Quran. The residents of Mecca did not accept this “new religion.” In anger, Mohammad moved to Medina, where he mustered a following.



- His “dogma” was then to be spread by force.
- Plundering the possessions of others was frequent.
- “Infidels” (those not identifying with Mohammad’s beliefs) were considered to be a lower class and could be killed with little provocation.

Coercion and force were so successful that conquest of other nations followed. After he died, his successor was called a *Caliph*. This lead role was eventually done away with in 1924. Divisions of Muslim rule are often called a caliphate, with a caliph charge.

The demographics of this terrorist movement are fascinating.

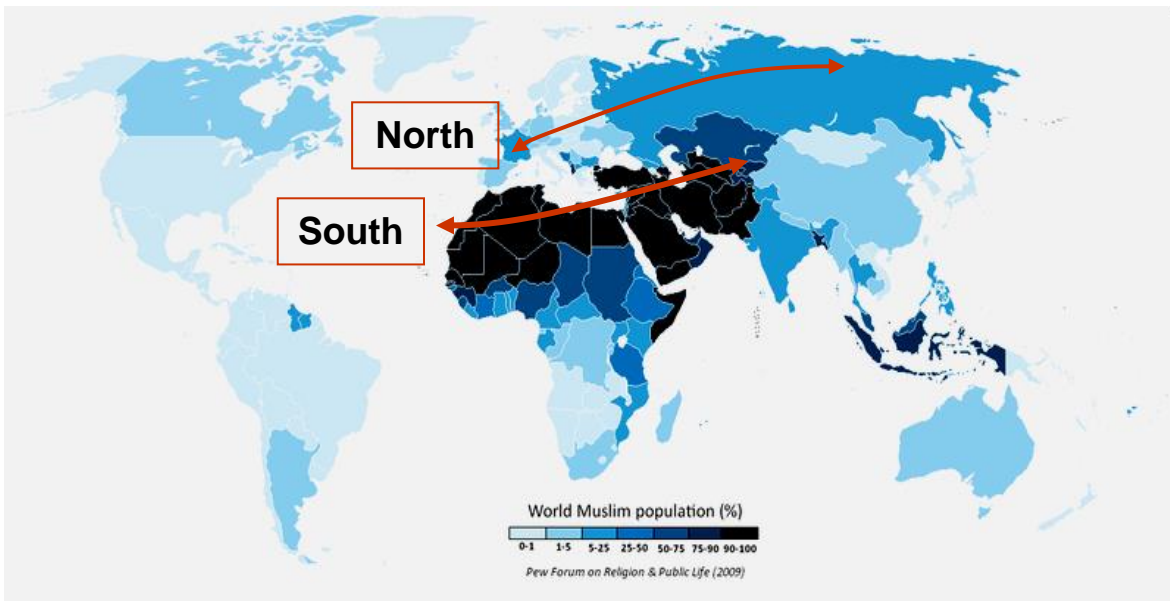
Notice again the distinction:

- The “**north**,” related to those claiming the Holy Bible as God’s Word – Christianity.
- The “**south**,” related to Ishmaelites/Islam (Mohammad’s followers), claiming the Holy Quran as God’s Word.

Many Protestant leaders today are raising the question as to whether Islam might be described in the Biblical narrative as the antichrist. Satan would love to see that diversionary assumption expanded. There are uncanny similarities – **but the antichrist conquers through peace (Daniel 8:25)** – a unique clue.

⁸ *The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*, “Ishmaelite” (Zondervan Publishing House; Grand Rapids, MI; 1963), p. 387

No matter where we enter “time,” the geographical distinction between the “*north*” (Christianity/Catholicism) and the “*south*” (Islam/Muslims) remains the same.



The “*North*” and the “*South*” have remained a distinct “separation” since God began to set aside people He called “His own.” Yet, intriguingly, both groups will rebel against Him, with only a “remnant” who will be saved.

“Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved” (Romans 9:27).

- **The rebellion** of Ishmael, and later Islam, was anticipated – even though Scripture says: “God was with the lad” (Genesis 21:20). His behavior was to be Satan-like (Genesis 16:12).
- **The rebellion** of Isaac’s descendants was anticipated. Yet, out of his lineage the “ruler of Israel” was to come (Micah 5:2). When He did come, the world “*knew him not*” (John 1:10).

God’s specially chosen “north” or northern people were to represent Him. But:

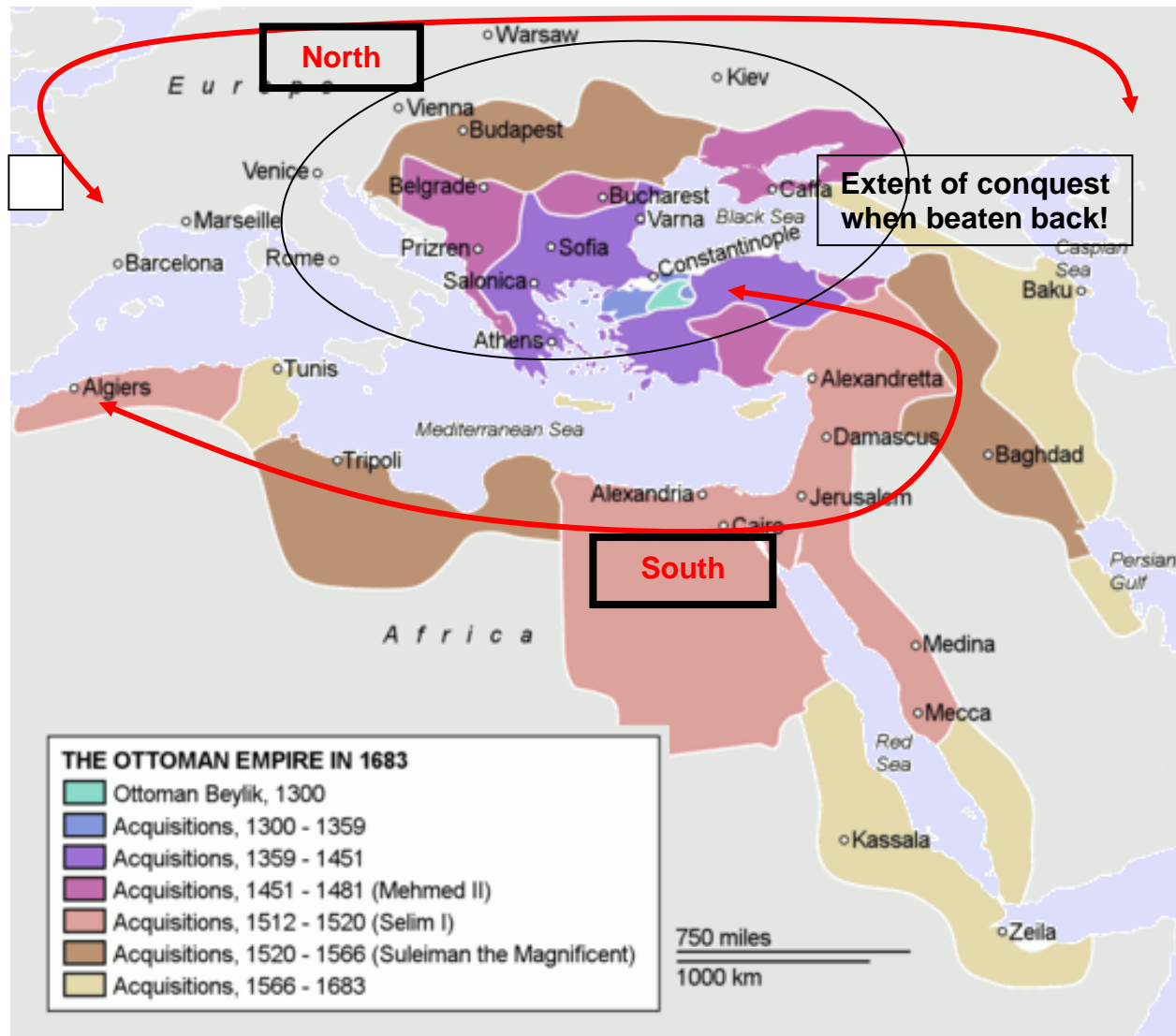
- The Jewish people rejected Him, and He finally rejected them (Matthew 21:42, 23:37).
- Of the Roman element of the Christian Church it is said: “... *he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes*” (Daniel 8:25). “*He*” (the little horn – the king) becomes the antichrist!

Historical “North”–“South” Metaphors – Kingdom powers who claim “God” as their leader:

Between 1095 and 1291 A.D. a major catastrophic time occurred between these powers. The Muslim world “pushed” against the northern “Catholic Christian” world, leading to the bloody Crusades. The death toll from the crusade wars was estimated to be 1.5–2 million people.⁹



⁹ Mackay, Charles; *Memoirs of Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds* (1841). "The Crusades". Archived from the original on 11 May 2006. <http://web.archive.org/web/20060511083818/http://www.bootlegbooks.com/NonFiction/Mackay/PopDelusions/chap09.html>.



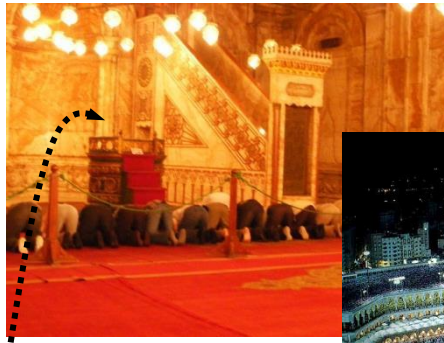
Apostate Christians (north)
&
Apostate Islamic People (south) } This was predicted in Daniel 11:25

Another illustration of this model came with the Ottoman Empire – later Turkey. Osman I (1259 – 1326) was a Muslim Turkish warrior prince. He began to conquer neighboring regions, bringing the Ottoman Empire into existence by 1300 A.D. Later, its troops swept into Europe, controlling much of it by the 16th century.

Again, history replicates these giant “metaphors” of attacks between the “south” against the “north.” Thus – both “north” and “south” are seen at the end as apostates in conflict.



King of the North



King of the South



It was in the mid-17th century that the counter-Reformation began, which strengthened the papacy for a short time. Then French leader Napoleon Bonaparte suppressed its gains. Was Catholic power to evaporate into history? The Bible says, No! What about Islam? Was it to disappear? Again – No! End-time prophecy reveals a major conflict between Catholicism and Islam.

Roman Catholic Power

The Vatican was crippled in 1870, when the Italian government confiscated all the Papal States. The Roman Church became impotent. Then a resurgence of Catholic Church power, begun in 1929 with the Lateran Treaty between Mussolini and the Church, led to the world-recognized Vatican City State. Its church–state structure was once again reestablished. Exchange of ambassadors with other countries quickly followed.

Then Vatican II (1962-1965) brought a dramatic ecumenical bonding with the Protestant and non-Christian worlds.

In 1978 Pope John Paul II was elected as the “supreme pontiff.” His tenure of leadership brought the Catholic Church into the forefront as the world’s most powerful “Christian” religion. Though this is a topic in other studies, this was another fulfillment of prophecy noted in Revelation 17. He would be the sixth head of the beast that a harlot was sitting on – the “one that is.” He was seen by more people than any one man in history. During his tenure, the first ambassadors were exchanged between the United States and the Vatican.

Islamic Power

The Muslim world exploded into public view about this same time! A resurgence of Islamic Power *started* in the early 1970’s. By 1979 its strength as a world power was in evidence:

1. This all began when the price of oil began to surge in 1972.
2. When the Shah of Iran was deposed in 1979, a radical state was set up by Ayatollah Khomeini. This emboldened the violent element within Islam. That began the “Iranian Revolution.” From that point on bold subversive and violent warring ventures have been common.

Iran was transformed from a constitutional monarchy under the Shah to a populist theocratic Islamic republic under the rule of the Ayatollah. Other nations with Islamic majorities moved into public view!

Another surge in oil prices occurred between 1997 and 2007. It was during that period that large sums of money began to be poured into the spread of Islam. \$90,000,000,000 was invested in aggressive geopolitical moves to spread Islam by building mosques and “cultural centers.” Hundreds of Islamic organizations sprang up. Many sought to impose Sharia law on its members. That law and the drive to establish it brought violence into the open as a means to achieve its end. Out of this, Jihad came, creating a world filled with terrorism. Major efforts are being made to repaint Islam as peaceful. It simply won’t work.

All these changes are nothing less than a divinely permitted resurgences of Ismael’s descendants to help bring in earth’s final moves:

1928: The Muslim Brotherhood began, which has morphed into a fearful Islamic organization.

1929: Reunification of Catholic Church/State and the healing of the beast’s wound.

1978: The papacy was geopolitically strengthened by the election of Pope John Paul II. That was also the year the upsurge in calamities began to fulfill Christ’s prediction that **when** these things began to occur together, all would be finished in one generation.

1979: The Islamic world received a surge in funds from oil, provoking the onset of activist plans to control the world. That was the year the Iranian Revolution began with Ayatollah Khomeini, when he deposed the Shah of Iran.

Intriguingly – at about the same time – the two largest geopolitical religious powers came into prominence. Over the decade of the 1990’s, the Islamic “*south*” moved into a competitive stance to gain control of the world. Its modus operandi? Talk as if the Quran and Islam promote peace – but in reality promote violence to gain its world dominance goal. That is called Al-taqiyya, that is, lying is not a sin if the expansion of Islam can occur through deceptive claims. Intriguingly, the Catholic Church has similar ways to lie and deceive, called **equivocation** or **mental reservation**. Examples:

World Reactions to Muslims

Serious concern regarding the intentions of Muslims began to rise due to the murderous hatred against Salman Rushdie, British–Indian novelist, when in 1988 he wrote *The Satanic Verses*. By 1989 death threats began, including those from Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran. A sense of apprehension spread throughout the world. For many years Rushdie was in hiding.

In 2005 the Danish newspaper, *Jyllands-Posten*, published a series of cartoons that questioned Mohammad’s integrity. Violence erupted in many Muslim countries with a large number of deaths. Jihad was called against the newspaper and an international incident came when eleven Muslim countries asked for a formal apology from the newspaper. It finally came in January 2006, after fierce resistance. Then death threats were made against the artist, Kurt Westergaard. He had to go into protective hiding (an axe-wielding Muslim from Sudan unsuccessfully tried to kill him January 2007). Again, international disgust against Islam fomented and an ill-defined apprehension against Islam intensified.

From the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), where one and a half million people were murdered in a genocide campaign (1915–1923) to contemporary Sudan, where it is estimated that two million Christians have perished in the last twenty years, Islam has been a violent crescendoing force.¹⁰ The imagery of war and homicide is everywhere – but is sidestepped in media reporting!

Similar statistics from Nigeria have been tallied by Amnesty International. They estimated that 2,000,000 have been murdered (mostly Christians) in the last two decades – mainly in the thirteen states that operate under Sharia law – in that country.

Yet again – a pro-Islamic sentiment pervades the liberal media of the free world.

After 9/11 and confirmation of Islamic ties to that horrific terrorist attacks on America, an anti-Muslim spirit threaded its way through the United States. But the “peace-loving” stance of “most Muslims,” promoted by the Bush administration, mellowed much of that fear. On September 16, 2010, children of Boston’s Wellesley Middle School were taken on a fieldtrip to the Islamic Society of Boston’s Cultural Center and required to pray to Allah. A fascinating spirit of accommodation came into many minds – even to the point where later California schools required children to dress as Muslims and learn about their religion on a specified day.¹¹

Parental suits were rejected by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on the basis that the classes were only “cultural education.” A spirit of subliminal fear has crept into even American’s judicial system. The need to appease is pervasive at the expense of truth, reality and defending freedom. It is neither reasonable nor accommodating towards any national self-interest!

There is a progressive spirit that blindly assumes that being “nice” and “complementary” will bring an end to hostility. Often, when judicial and political hatred against Christians mounts, peaceful gestures towards Muslims inappropriately mount, emboldening their aggressiveness. Even within the evangelical world many have seen it a Christ-like duty to claim that Allah and the Christian God are the same.

The peaceful nature of Islam was eulogized in 2008 when 138 prominent Islamic leaders wrote a letter called “A Common Word between U.S. and You” to the American Catholic and Christian community. A reply was drafted by scholars of Yale Divinity School’s Center for Faith and Culture, called “A Loving God and Neighbors Together.” Three hundred prominent Christian leaders signed it. In that document, they again equated Allah with the Christian God. The Christian belief of a Triune God was rejected, and no one addressed the Quran’s belief in monotheism (Sura 3:64).

Those leaders, which included Rick Warren, Bill Hybels and Brian McLaren, asked for forgiveness of the All-Merciful One (an Islamic expression for Allah). They also conceded that Muhammad was a prophet.¹²

A subliminal fear of increasing Muslim terror has now come out into the open. Yet, the media, politicians and evangelical leaders speak out against “criticism” of Islam. They appear to have abandoned faith in Jesus and now fear Muslim power! Islam is, therefore, increasingly winning

¹⁰ The Middle East Quarterly; Sudan Civil War and Genocide, Winter 2001, Vol. VIII, No. 1.

¹¹ www.wnd.com/?pagemid=43621

¹² <http://thefinalhour.blogspot.com/2009/09/evangelical-whos-who-sign-letter.html>

the war against anyone who seems to “degrade” who they really are. Prophecy clearly states that the Islamic world’s resistance will increase to a point of overt conflict. In November 2009, Pat Roberson, on his show “The 700 Club,” noted:

“If we don’t stop covering up what Islam is ... Islam is a violent – I was going to say religion, but it’s not a religion, it’s a political system, it’s a violent political system bent on the overthrow of the governments of the world and world domination,” Robertson said. ‘You’re dealing with not a religion, you’re dealing with a political system, and I think we should treat it as such, and treat its adherents as such as we would members of the communist party, members of some fascist group.’”¹³

Catholicism and Islam – Historic Parallels

Competing Ways in Dealing with Unbelievers

Historically, an irresistible tendency developed within Catholicism to call anyone opposing them as “heretics.” In spite of Vatican II, that label still holds!

Similarly, the Islamic world calls anyone resisting them as “infidels.” In spite of time and complex peace overtures, that label still holds in their dogma!

BOTH labels (Catholic or Muslim), in reality, were a way to demonize others. ***Literally***, “others” were “demon-like” or “demon possessed.”

Catholics dealt with those it labeled “heretics” by burning or torturing. They were responsible for the deaths of millions.

Muslim onslaughts brought death to 1.2–2 million “infidels” during the Crusades.

Muslims expanded their borders “religiously” by following Mohammad’s “way” of proselytizing “by the sword.” Historically, they actively engaged Christians, guided by anti-christian mandates in the Quran. Islamic “jihad” continues today! Millions have died in the past 20 years alone!



¹³ <http://motorcityliberal.blogspot.com/2009/11/pat-robertson-islam-isnt-religion-treat.html>



One small example:
Pakistan – September 2010

Intriguingly – the pro-life Catholic Church, which is against war, has made generous “exceptions.” One example: On November 27, 1095, Pope Urban II called for a “Holy War” against the Islamic world. It became “papally correct” to engage in murderous escapades in these Crusades which would assure a place in paradise.

Killing Muslims became in itself a form of penance for Catholics toward the remission of their sins. Moral rules governing the conduct of war were abandoned,

and unlimited violence was permitted, even against the Jews.¹⁴ That “ancient directive” has never been rescinded!

Parallel violence hit the wires on September 05, 2010, published in the *Sunday Times* (London) that the Sunni's of Iran were paying Taliban fighters \$1000 for each U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan.



Taliban fighters in Afghanistan
August 2010

The stories of muslim violence is protean – more recently through Al Geiser and ISIS.

Competing “Moral” Dogmas – Brief Summary

The concept of the “*king of the north*” and the “*king of the south*” was adopted by God and conveyed in two unique prophecies in Daniel 11. The latter represents two conflicting end-time powers between two apostate religions based, as we have seen, on ancient precedence:

1. Catholicism – Their resistance against “southern” anti-Christian violence epitomizes a war against Islam, a competing global power.
2. Islam – Their violence against God's people fulfills the prophetic heritage of Ishmael and their driven mission to see the world with one religion.

These symbols, carried into the final period of earth's history, occur at a defined “appointed time” of three and a half years.

At the very end Islam will seek pointed harm toward the Christian world. The Christian world, in turn, will react and bring destruction to that religio-political power.

The assumption must be made from Biblical prophecy that there are competing similarities between the “*north*” and the “*south*.” Since they are both religious powers that pose a claim on the hearts of the world and since they both will prophetically come to an end, right at earth's final “*appointed time*,” they must also have similarities in geopolitical objectives and in moral claims.

¹⁴ <http://www.milestonedocuments.com/documents/full-text/urban-ii-call-to-crusade/>

We've already looked at the issue of "life and death" within their philosophies. Let's look at other issues that are very contemporary **and** of great moral interest!

Roman Catholicism and its moral leadership are tarnished through the large number of priest pedophiles:



In 2004 – Vienna, Austria: The AP reported that a vast cache of child pornography and photos of young priests having sex was discovered at a Roman Catholic seminary. The public asked that criminal charges be made – nothing came of it. Bishop Kurt Krenn, who oversees the diocese, dismissed the images as a "childish prank."

In 2006 – There were an "estimated 4,983 accused priests and 12,537 victims since 1950 [parishioner abuse] worldwide. Church spending on abuse-related lawsuits and therapy jumped by 173 percent last year [2005] to \$466 million. The new figures put the total cost to the church since 1950 at \$1.19 billion."¹⁵

The pope said: "I Lead a 'Wounded, Sinner' Church"¹⁶ It is very fascinating that because the Roman Catholic Church has its own "civil" laws, most of the complaints against priests are referred to **that** hierarchy for "action."

After a multimillion dollar "pay off": "We pray that this settlement will bring some closure and healing to the years of suffering experienced by these victims."¹⁷ (2009) Yet, as of 2014 the legal issues of their sex scandals remain active with over 10,000 abusing priests then identified.

Islam–Muslim Moral Leadership:

"Muslim" means "one who submits to God." Is Islam free of such moral concerns?

You may want to emotionally brace yourself as to what follows.¹⁸ Muhammad married a six-year-old bride. Was that an old "rite" of ignorance? No! He is seen as a "sacred" example!



Headlines: " Hamas plays host to pedophilia weddings." In 2009, at a mass wedding gala, 450 Muslim men took girls as brides, all under ten years of age! Most of the men were in their mid to late twenties. Some were married to other women. Remember this is in the year 2009!

Mahmud az-Zahar, the Hamas leader, was on hand to congratulate everyone! "We are saying to the world and to America that you cannot deny us joy and happiness." – M. Zahar.

¹⁵ Kevin Eckstrom, *Religious News Service*.

¹⁶ AP wire – Monday, 19 Apr 2010 01:21 PM

¹⁷ Bishop Robert Brom, San Diego diocese – 2009.

¹⁸ www.libertynewsonline.com/article_375_28954.php plus www.thelastcrusade.org by Paul L. Williams.



These little girls have no idea what lies ahead of them – even on their wedding day. Within hours they are abused in every imaginable way. 21% are beaten.¹⁹

The Sahih Bukhari, one of the most revered Islamic text, recounts similar acts/escapades by Mohammad, their “holy” prophet.

There is no concern for the “happiness” of the girls – it is all to “please these sexually sensuous men!!”²⁰

In spite of this atrocity against girls/women, Islamic members will not permit any criticism!



Homosexuality is banished in the Muslim world. But if a “partner” is under 18, he is a child and perversion is permitted. There is more to this moral outrage.

These are Bacha Bazi boys – meaning “boy play.”

In Afghanistan, they are sold or rented to some of the wealthiest politicians, merchants, war lords, and business people.

These boys are taken from their parents for money or right off the streets. After a year of training to dance/dress like girls & sing they perform in front of men in a “club” setting. Men pay for an evening with them – it is pedophilia, the “sex trade” inside a Muslim country.



¹⁹ *Ibid.*, International Center for Research on Women.

²⁰ <http://infidelsarecool.com/2009/08/05/a-follow-up-on-the-hamas-mass-child-bride-story/>; <http://bajanreporter.com/palestine-ignores-child-prostitution-under-their-own-noses-hamas-plays-host-to-pedophilia/>; <http://thelastcrusade.org/tag/gaza-child-brides/>; <http://www.viciousbabushka.com/2009/07/hamas-mass-wedding-with-child-brides.html>

At night, they are dancing to attract money. There may be more than one man who shares the boy for the night. The perversion is evil and they speak of the escapade as an experience of “victory” over a submissive “slave.”



BUT – during the day, the lives of the boys are very different. They often live in squalid conditions.

What have we discovered?

1. The Roman Catholic Church is steeped in pedophilia and has latent violent directives against heretics.
2. The Islamic world is steeped in a “religion” filled with violence against infidels, terrorism and pedophilia.

Again – two competing powers – two apostate worlds – that claim to be “religious”; each having approximately 1.2 billion adherents and wanting to be earth’s “moral leaders”!

Each “religion” has either latent or overt violent tendencies. Each group has geopolitical aspirations. **And that** brings us to another point:

The Two Apostate Powers Compete In – Lying (alluded to earlier)

Islam:

Like most religions, Islam, in general, forbids lying. The Quran says, “Truly Allah guides not one who transgresses and lies” (Surah 40:28). In the Hadith, Mohammad was also quoted as saying, “Be honest because honesty leads to goodness, and goodness leads to Paradise. Beware of falsehood because it leads to immorality, and immorality leads to Hell.” But – there is justified lying within Islam. That is aggressive and blatant.

It is impossible, because of Muslim rhetoric, as an example, to understand the Muslim mind. They often promote themselves as “peace lovers” – but reference that to a world totally committed to Allah. Islam permits dishonesty to further its expansion and favor. It is called **al-taqiyya** or sometimes **taqiyya**.

Muslims politically lie because it is one of their distinctive methods to advance Islam. Building a “cultural center” to promote harmony between religions and peoples is out of character with the Quran, which sees others as infidels. Claiming that Islam is a religion of peace while threatening a pastor if he burned a Quran is actually promoting Sharia law with its blatant violence.

Allah will not punish anyone who lies for the “cause of Islam.” Systematic lying is a religious policy that carries neither fear nor guilt for accountability or retribution. They can lie to:

1. Protect their lives
2. Reconcile a husband or wife
3. Make Islam more attractive to converts
4. Give Islam a good name

The Quran:

Quran 16:106 – Describes the circumstances when a Muslim can be “compelled” to tell a lie.

Quran 3:28 – Tells Muslims to not take those outside the faith as friends, unless it is to “guard [protect] themselves.”

Quran 9:3 – “... *Allah and His Messenger are free from liability*” for any legal agreements broken

Quran 66:2 – “*Allah has already ordained for you, (O men), the dissolution of your oaths*”

Quran 2:225 – “*Allah will not call you to account for thoughtlessness in your oaths, but for the intention in your hearts*”

Quran 3:54 – “*And they (the disbelievers) schemed, and Allah schemed (against them): and Allah is the best of schemers.*” The Arabic word used here for scheme (or plot) is *makara*, which literally means deceit. If Allah is deceitful toward unbelievers, then there is little basis for denying that Muslims are allowed to do the same.

Truth:²¹

In Islam something that is not true is not always a lie (*Bukhari 3,49,857*). *Mohammed: "A man who brings peace to the people by making up good words or by saying nice things, though untrue, does not lie."*

When deception advances Islam, the deception is not a sin (*Bukhari 5,59,369*). *Mohammed asked, "Who will kill Ka'b, the enemy of Allah and Mohammed?" Bin Maslama rose and responded, "O Mohammed! Would it please you if I killed him?" Mohammed answered, "Yes." Bin Maslama then said, "Give me permission to deceive him with lies so that my plot will succeed." Mohammed replied, "You may speak falsely to him."*

“Lying and cheating in the Arab world is not really a moral matter but a method of safeguarding honor and status, avoiding shame, and at all times exploiting possibilities, for those with the wits for it, deftly and expeditiously to convert shame into honor on their own account and vice versa for their opponents. If honor so demands, lies and cheating may become absolute imperatives.”²²

Islam permits lying to deceive unbelievers to eventually gain world domination.²³

Roman Catholicism:

The way the Catholic Church deals with “truth” is through the “Art of Equivocation.” This means that they can come down on almost any side of an issue, making one believe they agree with their position. The audience is then convinced that its doctrines are normative for the Catholic

²¹ <http://www.politicalislam.com/blog/the-doctrine-of-deceit/>

²² Pryce-Jones, David; “The Closed Circle,” *An interpretation of the Arabs*, p. 4.

²³ Boys, Don, Ph.D; November 17, 2004; <http://www.muslimfact.com/bm/terror-in-the-name-of-islam/islam-permits-lying-to-deceive-unbelievers-and-bri.shtml>

Church. This is called “catechesis” because it builds artificial connections with an audience or individuals who may not even be benevolent to Roman Catholicism.

An example of this comes from Vatican II’s teaching about non-Christians. Catholic dogma states that salvation comes only through the Church. In the “new” expression, non-Catholics are saved because they are anonymously and invisibly part of Catholicism. Thus, there is a “sinful lie” for which confession relieves guilt – but the “lie of dissimulation” (the art of equivocation) is justified.

There are varied forms of equivocation within Catholic dogma:

1. Dissimulation – the act of concealing one’s real intention. Lying is morally permissible for a good purpose. This is one way to preserve secrets and convince another of one’s integrity at variance with reality.
2. Mental Reservation: means that one may lie to another for a greater good. But since God knows the actual heart, he is judged by the mind and not by what one says or does. To tell the truth is duty – but not everyone has the right to truth. Lying is therefore acceptable. When dealing with extraordinary social matters where one is forced to respond, dishonest responses to preserve a name is proper.
3. Casuistry: is the simple philosophy that “the end justifies the means.”

Once again, the moral integrity of Catholicism and Islam is situational. They are two of earth’s largest religious bodies that compete for honor through deception.

Competing Geopolitical Objectives

The Bible clearly states that a geopolitical religious power will control the world right at the end. Which power do you think will “win” this objective?



Muslims' Agenda

"Make no mistake about it; Islam is well on the road to becoming a major spiritual/political influence in the New World. It is imperative that we don't lose sight of the fact that their ultimate goal is to rule the world. It is patient enough, and sufficiently financed, to accomplish its goal, one country at a time."²⁴

How will this be accomplished? By well-planned and defined phases. The final will be military! That is exactly what the Bible says – The king of the south will **"push"** against the king of the north.

These are the final two phases that *Al Queda* has published to eventually control the world:

²⁴ Abdullah al-Araby, *Examining Islam's Expansionist History* (The Pen Publishers; Los Angeles, CA), 2005.

Phase 6: "Total confrontation," beginning in 2016, we will see the Islamic army begin the "fight between the believers and the non-believers"

Phase 7: "Definitive victory."²⁵

In 1996, Samuel P. Huntington published *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. He had great concern "about Islam." They are "a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of [other] powers."



Concern regarding the violent plans of Islam was vividly made public in 1999 from the Catholic Church in Turkey:

"On October 13, 1999, the Archbishop of Izmir, Turkey, Giuseppe Germano Bernardini, warned the Synod of European Bishops about a 'clear program' among Muslims for the 're-conquest' of Europe. 'During an official meeting on Islamic-Christian dialogue,' he noted, 'an authoritative Muslim person, speaking to the Christians said very calmly and assuredly: 'Thanks to your democratic laws we will invade you; thanks to our religious laws we will dominate you.'"

In 2002, then Russian President Vladimir Putin said: "Islamic radicals are pursuing the systematic annihilation of non-Muslims.... Western civilization faces a mortal threat from Muslim terrorists [they] claim that they had plans to create a 'worldwide caliphate.'"



In 2004, Saudi scholar Salman bin Fahed al-'Auda, in his book, *The End of History*, asserts that the final solution of all "Islamic distress" is **Jihad**. He concluded that the West is in an advanced state of decay. It is close to total moral collapse. **Jihad** will simply accelerate that collapse.

In 2005 (December 11), in an interview with the London-based Asharq Al-Awsat, an international Arab newspaper reported that Akef (who heads the International Muslim Brotherhood) stated: "the Muslim Brotherhood is a global movement.... with a religious worldview to spread Islam, until it rules the world."



Khaled Meshaal
Head of Hamas

In 2008 (April 11), Al-Aqsa Television gave this Hamas leader's message: "Islam will conquer the world to 'save humanity from [Hell] Fire'."



MECCA: Masjid al-Haram Mecca –
Saudi Arabia – The most holy site in
the world for *Sunni* Muslims.
It can accommodate 600,000.

²⁵ Hussein, Fouad – Jordanian journalist; Interviews of top terrorist lieutenants in many areas, including Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, mastermind of many atrocities in Iraq (September 11, 2005).

Catholic Moves

Roman Catholicism has a similar objective to control the world.



The late Vatican Jesuit Malachi Martin published "*Keys of this Blood*" in 1990, in which he noted that Pope John Paul II was in a "winner-take-all battle to establish, maintain and control the first one-world government." ... "The papacy is best placed to run" the world.



On April 6, 1964, the Holy See was granted the status of *permanent observer state* in the UN. In that capacity, it has a standing invitation to attend all sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, the United Nations Security Council, and the United Nations Economic and Social Council to observe their work and present documents to influence decisions.

In addition, it has concordats with over 128 nations, which gives it "influence" on the passage of civil law. The Vatican also holds diplomatic relations with 179 countries.



Though only 108.6 acres, the Vatican/Holy See is a world power. Emissaries of nations pour through that Church-State area of Rome every week.

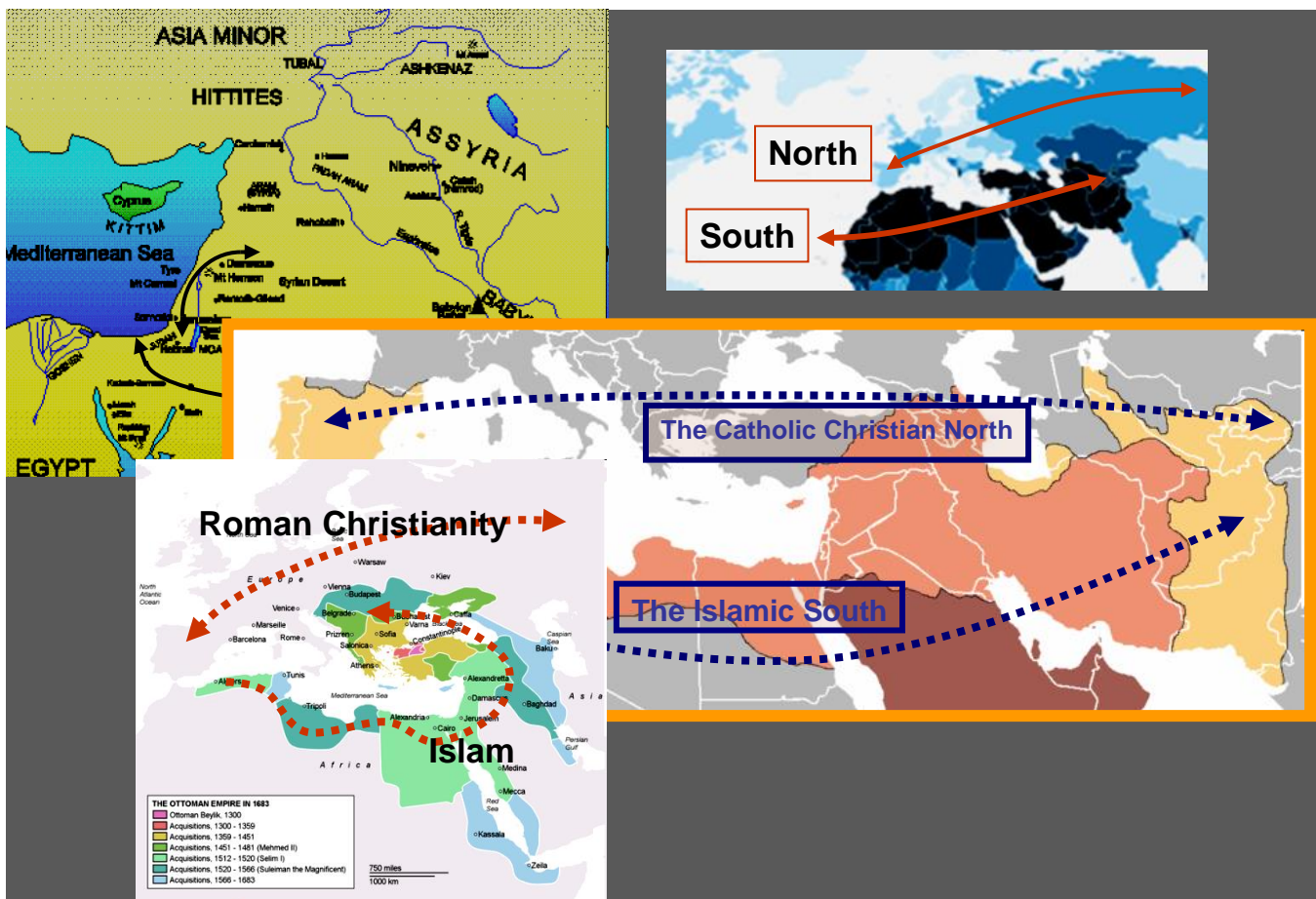
On July 7, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI published *Caritas in Veritate*, an encyclical which is the highest form of papal writing. He called for "the urgent need of a true world political authority." ... "Furthermore, such an authority would need to be universally-recognized and be vested with the effective power to ensure security for all, regard for justice, and respect for rights." Someone who would "seek to establish the common good." Who do you think he was referring to?

Will there be a geopolitical head to govern the world? Revelation 13 and 17 clearly show there will be and who it will be!

"The Protestant churches are in great darkness, or they would discern the signs of the times. The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power ***in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world***, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground in our country upon every side."²⁶

We are once again seeing the demographics of a "*north*" and a "*south*."

²⁶ White, Ellen G.; *The Signs of the Times*, June 30, 1898.



“Prophecy foretells a restoration of the papacy’s power.”²⁷

Thus – two “similar” powers are in competition to head a world government – one through “peace” as Daniel said would occur (8:25); the other through violence, as he also prophesied (11:40-41).

The historical “model” for competition between the “north” and the “south” goes all the way back to Ishmael – and it will go right up to the very end of time, just before Christ comes!

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²⁷ White, Ellen G.; *The Great Controversy*, p. 578.

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