

The Rise of the Global Government and Harlot Religion

Rise of a Global Government

- Several prophecies in scripture assert that a global government will be established in the last days.
 - There are currently no preconditions that would preclude this government from developing.
 - The assumption is that it will occur in the wake of the Gog and Magog war.
 - This government will rise before the Antichrist.
 - “The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.” (Daniel 7:24)
 - It will be a multinational alliance of ten nations.
 - “Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.” (Daniel 2:41-43)
 - “After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.” (Daniel 7:7)

- “The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.” (Revelation 13:1)
- “Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.” (Revelation 17:3)
- This alliance will have authority only for a short time before the Antichrist takes over.
 - “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.” (Revelation 17:12)
- Historically, multinational alliances have arisen after large conflicts.
 - The League of Nations was formed after World War I.
 - The United Nations and NATO were formed after World War II.
 - This new alliance would most likely be a result of the Gog and Magog war.
- There is evidence in scripture that indicates that this alliance reforms the old Roman Empire.
 - Nebuchadnezzar’s dream (Daniel 2:31-45) and Daniel’s vision of the four beasts (Daniel 7:1-48) both represent the same kingdoms of the world but differ dramatically in their imagery based on how man views these kingdoms versus how God views them.

Comparisons between Daniel 2 (the statue) and Daniel 7 (the beasts)				
DANIEL 2 (the statue)	DANIEL 7 (the beasts)	Power symbolized		
Head of gold	↔	Lion with eagle's wings	↔	Babylon
Chest and arms of silver	↔	Bear with three ribs	↔	Medo-Persia
Belly and thighs of bronze	↔	Leopard with four heads	↔	Greece
Legs of iron	↔	Beast with iron teeth	↔	Rome
Feet of iron and of clay	↔	10 horns of the beast	↔	The 10 nations
—————	↔	Little horn	↔	Identity to come...
Stone breaking the statue and becoming a mountain	↔	Destruction of nations, reign of God's people	↔	Kingdom of God established forever

- Nebuchadnezzar saw an impressive statue that consisted of a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, a belly and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, and feet of iron mixed with clay.
- These represent Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and a yet-to-exist alliance of ten nations that consists of both weak and strong nations where “the peoples will mix with one another but will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with fired clay.” (Daniel 2:43)
- God depicted horrible beasts that included a lion with eagle’s wings, a bear, a leopard with four wings of a bird, and one that was indescribable other than it had teeth of iron and ten horns.
 - The first three beasts correspond to the head of gold, the chest and arms of silver, and the belly and thighs of bronze from Nebuchadnezzar’s statue.
 - The last beast represents both the legs of iron and the feet mixed with iron and clay of Nebuchadnezzar’s statue, indicating that the Roman Empire will rise again as a ten-member alliance in the last days.
- Additional corresponding scripture is found in Revelation 13
 - “And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads... The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a

mouth like that of a lion...One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed.” (Revelation 13:1-3)

- This description of the last kingdom of man shows that it will have aspects of all of the previous kingdoms because it incorporates the leopard (Greece), bear (Medo-Persia), and lion (Babylon).
- The seven heads are seven kings, which have been identified as the kingdoms that ruled over Israel.
 - “The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while.” (Revelation 17:9-10)
 - These kingdoms are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the revived Roman Empire
- Since the heads represent kingdoms, the fact that “one of his heads appeared to be fatally wounded, but his fatal wound was healed” (Revelation 13:3) provides additional evidence supporting the conclusion that the fourth beast in Daniel’s vision represents a revived Roman Empire.
- It is possible that this alliance will be formed from the current European Union (EU) or be its successor.
 - The EU currently consists of 27 member states, of which some are strong, and some are weak.
 - In its current form, it does not appear to be the final ruling empire as described in the Bible.

- The EU could take a page from the United Nations (UN) and form a ruling council similar to the UN Security Council in which there are five permanent members to form the ten-nation ruling alliance.
- The Club of Rome published a report in 1974 entitled “Mankind at the Turning Point” that provided a listing of ten recommended governmental zones.
 - Canada and the United States
 - the European Union
 - Japan, North and South Korea
 - Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa
 - Russia
 - Mexico, Central and South America
 - North Africa and the Middle East
 - Central Africa
 - India, Pakistan, and Southeast Asia
 - China and Central Asia.
- At this point in the timeline, this alliance does not have global control, but it is within this context that the Antichrist emerges (Daniel 7:24).
- Antichrist comes from this alliance.
 - “The people of the coming prince will destroy the city and the sanctuary.” (Daniel 9:26)
 - The Roman Empire destroyed the temple in 70 AD, which means that the Antichrist must come from the reconstituted Roman Empire.
 - We can only speculate as to how the Antichrist gains power within this alliance.
 - It could be purely political.

- He could gain power by possessing new technological advances.
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Quantum computing
 - Biomedical
 - Nanotechnology
 - Other advances that either have significant military implications or drive humanity significantly closer to the singularity with technology

Rise of the Harlot False Religion

- Revelation 17 shows that intertwined with the rise of the global government is the rise of the harlot false religion.
 - Three of the prophetic churches that Jesus wrote letters to in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 will continue through the tribulation period.
 - These include Thyatira, Sardis, and Laodicea.
 - The harlot religion most likely rises from the remnants of Christianity that was left behind as an amalgamation of these remaining churches.
 - John said that he was astonished when he saw this prostitute.
 - “Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

Babylon the great
The mother of prostitutes
and of the abominations of the earth.

I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.” (Revelation 17:3-6).
 - It is possible that John was astonished because he saw how pagan idols were adopted into Christianity.

- This is prophetically represented in the letter to Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29) because the church in Thyatira tolerated “the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives My slaves to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols.” (Revelation 2:20)
 - This indicates that the harlot church of the tribulation period will be deceived by supernatural visions of a prophetess that will become prevalent.
 - These visions most likely causes the worship of a new incarnation of Asherah that plagued the ancient Jews during the time of the kings.
 - “Do not set up an Asherah of any kind of wood next to the altar you will build for the Lord your God, and do not set up a sacred pillar; the Lord your God hates them.” (Deuteronomy 16:21-22)
 - “The sin of Judah is written with an iron stylus. With a diamond point it is engraved on the tablet of their hearts and on the horns of their altars, while their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles, by the green trees on the high hills—My mountains in the countryside. I will give up your wealth and all your treasures as plunder because of the sin of your high places in all your borders.” (Jeremiah 17:1-3)
 - Some scholars believe this references the visions of Mary, such as the visions in Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

- This figure will need more wide-ranging appeal to coalesce the remaining religions, including those represented by the three remaining churches through syncretism.
- These visions will preach a gospel that is at odds with the true gospel of Christ and deceive people into believing in false doctrines that draw people away from a personal relationship with God.
 - “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!” (Galatians 1:6-9)
 - “Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

- It is possible that the mystery of Babylon represents pagan Rome because Revelation 18:20 states that saints, apostles, and prophets rejoice because God executes judgment on her.
 - Mecca or the actual city of Babylon would not fit because no apostle was martyred in these cities.
 - Peter, Paul, and possibly Andrew were martyred near Rome.
 - Revelation 17:9 states that the beast upon which this harlot rides has seven heads, and these are representative of seven hills or mountains.
 - Rome is known as the city of seven hills, indicating that this references Rome.
 - Revelation 17:18 states that “the woman you saw is the great city that has an empire over the kings of the earth.”
 - Because of the use of present tense (*is* the great city), Babylon must be a great city in John’s time that has a vast empire.
 - Rome is the only city of that time period that fits this description.
 - Babylon was a common reference to Rome in John’s day.
- John sees “that the woman was drunk on the blood of the saints and on the blood of the witnesses to Jesus.” (Revelation 17:6)
 - In the post-rapture time period, the harlot church will persecute anyone that holds views that are heretical to their dogma.
 - This persecution will be rampant because the harlot church will be emboldened due of the rapture, arguing that the wicked were removed by God, leaving the true church whose mission it is to shepherd the soles of those remaining.

- “The righteous will never be uprooted, but the wicked will not remain in the land.” (Proverbs 10:30)
- “A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.” (Psalm 37:10-11)
- The leaders of the harlot church will not likely feel the need, nor consider it wise, to be religiously tolerant.
- Satan will bolster this view and will further deceive the population through the visions of the prophetess.

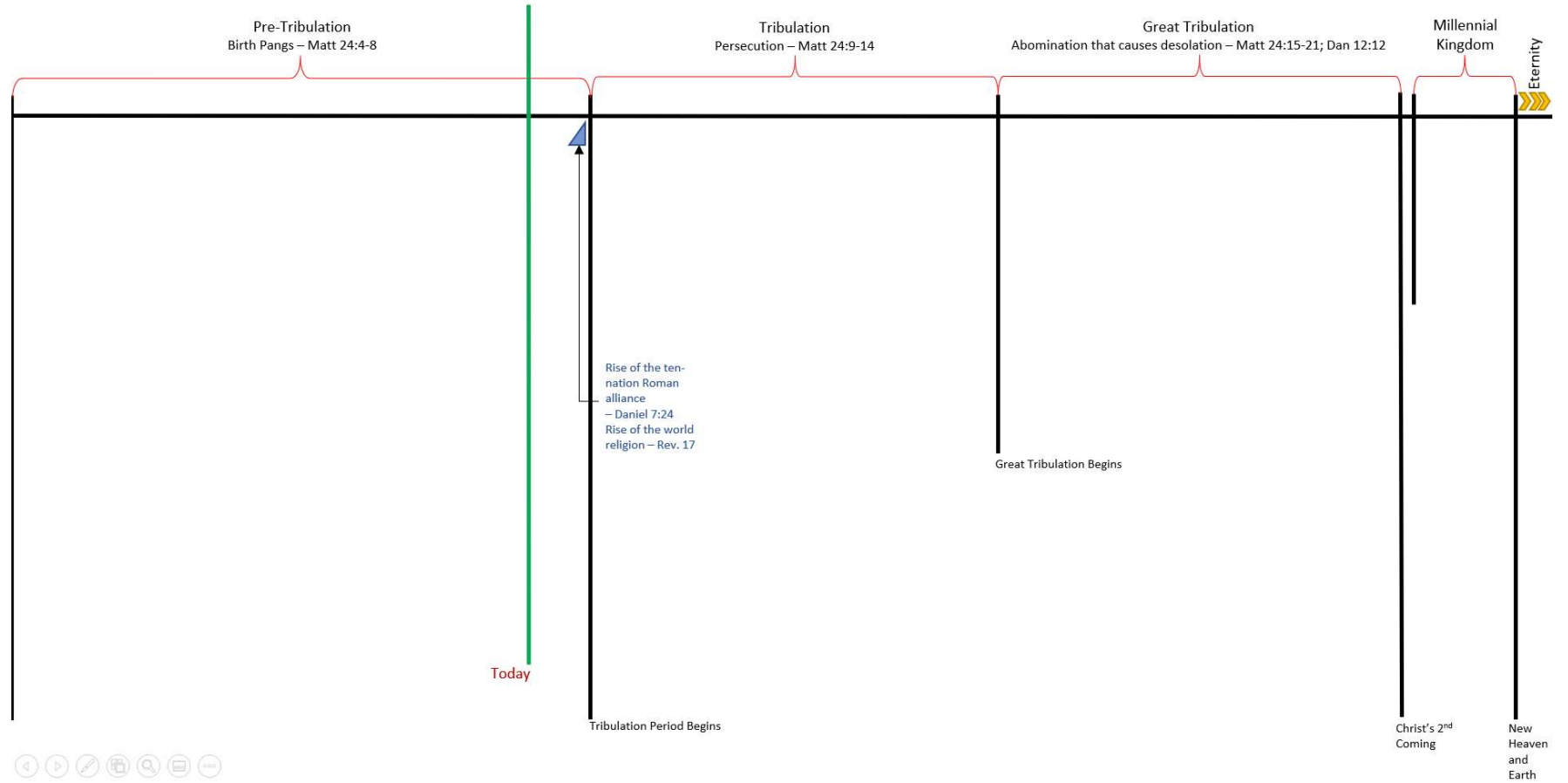


Figure 1: Timeline of the Rise of the Global Government and Harlot Religion

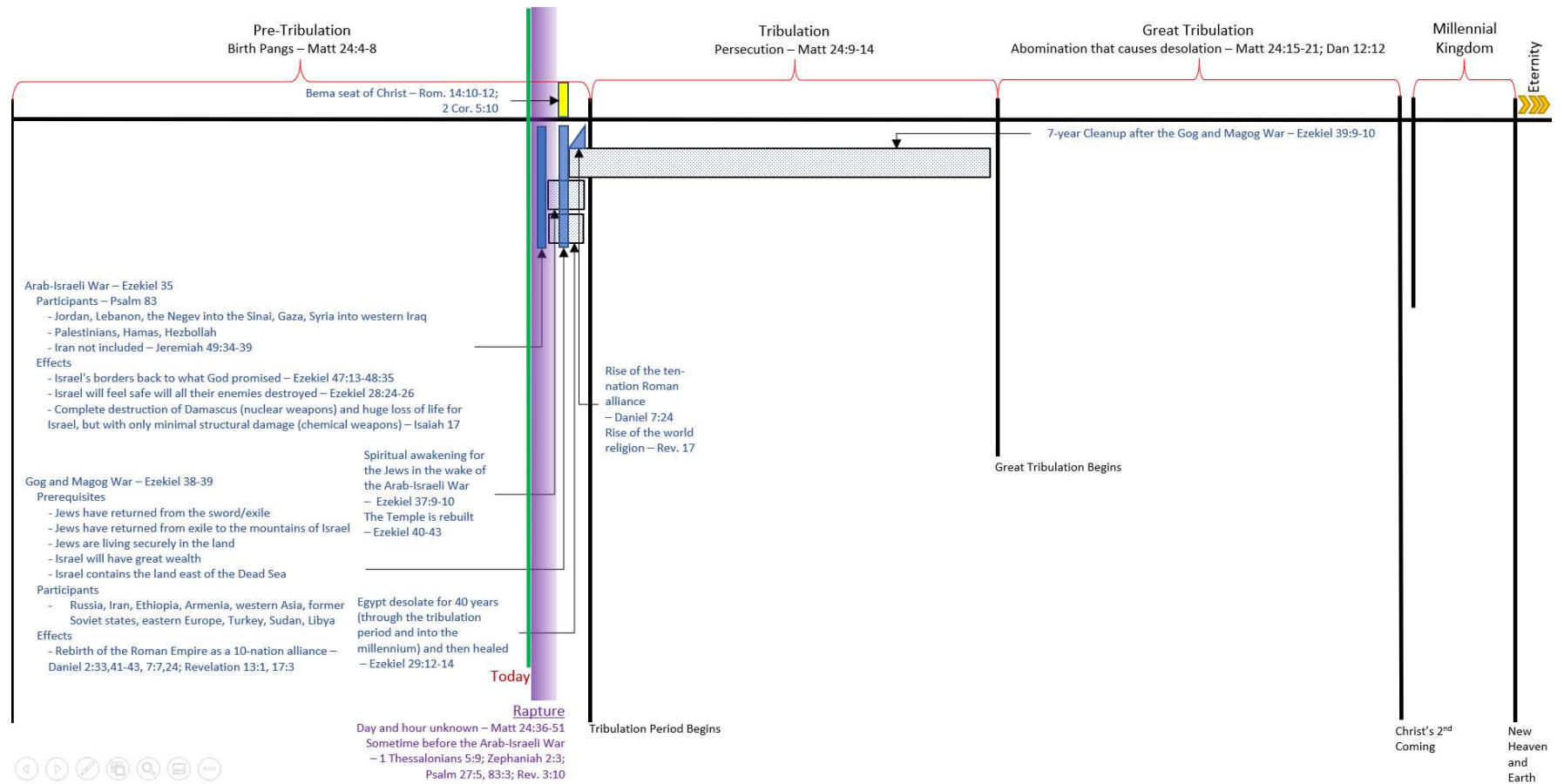


Figure 2: Timeline of End-Times Events