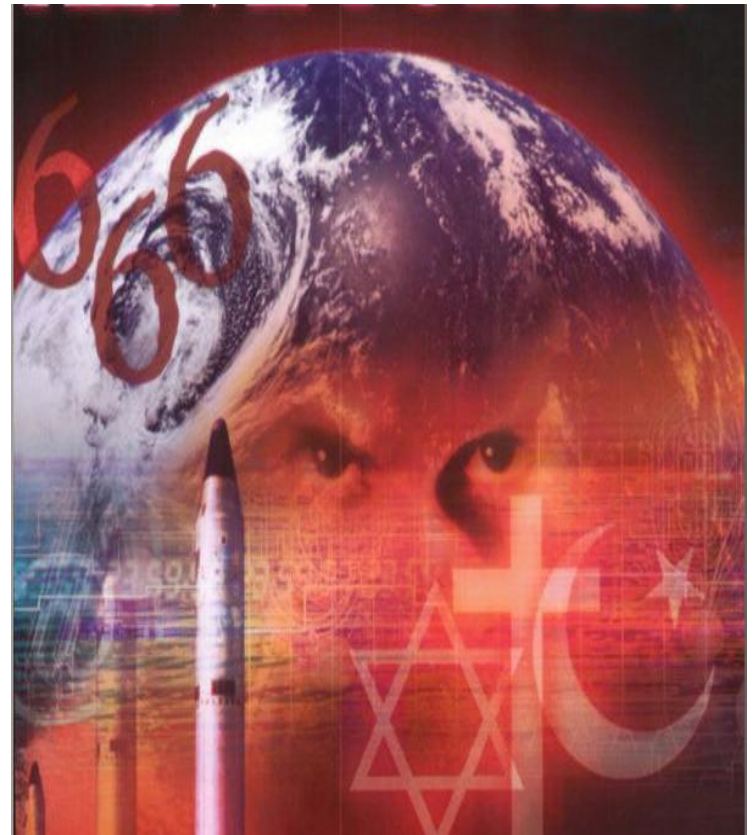


# The Antichrist: Unleashing the Beast – Al Mahdi



# Spirit of Antichrist

Read 1 John 4:2-3, 1 John 2:18

- The Spirit of Antichrist is already at work
- This is an anti-Christian spirit that does everything it can to reject, deny, and undermine the truth of Jesus
- This spirit has been at work since Jesus went back to heaven
- Numerous references to the Antichrist are in the writings of the early church fathers like Irenaeus, Jerome and Hippolytus

Irenaeus said “the Antichrist shall come as an apostate, the very embodiment of satanic apostasy.”

## Trinity

The Father  
Jesus Christ  
Holy Spirit

## Unholy Trinity

Satan  
The Antichrist  
False Prophet

# The Man of Sin

The Seed of the Serpent

# Old Testament Allusions

(from 33)

- Seed of the Serpent Gen 3:15
- Idol Shepherd Zech 11:16, 17
- Little Horn Dan 7:8-11, 21-26  
Dan 8:9-12, 23-25
- Prince that shall come Dan 9:26
- Willful King Dan 11:36

# New Testament Allusions

(from 13)

- Beast Rev 11:7; 13
- Antichrist (Pseudo-Christ) 1 John 2:22
- Lawless One 2 Thess 2:8
- Man of Sin 2 Thess 2:3
- One come in his own name John 5:43
- Son of Perdition 2 Thess 2:3

# His Characteristics

- An intellectual genius Dan 7:20; 8:23; Eze 28:3
- An persuasive orator Dan 7:20; Rev 13:2
- A shrewd politician Dan 11:21; Dan 8:25;
- A financial genius Rev 13:17; Eze 28:4, 5  
Psa 52:7; Dan 11:38, 43;
- A forceful military leader Dan 8:24; Rev 6:2;  
Rev 13:4; Isa 4:16
- A powerful organizer Rev 13:1,2; 17:17
- A unifying religious guru 2 Thess 2:4;  
Rev 13:3, 14, 15

Arthur Pink, *The Antichrist*, says “Satan has had full opportunity afforded him to study fallen human nature....The devil knows full well how to dazzle people by the attraction of power...He knows how to use worldly greatness and control it so that it can be employed against God and His people.”

# Christ versus Antichrist

## Christ

**The Truth**  
**Holy One**  
**Man of Sorrows**  
**Son of God**  
**Mystery of Godliness**  
**Humbled Himself**  
**The Lamb**  
**Slain for the People**

## Antichrist

**The Lie**  
**Lawless One**  
**Man of Sin**  
**Son of Satan**  
**Mystery of Iniquity**  
**Exalted himself**  
**The Beast**  
**Slays the People**

**Satan has always had one man ready to be the Antichrist in case it was the end.  
Several candidates have always existed: Nero, Hitler, Stalin etc.**

**The Key = Satan must wait on God's timing!**

# The "Times of the Gentiles"

Daniel 2

**Gold**

**Silver**

**Brass**

**Iron**

**Iron + Clay**



**Babylon**

**Persia**

**Greece**

**Rome I**

**"Rome II"**

Daniel 7

**Winged Lion**

**Bear on side**

**Leopard**

**Terrible Beast**

**10 Heads...**

**Man's View**

**God's View**



# The Babylonian Empire 606-539 BC



# The Persian Empire

539-332 BC



# The Greek Empire 332 – 68 BC



# The Greek Empire 332 – 68 BC



# Alexander's 4 Generals

Daniel 8

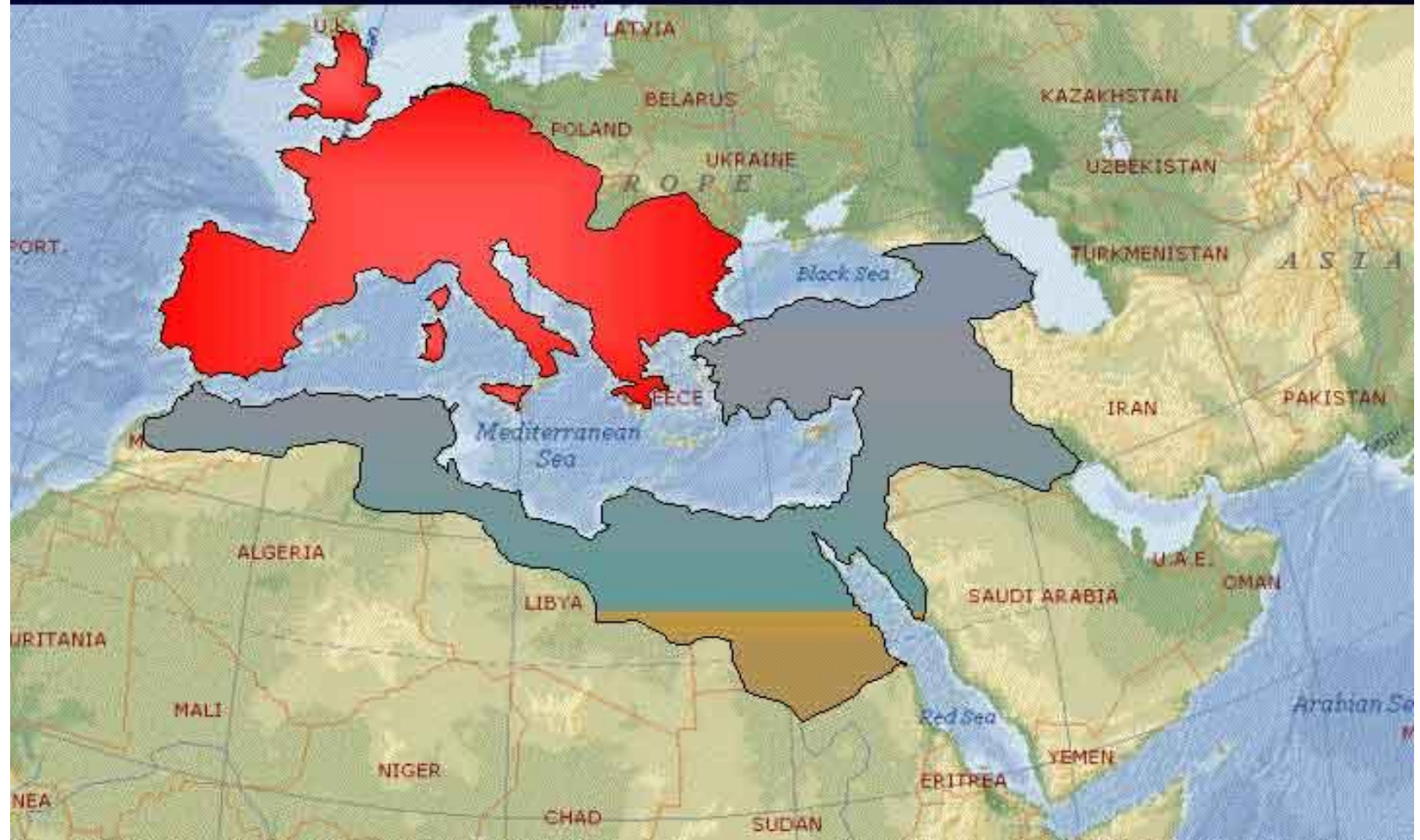
- Cassander Macedonia & Greece
- Lysimachus Thrace, Bithynia,  
most of Asia Minor
- Ptolemy Egypt, Cyrene, Arabia  
Petraea LXX 270 BC
- Seleucus Syria and lands to the  
East all the way to India  
(Antiochus Epiphanes appears  
as the "Little Horn")

# The Roman Empire, Phase I

- 68 BC Rome emerges
- 44 BC Julius Caesar assassinated
- 31 BC Battle of Actium
- 64 AD Nero begins his persecutions
- 284 AD Diocletian divides it into 2 (legs?)  
Formal surrender of Mesopotamia
- 312 AD Constantine moves to Byzantium
- 476 AD Empire breaks into pieces

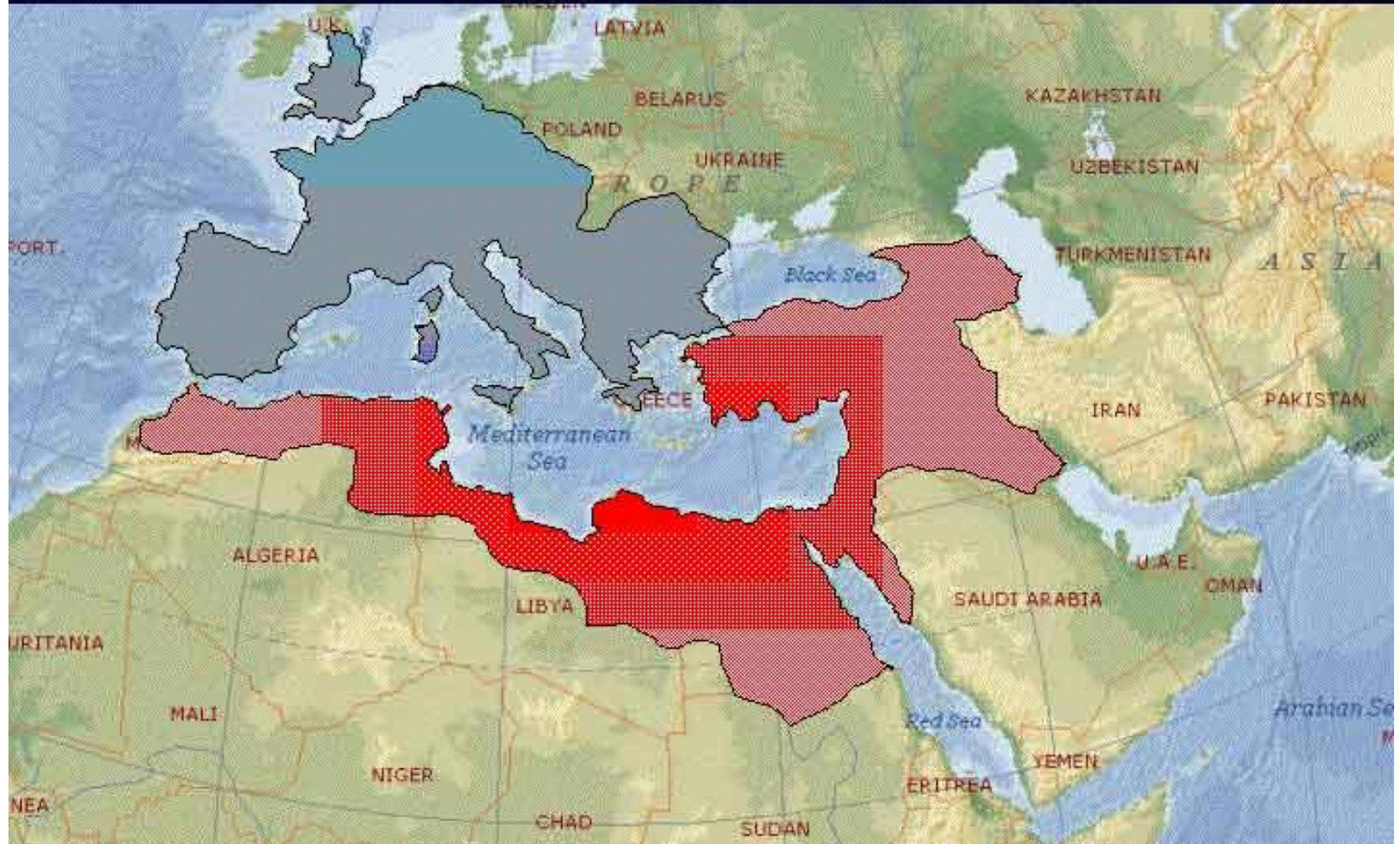
*Each remaining segment has had its era . . .*

# The Roman Empire 68 BC – 476 AD



# Byzantine Empire

330 – 1453 AD





# The Fourth Kingdom and the Little Horn

## Daniel 7:19-27

- Different from the others; extremely terrifying
- Iron teeth, bronze claws
- Went around devouring, crushing and trampling the whole earth
- Had 10 horns on it's head: Horns are 10 kingdoms
- Another horn rises up and subdues 3 of the original horns
- This little horn makes war with the Holy Ones and prevails
- Ancient of Days arrives and pronounces judgment on this little horn

### Little Horn

- He speaks words against the Most High
- He will oppress the Holy Ones of the Most High
- He will intend to change religious laws and feasts of Israel

Revelation 13:7

# The Beast

## Revelation 13: 1-2

And I stood upon the sand of the sea,  
and saw a beast rise up out of the sea,  
having seven heads and ten horns,  
and upon his horns ten crowns,  
and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.  
And the beast I saw was like unto a **leopard**,  
and his feet were as *the feet* of a **bear**,  
and his mouth as the mouth of a **lion**:  
and the dragon gave him his power,  
and his seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13:1, 2

**The Antichrist is called the Beast 32 times in the New Testament!**

# Mark of the Beast: 666

Revelation 13:16-18, 14:9-11

- The purpose of the mark is for commerce and worship
- Every person must have the mark in order to buy or sell
- The mark is a sign of allegiance to the Antichrist
- Every culture and subgroup of humanity will be affected
- The mark will be a visible sign of the immense power and worldwide authority of the Antichrist

## Gematria

- Use of numerical values with letters in the Hebrew and Greek languages
- Hebrew alphabet has 22 letters, first 9 letters correspond 1 to 9, the next 9 letters correspond to 10 to 90, last four letters correspond 100 to 400

**Given to us and the tribulation saints as a sign of confirmation of the identity of this man. This sign was to be used in conjunction with all the other signs.**

# The False Prophet: The Second Beast

## Revelation 13: 11-17

- Spiritual deceiver who promotes worship of the Antichrist
- Similar in goals to Holy Spirit. Promotes Antichrist as the Son of Satan
- Perpetrates a worldwide spiritual deception
- Will be able to perform miracles which enables him to convince the public to worship the Beast
- Serves as the spokesman for the Antichrist
- Rises up out of the earth, controls religious affairs, motivated by Satan, performs signs and miracles, empowers image of the Beast, kills all who refuse to worship the Beast, controls mark of the beast
- Has a connection to the city on seven hills: Rome
- He is depicted by John as having 2 horns: He looks religious, but talks like Satan

# The False Prophet: The Second Beast

## The Lie

**Danger Signs of Apostasy – Puritan Scholar John Owen; 300 years ago**

- **Loss of appreciation for the Gospel**
- **Loss of conviction that the gospel is true**
- **Contempt for the promises of God**
- **Rejection of the true Christian religion**
- **Hatred for the people of God**
- **Hatred for the Spirit of God**
- **Hatred for Christ**

**The Lie is the official rejection of Jesus Christ as the Son of the Living God!**

**And the official acceptance of the Antichrist!**

# Nimrod II

The 11<sup>th</sup> King

*...when the Assyrian  
shall come into our land..*

**Micah 5:5**

# Satan's Seven Super-Kingdoms

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- Rome II  
10 Horns

Daniel's 4 + 1

And there appeared another wonder in heaven;  
and behold a great red dragon,  
having seven heads and ten horns,  
and seven crowns upon his heads.

Revelation 12:3

And there are seven kings:  
five are fallen, and one is,  
*and* the other is not yet come;  
and when he cometh,  
he must continue a short space.

Revelation 17:10

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

Revelation 17:11

# The Mingled Kingdom

- In Nebuchadnezzar's dream all the other kingdoms following him would be inferior.
- All the other kingdoms emanated from Babylonian empire or the head. The head initiates.
- This whole kingdom structure exists to harass, influence and ultimately destroy Israel
- If Christ is the head of the church and the King of Babylon is the head of this opposing kingdom of Christ then the Antichrist has some affiliation with Babylon

## Kingdom Identity

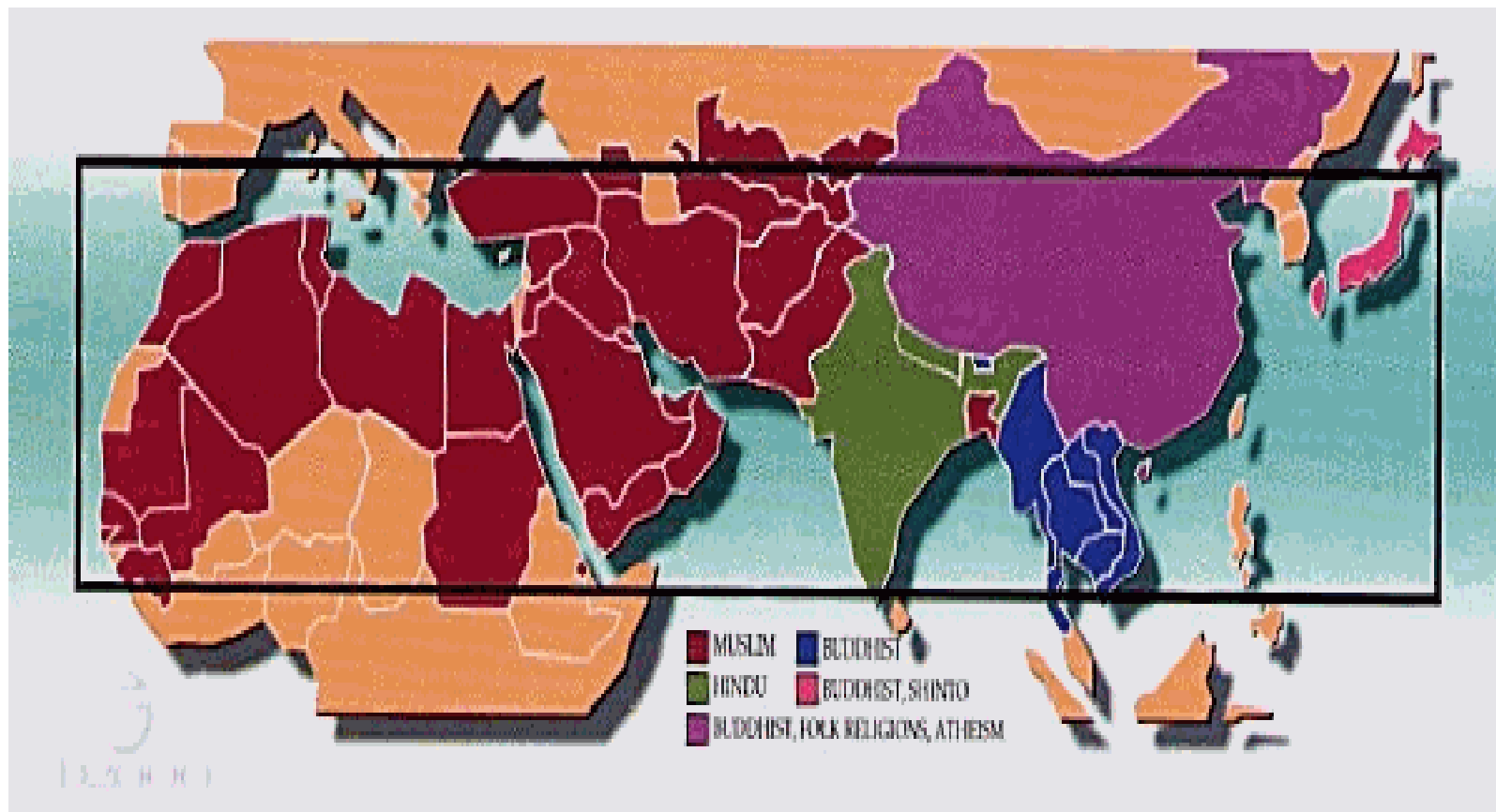
The kingdom has elements of Rome

- Babylon is the Head of the image not Rome however Revelation 17:7-11 makes it clear that the nation ruling in John's day will not be
- The nation ruling at the end. Rising up in Greek is the word Abaddon.
- The spirit that possesses the Antichrist rises up out of the pit and is the king, Abaddon in the Hebrew
- This spirit king is released from the Euphrates River. There is today an island in the Shatt Al Arab at the mouth of the Persian Gulf named Abadan. Coincidence??

**Hebrew word for mingled is arav which we get the English word Arab!  
This leads us to the Alternate View!**



## 10-40 Window: Satan's Dominion



- There is evidence in the Bible that the fall of Satan took place here in Babylon.
- Babel in Hebrew means the gate of God. (Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14 mention his fall to earth!
- There are 5 recorded dwelling places for Satan in Scripture: heaven, garden of Eden, Babylon, Tyre and Turkey. All earthly places are in the Middle East.

# The Assyrian: The One to Come

Daniel 8:9 says the little horn will come out of one of the four generals of Alexander's areas. The little horn foreshadowed in Scripture is Antiochus Epiphanes. He was descended from the Seleucid Dynasty.

Assyria ruled Iraq, Syria and Lebanon and Northern Israel!

**Micah 5: 5-6**

**Land of Assyria, Land of Nimrod**

**Isaiah 10: 20-25**

**Shall invade Israel**

**Isaiah 14: 25-26**

**Will be on God's Holy Mountain, God's Plan for the Earth**

**Isaiah 30: 30-31**

**Will be ultimately destroyed by God**

**Ezekiel 31: 3,6, 8-9, 16**

**Downfall of Assyria**

# Islamic Antichrist

## The Madhi

- The 12<sup>th</sup> Imam
- He will come on the world scene and convert the entire world to Islam
- He will be a military ruler
- He will be a descendent of Fatima
- He will rule for 7 years
- He will come riding in on a white horse (Revelation 6:1)
- Islam denies that Jesus is the Son of God; Spirit of Antichrist
- He will pursue the Jews to Petra

## Additional Antichrist Features

- He will be over the oil states; Daniel 11:24
- He will control the sea; Daniel 11:43, Isaiah 11:15

# The 70<sup>th</sup> Week

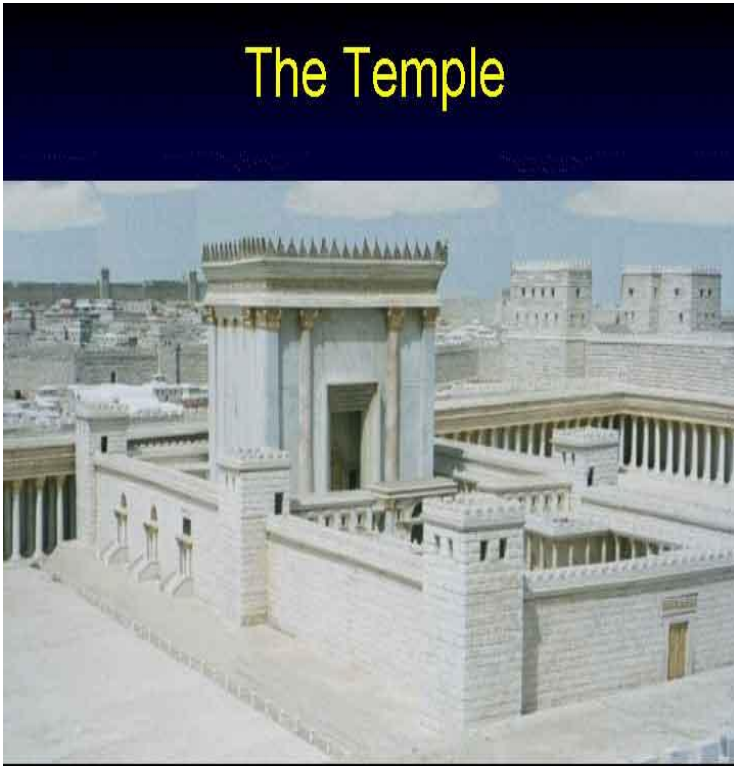
*And he (“the prince that shall come”) shall enforce the covenant with [the] many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

Daniel 9:27

# The “Abomination of Desolation”

Matthew 24:15-16, 2 Thessalonians 2:4

The Temple



# Armageddon

And He gathered them together  
into a place called in the Hebrew tongue  
Armageddon.

Revelation 16:16

*Har-Mageddon* = Tel (Mt.) Megiddo



# Armageddon

- All the armies of the world gather together for the last battle
  - The Antichrist battles forces from the north, south and east
  - He then heads to Jerusalem to destroy it
  - God intervenes in the Return of the King: Jesus Christ and defeats the armies of evil
  - The Antichrist and the False Prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire
  - Satan is chained in the bottomless pit
  - This will be one of the most anti-climatic events in history!!!!
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- Two purposes are at work here: The divine purpose is that the world is being prepared for the 1,000 year reign of Christ. The satanic purpose is to once and for all liquidate the Jews



# Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2

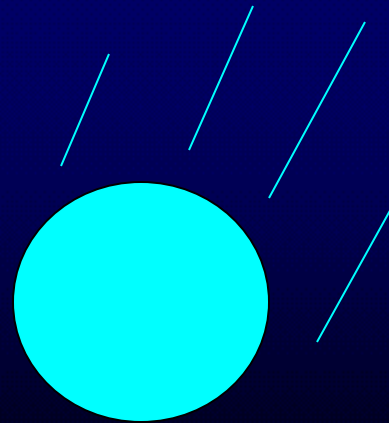
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## Return of the King: Revelation 19:9



# Jesus Christ

King of Kings

Lord of Lords

