# The Seventh Empire!

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 MSG

*I don't think, friends, that I need to deal with the question of when all this is going to happen. You know as well as I that the day of the Master's coming can't be posted on our calendars. He won't call ahead and make an appointment any more than a burglar would. About the time everybody's walking around complacently, congratulating each other—"We've sure got it made! Now we can take it easy!"—suddenly everything will fall apart. It's going to come as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.*

*4–8 But friends, you're not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? You're sons of Light, daughters of Day. We live under wide open skies and know where we stand. So let's not sleepwalk through life like those others. Let's keep our eyes open and be smart. People sleep at night and get drunk at night. But not us! Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation.*

*9–11 God didn't set us up for an angry rejection but for salvation by our Master, Jesus Christ. He died for us, a death that triggered life. Whether we're awake with the living or asleep with the dead, we're alive with him! So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.*

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*"The lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts."* —Malachi 2:7

In recent days, the great American Dream has become the great American Nightmare.

In 2008, one Russian diplomat predicted that *"the U.S. will break up into six autonomous regions and Alaska will revert to Russian control."* He believed that *"Russia and China would emerge from the economic turmoil stronger and said the two nations should work together, even to create a new currency to replace the U.S. dollar."*

Five reasons why great civilizations eventually faded away and died:

1. The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home as the foundation for human society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and government spending.

3. The craze for pleasure, sports, and the increase of violence and brutality in sports.
4. The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within: the decay of individual responsibility.
5. The decay of religion: Faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, religion losing its power to guide the people.

1. From bondage to spiritual faith.
2. From spiritual faith to great courage.
3. From courage to liberty.
4. From liberty to abundance.
5. From abundance to complacency.
6. From complacency to apathy.
7. From apathy to dependency.
8. From dependency back to bondage.

But eventually apathy leads to dependency.

This dependence will lead us back to bondage.

When will we learn that without God in our nation,
we will be at the mercy of our enemies?

"*Experience teaches us that it is much easier to prevent an enemy from posting themselves than it is to dislodge them after they have got possession.*"
—President George Washington

Socialism – defined as a centrally planned economy in which the government controls all means of production – begins with a major crisis, including but not limited to an economic crisis.

Storms in the financial institutions are often followed by the rise of a messianic-type figure the masses believe can solve their problems.

Here is the four-phase plan which enabled socialists to accomplish their goal:

Phase 1: Teach the lower-income masses that the government is corrupt and that you will change it.

Phase 2: Plant the seed in their minds that the rich (Wall Street, the bankers) are the bad guys.

Phase 3: Promise to redistribute the wealth of a few to those less fortunate.

Phase 4: Raise up the youth to support you and to take your plan before the people continually.

Lenin – who produced Communism.
Hitler – who produced Nazism.
Mussolini – who became the dictator of Italy.
Castro – who became the dictator of Cuba.

As each powerful leader rose to prominence, he recognized and understood the unrest among the people in his nation and saw that they demanded CHANGE.

Today in America, change may be all that you have left after the tax collectors finish reaching into your paycheck – if you still have one.

Using the discontent of the PEOPLE and the CRISIS in the WORKPLACE brings a revolution!

## 1. A NEW GLOBAL ORDER?

*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.* [11] *The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.* [12] *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 17:10-12 NIV

The first six empires as revealed in biblical prophecy are:

1) The Egyptian Empire.
2) The Assyrian Empire.
3) The Babylonian Empire.
4) The Media-Persia Empire.
5) The Grecian Empire.
6) The Roman Empire.




*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.* *42* *As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.* *43* *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 NIV

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*44* *In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.*
—Daniel 2:42-44 NIV

Notice that after the sixth empire (Roman Empire) there is a seventh empire that will continue for a "short space."

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—Revelation 17:12 NIV

Many scholars believe that the seventh empire, which will exist before the final kingdom of the beast, will be a global government under the direction of one man.

It appears that the seventh empire controls the first part and the eighth kingdom swallows up the seventh kingdom and will rule for the final 42 months.

Will America or Europe pave the road as the initiator of a seventh global empire?

Will the American president now or in the future be the premier leader of a new order?

Will this new order carve the road for a final kingdom with a final kingdom dictator?