

Revelation & Daniel Sync

Sermon Info

- Speaker Richard

Scripture References

- Revelation 17 - main text: explanation of the great prostitute (Mystery Babylon) and her global influence over peoples, nations and languages. Used to identify religious/political apostasy.
- Revelation 7, 13 - 144,000, the great multitude, the beast imagery and the beast that "resembles a leopard" (connections to Daniel).
- Revelation (seals) earlier seals/chapters referenced: the 5th seal (rapture theme) and 6th seal (driving subsequent events).
- Daniel 2, 7, 8 - Nebuchadnezzar's statue and Daniel's four beasts used to synchronize with Revelation's beasts and the end-times sequence.
- Matthew (Olivet discourse) & Luke - Jesus' teaching on signs, timing and warnings (used to argue about knowing the season but not the hour).
- Ephesians 6 - "put on the full armor of God" cited as practical spiritual preparation.

Central Message

- The speaker explains Revelation 17 (the great prostitute / Mystery Babylon) and synchronizes it with Daniel's visions to map a coherent end-times sequence: the rise of a global, composite political-religious power (the beast/Antichrist), a rapture placed at the front end of the tribulation in his reading, and the believer's call to watch, pray and be spiritually prepared.

Key Points

1. Review of prior lessons: the horsemen, the 5th seal (a rapture motif), and the 6th seal driving later events.
2. Exposition of Revelation 17: the great prostitute = Mystery Babylon, a long-term falling away from true faith, representing combined religious/worldviews and human-centered systems opposing God.
3. The 144,000 are Jewish servants set aside and are with Jesus (not merely earthbound evangelists); the two witnesses minister on earth and are then taken up.
4. Rapture timing: argued to occur shortly after the tribulation begins (front end), with Jesus' Olivet warnings used to show we can know the season but not the day/hour. 10 days of testing/persecution (from Smyrna) and other timeframe markers discussed.

- 5. Babylon's global reach: "sits on many waters" = influence over peoples, nations and languages; she corrupts doctrines, worldviews, economic and political systems.
- 6. Identification of beasts and kings: Revelation's beasts (7 heads / 10 horns) tied to Daniel's beasts and Nebuchadnezzar's statue (gold, silver, bronze, iron + iron/clay feet). The speaker maps the historical sequence (Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome) and the final composite beast that will rule for 42 months/3½ years.
- 7. Seven kings motif: five have fallen, one is, one not yet come — the seventh corresponds to the Antichrist who will exercise power (but is limited to a 42-month period).
- 8. Modern elements: technology, communications, and space/engineering capabilities will enable the global control and tracking required in the tribulation era; the UN / Security Council is proposed as the modern organizational parallel.
- 9. Prophetic books are not strictly chronological — expect flashbacks and layered visions; synchronizing Daniel and Revelation requires distinguishing legs/feet/toes and other parts to align the end-times picture.

Notable Quotes

- > "Hang in there. Wait a little longer."
- > "Watch and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen." (Jesus, cited)
- > "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins." (Revelation citation used to call separation)
- > "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Jesus, cited)

Application

- Watch and pray daily; be spiritually alert rather than escapist.
- Put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6): prepare to stand in spiritual conflict and persecution.
- Endure faithfully (even to the point of suffering) — faithfulness is rewarded ("crown of life").
- Discern beliefs and separate from systems that oppose Scripture (the "come out" call): evaluate doctrines, worldviews, and political/religious alliances with scripture.
- Know the signs (season) so you can respond wisely, but do not expect to know the exact day or hour.

Prayer Points

- Thanksgiving for God's Word and for protection of Scripture through the centuries.
- Thankfulness for the Holy Spirit's guidance and protection.
- Prayer implied for endurance, faithfulness, and discernment during trials.

Reflection Questions

- 1. Is the seventh king described in Daniel/Revelation the Antichrist in your understanding?

- 2. How should I live differently if the rapture/tribulation is imminent — what does "watch and pray" look like for me this week?
- 3. Which teachings or cultural systems might be part of the "Mystery Babylon" that require careful discernment in my life or community?

Transcript

Richard (00:00)

Metro District, on the street. You are certainly welcome, and feel free to break in with any questions, comments, or whatever, all right?

Richard (00:13)

So, what we're going to cover tonight is in Chapter 17 of Revelation, and it's on the great prostitute. And then we'll look and see how what is covered in that chapter of Revelation, how that synchronizes with Daniel, okay?

Richard (00:40)

So, we've got 3 more weeks, and the pastor will be back next week, and we'll decide what to do with the rest of the month of August, all right? Quickly, last week we covered a lot of things, and we've already gone through the first 4 of the horsemen, and last week we looked at the fifth seal, which

Richard (01:10)

really contains within it the rapture of the church. And the sixth seal we started with, because the content of the sixth seal is what drives all of the other events.

Richard (01:27)

So, just briefly, we saw in that the fifth seal, the Lord is telling the church, "Hey, hang in there. Wait a little longer." And we went through our chart that placed that placed the rapture in here shortly after the world knows what's coming. And the church is told, "You wait." They've got 10 days in there, but I don't know if it's a literal 240 hours or if it's a very short period compared to 1,260 days. So, this is where the rapture takes place, and we took and looked at a few other beliefs, but first we had to go through and get the words defined, because the rapture is one of the more controversial items or points of belief within Christendom. It goes from every where's from none to some, and when you get to the some, it's somewhere when, all right?

We also traced the history of it, how the word came to be from its early starts as caught up, and we showed that that writing goes all the way back to the 2nd century. So, it wasn't something that was just cooked up in the 1800s as popularly is taught.

Then we looked at some examples within the Scriptures of people that were raptured: Enoch, Elijah, right, Philip. We also looked at the protections that the Lord focuses on from the Olivet

discourse, and we'll be going back to the Olivet discourse tonight. Then we looked at the things that have to be overlooked or changed if there's to be a pre-tribulation rapture. That is, the belief that the rapture could happen any moment now.

But if we do that, there's key verses that you must do away with. And another one is, a lot of people will say, "Oh, yeah, that whole rapture thing, that's just escapism." And you know, they're right, because that's exactly what Jesus tells the disciples.

He says, "Watch and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen," all right? So, sometimes truths sneak in in all kinds of ways.

And then we also looked briefly at the post-tribulation view, which is like the amillennial view when it comes with respect to the rapture. And we saw there that, again, when you try to do the rapture at the end, there's nobody to rapture, because 4 times before that in Revelation, we're told that those that did not die did not repent. So, you've got the dead and the unrepentant.

So, you're not going to have a rapture when there's nobody to rapture. You can have a resurrection, but. So, those 2 views have got no major flaws. Then we looked at the 144,000.

Those were the Jews that were set aside, 12,000 from each tribe. And another misconception is that these 144,000 just cover the earth during the tribulation, evangelizing.

Well, if that's what they do, they fail, because we end up with the dead and the unrepentant. Plus, Revelation tells us that the 144,000 only go where Jesus is. And during the tribulation, Jesus is in heaven, so He's not parading around on the ground, and these 144,000 are up there with Him. The witnesses that He has, though, are the 2. And these are the 2 witnesses is where we finished last week. We had gone through to show where they would be on earth, right from the beginning of the tribulation period.

They're there all the way to the end, minus about 3 days. So, these were the ones that end up, all right, being seen by everybody. And up until modern times, people couldn't imagine how could you people all over the world see what was going on in Jerusalem. Well, everybody's got phones all over the world, right?

So, you can see everything that's going anywhere. Also, there's going to be a means of communicating the government of the time, the Antichrist and his government. We're going to make sure that they can get to everybody with their information. And that's nothing new.

People did the very same thing during the second during his time in power. And what he did at the time, the technology was AM radios, and they made sure that everybody had radios.

That way there, they could be indoctrinated. And it's interesting that the German and some of this I know for a fact because I had a former Nazi in one of my Sunday school classes when we were up in Toronto.

And he said, you know, everybody had their radios, and the only stuff that was true was what came from the Department of Propaganda. They actually called it that. And some of his advisors were saying, you know, to Adolf, you know, don't use that word.

Speaker B (08:30)

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

Richard (08:31)

So, he just used the word propaganda, and that was the Department of Propaganda. And this young man at the time was learning how to fly so that by the time they would get their fighter planes, they'd already know how to fly because they had learned on gliders.

They weren't allowed to have fighter planes, so they learned to fly on gliders. And then when Hitler got the courage to put some fighter planes out there, the world cowered.

The Americans, Roosevelt cowered, the British cowered, the French cowered. They weren't supposed to get any fighter planes, per the honestness of World War I, and they just let the thing grow.

We got World War II. So, anyway, all kinds of people sit in and learn all kinds of stuff from different places. Another part was that, but after the 3 and a half days, a breath of life from God entered them, the 3 witnesses, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. And then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud.

Richard (10:11)

All their enemies looked on. Now, this is going to be the big day of, you know, "Meet me up," Scotty, you know, some of you.

Speaker C (10:22)

That's right.

Richard (10:23)

Some of you Star Wars fans, right? And it's amazing that these kinds of things will happen again, because they happened when Jesus went up. That's exactly how the disciples saw Jesus leave. And at that very hour, there was a severe earthquake, and a tent of the city collapsed.

7,000 people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified, and they gave glory to God of heaven. The second wall has passed. The third wall is coming soon. Now, when that second wall passes, that is the end, basically, of the tribulation.

The next step ends up being Jesus's return, and we'll be covering that next week or the week after. Revelation has rapture verses in it also.

Richard (11:37)

Now, they don't use that word, but they use the description. When Jesus is evaluating the churches, the church at Smyrna, he tells them, "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer.

I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for 10 days." That's where the 10 days come from. "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." So, he who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

So, this is consistent with the rapture taking place at the time when people were told, the disciples were told. When you see these things, the disasters, begin to take place, all right, know that your redemption is near.

So, that's why on the chart, the rapture takes place shortly after the beginning of the tribulation period. Other verses, other than the one in 2:10, is the ones to the church at Philadelphia.

And there he says, "Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth," all right? So, that, again, is the promise of events further down the line in the tribulation period.

For just briefly, for the ladies from First Methodists, what we have shown is that the world is going to know that there's a big asteroid coming to hit the earth. That's what we have when we see in the Trumpet Judgments, something like a huge mountain was thrown into the sea.

And once the world knows that that's coming, they'll know what's going to happen, because you can calculate the amounts of energy dissipated and what it does, and it has all of those things that are described in Revelation and also in the Olivet discourse and in some of the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. You get the earthquakes and the tsunamis and the sky turning black and so on. So, that's how the world knows what's coming, and that's what sets the horsemen to gallop.

So, that was the one on 3:10. Another one is the 144,000, and they're taken from the earth before any of the disasters take place.

So, we know it has to be at the front end of the tribulation period, before things get damaged by that impact. This is, and they sang a new song, these 144,000, before the throne, and no one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. So, they're not wandering around the earth. They were purchased from among men and offered as a first fruit to God and the Lamb, all right? So, now, another one that shows up in there, and I have it in small type, and it sort of fits, but then there's no easy way to explain it.

And it's the one with regards to Israel being prepared for God and being protected, all right? There's maybe a way to know that, but I don't.

Continuing. "And these are they who have come out of the great tribulation." Now, in chapter 7, we see where there's a big group of people before the throne, and the elder that's there tells John, "Hey, these are the people that have come out of the tribulation." So, we know that that rapture event is contained within those bounds way at the beginning. And that's where we see another event.

It says, "I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. And then another angel came out of the temple and called out in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, 'Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.'" And we'll see that there's 2 harvests, all right? So, he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. Those are the good ones. So, that fits in there in that same mode. And then there's the ones that are left behind, and what are they left behind in? Another angel came out, and he too had a sharp sickle.

And still another angel came and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." And the angel swung his sickle on the earth and gathered the grapes, threw them into the winepress of God's wrath. And that is the wrath of that whole period, the fact that the world will know what's coming, and they are going to do everything to survive. And that's where they're going to have major problems of famine, because after that thing hits, there'll be 1 to 2 years of no substantial food growth. So, they'll have to stop rationing food right from the get-go. And that's not going to go over well, because the way food grows in the world is not evenly distributed.

The US and Canada are the Middle East of food exports, and there'll be a lot of people in Canada and in the US that won't want to load ships to send food someplace else. So, there'll be a lot of problems there.

Richard (19:35)
There'll be a lot of force being used.

Speaker B (19:38)
Right there.

Richard (19:39)
Yes?

Speaker B (19:40)
The first harvest, are those good people?

Richard (19:44)

Yeah. That's the, basically, the time of the rapture.

Speaker B (19:50)

Okay.

Richard (19:53)

And the others are left to cope with the consequences. Another place where we see a statement is in chapter 18, when he says, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues," all right?

So, we see that whole phrase repeated one way or another throughout the book of Revelation, from chapter 2 to chapter 18. Now, that brings us to the great prostitute. And what that is, is basically a falling away from the true faith that's going to take place on earth. And that has been taking place on earth all along. You've had Revelation given, and you have people sprung it. It won't be any different towards the end.

If anything, it'll be even worse. So, taking a look at first, we've got some major characters that pop up here and there, and they often have heads, horns, and crowns. And there's some variations between them, which I don't know. So, maybe some of you want to take that challenge and find out what it is.

Here's one. This is in chapter 12, when we have the great and wondrous sign that appears in heaven, a woman, meaning Israel, clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head, 12 tribes.

She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven, an enormous red dragon, Satan, with 7 heads, 10 horns, and 7 crowns on his heads, all right? Then in chapter 13, where we see the Antichrist coming to being, "And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had 10 horns," all right?

The other one had 10 horns also. "And 7 heads," the other one had 7 heads also, "with 10 crowns on his horns." Now, the other one had 7 crowns on his heads, and on each, he had a blasphemous name. So, the caricature that's often depicted is that is this kind of a leopard-type animal compared to the dragon, but they all have these multiple heads. And then in chapter 17, this is where we start to see where some of these things will come together.

One of the 7 angels who had the 7 bowls came and said to me, "Come, and I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters." Well, it's kind of small, but we're going to try to take all of this and put it all on one page, all right? So, we'll take the pieces as they're given to us and then the explanations for them. So, in chapter 1, we have the great prostitute.

It's not the first one that had the great prostitute. Verse 2, "With her, the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries." Now, this is not necessarily a physical adultery-type thing, but the fact that that view, that wine, is all kinds of belief systems, whether it be in their religions, their doctrines, their worldviews, philosophies, economic systems, political systems, science, morals, whatever. All of those, if you want to see that well put together, it's the Truth Project that Focus on the Family put together over 10 years ago.

So, if you've got a chance to go through that, it is really worth the time. So, he goes on, "And then the angel carried me away in the spirit to a desert, and there I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had 7 heads and 10 horns." No crowns mentioned on this one, all right? "And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and had glittering with gold, precious stones, pearls.

She held a golden cup in her hand filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries." "And this title was written on her forehead, Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of Abominations of the Earth. I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who had borne testimony to Jesus." And this is over time. This is not just Revelation, but Revelation had some of those in there that were mentioned in the fifth seal.

And Paige Patterson commented on this, and he says, with regards to her label, he says, "In other words, Babylon the Great and the mystery religion constitutes the mother of all unfaithfulness. The focus of Babylonians is always on man's achievement as opposed to God's grace." And we saw that when Babylon was built.

Babylon the Great stands for every human religious instigation in opposition to the real faith of the Scriptures. So, that's one definition that I think kind of covers it.

And some places, they actually built it in stone. This is in Rome and the Pantheon, and it was a shrine to all the religions, all right? It's huge, and it had the largest dome in history up to that time. And you can see in the scale of things, the size of the place compared to the people standing in it.

And you had all of these niches going all the way around that had pictures, statues of various idols. And to this day, we don't have a place like that, but I think that during the tribulation, the religions of the world are going to come together big time.

And if we look at the religious group as they stand today, the big groups are you'll see Islam is definitely one of them, along with Christianity, all right? So, you have all the Catholics and then all of the other Protestant denominations.

You have the Shia, Muslims, all right? And then the unaffiliated, which is growing, bigger and bigger, the Hindus, the Buddhists.

And then when you get down in the hill, you'll see the Jewish, that little sliver, 0.2%. That's like 1 out of 500, all right?

But they're the ones that gave us the truths that often don't get percolated all the way through, even within Christianity. And then this is a projection from 2010 to 2050.

2050. Fred, I think you and I are excluded. And this shows how the growth of what are called nuns, non-affiliated, they include the atheists, the agnostics, and people of no interest in anything of the deity. And you can see that it's projected to go from 210 to 260. It's projected to increase, and we see that it increases by about what Christianity decreases.

Then the elder tells John, he says, "I'll explain to you the mystery of the woman. The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth." Now, this doesn't necessarily mean a city that has an address like New York or Babylon or Baghdad or but a city is where people have come together and have hammered out some form of rules that they're willing to abide by, all right? And that's the same thing with this woman.

And what he says there is that the woman on the beast equals it's the great city that rules over the kings of the earth. Now, all of the past kings have all had religions, and in a lot of cases, it was the king's religion or else?

And when we look at Luke, Jesus was telling us that Jesus was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil. And the devil led him up to a high place and showed him, in an instant, all the kingdoms of the world.

And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So, if you worship me, it will be yours." And Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Now, it's interesting, Jesus doesn't contradict them. So, the guy has control. He does reign, all right? And this was going on even in the time that Jesus was there.

Now, what we're told, by contrast, is in Ephesians 6 with regards to, "Hey, how do you cope being in that kind of a situation?" And the answer was, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood," which is why the devil is not flesh and blood, "but against the rulers, the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms even," all right? "Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground." And those day of evil comes, we face that day every day.

"And after you have done everything, to stand some more," all right? So, we see Jesus juxtaposed against Satan, and he acknowledges basically that Satan has control in this world.

Now, God won't let him get away with everything he wants, but he certainly lets him have a lot of leeway. So, the other thing he the other clue that he gives us about this great prostitute is who sits on many waters, all right?

Well, sitting is the equivalent of ruling, like sitting on a throne. So, she rules. And then the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, languages," all right? So, she's covering the whole waterfront.

There's no holy land where she doesn't have an influence. So, again, we see that on many waters means that she's got influence over peoples all over the world. And then in the beast that she rides, which has the 7 heads and the 10 horns, all right? So, we'll put that on our list.

"The beast which you saw once was, now is not." Now, the word "now" in here is in the NIV, one of the few Bibles that has the word "now" in there. It's not in the Greek manuscripts. And I think it's some of the people that compile things that get some of their theology squeezed in there. I have grayed it out, but it's in there. "And will come up out of the abyss and go to his destruction, the inhabitants of the earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life, from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because he once was, is not, and yet will come." And then she goes on, "The beast which you saw," all right? "Will go to his destruction, and he's going to come out of an abyss." Now, when you have an object in the abyss, there's no influence outside the abyss.

So, a lot of them will say, "Well, Jesus is bound," but he's given some latitude. When you're in the abyss, you've got no latitude.

That's why he gets put into the abyss for the period of the millennium. And then at the end, he's let out, all right?

So, what we'll see here is how translators have this and then how we can reconcile these things. So, the NIV has "now is not," and the King James has "and is not," all right?

Not trying to take the "is not" and place it into a particular place because the majority of theologians and pastors are in the amillennial realm, where there's no millennium. What there is of a millennium, we're in it now.

It started with the resurrection, and it'll go until Jesus returns. And it's kind of just nuanced in there. I don't get it, but anyway, that's the way it goes. The "now" in here, see, "now is not" in the Greek text, nor is it in the New King James, the Revised Standard Version, the Authorized Version, the New American Standard Bible, the English Standard Bible, even in the Catholic Douay-Reims Bible, all right?

It's not in there. So, we'll just keep it on the chart because it is in the NIV. Just keep in mind that I think it's an error on purpose. This calls for a line with wisdom.

Richard (40:07)

"The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits or rules." Well, the first thing that comes out with this is what city?

Speaker B (40:23)

Rome.

Richard (40:24)

Rome, all right? Now, I don't think this has anything to do with the hills of Rome.

It's just the fact that generally, the heads of government were on the high ground, all right? When you're on the high ground, it's easier to ward off your enemies if you should have them.

So, I think that that's what this is, is that there's a seven heads or seven hills on which the woman sits, and that's ruled over time. So, we can start another section in here, and we'll say that the seven hills equal I mean, the seven heads equal seven hills, all right?

Ruling cities. And there are also seven kings, so that also equals seven kings. And these kings are five have fallen. One is, the other has not yet come. But when he does come, he must remain a little while, okay? So, we've got seven kings. One, two, three, four, five. They're already fallen.

One is, and another one is to come. So then, if we look at the kings that have ruled over Israel, other kingdoms that have ruled over Israel in Exodus, then a new king who did not know about Joseph came to power in Egypt.

Look, he said to his people, "The Israelites have become much too numerous for us." So, they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor. So, we can go, and here's our first king over Israel, Egypt, all right?

Then in 2 Kings, we find that in King Hezekiah's fourth year, Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it. And at the end of three years, the Assyrians took it. In the 14th year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, attacked the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. So, now we can put Assyria on there. And then during Joachim, King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, invaded the land of Judea, and Joachim became his vassal. So, now we've got the Babylonians. And we can keep going right through this. Then comes Cyrus, the king of Persia, all right?

And he jumps in there. And then we get Alexander the Great, defeats the Persians, all right, and takes control of Judea.

And in Daniel 8:20, the two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat is the king of Greece.

And the large horn between his eyes is the first king, Alexander the Great. And he ends up being the fifth.

Now, all of these were defeated by the preceding king that took control over the Jews. So, now we've got the five.

Then he talks about when it is in those days, Caesar Augustine issued a decree that his censorship be taken of the entire Roman world. Well, that's the Romans that were there at the time of Jesus, before Jesus and after Jesus.

Now, those Romans ended up having two major conflicts with the Jews. They had the First Jewish Revolt, which took place in 66 to 70 AD, and the Second Jewish Revolt that took place from 132 to 135. And those are the ones where the Romans always ended up prevailing. So, now we've got six of our seven kings identified. The other has not yet come, but when he does come, he must remain for a little while, all right? Now, what happened with the Romans with the Second Revolt?

The Jews were then scattered over the world. Not that they ran away, so much as the Romans put them on the slave markets of the Roman Empire and sent them out.

Richard (46:30)

Said, "We're going to get rid of this Jewish problem." Sound familiar?

Speaker C (46:35)

Yeah.

Richard (46:36)

And they stayed scattered until 1948. And that brings us to just about now, because since 1948, they haven't had anybody rule over them. And it's not because somebody didn't try. They're still trying.

Now, this one that's going to come, this beast that is going to come, it was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for 42 months. Now, 42 months is three and a half years. It's not seven years. Next week, we'll look at where that seven-year comes from. It has nothing. Seven years is already past.

That was the Second Jewish Revolt, the total timeframe, the revolt and the fighting itself, all the way to the death of the emperor that instigated it. So, here's our first seal with the Antichrist on there and all of the steps that he goes through.

And he's going to rule for just this 42 months, from the time it starts here to the 42 months. Now, the reason the word "fuzzy" is on there is because when we talked about when will the world know that this thing is coming, well, they're going to know probabilistically at first with just a small chance.

And then as they get more and more measurements, they'll find out that, with grief, this thing could really hit. And eventually, we'll say it'll hit, and then as the days go by, they'll be able to narrow it down to where it's going to hit.

And we gave examples of that a few weeks back when they spotted the little one that hit the earth, and they were off a matter of fractions of a minute. And they were off about a mile or so from where it hit. And they knew this in advance. They calculated. It'd be fun to do all the math that goes with that, but most people are not interested in differential equations and stuff like that. So, I'll leave it out, except probably for one.

The first book that I was given was in late grammar school, seventh or eighth grade, and a friend of my father's, and my dad would talk to him about it. He says, "I have got a boy, but he just likes numbers.

He likes numbers." And one day, this coworker of my dad came in, and he had a book of engineering tables that I still have. And he says, "Here, give him this.

You'll have fun with that." And it's got a million numbers in there. But anyway, we find that, yeah, there'll be some uncertainty.

So, that's why you can never know the day and the hour, but you'll certainly know the season, all right? Because the Lord tells us that.

You can tell the season. So, what we're going to end up with is this world ruler for 42 months, all right? So, five have fallen, one is, and one not yet come, all right? So, when that one comes, he is going to be sitting over the whole thing. And we went through that a few weeks ago when we said, "It's not a revived Roman Empire. It's the UN.

It's the 10 seats on the Security Council that represent all of the non that represent all of the nations of the world that were not the founders of the UN: the US, China, Russia, France, and England." So, when we look at this and say, "Does this make sense? Is there a way to check this?"

Speaker C (51:31)

Richard, quick question. I just want to make sure I'm clear.

Speaker C (51:35)

So, is the seventh the Antichrist?

Richard (51:38)

Yeah.

Speaker C (51:39)

Okay.

Richard (51:40)

Yeah, the seventh.

Speaker C (51:40)

You didn't have that word up there, so I just want to make sure.

Richard (51:43)

Yeah, no, it's kind of small, but yeah, that's the Antichrist, and he is going to be given the job, all right? And Satan is going to have his influence in that.

So, what I did is I took this and I said, "See, if we can synchronize that with Daniel." Now, I've got some commentaries that I looked at and everything else, and they generally had something along that line. But I wanted to see if I could make it fit king for king.

Now, in my NIV study Bible, they have this chart, and in there are the visions that Daniel has in chapter 2, when Nebuchadnezzar has the dream with the big statue. Then we have the one in chapter 7, where Daniel has a vision, and also the one in chapter 8, where he has another vision.

And he goes through and divides up the statue so that Nebuchadnezzar can end up knowing what he's got. And here is a rough timeline of when these things are taking place and who they are: the Babylonians, the Median Persians, the Greeks, the Romans.

And then they lump everything together here at the bottom and call it a revived Roman Empire at the end, but it's all Roman. Well, to set the basis for it, I'll paraphrase this.

We can go right down here where you know the story. Nebuchadnezzar has a dream, but then he can't remember it.

He calls in his wise men and asks them, and they tell him, "Huh, unless you tell us what it is, we can't interpret it for you." He says, "Ha, ha, ha, you guys. I'm onto you." So, eventually, he says, "You can't do it.

I'll wipe you all out." So, Daniel eventually rescues all of these guys by telling the eunuch, "Hey, let me see the king." So, the head of the statue was made of pure gold. Then the chest and the arms are silver, thighs were bronze, legs were iron, the feet of iron and partly baked clay.

So, there's our statue. I've just covered up the other items that they had in the Bible, in the study Bible, because I don't think the story is correct and give you the reasons for that.

So, then he tells them, "This was the dream, okay? Here, they had a gold, and there will come the next one and then the next one.

And eventually, you'll be down to this point where it'll be a matter of feet and toes of iron and baked clay." And so that this will be a divided kingdom. Now, the popular thing to do there is just, "Ah, divided kingdom." The Roman Empire got divided, the Western Empire, the Eastern Empire, all right? So, that's what it is. But there's nothing that says that the division has to be by two.

We'll find that the division is a lot bigger than two. So, these are the verses that reference and identify each of the parts. And I took the liberty here of separating out the feet and the toes, okay? Because he talks about them separately.

Then he tells them what the interpretation. He says, "Yep, it will have some of the strength of iron in it, the feet and the toes, even as you saw, iron mixed with clay.

And as the toes were partially 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 not remain united." So, they generally take this and lump it together, and they proceed to go through all the verses and keep this lumped together. So then, in chapter 2, we see another piece of this.

"While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet and iron and clay and smashed them.

And then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, the gold were broken." At the same time, so what we see is that there's an order in time, and the rock strikes at the time that it's the feet and the toes of iron and clay. They were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on the threshing floor in the summer. And the wind swept them away without having a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth, all right? So, here we pick up the aspect of a governance that is on the high ground, that the mountain.

And it's a similitude between the big rock that falls in the sea and the ruling mountain over the whole earth. Just like the big rock causes earthquakes all over the earth, causes darkness all over the earth, causes famine all over the earth, causes all of the problems all over the earth, this other mountain will have authority over all of the earth. So, then in the dream, he tells him, all right, that in the time of those days, from head to toes, 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 of those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of the mountain, but not by human hands, a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold to pieces.

Matthew tells us that in a similar way. In those days, all right, John the Baptist came and preached in the desert of Judea, all right, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Jump ahead.

When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he returned to Galilee. And from that time on, Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." And Jesus went throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogue, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness among the people. And this kingdom is what comes to be. Jesus comes to establish a kingdom.

Now, the people that he came to establish it with first, that one. So, it turns to the Gentiles, all right? But while he was on earth, he was focused on the Jews. In chapter 10 of Matthew, we see where Jesus had selected his 12.

These 12, Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. And as you go, preach this message: the kingdom of heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons freely.

You have received, freely give." So, his kingdom starts when this coming king is near, but they reject him. But that doesn't change the mission.

That doesn't change what's going to happen to those toes. So, when we look at these, they have well all well-identified, except for this one, right?

This is going to be the one for the end times. The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future.

The dream is true, and the interpretation is trustworthy. So, this is what Daniel tells. And the king was really impressed and made Daniel the head of all of his wise men. So, in the first year, now we jump ahead to chapter 7. In the first year of Belshazzar, the king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream. Now, this is another example right in here just to refresh our memory.

This is the first year of Belshazzar the king. But back in chapter 5, this is chapter 7. Back in chapter 5, the king, Belshazzar, had died. They're writing on the wall and so on. So, we see that the prophetic books are not tightly chronological. And that's the rule that we have to keep in the back of our heads, that you can't go read into prophetic books, a chronology of the sequence of the pages, because there were a lot of things that happened and there's a lot of flashbacks and so on. So, here we see David has a dream. Daniel has a dream. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. The first was like a lion.

The second, like a bear. Another, and a head of a lion, a leopard, all right? A fourth beast, terrifying, frightening, different from all of the former beasts. Hmm.

So, "Ay, Daniel was troubled in spirit." And so he, and the vision that passed through my mind disturbed me. I approached one of those standing there, all right, by the ancient days, an angel, and asked him the true meaning of all of this.

So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things, the four great beasts of four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. Notice the tense, will.

"But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever, yes, forever and ever." Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all of the others, all right, and most terrifying. So we can see that the toes of the feet and the toes are peculiar, all right? They stand out, and there's something about them that Daniel says, "These are very different than the other guys." So, the gist of it is, then I wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast, all right?

So when we look at that little visual aid that they have in the book, they show Daniel's vision here. And they have the lion and the bear and the leopard and the terrifying and frightening beast that they lump together here.

But when you look at the words, the four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth, all right? So if it's a will, rise from the earth, and then King James says the same thing, which shall arise out of the earth.

So if that's the case, you can't count the first one where Daniel is in that kingdom of Babylon. It's that they will come.

Now, they have to lump the feet and the legs together in order to be able to come up with four. If they're going to count the one that they're in, which they're not supposed to, because it's the will arise. So once you do that, this separates out, because Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel are in this kingdom here, and these are the four that are going to come. And when you do that, these four end up being knocked down a notch. And this one here is really the two that are mentioned separately. So now we've got the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the terrifying one.

And this now is the end times. So now we can take this and match it to what is it that's in Revelation that would look like that? Well, I'm going to skip a couple here to get there because I want to finish early. So here we are with the first vision in chapter 2, all right?

That takes place in 604 BC. Then we have the one in 553, which is the one that Daniel gets, all right? And where this is the terrifying one, all right? And now, the beast that I saw resembled a leopard, and this is in Revelation.

It resembled a leopard, but it had feet like a bear and a mouth like a lion. So if we take our little chart here and put Revelation 13 on the side and the verse, Revelation 13, the beast I saw, all right, that he was terrified, resembled a leopard but had feet like a bear and a mouth like

that of a lion. So now, by separating and keeping the distinction between the legs versus the feet and toes, we see we've got a perfect match with what's in Revelation.

Now, Daniel was over here looking this way. John is down in the end times referring, so they're

in that reverse order. So now, the dragon gave the beast his powers, throne, and his authority. So, we understand that he was given a crown.

And you might say that the UN will be coming out and say, "This is going to be our czar, our leader, to take us through this period of total tribulation that the world is going to go through. We won't have time to run committees and to do this, that, and the other thing.

We're going to give it to one guy, and he can apportion things and do things to make things happen because there's something coming that we can't control, and we know what it's going to do. So, it's not a matter of people believing the prophecies of the Bible.

It'll be a matter of knowing the science. And that science of being able to space travel and shoot rockets to this place and that place is extremely well understood.

There was a rocket that they sent back in the '70s towards Saturn, all right? And it took them like seven years to get there, and it was going beyond. And it crossed the plane of the rings of Saturn to the minute, within a minute of what they calculated it would take. So, when it comes to that stuff, we know our onions.

So this guy is going to have access to all in all. So yeah, he's going to have 42 months, but he won't know that it's 42 months, all right? He thinks he's going to be ruling beyond that time frame, all right? That's why I have these little arrows over here that go beyond.

He thinks it's going to be that, but the Lord comes in that 42nd month and puts a stop to him and a lot of other things. So what we'll do next week, we'll pick this up and we'll take all of these pieces that we've gotten out of Daniel, and we're going to lay them up against this chart.

And what we're going to find is that that statue fits this to a T, all right? So we've got two independent collaborations, what Revelation says and what Daniel said that would have been about 700 years or 600 years before, end up matching.

So that's why in the little bulletin that the pastor put out when we first announced the course was that the 21st century, it's easier to understand the Book of Revelation than the year it was written because we've got the elements that can tie these pieces together that they didn't have back then. So we'll have our little put

together here and what the seven kings were, the five fallen, the one is, and one not yet, all right? And we'll be looking at the one not yet, okay?

So we'll end it there, and next week we'll pick up we'll pick up on the 10 horns and work that in there. Okay. Any questions? We can do some equations.

All right. If there are no questions, then we'll close.