

EZEKIEL 38-39

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INTRO: Have ready **Details of the tribulation; Seven trips; Valley of Megiddo**

We have come to the last message on the war of Ezekiel. Let me just say again that there is not agreement as to when Ezekiel 38-39 happen. I saw a youtube message by Gary Hamrik, who seems to be a good preacher, about Luke 21, Russia, and Ezekiel 38. He said Ezekiel 38 is not about Armageddon. I have long puzzled about Luke 21 so I listened to the message. This preacher said Ezekiel 38 is a military campaign that starts at the beginning of the tribulation. It is likely a seven year military campaign that culminates with the battle of Armageddon. At the end of the tribulation other nations join the Russia campaign. Again we see there is not agreement and I am presenting my view. Where this preacher agreed with my position is that Russia is at war in Israel before Armageddon and it then culminates in the battle of Armageddon.

Today there is big concern about Russia, China, and Iran. I don't see them as doing anything greatly significant until the end of the tribulation. If the war of Psalm 83 or Gog and Magog happens before the tribulation or even in the middle of the tribulation then my interpretation is wrong.

I will put up the points we have covered this far as I see these events unfolding. **(PP Details of the tribulation up to #10)**.

We have come to the Feast of Trumpets. The Lord Jesus returns to earth with the sound of a great trumpet. Matthew 24:30-31 says:

30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This last year at Pentecost I mentioned three trumpets; the first trumpet, the last trumpet, and the great trumpet. The

great trumpet is mentioned in Isaiah 27:13 and I believe it refers to this trumpet. On the Jewish Feast of Trumpets 10 days of mourning begin. We go to those now. Turn to Zechariah 12.

12. Ten days of mourning

An amazing thing happens when Jesus Christ has come back to earth. Zechariah 12:6-14 says:

6 *"In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place - Jerusalem.*

7 *"The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.*

8 *"In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.*

9 *"It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

10 *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

11 *"In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.*

12 *"And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;*

13 *"the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;*

14 *"all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.*

The Feast of Trumpets was fulfilled when Jesus returned with the sound of the great Trumpet. At the Feast of Trumpets, Israel's ten days of mourning begin and it will bring about great repentance. When Jesus returns and they see the One whom they have pierced they begin their mourning for the years they have failed to recognize Him. That is what we see now. So, verse 11 says in that day there shall be a great mourning. They have recognized the Lord Jesus Christ and they now begin to mourn for all the years they have spurned Him. Here, unbelieving Jews begin to turn to Christ while the rest of the world fails to repent.

13. The nations gather at Armageddon **(PP Details #11)**

Now, during Israel's ten days of mourning the nations begin to gather for battle against Jesus Christ. Here is what I propose. Before Jesus returned the kings of the East were at war and when they are done they will have killed 1/3 of mankind. Russia has been destroying Israel. They have Jerusalem in a stranglehold. The antichrist hurries back from Egypt and sets up his royal tents between the Seas and Jerusalem.

Then Jesus Christ comes down and He goes to Bozrah, and from there He comes to Jerusalem. A tremendous earthquake takes place. I believe this is the earthquake spoken of in Ezekiel 38-39 and the one spoken of several times in Revelation. Let me show you those. **(PP see Seven Trips 2, 4 & 8)**

During the days of Israel's mourning Gog begins to meet her doom. Ezekiel 39:4 says:

4 *"You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.*

It seems to me that those of Gog who do not fall on the mountains of Israel flee to Armageddon. Ezekiel 39:4 says they will fall on the mountains of Israel. Verse 5 then says they shall fall on the open field. So do they fall on the mountains or in the field? I believe it is both. Those who escape death on the mountains flee to the armies at Armageddon and they fall on the open field. Let me read those two verses:

4 *"You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the **field** to be devoured.*

5 *"You shall fall on the open **field**; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.*

Here Russia and her allies meet their final doom. The armies of the world now gather at Armageddon. There are the kings of the East, who have already killed 1/3 of mankind. There is Gog and Magog and the nations of those who were allied against Israel. And then there is the antichrist and the nations allied with him. This is the revived Roman Empire and I think it is made up of democratic nations and would include Britain, the USA, Canada, Australia and others.

A site called Biblical Hermeneutics says, "The ten toes cannot be the various Arab nations as some have theorized because the prophecy is speaking of a world dominant nation, unlike (so far) the various Arab speaking nations have been. For this reason, I believe the ten toes most represent the Modern Western Nations which include such countries as Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States."

<https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/5230/what-do-the-toes-represent-in-the-final-kingdom-of-nebuchadnezzar-s-dream-in-dan>

And now we go to Revelation 16. Another event takes place and it is of the devil's own doing. We begin in verse 12:

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

China and the kings that have joined with her, have destroyed 1/3 of mankind. Then the Euphrates River dries up, making a path for their armies to go to Israel. Powerful demons now go out and whisper in the ears of world leaders and through this they are gathered together at Armageddon to destroy Jesus Christ. Russia and the nations with her, the kings of the East and the nations with her, and the antichrist and the nations gathered to him are now united in one cause; destroy Jesus Christ! And the place they gather is here called Armageddon.

[[[Leave out: Interestingly, John Walvoord asks this question at Revelation 16:12-16, "The major problem is how a war is possible when there is a world government under the control of Satan and the beast. Some have interpreted this as a gathering of forces in anticipation of the second coming of Christ. More probably, it reflects a conflict among the nations themselves so hastily put together begins to disintegrate. The armies of the world contending for honors of the battlefield at the very time of the second coming of Christ do all turn, however, and combine their efforts against

Christ and His army from heaven when the glory of the second coming appears in the heavens. It will be the final challenge to divine sovereignty and power as the military might of the world of that day will be engaged in fighting on the very day that Christ returns (cr. Zech. 14:1-3)." See Walvoord Rev. p. 237 underlined section here).]]]

Here is what I recommend. Russia came to Israel to take a spoil. They do this without consulting the antichrist. The kings of the East began a battle to take over the world. By now they have killed 1/3 of the world's population. They also do this without consulting the antichrist. The antichrist has now set up his royal tents between the sea and Jerusalem to take care of both threats against his rule of the world and then Jesus Christ returns.

After the whole world sees Jesus return, suddenly all thoughts of the nations making their own gains comes to an end and they gather together in the Valley of Decision and there they come to an agreement to unite against the biggest threat to them all; Jesus Christ. They now begin to amass their armies at Megiddo, where many great armies of the past have met. Here is a picture of Megiddo and the valley around it

(PP Valley of Megiddo #1&3)

We go to Joel 3. Verses 9-15 says:

9 Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up.

10 Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'"

11 Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.

12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

13 Put in the **sickle**, (check sickle in Rev.) for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness is great."

Note the word "sickle" in verse 13. Look at this word in Revelation. **(See Revelation 7 trips slide 7.)**

Now note verse 14:

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

I think it most likely that here the leaders of the various armies will gather to make a decision on what to do with Jesus Christ. Gog and the Kings of the East have been doing their own thing in rebellion against the antichrist, but now they have a greater enemy. And so they gather and the decision is to gather their armies at Megiddo and put in motion a united effort to defeat Jesus Christ. As Herod and Pilate were made friends because they had a common problem, so Gog and the Kings of the East and the antichrist unite against a common enemy.

Where is the valley of Jehoshaphat or the valley of decision? It is the Kidron valley that runs between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. When you see the dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, the picture is usually taken looking across this valley. It begins right there. And multitudes are in the valley of decision. I tend to think that world leaders will meet here to decide what to do and the decision will be to gather their armies at Megiddo and to seek to defeat the Lord Jesus and His army.

During the time when the armies gather at Megiddo, we have the days of Israel's mourning and repentance. When the Jews have repented of their wickedness and the Day of Atonement has been fulfilled, the Lord Jesus now will fight against

all those nations at Megiddo. That brings us to the battle of Armageddon.

14. The Day of Atonement (**PP Details #12**)

When Israel's 10 days of mourning come to an end and Israel has repented we come to the Day of Atonement. This is Yom Kippur. Earlier we saw the Feast of Trumpets when Jesus came back to earth. Between the Feast of Trumpets and the Feast of the Day of Atonement is 10 days. These were the days of repentance for Israel. I believe that is what happens here. While the armies are busily gathering at Megiddo Israel is mourning their failure to recognize Jesus Christ when He came the first time. Finally, Israel is brought to repentance. Here is another date we know. We don't know what year, but we know the day of the year. It is the tenth day after Israel's New Year's-day, which was on the Feast of Trumpets.

Zechariah 12:9 now says:

9 "It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

In the next verses Zechariah describe Israel's mourning. It is at this time that Israel turns to God.

Romans 11:25-27 says:

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

When this happens, the significance of the Day of Atonement, which even today is Israel's highest holy day, will be fulfilled. On this Day of Atonement the feast will be literally fulfilled.

15. The battle of Armageddon **(PP Details #13)**

Armageddon is the place of battle the whole world has heard of. The day Jesus Christ returned to earth was the fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets. The Jews began their days of mourning at that time. Then they repented and the Day of Atonement was fulfilled. Israel has been saved, and now the Lord will take care of all Israel's enemies at Armageddon.

From the Feast of Trumpets to the Day of Atonement is ten days. From the Day of Atonement to the Feast of Booths, or the day that speaks of the beginning of the millennium is another five days. So I am suggesting that this battle will be completed in a few days.

When the nations are gathered at Armageddon, the Lord Jesus comes and Revelation 16:17-20 says this:

17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

You will remember that when David faced Goliath and this Giant of a man came toward him, David could hardly wait to fight, so he ran to meet Goliath.

When the world gathers against Jesus Christ and they have set up their armies, the Lord does not wait for them to begin. He goes to them and defeats them where they have met. Let me show you two great harvests in the book of Revelation. **(PP Seven Trips #7)**

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

Here the last of the saints are martyred. The Grain Harvest is completed! Then another angel gets out his sickle. Verses 16-20 then say:

16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

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the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Here is the two hundred mile valley these verses speak of. **(PP Valley of Megiddo #2)**

We now see a close similarity between Ezekiel's war and Armageddon. Ezekiel 39:17-20 says this:

17 "And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; Gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you, A great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, That you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, Drink the blood of the princes of the earth, Of rams and lambs, Of goats and bulls, All of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 You shall eat fat till you are full, And drink blood till you are drunk, At My sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing for you.

20 You shall be filled at My table With horses and riders, With mighty men And with all the men of war," says the Lord GOD.

Turn now to Revelation 19. Here we have the very same picture. Verses 17-21 records what happens here like this:

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

Verses 19-21 then say:

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

It is here that I remind us of Ezekiel 39:1-5. Here the Lord prophecies like this:

1 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;

2 "and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

3 "Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand.

4 "You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 "You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.

Note that in verse 4 he has just said that they would fall on the mountains of Israel. Now in verse 5 it says they will fall on the open field. They both die on the mountains of Israel when Jesus comes and those who flee to Megiddo die in the field. And in both places they are consumed by vultures.

As I see it, the nations are gathered in the valley of Megiddo. Here is a picture of Megiddo in the valley of Jezreel. It has been the scene of many battles. **(PP Valley of Megiddo #1)**

I recommend that here the nations are gathering to deal with Christ. Ezekiel 39:5 said Gog would fall on the open field. The word "field" can mean, among other things, a cultivated field. They will flee here where they think they will find safety but when Christ gets to the valley of Megiddo, there they die on the open field. Do they die on the mountains, or on the open field? Yes to both.

Revelation 14:20 says this:

20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

So the battle takes place for 200 miles. **(PP Valley of Megiddo #2)**

Well, the armies of the whole world are no match for Jesus Christ. It is here that Matthew 24:29 is fulfilled. It says:

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Earlier we read in Joel 3. Verses 15-16 then tell us what will happen after they come out of the Valley of Decision:

15 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.

16 The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

It is at this time that Revelation 6:12-17 takes place?

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

17 "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Who is able to stand? No one! Well, after the battle of Armageddon, this world falls silent. There is only the sound of birds and animals feeding on all the dead. Earlier we read that the Lord instructed mankind to beat their plowshares into swords. But now Micah 4:3 takes place. The prophet says:

3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

Go now to Revelation 19 for the last events. The next thing that takes place is that the antichrist and the false prophet are destroyed. We see this in verses 20:

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

After this, the rest of mankind is killed with the sword as verse 21 says:

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

As I see it, all of mankind except professing believers and true believers are left alive on earth.

What happens next is that Satan is bound and we see this in Revelation 20:1-3. It says:

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

The tribulation has come to a close and the millennium will now begin.

16. The Feast of Booths - **#14**

We have come to the fulfillment of the last Feast of Israel, the Feast of Booths! We have now seen the fulfillment of all seven of the feasts of Israel. In the first section of the feasts, which happens in the grain harvest, which gives us the

bread of communion we have four feasts fulfilled.
(PP Details of Trib #15)

They are Passover, Unleavened Bread, and first fruits. Between the two groups of three is Pentecost, picturing the giving of the law and the birth of the Church.

In the last section of three feasts we have the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the feast of booths signifying the millennium. **(PP Details of Trib #16)**

These feasts take place in the grape harvest time. It is here that Jesus Christ treads the winepress!

Now note that the first three feasts happen just before the Church age begins. The Church begins at the middle feast, the Feast of Pentecost. Then the last three feasts are fulfilled just after the Church age ends. The first 4 feasts happen during the grain harvest. The last three happen during the grape harvest time, which speaks of judgment.

III. THE PROBLEMS OF HARMONIZING EZEKIEL 38-39 & ARMAGEDDON

A. Of the Differences

In an earlier message I gave the problems J. Dwight Pentecost suggests in harmonizing Ezekiel 38-39 with Armageddon. He says they cannot be the same battle and then he lists the reasons (See Pentecost 344-345). In a previous message I gave 9 points to show Ezekiel 38-39 and Armageddon cannot both happen at the end of the tribulation. If you would go over those points you would find that most of these arguments disappear with the process of events as I have given them. To save time I'll just go over the most difficult points which are points 1, 2, 7, 9.

He says first they can't be the same battle because:

1. In the battle of Gog definite allies are mentioned, while in Armageddon all nations are engaged (Joel 3:2; Zeph. 3:8; Zech. 12:3; 14:4).

Answer: As I see it, Gog comes first with a number of allies to take a spoil, but while Gog is

battling Jerusalem, Jesus Christ comes. After this, all the nations join together to defeat Jesus Christ at Armageddon.

Reason #2 why these can't be the same battle:

2. Gog comes from the north while at Armageddon the armies come from the whole earth.

Answer: Gog comes from the north to plunder Israel first. Then Jesus Christ comes and defends Jerusalem. It is after this all the other nations come and gather at Armageddon.

I will leave out a few arguments that are self-explanatory with what I have presented and skip to the seventh reason Pentecost gives that these cannot be the same war is that. He says:

7. Gog's armies are arrayed in the open field (Ezek. 39:5) while at Armageddon they are seen at Jerusalem (Zech. 14:2-4).

I do not understand this argument. Armageddon is not at Jerusalem, it is in the open field at Megiddo. Ezekiel 39:4 says they fall on the mountains of Israel and 39:5 says they fall on the open field and both are true. They begin to fall on the mountains of Israel and as I see it, they flee to the valley in which Megiddo is and there they are completely destroyed.

9. One problem not mentioned by Pentecost that I found the most difficult of all was that Ezekiel says 4 times that Israel is dwelling in safety when Russia comes against her (38:8; 38:11; 38:14; 39:26). That does not fit if the antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel in the middle of the tribulation because then they would no longer dwell in safety or securely.

The answer to that is that the Bible nowhere says that the antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel. We jump to that conclusion from Daniel 9:27 and I have explained that in an earlier message.

B. Problem of the Similarities

If these two are two separate battles there is the problem of the similarities in Ezekiel 38-39 with Armageddon. That is the great earthquake and the vultures gathering to devour the dead. This difficulty disappears if they are the same battle.

CONCL: And to conclude, the great question of Ezekiel 38-39 is when does this battle happen? I have proposed that it happens at the end of the tribulation. Today we see the alignment of the nations taking place. It is only in the last 50-60 years that China has become economically prominent in the world. Today we see China becoming capable of fulfilling the prophecies the book of Revelation makes about it.

I would add one other thing that stands out to me now. As I have studied these two chapters I would no longer say that countries such as England, Canada, Australia and the United States will not play a large role in the future. I think they, together with some European nations, will be part of the Antichrist's ten nation confederacy and will play a part in the antichrist's rule over the rest of the world.

Which government is the most prominent government at the end of man's rule on earth? The image of Daniel 2 tells us. It is not Russia, nor China, nor the Muslim nations. It is the ten toes of the great image which speak, I believe, in a large part of Western democratic nations. It is with these thoughts that I watch what is happening in our Western world with much greater interest.

What will happen more and more in the future? I believe it will be globalization. The prominent Canadian psychologist, Dr. Jordan Peterson recently spoke to powerful globalists with these words, "Leave us alone." Before I read it, let me explain that when he speaks of Gaia that means worshipping the earth and Machiavellian means cunning, scheming and unscrupulous. Here is what he said and let me give it in the tone of voice he used:

"Leave us alone, you centralizers of power, you worshippers of Gaia, you sacrificers of the wealth and property of others, you would be planetary savers, you Machiavellian pretenders and virtue signallers, objecting to power, all the while you gather around you madly, leave us alone!"

He is frustrated with globalization. Well, the facts are they will not leave us alone and more and more we will become a global village. We are living in momentous days. And I believe

that soon Jesus will return for the Church and then let me show you the time-line I believe will play out:

(PP Details of the tribulation 1-14).

Look at number #1. Even today we could arrive there. Look at number 14. By 2030 we may be living in the millennium! That is only a few years away. And then, by that time we may have been raptured and living in heaven for seven years! So Jesus said, "What I say to you I say to all, (what was it He said to do?) Watch!"