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Last-Day Global Power Coalition 13 Identifiers of the 10 Last-Day Kings

- Part II

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The Bible provides a number of clues and characteristics about the identity of the last world power structure — the coalition of 10 kings mentioned or pictured in Daniel 2 and 7 and Revelation 12, 13, and 17 — that give their power to the Antichrist. Their identity will only become clear in the Tribulation Period. They will reign for a very short time of “one hour” (Revelation 17:12).

Highly likely, all of the countries giving rise to these kings are already in position. Might you be living in one of these nations that will have the dubious honor of giving rise to such kings?

To this point in our 3-part series, we have simply established that the universe of “Roman-type people” (Daniel 9:26) countries could be much larger than just European countries. Can we narrow this larger universe of countries to a smaller subset? Could all 10 be from Europe or the present-day European Union, or might Canada, the US or Brazil be contained in that number? We will now pursue these questions further.

Detailed Distinctions and Features of the 10 Kings

We find at least 13 scriptural sets of identifiers for these 10 kings that can aid us in projecting just which countries could comprise this group. Let's review them. They are listed here along with a brief commentary and supporting Scripture references.

1. **They must have “power and authority”** to give to the Antichrist (Revelation 17:11). It is most likely that these characteristics will derive from the invested powers of the countries over which they preside. Yes, we must leave open the possibility that these kings could represent the heads of certain multilateral organiza-



tions such as NATO or groups of countries rather than that of a specific country. However, we consider this possibility as unlikely. Since the 10-king coalition is already a group, is it likely that it would be comprised of a group of groups? If so, it could introduce quite a few conflicts and overlaps in its governance. Remember that this final power coalition takes form quite quickly and is then able to project its might upon the world in short order. To recall, such transnational groups as the 191-member United Nations or the 26-member NATO have proven remarkably ponderous and unresponsive in the past.

2. The king must be an actual sovereign leader... in other words, a person. All Scripture references to this 10-strong, last-day power structure refer only to kings, not to countries. The heads on the beast in Revelation 17 symbolize two separate meanings —both “mountains” (verse 9) and “they are also seven kings” (verse 10). In symbolical usage in Scripture, mountains and hills always depict the sovereign power of a nation or regime. For example, the final dominant sovereign power upon earth is shown as “a huge mountain [that] filled the whole earth” (Daniel 2:35). That depicts the reign of Jesus Christ Himself during the Millennial Period.

The definition of a king, however, is different than a mountain and refers to a specific individual. Therefore, the seven kings (Revelation 17:10) of the seven mountains and the coalition of 10 kings (verse 12) or the 10 horns (verse 7) refer to specific leaders. Therefore, as a king cannot be a country, we must look for countries or entities that have an individual leader in some constitutional form.

3. The leader or king of an eligible country must be a male. All references in Daniel 2, 7 and Revelation 12, 13, 17, 18 refer to kings. Obviously, they are not

queens. A standard definition of the word “king” makes this distinction amply clear — “a male sovereign; ruler of a kingdom [syn: male monarch].”¹ However, since country leaders can change quite rapidly, using this characteristic as a screening factor at any given time point before actual fulfillment is tenuous. Therefore, our results will list all countries that qualify under all of the other screening criteria, whether they currently have male leaders or not. (Ms. Angelica Merkel, current chancellor of Germany, will not be around forever!) At this time, only 14 of the world’s countries are headed by women.

4. The country of the candidate king must stem predominantly from a Roman-type people or society, not necessarily a country located in the general area of the original Roman Empire at its apex. The supporting reference for this trait is found in Daniel 9:26: “The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.” This statement specifically refers to the military destruction of Jerusalem and the Jewish temple, which occurred under Caesar Titus, in 70 A.D.

Since it was the people of Rome who destroyed the temple, it is then concluded that the final 10 kings from among whom the Antichrist arises (“the ruler”) must come from the stock of these same “people.” Just who were these people? We reviewed this question in Part I and concluded that geography cannot be conclusively shown to identify the Revived Roman Empire. At the very least, they

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must be people of the population stock and/or society from which the Roman army was drawn in the first century A.D. Therefore, it is only logical to conclude that a last-day empire related to the original Roman Empire must also include all the Roman-type offshoots that have populated the world.

5. The 10 kings very likely will preside over a mixed-race, multi-tribe country. Daniel 2 describes one of the two meanings of “iron and clay.” [...] the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay” (Daniel 2:43). This feature applied to the 10 toes as well as the feet in the image given in Daniel 2. Therefore, this indicates one or two conditions. Countries predominantly of a single race, tribe, or ethnic group will not qualify as countries where “the people will be a mixture.” Or, the entire 10 nations as a group are of a mixture that is not united. Another meaning of the mixture of “iron and clay” refers to differences in military power. (See point 9)

6. **Pluralism and Paganism.** We see a religious “prostitute” riding on the beast in Revelation 17:1-2. As such, the 10 kings on the seventh head of the beast (representing the last Gentile/human kingdom — note: Gentile means non-Jew, in other words, not deriving from the kingdom of Judah) must be among those kings that are fornicating with her. “With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries” (Revelation 17:2). These kings are also shown in Revelation 18. “The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries”



(Revelation 18:3). Only later, will they “bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire” (Revelation 17:16).

This would only be possible in pluralistic, multicultural, post-Christian cultures. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that the majority of the populations of the countries that these kings (leaders) lead must be either pagan or apostate. After all, the mindset of the “people” of Roman power during the 1st century was also essentially pagan — incidentally, many of its traditions are still imbedded in modern Christian symbolism, forms and pageantry.

As almost all of the powerful countries in the world today are democratic, a pagan leader indeed must represent the “will of the people.” It is therefore likely that only populations given over to pagan ways will elect 10 leaders that ally with the Antichrist. (For another perspective on this point, please read *The Evolved Modern Pagan Man*, MCM January 2005).

But just who is this religious prostitute that rides upon the kings? Is she already in existence? Could it be the Roman Catholic Church? Many Bible-reading Christians have made this connection for at least a thousand years. If so, the influence of the Roman Catholic Church must



be one of the factors we must consider in our survey. But, here we will face some challenges. Ecumenism is in progress today, clearly opening up the possibility that many other Christian sects (and even pagan religions!) may come under the primacy of Rome. There is certainly ample evidence today of developments in that direction.

7. Religion fused with the economy. An additional distinguishing feature we can glean from the accounts of Revelation 17 and 18 is that religious and commercial spheres of the world have merged. In other words, religion and mammon have converged at the time of the 10 kings. A grand ecumenism of God — the so-called “form of godliness” (2 Timothy 3:5) — and money has occurred. Not inconsequentially, this matches the conditions described by Peter for the latter days (see 2 Peter 3:1-5).

In fact, this was a condition that applied to all six earlier kingdoms depicted in the prophetic visions (Daniel, Revelation) from ancient Rome right back to Egypt. At one time or another during their history, the king or leader of a nation was the political/economic head as well as its high priest, religious head or considered to be a god. The two spheres were fused in one person. The same grand convergence is evident within much of Christianity today.

8. Power Aided by an Enslaving, Greedy Debt System. A common presumption is that since the last-day power regime is ruthless, powerful and brutal, then it must therefore also be powerfully wealthy as a creditor to the world’s poor nations and peoples. Technically, this may not be correct. Yes, wealth, trade and greed do play a key role during the time of the last-day ruler. Revelation 18 and the accounts of prophetic Tyre and many other Scrip-

tures attest to the prominent roles of riches and greed.

Prophetic Scripture clearly indicates that this endtime world will be marked by an extremely skewed wealth distribution in the world (James 5:1-6) and a debt-based system. After all, high indebtedness must be the mirror image of a situation where few are rich while many are relatively poor. We already see this condition today. In fact, some economists argue that the world is witnessing the most extreme wealth skew in history. In the context of our 10-king search, could it be significant that of the 20 countries with the greatest wealth imbalances in the world today, 17 are predominantly Roman Catholic? We will find out in Part III whether such conditions are a factor in our final 10-king projections.

The Antichrist and his cohort may find themselves indebted to the rest of the world. Consider this condition mentioned in Habakkuk 2:7: “Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and that ladeth himself with pledges!” In other words, IOUs. When the doom finally comes for the Antichrist and the last-day global economic system, the remaining people of the world will finally rise up in revenge and plunder them (see Zechariah 2:8-9, also Habakkuk 2:6-7).

Whatever the case, prophetic Scripture clearly outlines a controlling system based upon debt. As a direct result (although not the only reason), many people will be enslaved in the world during the reign of the 10-king power coalition. Given these indications, it must then be correct to conclude that a heavy, oppressive debt system must mark most if not all of the 10-nation powers that give rise to the final 10-kings.

Next, we are given descriptions that apply to the mix or the composition of the kings. There are at least five sets of such tests (points 9-13).

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9. Both Militarily Strong and Weak. The feet and toes will be “strong as iron — for iron breaks and smashes everything” (Daniel 2:40) and “have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay” (verse 41), and therefore “this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle” (verse 42). As such, our final power coalition must be comprised of both militarily strong nations, as well as weaker ones.

10. Divided Kingdom. The last-day power coalition “will be a divided kingdom” (Daniel 2:41) and “will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay” (verse 43). This is an important distinction. While there indeed are 10 kings that give their power to the Antichrist, they themselves are likely not united anymore than through a forum, a common interest or a transnational group — such as the G-10, for example — and will possibly have a stronger association with the Antichrist than with each other. This stipulation alone warns us not to expect the obvious. It is possible therefore that the 10-king coalition will not be easily identifiable until the very last moment.

11. The member nation of which the king derives must suitably fit as part of a 10-nation constellation of world power

that is relatively balanced with no one superpower prevailing. In Daniel 2 we see depicted “feet and toes” (Daniel 2:41). While toes are of varying size, neither is the largest toe vastly greater than the smallest.

Also to consider is that there are two “big toes” and not just one. The account of the vision of the four beasts in Daniel 7 also does not indicate any meaningful size differences in the 10 horns, which depict the last-day 10 kings. Their sizes are not mentioned. This is significant, as size differences are accounted for several times in this vision. For example, “there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them” (Daniel 7:8).

If indeed an all-powerful and supportive superpower did exist in the world at the time of the dragon-possessed Antichrist, he would not need a 10-nation coalition to force his will upon the world. A logical conclusion therefore is that America (the only world superpower at present) will likely diminish before the 10-king coalition arrives on the scene. This must occur in either a relative or absolute sense as compared to the 10-nation coalition. This is certainly one reason the rise of the European Union and the “kings of the east” (Revelation 16:12) are definitely of prophetic significance.

12. The combined “power and authority” of the 10 kings must be sufficient to rule the world even to the point of imposing their policies and wishes. Scripture says that the final ruler is able to impose his peace deal with Israel. “Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?” (Revelation 13:4) Also, “he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation” (Revelation 13:7).

At this point, both the Dragon and the 10 kings will have given their authority to this beast — a coalition of 10 kings (later only 7) led by the Antichrist. If the combined power of the 10 kings that our survey



projects at this time is insufficient to do so, then we have the wrong list. Two more points apply with respect to composition.

13. Babylonish, Tolerant, Democratic and Beastly. The last beast with 10 horns is shown in Revelation 13 as a composite picture of all four kingdoms (3 of them predecessors) that Daniel saw (Daniel 2, 7). Here, the last-day beast is portrayed as a composite picture with characteristics of a leopard, bear and lion. These are the same symbols that portrayed Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and ancient Roman in the vision of Daniel 7.

Why are all four shown as one animal in Revelation 13? It reveals that the latest evolved form of the Roman-type empire embraces certain characteristics of these former regimes. Just what are the characteristics that therefore mark that last day 10-king regime? For an exploration of this topic read, "Finding the Traces of the Beast Behind Modernity" (MCM, May 2005). We discover at least 7 commonalities behind all of these previous kingdoms. Yet, each society mentioned by Daniel has left a legacy to succeeding regimes.

Babylon was the source of pagan religions and much of today's commercialism. Persia/Media exhibited tolerance and secular humanism. Greece was marked by democracy and the elevation of human reason. Finally, we are still living in the direct legacy of the Roman Empire. In the form of law, civil organization, military techniques to many other influences, Western society today remains essentially Roman. Rome was a ferocious, military beast 2,000 years ago. The latest version of this Roman-based regime, both militarily and economically, is even a more ferocious beast, one that certainly is stamping much of the world under its feet (Daniel 7:7, 7:19).

Importantly, these last five sets of compositional criteria for our 10-king power coalition serve as final tests for any 10-king

candidates. Does the final 10-country projection together have enough economic power, military strength, etc. to rule the world? Is a mix of weak and military strong nations represented? Are they all pluralistic, democratic and pagan?

Thoughts To Ponder

No doubt, as you have been considering the clues and characteristics just reviewed, at least one question may be on your lips: Just where does the United States, the world's only superpower, fit in this line-up? There can really only be two answers: The USA will be part of the 10-king coalition or it will not. Either answer leads to some provocative postulations.

Now that we have reviewed most if not all of the key characteristics of the final 10-kings, we are ready to start the selection process. In Part III, we will delve into our global statistical databases for the latest information to discover exactly where the strings of global power are concentrated. We have compiled a statistical methodology that projects which 10 "power broker" countries of today could give rise to the final 10 kings. Assuming, that the time of the final 10-kings is near, we may be able to propose some possible identities of just who these countries may be according to various interpretations of the "people" that Daniel mentions in Daniel 9:26. Could all 10 candidates come from Europe, thus providing an external support of the Revived Roman Empire view? Or, will it be a group more akin to the Holy Roman Empire? What role do the 57 Muslim nations in the world today play in this final power coalition? Doing so, we will again remember that the final identities will only be known in the Tribulation Period. "They have not yet received a kingdom, but will receive authority for one hour" (Revelation 17:12). 📧

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ENDNOTES

1 King - definition by dict.die.net.