

The European Union

Europe plays an important role in Bible prophecy. The EU Parliament building in Strasbourg, France is designed as a replica of the unfinished structure of the Tower of Babel built in Genesis 11, (Babylon)



And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy (Revelation 13:1).

Bible end-time prophecy details past, present and future events to take place. For Christians to understand the time we are now living in, we must first understand events that have shaped the past, as they are relevant to the present and the future.

The Formation of the European Union

After Israel became a nation on 19th May 1948, on the 9th May 1950, six European nations came together in Rome to form the start of the revived Roman Empire, this was the Treaty of Rome. The six nations were France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Belgium. Four other nations joined in 1973, Britain, Ireland and Denmark, Greece joined in 1981 making this a ten-nation confederation, today called the European Union (EU). The fall of communism in Eastern Europe in late 1980's, early 1990's removed barriers and allowed the EU to expand. Germany was reunited as a nation. The Treaty of Rome still remains one of the core documents of the EU today.

A Revived Roman Empire of 10

Many believe this was Bible-prophecy being fulfilled, the resurrected Roman Empire with 10 nations. However, it continued to grow from 10 nations to 28. The EU is now a superpower. It is an economic and political partnership with 28 countries as members that covers a large part of the continent. It was formed with intentions of economic cooperation, the countries that trade with each another would be economically interdependent and more likely to avoid conflict. Revelation 13: 1-7 gives details of a beast emerging. The ten horns on the beast correspond to the ten toes on the statue in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel and represent the resurrected Roman Empire. The ten toes that stem from the statue, the fourth kingdom, indicate this is an extension of the Old Roman Empire.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. (Daniel 7:7)

The European Union is the attempt to resurrect the old Roman Empire that was under the authority of the Pope. The Vatican have an important role in a European Super-state. The current Pope has mentioned religious unity on various occasions.

The common factor in the illustrations is the number 10; 10 toes, 10 heads and 10 horns. Although each of them have a different understanding, they all point towards a 10 nation-confederation of kings (presidents or leaders) who are eventually controlled by a 'little horn' mentioned in Daniel 7, the Antichrist.

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. (Daniel 7:8)

According to Daniel, the little horn (Antichrist) will rise to power and overthrow three of the first horns. The nations in the EU, although they are all part the EU, are divided. Most of us could agree the EU is made up of stronger and more powerful countries while other nations are weaker.

Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. (Daniel 2:41)

The Bible is focused more on the ten major nations of the European Union, this could be the original ten. Will the EU be reduced to 10 nations with possible referendums on the horizon, or could Britain exiting bring the downfall of the EU, with a new, powerful and diplomatic leader emerging to form a new alliance of 10 nations. The future EU could be divided into ten areas. With Britain exiting the EU, we are seeing Bible end-time prophecy being fulfilled, but there are still 2 more nations that must leave or be uprooted from the 10.

Adolf Hitler attempted to conquer and unite Europe. The EU has one parliament which rules over member nations and has one currency. A New World Order and One World Government detailed in Revelation 13 is soon to emerge and has already been spoken of on several occasions by Pope Francis and UN leaders. The European super-state could be the foundations laid for a one world government with a one world dictator, the Antichrist. It is possible the leader of the end-time system will arise from a region of the historic Roman Empire. Even though we do not know exactly how it will all come about, we can already see the evidence and preparations for this, eventually it will come to pass as the Bible says it will before Christ returns.