

The Three Nation Coalition

While Daniel "was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth uttering great boasts" (Dan. 7:8). When Daniel asked for an explanation of what he had just seen in this prophetic vision he was told, "As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another [king] will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings" (v. 24).

Daniel had just envisioned prophecy that foretold Antichrist's overthrow of three nations which he will more than likely use to dominate the ten-nation confederacy of Satan's final beast empire. We further learn from the angel's explanation to the Apostle John that "the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast [Antichrist] for one hour. These have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast" (Rev. 17:12, 13).

The seventieth week will begin with the signing of a covenant between Antichrist and the nation of Israel, most probably for the sake of Israel's safety from her surrounding Muslim neighbors. In addition, as in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes, this covenant will be made with a group of nations Israel would otherwise consider to be a threat. Since this new, three-nation coalition will be Germanic/Russian in their ancestry, and since Israel will not initially realize that the "covenant maker" will be Antichrist incognito, the worst Jew-hater of all time, the case could be made that a covenant with the leader of these three, powerful Aryan nations would be in her best interests in the long run.

Whatever the case or motivation for the covenant may be, before the seventieth week begins, we can expect to see the overthrow and consolidation of those three nations to form this new, three-nation coalition that Antichrist will use to build his empire and make his deal with Israel. Whether some of the seven other nations line up immediately with Antichrist, I am not sure. But the overthrow of the initial three nations is a specific event that will be immediately recognizable to those looking for it, and must occur before the covenant is made between Antichrist and Israel.

For this reason, close attention should be given to the events occurring in Germany and the former Soviet republics, since it is from some combination of these peoples that the new coalition will come. In this regard it is worth noting a very interesting article in the April 13, 1992 edition of Time magazine, which came to my attention just as I was putting the finishing touches on the manuscript for this book. Although it would be easy to editorialize on this article, I will let the reader come to his own conclusions. The following excerpts from this article are indeed worthy of attention:

AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY THERE HAS BEEN TALK OF GIVING GERMANY A PERMANENT ROLE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL-EITHER DIRECTLY, WITH A SEAT OF ITS OWN, OR BY ESTABLISHING A EUROPEAN SEAT, WHICH THE GERMANS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY DOMINATE. "WHAT WE SEE-SOME AMONG US WITH A SHUDDER-IS GERMANY TAKING THE HELM IN EUROPE," SAYS JAMES ROLLO OF LONDON'S ROYAL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

AN ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER CARICATURED FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER WEARING A SWASTIKA, AND TURKISH PRESIDENT TURGUT OZAL DARKLY WARNED THAT "GERMANY CHANGED A LOT AFTER UNIFICATION. IT IS AS IF IT IS TRYING TO INTERVENE IN EVERYTHING, INTERFERE WITH EVERYONE, TRYING TO PROVE IT IS A GREAT POWER. IN THE PAST, HITLER'S GERMANY DID THE SAME THING."

THESE SIGNS OF ASSERTIVENESS ARE THE MORE UNSETTLING BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT SUCH A DEPARTURE FROM GERMANY'S POSTWAR BEHAVIOR.

BY CONTRIBUTING ABOUT 70% OF ALL ASSISTANCE PLEDGED BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD TO THE NEW ENTITIES RISING FROM THE WRECKAGE OF THE OLD SOVIET UNION, GERMANY HAS EMERGED AS THE POINT NATION FOR MANAGING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES [THE FORMER U.S.S.R.]. THE SAME HOLDS FOR THE REST OF THE OLD EAST BLOC, WHERE GERMAN BUSINESS IS OVERWHELMINGLY IN FRONT. "THE MORE THE EAST IS EMPTIED OF SOVIET POWER, THE MORE IT IS BEING REPLACED BY GERMANY'S," OBSERVES FRENCH HISTORIAN GEORGES VALANCE.

"INDISPUTABLY, GERMANY IS GOING TO OCCUPY A TOTALLY DOMINANT POSITION IN THE YEARS TO COME," SAYS SIMON PETERMANN, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT BRUSSELS FREE UNIVERSITY.

"EXCEPT FOR HITLER YOU HAVE TO GO BACK A LONG WAY TO FIND A GERMAN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT WHO SPEAKS SO PROVOCATIVELY AND INSENSITIVELY ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD," SAYS HEINRICH JAENECKE, A COLUMNIST FOR THE WEEKLY STERN. "HUBRIS HAS LED THIS NATION ASTRAY MORE THAN ONCE. THE OLD SYMPTOMS ARE REAPPEARING."

As will be discussed in the next chapter, there is strong reason to believe that several of the remaining seven nations will not align themselves with Antichrist until sometime after the seventieth week begins. * This author, however, is not adamant about the initial size of the final beast empire at the inception of the seventieth week. It may consist only of the new three-nation coalition, or these three plus several others, or perhaps all ten nations will come together at the same time, although the latter does not seem as likely. Whatever the alignment of these particular ten nations, it is the only event that needs to occur before the covenant can be signed with Israel, initiating the seventieth week.

* ALTHOUGH I AM NOT ADAMANT ABOUT THIS VIEW, THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR TAKING IT. ONE IS LOGICAL IN NATURE; THE OTHER HAS A SCRIPTURAL BASIS.

THE LOGICAL REASON IS THAT ANTICHRIST WILL BE A LEADER TO WHOM TEN NATIONS WILL ULTIMATELY YIELD. SPECIFICALLY, DANIEL TELLS US THAT HE WILL PERSONALLY SUBDUE THREE OF THESE NATIONS. NOW YOU HAVE A LOGICAL CHOICE. WILL ANTICHRIST HAVE TO SUBDUE THESE THREE NATIONS AFTER ALL TEN KINGS HAVE ALREADY YIELDED TO HIS RULE, OR WILL HE SUBDUE THESE THREE GROUPS BEFORE THE REST YIELD, THUS DEMONSTRATING HIS POWER AND POPULARITY AS AN INCENTIVE FOR THE OTHERS TO JOIN HIS TEN-NATION CONFEDERATION? TO ME, THE LATTER MAKES MORE SENSE THAN THE FORMER.

THE SCRIPTURAL REASON IS A LITTLE MORE COMPLEX. FIRST, A KEY PASSAGE IN CHAPTER 38 OF EZEKIEL REVEALS THAT THE ANCESTRAL LINES OF THE LIBYANS AND ETHIOPIANS WILL BE PART OF ANTICHRIST'S ARMY WHEN HE MOVES AGAINST ISRAEL AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK. THIS OBVIOUSLY SUGGESTS THAT THESE TWO PEOPLES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SEVEN SECONDARY NATIONS OF THIS FINAL TEN-NATION EMPIRE:

SON OF MAN, SET YOUR FACE TOWARD GOG OF THE LAND OF MAGOG, THE PRINCE OF ROSH, MESHECH, AND TUBAL, AND PROPHECY AGAINST HIM.... AND I WILL TURN YOU ABOUT, AND PUT HOOKS INTO YOUR JAWS, AND I WILL BRING YOU OUT [FROM YOUR OWN HOMELANDS], AND ALL YOUR ARMY, HORSES AND HORSEMEN ... PERSIA, ETHIOPIA [CUSH], AND PUT [LIBYA] WITH THEM, ALL OF THEM WITH SHIELD AND HELMET. ... [AND] AFTER MANY DAYS YOU WILL BE SUMMONED; IN THE LATTER YEARS YOU WILL COME INTO THE LAND THAT IS RESTORED FROM THE SWORD, WHOSE INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN GATHERED FROM MANY NATIONS TO THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL. (EZEK. 38:2, 4, 5, 8)

THE SIGNIFICANT TRUTH HERE IS THIS: PUT (THE LIBYANS) AND CUSH (THE ETHIOPIANS) WILL BE AMONG THE NATIONS THAT COME WITH ANTICHRIST AGAINST ISRAEL AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK. IT IS THEREFORE SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THEY WILL BE PART OF THE TEN-NATION FINAL BEAST EMPIRE OF SATAN. YET DANIEL REVEALS THAT THESE TWO NATIONS WILL NOT BE CONQUERED BY ANTICHRIST UNTIL SOMETIME JUST BEFORE THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK:

AND HE WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE STRONGEST OF FORTRESSES WITH THE HELP OF A FOREIGN GOD; HE WILL GIVE GREAT HONOR TO THOSE WHO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL CAUSE THEM TO RULE OVER THE MANY, AND WILL PARCEL OUT LAND FOR A PRICE.... THEN HE WILL STRETCH OUT HIS HAND AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES, AND THE LAND OF EGYPT WILL NOT ESCAPE. BUT HE WILL GAIN CONTROL OVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF GOLD AND SILVER, AND OVER ALL THE PRECIOUS THINGS OF EGYPT; AND LIBYANS [PUT] AND ETHIOPIANS [CUSH] WILL FOLLOW AT HIS HEELS. (DAN. 11:39, 42, 43)

Summing it up

The conclusions that we can draw from the material outlined in this chapter have far-reaching significance for every believer and non-believer alike. We have seen, first, that there are certain prior conditions which must exist before the seven-year period of the end times can begin-and that each one of these prior conditions already exists. In addition to this, we have seen that there are certain prior events which must be in place before the covenant can be signed, and that each of these events, except one, has already taken place.

Therefore, it should go without saying that every believer who longs for the return of Christ, should watch with anticipation for the rise of a powerful individual who initially will overthrow three Aryan nations. Soon after this three-nation coalition is formed, its leader will initiate the seventieth week by making a "covenant of death" with Israel, who will despair in "sheer terror" (Isa. 28:15, 19) when the true identity of that leader is later revealed. Thus we turn now from the realm of prior conditions and events, to what will actually happen when the seventieth week begins.

IN THE SEQUENCE OUTLINED ABOVE, ANTICHRIST APPEARS TO HAVE SOME SORT OF MILITARY BASE ESTABLISHED WHEN HE "TAKES ACTION AGAINST" AND "GAINS CONTROL" OF THE LIBYANS AND ETHIOPIANS. IN THE CHRONOLOGY OF THIS PARTICULAR PASSAGE, THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE JUST BEFORE THE "TIME OF DISTRESS" (DAN. 12:1), WHICH BEGINS AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK.

IF HE DOES USE MILITARY FORCE TO "TAKE ACTION AGAINST" AND "GAIN CONTROL" OF LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA, THEN IT IS ALSO SAFE TO ASSUME THAT HIS MILITARY STRENGTH WILL COME, AT LEAST IN PART, FROM THE THREE DOMINANT NATIONS ANTICHRIST WILL INITIALLY OVERTHROW, BEFORE THE PEOPLES OF THE OTHER NATIONS SUBMIT TO HIS LEADERSHIP.