

It Might Be Today

Reviving Rome

Bible prophecies are coming true before our very eyes. That's why we like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

Most everyone knows that students of Bible prophecy see a revived Roman Empire in the last days. In chapter two of his book, the prophet Daniel presents the dream of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar which reveals that the fifth and final world empire. Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream to have some association with or be an extension of the fourth empire - Rome. Passages in Daniel 7:7-8 and Revelation 13:1 describe a beast with ten horns. The prophets Daniel and John apparently saw the same beast in their visions, the beast symbolizing ten heads or ten kingdoms.

The European Union (EU) has been trending towards the fulfillment of this prophecy for some time. The most recent development was reported on March 5 online by the EUObserver in an article titled, *EU wins new powers at UN, transforming global body*.¹

Excerpts:

EU Council President Herman Van Rompuy will now be able to address the United Nations [directly].

The EU on Tuesday was given almost all the rights in the global chamber that full-fledged states enjoy... The EU [now] the right to speak, the right to make proposals and submit amendments, the right of reply, the right to raise points of order and the right to circulate documents.

In order to win the vote, the EU had to agree to changes to the global organization that transforms the UN from an assembly of nation states into a body that also offers representation rights to regional blocs as well, including potentially the African Union, the Arab League and the South American Union.

¹ <http://euobserver.com/9/32262/?rk=1>

Back in the 1980's it looked as though the European Common Market, consisting of ten nations, would fulfill Daniel's prophecy. Instead the number of members of nations quickly grew beyond the ten and prophecy watchers were dismayed.

(There are currently 27 member nations in the European Union).

Interestingly, within the EU there still is the Western European Union (WEU) which *does* consist of ten permanent members. On June 14 2001, then WEU President Javier Solana stated that there was no foreseeable reason to change the status of the non member countries in the organization.

Another way to reconcile the "ten nations" prophecy is to see them as ten groupings of nations or as ten regions of the world. We see that happening as we survey the global trends.

Since 2008 there has been another alignment of countries around the Mediterranean Sea. It is called The Union for the Mediterranean. It includes EU member states and a number of North African and Middle East countries, making a total of 44 countries in the region. Libya's Muammar Gaddafi declined to join, calling it "another Roman empire."

In other EU news, on May 24 it was announced that the EU was going to issue a eurobond. I have a hard time understanding these financial things, so I'll simply give you quotes from an article that set forth the implications.²

The European Union is set to issue a very special bond this week. It is special because it is practically unprecedented. Just twice before has the EU borrowed money with the promise that all member nations would be responsible for paying it back.

If the eurobonds become a permanent part of the European Union, the implications are global.

If the current round of eurobond auctions proceed as expected, or are expanded, this could in time force troubled nations into giving up national budget sovereignty...

Another interesting wrinkle is that the Muslim population is exploding all over Europe while its traditional residents are declining in numbers. Author

² <http://www.thetrumpet.com/?q=8286.6978.0.0>

Christopher Caldwell warns, “European culture is about to be extinguished by Islamic culture.”

Some students of prophecy say this could very well be the “clay” that is mixed with the Roman “iron” in the feet of Nebuchadnezzar’s vision. Ron Graff, editor of *Prophecy Central* writes,

These countries could then merge into a new Islamic Caliphate next to the European Union, which is already highly infiltrated by Muslim culture. If this should happen, there could even be a merger of the two empires into one overwhelming world power.³

While there exist a number of possibilities, we are definitely trending toward the literal fulfillment of something Daniel wrote about in the sixth century BC! There is a growing superpower that matches the borders of the old Roman Empire. Just what we expect from reading the Bible.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.
Ready or not, Jesus is coming!

³ <http://www.bible-prophecy.com/wp/index.php/archives/275>