## It Might Be Today

## **EU**<sup>10</sup>

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

Daniel chapter two presents the dream of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar, which provides the basis for our understanding for history's final system of government. In his dream the king saw a statue that represented the succession of world-ruling empires. They were his own, Babylon, followed in order by Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Then he saw another kingdom, described as "ten toes."

Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream which reveals that the final world empire would have some association with or be an extension of the Rome but that it would involve somehow the number "ten."

Passages in Daniel 7:7-8 and Revelation 13:1 describe the last days government as a beast with ten horns.

Revelation 13:1 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**...

The prophets Daniel and John apparently saw the same beast in their visions, the beast symbolizing ten heads or ten kingdoms. It is this number of 10 in conjunction with Rome that we are interested in.

The European Union has long been considered by Bible teachers as having some connection, at least, to this final configuration of 10. There's an official EU website<sup>1</sup> that has some fascinating information on it regarding the number 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>http://europa.eu/index\_en.htm</u>

It is actually the site of the European Commission and it identifies their mission by saying,

The European Commission represents the general interest of the EU and is the driving force in proposing legislation (to Parliament and the Council), administering and implementing EU policies, enforcing EU law (jointly with the Court of Justice) and negotiating in the international arena.

Regarding the website it says,

[This] is the official website of the European Commission and part of Europa – the official EU website.

There's a page on the site (<u>http://ec.europa.eu/world/where/index\_en.htm</u>) that has a map dividing the world and it's countries into **10 regions**. They are:

- 1. North America
- 2. South America & the Caribbean
- 3. South America
- 4. Western Europe
- 5. Eastern Europe & Central Asia
- 6. Mediterranean & Middle East
- 7. Africa
- 8. North-East & South Asia
- 9. South-East Asia
- 10.Australia & the Pacific

Are these the 10 prophesied by Daniel and John? Maybe... Maybe not. We cannot say for sure.

What we *can* say is that over 2500 years ago the Bible said that in the last days of human history there would be some sort of world power involving ten kingdoms or regions of the earth that would have some strong connection to the Roman Empire.

What we find 2500 years later is the European Union with strong connections to the Roman Empire suggesting that the world be looked at as having ten regions.

What we find is that these are, in fact, the last days and that things are lining up just as God said they would!

Does anything need to happen before Jesus returns to resurrect and rapture the church? No. And that's why I like to end these updates by saying, Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. *Ready or not, Jesus is coming!*