

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study # 19: The Rise of the 6th Empire
“A New Manifestation of Satanic Power”
Daniel 11:36 - 39
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God’s prophetic appointment are ALWAYS on time! Don’t be late. Don’t miss it!

Acts 17:26

26 And [God] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to **dwell on all the face of the earth**, and hath **determined the times before appointed**, and the **bounds of their habitation**.

God has a determined fixed amount of probationary time for humans on this sin filled planet. For almost six thousand years He has been calling the world to repentant, turn from sin to Jesus, and turn from worldliness.

God gives us Bible prophecy to keep an eye on the “clock”. Our probation is ALMOST OVER. Jesus is coming extremely soon. The final movements will be very rapid. Are you ready?

Habakkuk 2:2-3

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an **appointed time**, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; **because it will surely come**, it will not tarry.

Jesus made a promise that He swears unto Himself that He will come again! Will you be on time for the appointment?

Hebrews 10:37

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

When prophecy has reached it appointed time it will come to past and will NOT tarry or linger on.

NOT one prophecy in the Bible has failed. They all have been fulfilled when the appointment time arrived! Don’t be late, be ready!

Review

7 Empires of Daniel chapters 2, 7, 8 and 11

1. Babylon (605-539 B.C.)
2. Medo-Persia (539-331 B.C.)
3. Greece (331-168 B.C.)
4. Pagan Rome (168 B.C.-476 A.D.)
5. Papal Rome (538-1798 A.D.)
- 6.???
- 7.???

IMPORTANT Reminder

Each verse in a prophetic outline moves forward in time and in perfect sequence to fulfilled historic events that describe the rise and fall of empires that directly impact God’s people until the end of time.

The everlasting kingdom will be the last kingdom in which Jesus Christ will eternally be our King!

In our previous study in Daniel 11:23 – 35 we learned how Papal Rome stealthily and deceitfully took away the power, seat, and authority away from Pagan Rome and became the 5th Empire since Babylon.

In Daniel 7:25 it was prophesied that Papal Rome would reign for 1260 years.

Daniel 11:35 describes that when the 1260 years is complete, the “time appointed”, Papal Rome’s reign as the 5th Empire will cease.

Our study today in Daniel 11:36 – 39 continues the sequence of events. It describes the fall of the 5th empire and the rise of a 6th empire.

Who is “the king” that is introduced after verse 35 in Daniel 11? Who brought down the papacy in 1798 & What was different about this king?

Daniel 11:36-37

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall **exalt himself**, and **magnify himself above every god**, and shall **speaK marvellous things against the God of gods**, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 **Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers**, nor **the desire of women**, nor **regard any god**: for **he shall magnify himself above all**.

The king in Daniel 11:36 – 37 is an atheist, he does not regard any god! He makes no claims to worship the God of Christianity nor the gods of paganism. He magnifies himself as a god. **Who is this king that brought down the papacy?**

The king that struck a deadly wound to the papacy was Napoleon Bonaparte during the French Revolution.

In 1796 French Republican troops under the command of Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Italy and defeated the papal troops. (Wikipedia – Pope Pius VI)

Napoleon’s general marched to Rome unopposed and demanded that Pope Pius VI renounce his governmental powers. Pope Pius VI refused.

On February 20, 1798 General Berthier took Pope Pius VI back to France as a prisoner. Pope Pius VI dies approximately one year later in prison.

In 1798 the Papacy’s lost its governmental powers, but still existed as a church.

The Rise of Atheism

“Atheism is a promoter of the theories of evolution, exalts man above God, and actually denies the existence of the Creator-God.” Marion Barry, Daniel Workbook, 1999, p. 80

Fulfilled: “They did not regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women.”

Napoleon and his new Revolutionary French government “did not regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women.” They rejected the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, and his church. France was not always like this even during the Dark Ages of the papacy’s reign.

Over 200 years before the French Revolution, in France God raised up the French Reformation in the 1500's to be a light of God's truth that exposed the papacy and gave the true gospel. God used men such as **French reformer Jacques Lefevre(1500's)**.

Lefevre taught many of his students what he learned from his studies of the Bible that exposed the errors of the papacy. William Farel was one of his students who later became a great Protestant reformer in Geneva, Switzerland. Farel later mentored and encouraged John Calvin in the great reformation in Geneva. Later Lefevre translated the New Testament of the Bible in French.

Queen Margaret of Navarre was the sister of the King of France, Francis I. She was one of the nobles who embraced the reformation of Lefevre.

As a result of the French Reformation during the 1500's thousands of true French Christians who were Protestants were killed by the Papacy.

For example: St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of 1572

The Papacy killed thousands of French Calvinist Protestants throughout France (est. 10,000 to 70,000).

From French Reformation to French Revolution

But after the French Revolution, Napoleon nor his revolutionary government "**regard the God of his fathers**". **They were atheistic and exulted themselves as gods.**

Who is the "desire of women" that was also rejected by Napoleon and his revolutionary government?

There are many who believe Napoleon did not literally desire or want women insinuating that he must have been homosexual. Matter of fact, he was married twice so verse 37 is not referring to homosexuality.

From the time of the promised Messiah in the Old Testament, it was understood that he would be carried in the womb and birthed by an earthly mother. To be the mother of the Messiah in Israel was the desire of all godly women since the first woman, Eve. Eve hoped that her first son, Cain, would be the "desire of women", the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the "desire of women" also known as the "desire of nations" or the Desire of Ages, which is the title of a powerful Bible Study on the life of Jesus Christ in the NT by Ellen White.

Anti-God and Anti-Christian

"Nor regard any god" in Daniel 11:37 was a characteristic of Napoleon and his French Revolutionary government that declared themselves to be atheist. They rejected God, and Jesus Christ.

In the past, France was exposed to God's truth. The papacy's lies and false doctrines were revealed, but as time went on France lost sight of the Protestant reformation because many faithful were scattered in distant lands due to Papal Rome's severe persecution.

Since the days of the Protestant reformation many in France conceited to the power of Papal Rome over the years.

History tells us that before the Roman Papal Empire lost its power, the monarch of France was one of Papal Rome's greatest financial contributors to their church system. The common and middle-class people of France were tired of this because the monarch of France would heavily tax them in order to stay in good standing with Papal Rome. The common and the middle-class people of France were highly upset. They could not take it anymore. Over taxed and economically deprived, the French people eventually revolted and overthrew the monarchy of France.

In 1793 the French Revolution replaced the French monarch with a new form of atheistic government that did not want anything to do with God.

Voltaire

What helped fuel the common people of France to support the revolution and its new atheistic government were the plays, poetry, essays, writings and books of **François-Marie Arouet, better known as Voltaire. He was extremely famous and beloved by the French people. He wrote over 20,000 letters and 2,000 books and pamphlets that rejected the existence God.**

Even though Voltaire openly attacked the Catholic Church, He was trained as a Jesuit at the Collège Louis-le-Grand (1704–1711).

“The infidel Voltaire once boastfully said: ‘I am weary of hearing people repeat that twelve men established the Christian religion. I will prove that one man may suffice to overthrow it.’” Great Controversy p. 288

“Voltaire and his associates cast aside God's word altogether and spread everywhere the poison of infidelity. Rome had ground down the people under her iron heel; and now the masses, degraded and brutalized, in their recoil from her tyranny, cast off all restraint. Enraged at the glittering cheat to which they had so long paid homage, they rejected truth and falsehood together; and mistaking license for liberty, the slaves of vice exulted in their imagined freedom.” Great Controversy p. 281

Voltaire's tomb is in the Paris Panthéon: secular mausoleum containing the remains of distinguished French citizens.

Goddess of Reason

The French government in 1793 rejected the Bible and in its place lifted up human reason and corrupt sexual sins. In celebration of their official position of atheism and human reasoning, they had a grand parade throughout Paris in which a known prostitute was lifted up on a chair. She was lifted up like a goddess and hailed as the goddess of reason. This represented France's total rejection of God which sowed seed of France's decline, but grew fruit that strengthened atheism throughout Europe. Bibles were banned and publicly burned. The churches were closed.

“In many of the nations of Europe the powers that ruled in church and state had for centuries been controlled by Satan through the **medium of the papacy. But here is brought to view a new manifestation of satanic power.** Ellen White, **great Controversy, p. 268**

France's Atheistic Influence was fuel for the set up of the 6th Empire

France did not become the super power or empire like Papal Rome after the French Revolution, but they left an atheistic influence that helped establish the 6th Empire that had a direct impact on God's people worldwide.

Who is this sixth empire that was a new manifestation of satanic power that was an atheistic government?

Daniel 11:38-39

38 But in his **estate** shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide (plunder) the land for gain.

Characteristics of the sixth Empire based on Daniel 11:38-39

1) Atheist

2) Honor the god of forces - “forces” = defense. Even though they reject God, the military was their “god.”

- 3) They honor the god of forces with a great deal of money “gold, and silver, precious stones and pleasant things.
- 4) Establish a strange god (Atheism / humanism)
- 5) Rule over many people
- 6) Conquer more nations and divide up the land for gain

From French Revolution to the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917

The ideas of France’s belief of atheism grew eastward and had a direct impact on the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 that later established the atheistic communist government known as United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR).

Communism is not only atheistic, but it takes away the rights of its citizens. The one party communistic government is king and capitalism is evil.

Karl Marx is a famous philosopher of the mid-1800's that made the principles of communism come to the world stage in a major way.

Vladimir Lenin in November 1917 took the ideas of Marx and established the first communist government when he overthrew the Provisional Government. Russia had the first communist government in the world.

Joseph Stalin was the dictator of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) from 1929 to 1953. “His government promoted atheism through special atheistic education in schools, anti-religious propaganda, the anti-religious work of public institutions (Society of the Godless), discriminatory laws, and a terror campaign against religious believers. By the late 1930s, it had become dangerous to be publicly associated with religion. Many religions popular in ethnic regions of the Soviet Union, including the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Catholic Churches, Baptists, Islam, Buddhism, and Judaism underwent ordeals similar to that which the Orthodox churches in other parts of the country suffered: thousands of monks were persecuted, and hundreds of churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, sacred monuments, monasteries and other religious buildings were razed.” (Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Stalin)

God of forces fulfilled: USSR's Powerful Military

USSR's Military Power!

After World War 2 USSR grew into a world superpower with only one major rival, the United States. This “Cold War” rival between the two nations led to large military buildups, the nuclear arms race, and the Space Race. By the early 1980s, the Soviet armed forces had more troops, tanks, artillery guns and nuclear weapons than any other nation on earth. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_history_of_the_Soviet_Union)

See Comparison on screen:

The Nuclear weapons between USSR and US had the potential to totally destroy the earth!

USSR spent billions of dollars building up their military!

USSR from 1917 fulfilled Bible prophecy and grew into the 6th Empire that directly impacted the people of God worldwide for approximately 70 years!

Gaining a Foot hold on the World...

Daniel 11:39 “Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god (Atheism / humanism / communist government), whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.”

The world even the US was concerned about the power and military of USSR. USSR became a spectacle to the entire world. USSR became world's atheistic superpower that eventually grew into the largest country in the world covering approximately one sixth of the earth's land surface. It was two-and-a-half times the size of the United States, and only slightly smaller in land area than the entire continent of North America. It covered most of the northern half of Asia and a large part of Eastern Europe, extending even into the Middle East. About one quarter of its territory was in Europe, and the rest in Asia. In all, USSR was 8.65 million square miles. It covered 11 time-zones, and it was larger than any of the empires that affected God's people before it.

USSR Communistic Atheism Conspired to Dismantle Protestant Christian Principles of the US.

Not only did communistic atheistic views directly affect God's people under the direct rulership of USSR, but it spilled over into the United States by the 1960s. Communism hated the US ideas of religious freedom and capitalism. They hated this nation that says in its pledge of allegiance, "One Nation under God for liberty and justice for all."

Whoever rejects God the Creator and Savior is a fool and is corrupt.

Psalms 14:1-4

- 1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.
- 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.
- 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

Psalms 53:1

- 1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

Like the France of the Napoleon years USSR wanted to stamp out the existence of God in the minds of the people. "USSR established atheism as the only scientific truth. Criticism of atheism or the state's anti-religious policies was forbidden and could lead to forced retirement, arrest and/or imprisonment." It was extremely dangerous to be a Christian within the USSR.

Has US become a nation of fools whose ways are corrupt because of their rejection of God? Have our policies and laws bought into communist atheistic views? Do we still feel its effects on us today? Even the church? Let's continue.

The USSR had plans to extend communist rule over an entire world. It was at its peak in the 60's and moving forward full steam ahead, but their rival the United States of America was in their way. They implemented covert plans to dismantle ALL United States Protestant Christian principles. They worked relentlessly through our educational system to replace God with Atheism which promotes humanism. Humanism says why do you need God, when you are "a god." Humanism esteems self - "self-esteem". Self-esteem is self worship instead of God worship.

Revelation 14:6-7

- 6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
- 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Matthew 4:10

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Humanism / Atheism is the “strange god” that Daniel 11:39 prophesied about.

What did communism influence US to do? How have communistic atheistic views been influential in taking God out of our schools, society, and churches?

Took Prayer out of public schools

They used our principles of separation of church and state against us and were successful in assisting US communists, such as Madalyn Murray O'Hair, by taking prayer and Bible readings out of our public schools by 1963.

Creation to Evolution

“Until the late 19th century, creation was taught in nearly all schools in the United States, often from the position that the literal interpretation of the Bible is inerrant (without error).”

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creation_and_evolution_in_public_education_in_the_United_States]

“With the launching of the Russian satellite Sputnik in the late 1950's, many became convinced that the country that the U.S. was falling behind in science. The National Science Foundation funded the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study, which was influential in returning evolution to high school biology textbooks. In the 1960's, evolution began to be widely taught.” http://www.religioustolerance.org/ev_school.htm

They replaced the belief in God our Creator with the belief that you are a result of an accident through the “Big Bang”, evolution.

Here are some statements of our leading science and education associations in the US today:

National Science Teachers Association official position statement on evolution

“The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) strongly supports the position that evolution is a major unifying concept in science and should be emphasized in K–12 science education frameworks and curricula. Furthermore, if evolution is not taught, students will not achieve the level of scientific literacy needed to be well-informed citizens and prepared for college and STEM careers.”

(<http://www.nsta.org/about/positions/evolution.aspx>)

National Academy of Sciences

“Biological evolution is one of the most important ideas of modern science. People need to understand evolution, its role within the broader scientific enterprise, and its vital implications for some of the most pressing social, cultural, and political issues of our time. Because evolution has and will continue to serve as a critical foundation of the biomedical and life sciences, helping students learn about and understand the scientific evidence, mechanisms, and implications of evolution are fundamental to a high-quality science education.”

(<http://nationalacademies.org/evolution/Intro.html>)

American Association for the Advancement of Science

“Evolution is one of the most robust and widely accepted principles of modern science. It is the foundation for research in a wide array of scientific fields and, accordingly, a core element in science education. The sponsors of many of these state and local proposals seem to believe that evolution and religion are in conflict. This is unfortunate. They need not be incompatible. Science and religion ask fundamentally different questions about the world. Many religious leaders have affirmed that they see no conflict between evolution and religion. We and the overwhelming majority of scientists share this view.”

(<http://www.aaas.org/sites/default/files/migrate/uploads/0219boardstatement.pdf>)

North Carolina Academy of Science

“The North Carolina Academy of Science sees the theory of evolution as the cornerstone of modern biology. We think that passage of a bill restricting the teaching of evolution would, at best, stifle free exchange of scientific information, establishing an atmosphere that is the antithesis of that required to teach and learn science.”
(<http://ncse.com/media/voices/north-carolina-academy-science-1997>)

US replaced God as Creator and replaced it with evolution in ALL major science and biology books.

Abortion – Murder of an unborn fetus – Women's Rights

Because we as a nation have bought into evolution, we no longer value the life of an “unseen” fetus inside a mother's womb. Instead of that fetus being a person it is now often looked at as tissue instead of a human life created by God. Our court system in the case of Roe Vs. Wade gave women rights to legally murder their unborn fetus without penalty.

As a result, atheism is throughout our popular culture, society, Hollywood, movies, music, TV programs, etc...

Many modern churches have adopted humanism that teaches and serves a humanistic false Jesus! (see logos)

USSR's influence through Satanic forces was very successful in taking the God our Creator and Savior out of the lives of millions of people around the world, especially in the United States.

The USSR empire lasted only 70 years. Add 70 years from 1917 and it brings us down to the late 1980's.

How did USSR fall and how will an old Empire Strike back to POWER!?

The appointed time is soon to come. Jesus is coming again extremely soon. Be ready! There are only seven earthly kingdoms since Babylon. All six are fallen and the seventh one is already set up!

Hebrews 10:37 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.