

Bible Prophecy: The Antichrist will come from Istanbul, Turkey

On this program I want to talk about where the Antichrist comes from, because I believe the Bible states very clearly, that he will come from the city of Istanbul, Turkey. As you know, the Bible predicted very clearly, that Jesus Christ would be born in the city of Bethlehem. So, we should not be surprised that the Bible also reveals where the Antichrist will come from.

Most Bible scholars agree, that in chapter number 7, the great Old Testament prophet Daniel, reveals that the Antichrist will come from the revived Roman Empire. But I believe in chapter number 8, Daniel pinpoints this location much more exactly. Let's see what the prophet says in chapter 8, verse number 8. And Daniel writes "and the he-goat became exceedingly great and when he was grown, the great horn was broken and there came up four horns in its place toward the four winds of heaven".

In the near time fulfilment of this prophecy, the he-goat is Alexander the Great, and the two horns on the ram, which he defeats, are Medo-Persia. But in the End Times, the he-goat symbolizes the Soviet Union, and the two horns on the ram which it defeats, are Britain and America. The four horns toward the four winds of heaven, in Alexander's case, indicate the four generals who succeeded him, but in our own time, it refers to the city of Rome, and the four wind directions, north, east, south and west, indicate that the entire world will be taken over by the One World Communist Tyranny.

In verse number 9, Daniel writes "and out of one of them came forth a little horn which waxed exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land". Now this "glorious land" refers to Jerusalem, and the "little horn", in the near time prophetic fulfilment of Daniel, refers to Antiochus Epiphanes, but in the End Times, this "little horn" refers to the Antichrist. Of course, the headquarters of the revived Roman Empire will be Rome, and in Revelation, Saint John writes that they "give their kingdom to the beast". And since this empire is world wide, naturally it extends north, south, east and west, from the city of Rome.

Of course, this means the Antichrist could come from the entire world, but if we draw a latitude and longitude through the city of Rome, I think we can pinpoint the location a little better. There is the latitude; Rome is just south of the 42nd parallel, and the longitude runs, of course,

north and south. Out of one of these four directions, will come the Antichrist, and Daniel pinpoints the location even further in the next verse, because the "little horn" waxes exceedingly great towards the south, towards the east, and towards Jerusalem.

Since Daniel writes that the Antichrist will come from ONE of the four directions from Rome, and since Jerusalem is located east of Rome, I think it is pretty safe to assume that the Antichrist will come from this parallel which is east of the city of Rome. Daniel writes that the little horn waxes exceedingly great towards the south, towards the east, and towards the "glorious land". If we locate a point on this eastern parallel, so that Jerusalem is due southeast of this point, we will discover that, that location is a very important city, and that is the city of Istanbul, Turkey.

Istanbul fulfils all the requirements of Daniel's prophecy. It is almost exactly on the parallel that Rome is located, therefore, it is due east of Rome, and the "glorious land" (Jerusalem) is due southeast of Istanbul, Turkey. It is interesting to look at the meaning of the word "Istanbul". "Bethlehem", as you know, means the "house of bread", and Jesus is the "bread of life".. He referred to Himself as "the bread which came down from heaven".

Would the meaning of the word "Istanbul" also refer to the Antichrist? But would anyone ever give their city an evil name? But they might give their city a name that has no meaning whatsoever, and "Istanbul" actually is a meaningless name. It does not signify anything. It simply means "in the city". We might express it as "downtown". "Istanbul", as far as meaning goes, is meaningless. And therefore, a very good indication, that the Antichrist will come from that city.

So, why is it important for us to know where the Antichrist comes from? It is important because at the current time, there are so many candidates whose names are bandied about as being possibly the Antichrist when they cannot possibly be the Antichrist; people like Hilary or Bill Clinton, or Henry Kissinger, or Tony Blair, or Juan Carlos of Spain, or, of course, our own Barack Obama. None of these people come from Istanbul, and none of them can be the Antichrist. In conclusion, we see that the Bible tells us where Jesus our Christ comes from, and where the Antichrist comes from. But remember, God reveals the future to us, not to scare us, but to prepare us.