REVELATION FOR THE REVOLUTION (Part 1)

• Apocalyptic literature

1. End times information in symbolism through visions by heavenly figures

2. Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, Revelation; other non-biblical writings

3. Eastern mindset uses metaphor (Parables)

• Principles to remember

1. God is the author and Christ is the focus

2. Remember contextual background—worship Emperor or suffer

3. Scripture interprets Scripture (over 300 OT references in Revelation)

4. Look for main point, not details, in symbols

• Biblical kingdoms

1. Egyptian

2. Assyrian

3. Babylonian

4. Medo-Persian

5. Greek

6. Roman

• Daniel's dream (Da 7)

1. Four beasts from sea

2. God’s judgment

• Daniel's dream explained (Da 7:15-18)

1. Four kingdoms will rise on earth; God's kingdom will last forever (17-18)

• Daniel's dream of fourth beast explained (Da 7:19-28)

1. Different--spiritual? (7, 19, 23)

2. Conquers whole earth (7, 19, 23)

3. Has 10 horns--10 kings (7, 20, 24)

*- 10 horns=10 kings (Re 17:12-14)*

*- Ruling for 1 hour--short time (Re 17:12)*

*- Ruling with one purpose--oppose Christ (Re 17:13-14)*

4. Has little horn with eyes & boastful mouth--Antichrist (8, 20, 24)

*- Uproots 3 earlier horns--subdues 3 kings (8, 20, 24)*

*- Has boastful mouth--speaks against God (8, 20, 25)*

*- Wages war against saints--persecutes Christians (21, 25)*

5. Thrown in fire--sent to hell (11, 22, 26; Re 19:20)

• Daniel's dream applied

1. 10 - 3 1 (10 “kings” take power; 3 are removed; the 1 that “subdues” them is the Antichrist)

• Babylon the Great, the Woman on the Beast (Re 17:1-18)

1. Prostitute leading others astray--materialism & worldliness (17:1-6; Je 51:7; Mt 6:19-24)

2. Beast--Spirit of Antichrist (17:7-14; 12:3; 13:1-10; 1 Jn 4:3)

*- Scarlet colored (3; 12:3)*

*- With blasphemous names (3; 13:1)*

*- Once "was, now is not, & yet will come" from Abyss to destruction (8; 20:1-3)*

*- 7 heads (9-11)*

• 7 hills--Rome (9)

• 7 kings--Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Roman, Antichrist;

Spirit of Antichrist (10-11; Da 7)

*- 10 horns--10 kings (12-14; Da 7:24)*

*•* Ruling for 1 hour--short time (12)

• Ruling with one purpose--oppose Christ (13-14; 19:19)

3. Waters--all nations deluded (17:15-18; Je 51:13)

THE GREAT RESET

• **Summary (think George Bailey & Mr. Potter)**

1. 2-tiered economy: government & corporations together (public-private partnerships); socialism for majority

2. Soft authoritarianism—control by government & loss of freedom without violent force

• **Agenda 2030 (United Nations)**

1. Focus: reduce inequality, tackle climate change, end poverty

2. 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG); But how to implement if all governments won’t? By business

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>

• **The Great Reset (World Economic Forum)**

1. Focus: address inequality, combat climate change, reinvent capitalism

*- “Stakeholder capitalism”—from profits to focus on climate change, communities, & shareholders*

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/now-is-the-time-for-a-great-reset/>

2. Prediction for 2030

*- “You’ll own nothing and you’ll be happy. Whatever you want you’ll rent and it’ll be delivered by drone.”*

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/11/8-predictions-for-the-world-in-2030/>

• **Who**

1. UN & WEF 2. Corporations

3. Financial institutions/Central banks 4. Governments <https://www.weforum.org/great-reset/>

• **What**

1. “Great reset of capitalism” to socialism

*- “Wealth needs to be more broadly redistributed”*

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/07/great-reset-must-place-social-justice-centre/>

2. Revamp “all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts”

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/now-is-the-time-for-a-great-reset>

• **Why**

1. Combat climate change & address inequality: $5 trillion/yr; $150 trillion by 2050

<https://desapublications.un.org/publications/world-economic-situation-and-prospects-2024>

2. Wealth for rich & control over society (not for poor & planet’s sake)

• **How**

1. By government mandate & banking/investment capital

2. Through environmental, social, and governance standards (ESG) AKA “sustainable investment”

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/01/how-corporate-boards-can-lead-on-esg>

3. The UN’s Principles of Responsible Investment—10 firms control over $100 trillion in global assets

<https://www.unpri.org/pri/about-the-pri>

4. Accounting firm KPMG reports 82% of US large companies use ESG

<https://assets.kpmg/content/dam/kpmg/xx/pdf/2020/11/the-time-has-come.pdf>

• **WEF, Leaders & “Build Back Better”**

1. In 2017 WEF said it penetrated governments with its Young Global Leaders (Argentina, Canada, France,

Germany…) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjxJ1wPnkk4>

2. WEF article in April 2020

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/04/how-to-build-back-better-after-covid-19/>

3. “Build Back Better” used by Pres. Biden, England’s Boris Johnson; Canada’s Justin Trudeau

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/great-reset-launch-prince-charles-guterres-georgieva-burrow>

4. Regarding Biden’s commitment to the Great Reset, John Kerry said: “Yes, it will happen with greater speed and

with greater intensity than a lot of people might imagine.”

<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/528482-john-kerry-reveals-bidens-devotion-to-radical-great-reset-movement>

• **Global Events 2024 (not exhaustive)**

1. World Economic Forum Annual Meeting Davos, Switzerland Jan. 15-19

2. United Nations Interfaith Harmony Week Global sites Feb. 1-7

3. World Government Summit Dubai, UAE Feb. 12-14

4. UN Environment Assembly Nairobi, Kenya Feb. 26-Mar. 1

5. Global Solutions Summit Berlin, Germany May 6-7

6. World Health Assembly Geneva, Switzerland May 27-Jun 1

7. Political Forum on Sustainable Development New York, NY Jul 8-18

8. One Young World Summit Montreal, Canada Sep. 18-21

9. UN Summit of the Future New York, NY Sep. 22-23

10. UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) TBA Nov. 11-24