



## See you at the throne...

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### EUROPEAN UPDATE

**"The Saints of Caesar's Household Greet You"**  
By John Whitney Rood

Philippians is the last of the prison epistles written by the apostle Paul while under house arrest in Rome. As Paul closes the letter to the Philippians, there is one verse that could be easily overlooked, yet it has profound implications:

**Philippians 4:22**

**"All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household."**

Bible commentaries are quick to point out that Caesar's household refers to Caesar's own palace. Caesar's household refers to everyone that lived and worked at Caesar's palace... all those that were free, all those that were slaves, the guards and even his own family.

It is certain that a number of believers lived and worked inside Caesar's palace, the headquarters of his operations! It is possible that even members of Caesar's own family were believers. This is truly a remarkable verse.

In addition, these believers were in Caesar's household before Paul arrived in Rome.

In a similar way, God placed Joseph to the second in command of Egypt and Daniel as chief advisor to a succession of Babylonian kings.

God always places people in strategic positions in important places. God always brings His people to the place of influence. The end result is the increase of the influence of the gospel!

The ancient Roman Empire was not a wonderful place, it was very wicked. The government advocated countless pagan practices, and many thousands of believers were offered as human sacrifices. The Roman Caesars were considered as gods and expected to be worshiped as such.

Though these "insider" believers of the ancient Roman Empire were surrounded by paganism and hedonism, and faced much opposition, they were not asking for help in a desperate fashion nor for their escape to be arranged. They were greeting the believers in Philippi

without any complaints. They obviously recognized that they were in the place where God had placed them and doing their part, just as every believer today should be doing.

The Lord had placed these believers right inside of Caesar's own palace for the same reasons that He places people in strategic places today...

God sends and places His people inside the governmental system for

- 1) influence
- 2) informing
- 3) inviting
- 4) intercession
- 4) invoking (that is another good "in-" word for prayer!)

If there was a network of believers in the headquarters of Caesar's Roman Empire, then surely God has also placed believers to be His witnesses inside the institutions of today's European Union, which is the Revived Roman Empire spoken of in the Books of Daniel and Revelation!

I recently shared this verse with one of the European "insider believers" here in Brussels. He carefully read it out loud a few times in his Bible, and he said, while glancing upward, "This is very encouraging for me."

Paul benefited from his Roman citizenship and worked "inside" the system when he appealed to Caesar. **Acts 25:10-12**

**10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.**

**11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.**

**12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.**

Paul also stated earlier in Philippians how his imprisonment was instrumental in furthering the gospel influence, especially in Caesar's palace which he mentions first.

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## Phil 1:12-13

**12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;  
13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;**

Philippians begins and ends with the importance of the gospel influence in Caesar's palace! That influence still continues today in Brussels and you have a part!

There are challenges and opposition that face all believers in the EU institutions in Brussels today... in the

European Commission, in the Council and in the European Parliament. It is easy to become weary in the humanistic and secular environment.

Just as the saints in Caesar's Roman palace greeted the Philippians, we can say that the believers inside the headquarters of the European Union, the Revived Roman Empire greet you!

In response, let us remember them, to pray for them. God has sent them and placed them in positions of influence. Pray for all those whom God has sent and placed worldwide in influential places of government and authority. Your prayers are effective!

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## The Growing European Union Influence Worldwide and the Perils of a Post-Democratic Europe

By John Whitney Rood

Despite the numerous internal challenges and divisions, the European Union has succeeded during its 50-year history to gain enormous influence worldwide. Yet, the European Union, via its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, has been relentless in domineering its 27-member nations while pursuing its aspiration to be the dominate voice on the world stage.

To what end is this incessant push leading? Why is the EU bent on gaining worldwide position? If it is truly for the benefit of EU citizens, then why are their votes disregarded?

Meanwhile, the United States population remains generally uninformed concerning the complex operation of the European Union and its growing worldwide influence. Unless you actively seek information you will find little news in traditional media. Major bookstores will often have no titles on the EU, even if you check the Current Events, Political Science or European History sections. It would also be beneficial for Christian leaders to "step out of the box" and gain knowledge and awareness of the European Union background and its future aspirations.

Today's European Union is the initial stage of the Revived Roman Empire mentioned in Daniel and the Book of Revelation. The final form will be a 10-nation confederation ruled by the Antichrist. Instead of surmising as to the composition of the eventual 10 nations, the identification of the superstate trends that will lead to a dictatorial system is open before us.

**Political Union is "Full Steam Ahead" Despite the Identity Crisis and Lack of Democracy**

The EU has pumped countless billions of euros into its development programs, and its staff in Brussels alone is over 20,000 workers. Nevertheless, the EU has always faced an uphill struggle for one simple reason; the people of Europe overall do not want a centralized European political and economic force dictating their national policies.

In the rare times that citizens were allowed to vote in member nation referendums, the answer has been a clear "No" to the EU treaties. Several times the "No" vote has been cleverly disregarded or rectified through further voting until the people "get it right."

Without a doubt, the EU is clearly a non-democratic system. The European Commission and Council are appointed and only the European Parliament members are elected by national voting. The Parliament is by far the weakest body and has few actual legislative powers; their decisions are formally recognized by the Commission as "opinions."

The story of the growing EU influence over its member nations is based on a well-formed and strategic plan. The progression, which results in the loss of the sovereignty of member nations, is legally based on each successive EU treaty. The "open borders" and "free-trade zone" of the early 1990s led to currency union for the founding members of the eurozone after the year 2000. The goal now is complete political union, and this objective is quite advanced in many aspects.

In order to join the EU, a nation agrees to conform to a document of rules that is more than 90,000 pages long! And that is only the beginning of the endless bureaucracy. The treaties provide the framework for many thousands of laws, regulations and directives. The EU touches every operation of its member nations and the total fabric of society.

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## The Coming European 10-Nation Confederation

By John Whitney Rood

The Bible gives us several specific references concerning the Revived Roman Empire, which is the last empire before Jesus returns. The final stage of the Revived Roman Empire is represented by 10 toes and 10 horns, representing a 10-nation Antichrist confederation. Today's European Union is the extension of the Ancient Roman Empire and is the forerunner of the final 10-nation alliance. There will be an end-time 10-nation confederation, just as the Bible teaches!

### The Roman Empire and the Revived Roman Empire in the Book of Daniel

**Daniel 2:40,41** "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay."

The progression of the world empires in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream is a common fact of world history; the Roman Empire followed the Greek, Persian and Babylonian Empires.

The Book of Daniel identifies all of these empires, including the Roman Empire, "... and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary..." (Daniel 9:26). The Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, and the "prince to come" refers to the Antichrist as a Roman prince.

The statue image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream includes legs of iron that represent the ancient Roman Empire and its extension... *the feet and toes made of iron and clay.* (Daniel 2:40-43.)

Daniel tells us that this iron and clay mixture of the feet and toes is "divided" (v41), "partly strong and partly broken" (v42) and they will not mix together (v43).

**Daniel 2:44** "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

"In the days of these kings" Jesus will set up His kingdom that will never end... in the days of the kings of the ten toes. 10 kings, representing a 10-nation confederation, comprise the final empire before Jesus returns.

In Daniel 7 the same world empires are depicted as four beasts. Let us examine how the fourth beast parallels the fourth kingdom of Daniel 2.

**Daniel 7:7** "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns."

The interpretation given in Daniel 7:17-27 refers exclusively to the fourth terrible beast with iron teeth and



*Europa and Zeus, EU Council*

10 horns.

**Dan 7:23-24** 23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

This fourth beast, with iron teeth and an extension of 10 horns, parallels the iron legs of Daniel 2 and the extension of the feet and toes consisting of iron and clay. There are 10 toes, 10 horns, 10 kings or kingdoms that depict the 10-nation Revived Roman Empire alliance. This is the Antichrist's power base before Jesus returns.

We know from the identical progression of world empires in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, that the Antichrist will eventually rule a Revived Roman Empire.

A beast with seven heads and 10 horns is also mentioned in Revelation chapters 12, 13 and 17. The 10 horns of each of these passages also refer to the end-time 10-nation confederation, as in Revelation 17:12, "*And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*"

### We are Living in the Days of the Iron and Clay Feet

The Ancient Roman Empire is represented by the legs of iron in Daniel 2 and the beast with iron teeth in Daniel 7. The Revived Roman Empire is represented by the feet and toes of iron and clay in Daniel 2 and the extension of 10 horns in Daniel 7.

Notice that Daniel 2 mentions *two compositions*; iron and iron/clay, and *three body parts*; legs, feet and toes. The Revived Roman Empire consists of two distinct phases; the "feet empire" and the "toes empire," although they both consist of iron and clay.

The European Union is the "feet kingdom." The 10-nation confederation is the Antichrist power base, the "toes kingdom."

Legs, feet and toes... three body parts, but two compositions. We are living in the days in between the Ancient Roman Empire and the 10-nation confederation of the Antichrist. The intermediate kingdom represented by the feet of the image is today's European Union.

There are dozens of reasons that point to today's European Union as the forerunner of the 10-nation confederation before Jesus returns. (I refer you to my writing of "Identifying the Revived Roman Empire of the Last Days"

“Identifying the Revived Roman Empire of the Last Days” and the complete “Nations in the Balance – the European Union and Bible Prophecy” multi-day seminar.) But here are four significant facts, just to mention a few, that align today’s European Union with the ancient Roman Empire:

1. Today’s European Union is geographically in the same region as the Ancient Roman Empire.
2. The Roman Empire was never directly conquered but rather diminished in size and power, thus being in a position to be revived.
3. The European Union was founded by the Treaties of Rome in 1957.
4. The spirit to reunite the Roman Empire has been attempted by leaders in Europe for many centuries... Charlemagne, Napoleon, Hitler and many others.

Today’s European Union is the beginning form of the Revived Roman Empire that culminates in the 10-nation power base of the Antichrist.

### **The Question of the “10”**

The European Union is an extension of the iron legs, keeping the characteristic of iron, but also mixed with clay. The 10-nation confederation will be an extension of today’s European Union with the same iron and clay characteristics.

All eyes have been on the significance, location and understanding of the “10.” Where are these 10 nations? Do these nations exist today in a group of 10? Where should we be looking to observe the formation of the group of 10 nations? How do the final 10 relate to today’s European Union?

First, let us examine a bit of EU history and several possible approaches to the future formation of the 10-nation confederation.

### **To Greece, the Tenth Nation in the European Communities, and Beyond...**

The six founding nations to sign the Treaties of Rome in 1957 were Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Germany and began the historic formation to later be known as the European Community.

Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom then joined in 1973 and the European Economic Community grew to nine member nations.

Greece became the tenth nation to join the European Economic Community in 1981. With Greece completing 10 EEC nations, it was widely taught that the 10-nation confederation was identified and complete. I remember hearing this teaching in 1981, but one should be mindful to preface Bible prophecy conjecture with such phrases as “one possibility could be...” (Unfortunately, such statements seem to be the exception rather than the rule).

Teaching end-time Bible prophecy should not be accompanied by all types of guesses disguised as fact. Such incongruity leads to confusion and discourages Bible study of eschatology. Nearly one-third of the Bible is prophecy; God gives us Bible prophecy for our understanding. If we are Bible people, then we are prophecy people also!

It would seem that some desire to teach something that no one has ever said before and they often succeed at that goal. Our goal should be to establish Bible truths and allow others to see these truths in the Word of God for themselves. This will lead to a life-changing impartation.

A similar situation occurred with the Y2K teaching as the year 2000 approached. The widely disseminated dogmatic conclusions predicting total chaos and apocalyptic conditions were all proved wrong.

Spain and Portugal then joined in 1986 and brought the European Economic Community to 12 member nations. Subsequent enlargements in 1995, 2004 and 2007 have now brought the European Union to a total of 27 nations. (And at the time of this writing in 2010, Croatia, the Republic of Macedonia and Turkey have entered into negotiations to join the European Union.)

The 27 current member nations greatly surpass 10 nations, and cynics imply that the EU cannot be associated with the coming 10-nation confederation. Nothing could be further from the truth. There will be an end-time 10-nation confederation from the Revived Roman Empire, just as the Bible teaches!

### **The “United Nations 10 World Regions” and Continental Regions**

It is often mentioned that the United Nations has divided the world into 10 regions with the nefarious goal of world domination. It is difficult to discern conjecture from fact in many areas that

amount to conspiracy theory.

It is a fact that in 2008 an UN aligned organization, “Building Global Democracy,” coordinated a global research program through a convening group of 10 persons based in 10 world regions. (These 10 world regions are North America, Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Pacific, South Asia, Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia, and Western Europe.)

Building Global Democracy’s 10 world regions may be of interest, but they appear more innocuous than menacing.

Any reference to 10 world regions formed by the United Nations is fairly obscure and a reference to 10 world regions recognized by the European Union is almost non-existent.

Biblically, the fact of a Revived Roman Empire is just as significant as the number of 10 nations, and to fulfill prophecy there must be a Revived Roman Empire of 10 nations.

Also of interest is the trend of continental unions or alliances of nations. The European Union considers the Schuman Declaration of 1950 establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, as its origin. The African Union formally began in 2002, forming from its predecessor group, the Organization of African Unity. The Mediterranean Union was launched in the summer of 2008, although its predecessor group, the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (also known as Barcelona Process nations) had started in 1995. The Union of South American Nations constitutive treaty was signed in 2008 and a complete EU-based model including a common currency, parliament, and passport should be possible by 2019. Various Asian Unions are now formed or proposed. The North American Union, consisting of Canada, the United States and Mexico, is a theoretical entity for the moment.

Any group of 10 nations could prove interesting, but there would not appear to be any connection between a United Nations 10 or a Global Union 10 with the Revived Roman Empire 10 nations of Daniel and Revelation.

(The Western European Union, which is the military arm of the EU, comprises of 10 main member nations for many years, but that is only for illustration purposes, no one can say those are the 10.)

Many find such global union possibilities interesting, but is the Antichrist confederation a worldwide confederation?

### **Will the Antichrist 10-Nation Confederation Rule the Entire World?**

Is the Revived Roman Empire a global system? Will the Antichrist 10-nation confederation rule the entire world? The antichrist 10-nation confederation will affect the whole world, but it does not comprise of the entire world nor rule the entire world.

At the Battle of Armageddon all the nations and their powers converge to the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16:14,16). The participants in this campaign consist of the Antichrist confederation, as well as the northern confederation consisting of Russia and her allies (whatever is left after the Ezekiel 38 war), the kings of the East (Revelation 16:12), and the King of the South. It is clear, therefore, that the antichrist 10-nation confederation does not rule the whole world. (Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost taught the Bible basis for this view also.)

I had heard Kenneth E. Hagin say on a few occasions, but without further explanation, “The antichrist will not rule the whole world, just read your Bible.” I remained bewildered until I encountered the above verses concerning the Battle of Armageddon.

It is very significant that we now see a supranational system comprised of individual member nations in today’s European Union, a system that is strongly aligned with the reunification of the ancient Roman Empire.

There is a coming 10-nation confederation before Jesus returns. We only see the beginning of this alignment of nations now. Although there is not a dogmatic group of 10 until the antichrist is revealed, we can be certain that there will be an eventual group of 10 nations formed from the foundation of the ancient Roman Empire.

The unmixable “iron and clay” elements are at work to disrupt today’s European Union of 27 nations. I will discuss the intense forces at work in a future article that can result in a new phase of the European Union – a phase of European disintegration. Current stresses could lead to nations leaving today’s European Union. This would be a most startling sign as to Lord’s soon return!

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The judicial system has also been centralized. It has already been determined that if there is ever a conflict between a national law and an EU law, the EU law is preponderant.

### **Euro Empire Influence**

The euro currency is now the official currency of 16 EU nations. But its influence goes way beyond the eurozone; more than 50 nations and territories currently use the euro, must use the euro when they meet the entry criteria or the European Central Bank directly influences their monetary policy! I refer to this as the "Euro Empire."

The eurozone is the world's second largest economy. The euro is the world's second largest reserve currency.

One clear pattern has been that economic union proceeds political union. Once the monetary system is unified, political integration can follow much easier.

### **Brussels, Capital of the Free World?**

US Vice-President Joe Biden addressed the European Parliament in May, 2010 and referred to Brussels as worthy to claim the title of "Capital of the Free World":

"As you probably know, some American politicians and American journalists refer to Washington, DC as the 'capital of the free world.' But it seems to me that this great city, which boasts 1,000 years of history and which serves as the capital of Belgium, the home of the European Union, and the headquarters for NATO, this city has its own legitimate claim to that title."

(VP Biden also added to the Parliament, "And now under the Lisbon Treaty, you've taken on more powers and a broader responsibility that comes with that increased influence. And we welcome it.")

This statement is completely incredulous; the EU does not operate by democratic principles and repeatedly disregards democracy by its inherent "top-down" structure. The people of Europe consistently come up last in terms of any influence within the system. How can Brussels be referred to as "Capital of the Free World"? The European influence on the United States has resulted in a certain "Europeanization" of the United States (but that will be the subject of another article).

### **The Lisbon Treaty Creates the EU President and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs**

The latest stronghold of EU dominance is the Lisbon Treaty, which is essentially the same document as

the rejected EU Constitution (the name "Constitution" was removed!). The Lisbon Treaty has been ratified and is in effect since December, 2009.

The Lisbon Treaty includes a clause which permits the European Heads of State to change any aspect of the Treaty, without any national referendums or approval of national parliaments. This puts an end to any EU matter ever being put to a vote of the people of any individual nations! Democracy has been completely thrown out of the EU concerning constitutional issues.

The Lisbon Treaty created the position of "EU President," which is now held by Herman Van Rompuy.

In addition, the Treaty created the position of "EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy," which can be equated to an EU Foreign Minister. This position is now held by Baroness Catherine Ashton.

Both Mr. Van Rompuy and Mrs. Ashton were perceived as virtual nobodies in EU politics before these appointments. But the EU way of change is to first prove something is broken and then to fix it... so we can expect dramatic changes concerning the new positions. Do not be lulled by these seeming innocuous personalities. The Treaty allows enormous power to these positions and the actual boundaries of their authority has not been tested. (There is not even a job description for the EU President!)

One EU Parliament member, Nigel Farage, addressed and chastised the new EU President directly in February, 2010, "I have no doubt that your intention is to be the quiet assassin of European democracy and of European nation states.... I can speak on behalf

of the majority of British people in saying that we don't know you, we don't want you, and the sooner you are put out to grass, the better." (He was held "in contempt" by the EU President and fined.)

### **European Union Embassies Now Being Created**

Catherine Ashton, as EU foreign policy chief, leads the new European External Action Service (EEAS) which creates EU embassies worldwide. The EEAS is headquartered in the "Triangle" building in Brussels, analogous to the Pentagon, and heads the EU foreign ministry and diplomatic corps. Foreign policy is created by the Foreign Affairs Council, chaired by Ms. Ashton, and which consists mainly of the Foreign Ministers of the member nations. The European Commission's 136 foreign delegations are already being renamed EU Embassies and are authorized to speak on behalf of all 27 member nations!

The entire transition has been with some confusion. The cover story of ESharp magazine's May 2010 issue, "Diplomacy EU-Style," speaks of infighting and

**TELL THE GOOD NEWS!**

By John Whitney Rood

Tell the GOOD NEWS!

No matter what their views,

Tell it on a cruise,

Tell it at the zoos,

Tell those with a bruise,

Tell the gurus.

Even tell those in the pews,

Taking a snooze.

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disenchantment, and ayatollahs from the Commission. In any case, the EU institutions are busy disagreeing with each other.

### First Ever European Union "State of the Union" Speech

One interesting development is the first "State of the Union" address given by Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso on September 7th, 2010. It was a surprise that the Commission President delivered the speech and not the new "EU President" Van Rompuy. Then members of the Parliament were threatened with fines if they were not present during the speech.

The speech did not focus much on achievements; accept that the euro had survived the crisis. It did introduce perhaps 20 initiatives and new projects, and was very repetitive on how the EU is working on behalf of its citizens. In actuality, the Commission President was asking for new powers and begging for the support of the Parliament to accept the new motions.

One of the five major challenges outlined in the speech is "pulling our weight on the global stage." It is

all about global influence, and at the same time, neglects the desires of the European population.

Only in September 2010 was the existence made known of a secret European task force to assure that none of the 16 eurozone nations would default. The group was so secret it was called, "the group that doesn't exist." This was another peculiar means to deal with a problem obvious to all. Eventually, several hundred billion euros was given in loans and placed in stabilization funds.

The "iron and clay" characteristics continue to build and bring dramatic changes. There are enormous pressures in the EU government and many cracks are beginning to show. For now, power struggles and disagreements are the standard operating procedure for Brussels.

All of these actions by the EU supranational government are now bringing Europe to a post-democratic period. That alone should be reason for great concern. I encourage you to be prayerful for today's European Union, there is still much work to be done for the Lord!

