Let's Be Clear

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II Thes. 2 addresses, in part, the revealing of the antichrist as a result of the restrainer being removed. "He" (God) will allow the man of lawlessness/man of sin time to try to rule the world. Daniel highlights some of the details of the life and life-efforts of this man of deceit. Sometime after* he becomes famous on a global scale, the covenant of Dan. 9:27 will be made/confirmed. This event of the covenant will serve to begin what Daniel calls the "70th Week." The 69 weeks of Daniel 9:24-26 are history. At this juncture (at the time of the writing of this blog), Daniel's 70th Week is yet future. BUT ...

Much is being done in **preparation for** this final 7 years of human rule before our precious Lord Jesus comes and reigns for 1,000 years.

* Note well: Time unfolds between the initial revealing of the *ax* (antichrist) and the time he fulfills Daniel 9:27. This means there will be a *building-of-momentum* following. Much like what took place with some past leaders – they gained fame in an unusual manner – so too will the antichrist gain global fame in a relatively short period of time.

The 2^{nd} Advent of Christ Jesus (Rev. 19) will indeed take place. Before that time unfolds, though, we ask: What (yet) needs to happen before the initial appearing (Matthew 24:30; Revelation 6:14-17) of our Savior, Jesus Christ?

What needs to take place between now and the time when Daniel's 70^{th} Week begins? What should we be looking for by way of fulfillment of Bible prophecy during this time when the world ramps up for the début of the antichrist? (Note: Some of the events listed below take place during the 70^{th} Week. The list entries below (1-7) do not necessarily always unfold in sequential order.)

- 1. 10 rulers will represent global government over 10 regions.
- 2. A "little horn" will emerge and overthrow 3 of the 10 rulers.
- 3. This little-horn beast will serve with yet another beast Revelation 13.
- 4. Daniel 7:7, 8, 19 27; 8:9 14, 23 26; 11:20 45; 12:1 13
- Revelation 6:7 11 take us through the tribulation and great tribulation of Mt. 24:9 22. This period of time includes the era (years) of the *temple project* (when the regular offerings are discontinued during the construction of the temple in Jerusalem). Upon completion of the temple, the antichrist will set up the Abomination of Desolation.
- Revelation 6:12, 13 & Matthew 24:29 address the same period of astronomical signs. Rev. 6:14 – 17 & Mt. 24:30 address the same event of the Sign of the Son of Man.
- 7. After these two *in-the-sky* events unfold (#6), the Trumpets of Rev. 8 11 begin to sound.

The foreknowledge our Lord has graced us with is intended to help us IF we but **apply** the revelation under the direction of God's illuminating Holy Spirit. God help us **do so**. In light of the above, what are some of the things we could be doing to help us better prepare for (*watch* during – Mark 13:37) the days ahead? (Do keep in mind the crucial principle of *majoring on the majors* ... As we wade through the rest of this decade [2020 – 2029], we need to be about *Vine-abiding* Gospel proclamation and Discipleship during these awesome *end of days*.)