

LESSONS FROM RICK JOYNER'S BOOK "THE FINAL QUEST"

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Recap of the previous lesson (The Honor and Glory of Suffering)

- It is an honour to suffer for Jesus and His Kingdom's sake
- There is a glory and reward that comes by suffering for Jesus. For example, not all Christians are referred to as heirs of God; those who suffer with Jesus are the heirs of God (Romans 8:17)

Today's Topic: THE END IS HERE

(63:7) *The Lord then stood up, and all those who were seated upon the thrones for as far as I could see also stood up. His eyes burned with a fire I had not seen before.*

(64:3-5) *A company of angels then came and escorted me away from the throne. The leader walked beside me and began to speak.*

"Now that He has stood, He will not sit again until the last battle is over. He has been seated until the time when His enemies are to be put under His feet. The time has now come. The legions of angels that have been standing ready since the night of His passion have now been released upon the earth. The hordes of hell have also been released.

"This is the time for which all of creation has been waiting," he continued. "The great mystery of God will soon be finished. We will now fight until the end. We will fight alongside you and your brethren."

1 Corinthians 15:22-28

Daniel 2:31-45 (Prophecy of World Empires)

1. Babylon: 606 – 538 BC
2. Medo-Persia: 538 – 333 BC
3. Greece: 333 – 44 BC
4. Rome: 44 – 476 AD (476 was the collapse of the Roman Empire in the West)
5. Next world power = Revived Roman Empire with the Anti-Christ

Reviving the Roman Empire

- a) The First Reich (Empire): The Holy Roman Empire, 800 – 1806.
 - It was established by Charlemagne (Charles the Great) who was crowned by Pope Leo III on 25th December 800.
 - It ended on 6th August 1806 with the creation of the Confederation of the Rhine by Napoleon after defeating the German princes.
- b) The Second Reich (Empire): The German Empire, 1871 – 1918.

- It started with the unification of Germany following the Franco-Prussian War of 1870 - 1871 and the crowning of Wilhelm I as German Emperor, with Otto von Bismarck as the first Prime Minister.
- It ended at the end of World War I in 1918 following the defeat of Germany.
- c) Third Reich (Empire): The Nazi Regime, 1933 – 1945
 - 'Third Reich' was the official Nazi designation for Adolf Hitler's regime in Germany from January 1933.
 - It ended after Germany was defeated in May 1945, ending World War II in Europe.
- d) The extent of The First Reich (The Holy Roman Empire) at its apogee is **remarkably similar to that of the EEC from 1957.**

Could the European Union be the Fourth Reich (The Revived Roman Empire), the feet of iron and clay in Nebuchadnezzar's dream? I think so!

Consider: 1) Charlemagne: called the Father of Europe

2) Charlemagne Building: belongs to the EU in Brussels, Belgium

3) Charlemagne Prize: for public figures who promote European unity.

- It is given on Ascension Day in Aachen Germany which was the center of Charlemagne's Empire.

- Emmanuel Macron was the recipient on 10th May 2018.

4) Etc.

In conclusion, the last empire that was symbolized by iron and clay in Nebuchadnezzar's dream is taking shape right now. That empire will be the last before Jesus sets up His kingdom that will know no end.