#60 The Legs of Iron – The 1000-year Christian Empires

Before we return to the Holy Roman Empire, it is now time to ask the question of why each of the Christian Empires during the past 2000 years seems to be associated with lasting a millennium, or 1000 years. The answer helps us towards an enormous prophetic understanding.

The 1000-year Christian Empires

The East, the Eastern Orthodox Byzantine Empire – it lasted for a millennium, from the 395 official split of the Roman Empire to the Fall of Constantinople in 1453.

The East, the Eastern Orthodox Holy Russian Empire – it lasted a millennium, having its beginnings in 988 with Vladimir I and ending in 1917. [Ukrainians hugely celebrated a Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine in 1988, tracing their roots back to Vladimir and the baptism of the people of Kiev in the Dnieper River. Many in the free world used the event to enlighten people and governments about the continued religious persecution of believers in the Soviet Union. The U.S. Congress passed a resolution concerning the U.S. government not taking part in Ukrainian Millennium ceremonies as long as individuals remained harassed and imprisoned for their religious beliefs.]

This magnificent golden egg was made to commemorate the millennium of Christianity in Ukraine. Vladimir the Great, Ukraine's Supreme Sovereign, brought Christianity to Ukraine from Constantinople (Istanbul) in 988.



The West, the Roman Catholic Holy Roman Empire – it lasted for a millennium, having its beginnings with Charlemagne in 800, and an ending in 1806, though the Austrian Empire continued through World War I, as we will cover.

[Remember as well, of course, that the Lord prescribed the New World to have a millennial flavor attached to it, with Leif Erickson finding the New World in 1000-1001.]

Key Understanding: *The 1000-year Christian Empires*. The Lord ordained that the Christian Empires would last approximately a millennium, because the erroneous "Christian kingdom of this world" theology and "Christian kingdom of this world" doctrines and "Christian kingdom of this world" spirit of the empires represented <u>an antichrist counterfeit of Jesus Christ's millennial reign</u>.

Revelation 20:1-4 (KJV) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 <u>AND HE LAID HOLD ON THE DRAGON, THAT OLD SERPENT, WHICH IS THE DEVIL, AND SATAN, AND BOUND HIM A THOUSAND YEARS</u>,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, <u>THAT HE SHOULD DECEIVE THE NATIONS NO MORE, TILL THE THOUSAND YEARS SHOULD BE FULFILLED</u>: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and <u>THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS</u>.

As Paul said to the Corinthians,

1 Corinthians 4:8 (KJV) Now ye are full, now ye are rich, <u>YE HAVE REIGNED AS</u> <u>KINGS WITHOUT US</u>: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.

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