

BASIC OUTLINE OF WORLD HISTORY

What personalities and/or powers dominated each major period of human experience? This summary provides the answer in briefest terms.

I. PRE-FLOOD WORLD

The pre-Flood society endured for 1656 years from Creation to the Flood. There were two basic classes of people: The descendents of Seth may be compared with the post-Flood Children of Israel; the descendents of Cain may be equated with the Gentiles. The Children of Seth were led by the eight preachers of righteousness: Abel (Heb. 11:4), Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch—Methuselah and Lamech apparently turned aside to the way of Cain and are not counted—and Noah (Genesis 5; Jude 14). The other, and ultimately completely dominant, major portion of the pre-Flood human family was led by Cain, Lamech, Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-cain and Naamah (Genesis 4).

II. IMMEDIATE POST-FLOOD WORLD

The four-century period of 2368-1968 following the Flood was crucial in determining the trend of all subsequent history! The dominant personalities were Noah, Shem, Cush, Nimrod, Semiramis, Asshur and Horus.

III. ABRAHAM TO THE NEO-BABYLONIAN (CHALDEAN) EMPIRE

The following historical outline will serve to summarize this lengthy period:

1. The Assyrian Empire, taken over by Horus (Gilgamesh or Ninyas) in 2006 at the death of Semiramis and expanded by him down to his death in 1968, ended abruptly in 1938 when Abraham slaughtered its four kings (Genesis 14).
2. In the period 1938-1750 Egypt rose to greater and greater power setting the stage for the coming of Joseph, Jacob and the Israelites. Key individuals include Mentuhotpe II, Sesostris III, Amenemhe III, Joseph (Suphis), Job (Cheops), Pepi II and Merenre II. Egypt was a world power from 1750 down to 1486 when the Exodus occurred leaving the country a power vacuum!
3. The powerful Dynasty of Akkad in Shinar, which was begun by Sargon the Great, was also important on the world scene in the period 1632-1500; it was actually an expansion of Assyria in this period.
4. In one way or another, Assyria, Babylonia, and Egypt were rendered unable to dominate the world scene in the period after 1486. God saw to it that the international situation was such that the Israelites were left unmolested by outside powers during their settlement of Palestine and after.
5. Ancient Israel reached its greatest height of power in the days of David and Solomon which is reflected in the period of Pelagian Sea Power dated 1057 to 972 (see pages 408-9 in Volume I of the Compendium).
6. Egypt was again a world power in the period 1076-836 in the time of Dynasty Eighteen which included the Queen of Sheba and Shishak (Thutmose III).
7. Assyria began another rise to power around 900 B.C. and finally carried Israel captive 721-718 B.C. Nineveh fell in 612 marking the end of this latter Assyrian Empire. After this Israel and Assyria migrated to Northwestern Europe. The date 718 marks the beginning of the 2520 years of Israel's punishment to 1803.

IV. FOUR GREAT WORLD-RULING EMPIRES

From this point Mr. Armstrong's prophecy chart, published in the booklet "Who is the Beast?", forms the outline for the remainder of history.

1. The Chaldean Empire (Babylon) — 625-539 B.C.
2. The Persian Empire (Medo-Persia) — 558-330 B.C.
3. Greece under Alexander the Great, and four divisions — began 333 B.C.
4. The Roman Empire — 31 B.C.-476 A.D.

V. TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

1. The Vandals — 429-533 A.D.
2. The Heruli — 476-493 A.D.
3. The Ostrogoths — 493-554 A.D.

These three barbarian kingdoms or "horns" were destroyed at the behest of the Pope. Note that by this time the Roman Catholic Church or the Papacy, the "image of the beast" or the model of the government of the old Roman Empire, had become a real political force on the world scene!

VI. SEVEN RESTORATIONS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

1. The Imperial Restoration of the empire by Justinian, 554 A.D. He recognized the supremacy of the Pope and submitted to him. Note at this point that the date 476 is simply the traditional date for the fall of the Roman Empire and is not a key date for prophecy. But the date 554 is important—it marks the "healing" of the "deadly wound" and dates the beginning of the 1260 years (554-1814). Note Revelation 12:14.
2. The Frankish Kingdom — began 774; Charlemagne (Karl der Grosse) crowned by the Pope in Rome on Christmas Day in 800 A.D.
3. The Holy Roman Empire (German head) — Otto the Great crowned in 962 by Pope.
4. The Hapsburg Dynasty (Austrian head) — Charles the Great crowned by the Pope in 1520.
5. The Empire of Napoleon (French head) — Napoleon crowned himself in the presence of the Pope in Paris, 1805.

Note: In 1814, just 1260 years after the "deadly wound" was healed, the "Holy Roman Empire" was dissolved. Remember also that the 2520 years of Israel's punishment terminated in 1803. From this period forward England and the United States are world powers on the international scene. The prophecy chart reflects Gentile domination only so we must not forget Israel's role in the parallel period in modern history.

6. Italy — united by Garibaldi and others in 1870. This sixth restoration culminated in the Mussolini-Hitler era and the Rome-Berlin Axis (1945).
7. The United States of Europe — 10 kings under the domination of modern Assyria!

VII. CHRIST RULES the earth in the World Tomorrow!

Realize the geographical movement of world power over the span of history. The earliest powers were centered in the Middle or Near East including Egypt. But Europe was becoming important even before the days of Abraham. Then note that Greece and Rome were European-based empires. Ultimately world domination came to reside in Israel—Britain and America—in modern times. The United States of Europe will carry world-domination back to the Old World—and when Christ returns, He rules again from Palestine in the Near East!