## The West, Persecution and the Beast From the Sea

## **TEXT: Revelation 13:1-9**

- I. God's Divine Timeline
- A. The Events
- B. "The Great Tribulation"
- **II.** Prophetically Significant Nations
- A. Israel
  - 1. Central to Jesus' Teachings About the End (His Return) is Israel/Jerusalem Luke 21:20
  - 2. Prophetic Timeline of Jerusalem
- B. The Inner Ring or Nations Psalm 83:5-8
- C. The Outer Ring of Nations Ezekiel 38:3-6
- D. Europe
  - 1. The "Times of the Gentiles" Luke 21:24
  - 2. The Gentile World Empires Daniel 7:1-8
    - a. The Four World Powers
    - b. The Confidence of the Interpretation
  - 3. The Fourth Beast Described Daniel 7:23-27
    - a. The "Death" of the Roman Empire
    - b. The Revived Roman Empire
      - 1. Never Really Died
      - 2. Promised Resurrection
        - Revelation 13:1
      - 3. The Fulfillment of the Resurrection
- III. The War Against The Saints
  - A. Persecution in the World
  - B. The Rise of Persecution in the West
  - C. The Implications
    - 1. Some Covid Related
    - 2. Religious Speech/Thought
      - a. Public Witness
      - b. Personal Conviction

## CONCLUSION

- Luke 18:7&8
- Luke 21:28