

Where Do We Go from Here?, Lesson 2

- ☑ Globalization means that we realize that we are living in a community and economy that is irreversibly connected
 - ☑ Something that happens in China or Russia immediately effects our pocketbooks; bad news from any major player sends our stock prices either up or down in the same day! This is unprecedented.
 - ☑ Information that used to take weeks to disseminate to our level of living, if it ever got to us at all, now hits our lives through our interconnectedness within a few minutes of it happening, as fast as or faster than an event that takes place across the street.
 - ☑ We are now part of a global system that reaches virtually every inhabitant on this planet, from Wall Street to the most 3rd world situation because of the internet and cell phone technologies.
 - ☑ Already we stand on the edge of a recession that no one economy or nation can pull out of by itself, it is forcing us to come together economically in ways never thought possible or probable before.
 - ☑ The Bible predicts that such an era is coming fueled by the world's economic and political convulsions, where the only answer will be the unification of nations under one economy and one central leadership.
 - ☑ Seems entirely plausible now, does it not?
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1. The broader scope of historical events that are propelling us into globalism.

- ✓ Course of history: today's trends toward globalization were long ago anticipated in biblical prophecy.
 - ✓ **Genesis 11** was the first attempt at globalization: their coming together would not have resulted in anything good, not any more than our coming together today will.
 - ✓ Nimrod was the first global leader and despot **1st Chronicles 1:10**.
 - ✓ The next leader of a similar power was Nebuchadnezzar who was king of Babylon (the same place where Nimrod ruled and where the future antichrist will rule).
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar was the first of four world rulers and globalizing regimes that have graced or will grace our planet (**Daniel 2: & Daniel 7**).
 - ✓ The next leader/regime "built back better" and bigger, then followed by even better and bigger under Greece, followed by the largest regime to rule the world, Rome.
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- ✓ Rome was never conquered but dissolved into its respective parts controlled for a millennia by an unlikely source, the church.
 - ✓ The Bible predicts that we are headed to a final regime led by a reconstituted Rome and ruled by the one we call the antichrist, the final sinful globalization.
 - ✓ His personage and regime will be an amalgamation of all previous world regimes and leaders.
 - ✓ There is a predetermined end to all of this, it is not at all uncertain!
 - ✓ This final kingdom will be in complete rebellion to God and the things of God, not atheistic but theistic in nature believing that there is a rival and equal to the God of Heaven.
 - ✓ We are in the early stages of that now! **Revelation 13:1**, out of the sea of people (in turmoil and washing about) comes this world ruler like Nimrod.
 - ✓ This is the concluding picture of world globalization, what God was delaying in Nimrod's Babylon will come together in the end.
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- ✓ This last regime and ruler will look like this: **Revelation 13:1-8**, this has been hard to imagine in years past, but now the picture is become all too easily imagined.
 - ✓ He will globalize the economy and control all financing, commerce, and trade as well as lives who must have his mark to participate.
 - ✓ You will not be able to buy or sell without participation in this system: we are already seeing with people unable to shop or dine in places like New York and California without a vaccination card.
 - ✓ Chips are being inserted into hands in multiple European countries so that a person will not need a credit card or a vaccination card, and this thing takes your heart rate, blood pressure, sugar level, and services as your personal locator.
 - ✓ Just like the Bible says, "the mystery of lawlessness is already at work."
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- ✓ Globalization is headed to a dark bottleneck but will be changed and reorganized under Jesus, who will be the rock that destroys all the other nations.
 - ✓ The Bible has more to say about that last rebellious global regime and the global regime of righteousness that follows than it does about anything else that has happened or will happen.
-Under the final world ruler, Jesus, Jerusalem will be the capital of the earth (not Babylon); people from all the nations will come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord and to learn from Him.
 - ✓ The Temple there will be the most glorious structure on the earth and very mighty river will flow from under it to the east and west – sweetening the bitter waters of the dead sea.
 - ✓ Fruit trees will grow along both sides of this river and will yield fruit every month and the leaves will have healing powers for the nations.
 - ✓ Jesus will be king and will put to an end to all wars and rivalries.
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- ✓ People will busy themselves with farming, and the agriculture will be so improved that the reapers will have to stop and let the planters come through because they will not be able to harvest all the crops in the interval.
 - ✓ The deserts will become green and life expectancy will increase to almost 1,000 years.
 - ✓ Nature will be transformed so that there will no longer be predators and prey, but wolves and lambs will graze together.
 - ✓ Joy will be the standard for the earth, this **will not** be eternity but only the prelude to it.
 - ✓ **Isaiah 11:9** As opposed to today and the regime that we are rapidly heading into, one that is characterized by those who do not know the Lord or fear Him, the regime that follows will be the exact opposite.
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2. This is coming more rapidly than we have been realizing. What do we need to do and who do we need to be?

- ✓ Jesus' ascension left us the recipe of how to think and operate. **Acts 1:6-11.**
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"Why do you stand gazing?" What do we do then?

- 1) Worship the glorified Christ, John sees him for us, **Revelation 1:12-18**.
 - ✓ The way to stay sane in uncertain times is to worship the real Ruler, we can either worry or we can worship.
 - ✓ If He's in charge, what else matters?
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- 2) Embrace your global mission, the disciples didn't stay there; they began to reach their world.
 - ✓ Because of globalization, we now have the opportunity to take the Gospel to every person.
 - ✓ This is an unprecedented opportunity for us to accomplish our commission.
 - ✓ **We are globalists** when it comes to Gospel. God separated every tribe and tongue under Nimrod because of sin, we unite every tribe and tongue under Christ for the cause of love and forgiveness.
 - ✓ The church, when it is faithful, always thinks in global terms.
 - ✓ People are bewildered by life, but we shouldn't be, He has told us what is coming and what we are to between now and then, we need to be about it.
 - ✓ How can we use the tools of social media, not to argue and debate, but to share the gospel with our world?
 - ✓ What can you do to advance the global reach within and through our church?
 - ✓ What ministries and you support to reach our region and beyond?
 - ✓ What missionaries can you encourage and support.
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- 3) Anticipate what's coming.
 - ✓ The two angels said, "this same Jesus will come in like manner."
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