

Tri-County Bible Prophecy Revival
 Revelation of Jesus Series
Study #7: The Little Horn
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What does each metal on the image/statue in Daniel 2 represent?
 What are the earth kingdoms represented in the metallic statue in Daniel 2 starting from the head of gold to the feet?
 What does the stone that strikes the feet of the image represent?
 In relation to the image, where are we before the stone strikes the image?
 Which empire ruled over the Jewish nation at the time of earthly ministry of Jesus Christ?

Remember in Daniel 2 God gave us history in advanced from the time of Babylon until the time that He sets up His everlasting kingdom!

What did Daniel tell king Nebuchadnezzar concerning the vision of the image as it relates to end-time prophecy?

Daniel 2:28, 29

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the **latter days**. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;
 29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, **what should come to pass hereafter**: and he that **revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass**.

At the end of revealing the vision and its interpretation what did Daniel say about he vision?

Daniel 2:45

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what **shall come to pass hereafter**: and the **dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure**.

Daniel 2	Kingdom	Results
Head of Gold	Babylon [605-539 BC]	Fulfilled / Gone
Arms & Chest of Silver	Medes and Persian [539-331 BC]	Fulfilled / Gone
Belly & Thighs of Brass	Greece [331-168 BC]	Fulfilled / Gone
Legs of Iron	Pagan Rome [168 BC - 476 AD]	Fulfilled / Gone
Ten Toes part iron & clay	Divided Europe [476 AD to present]	We are here living at the toe nails of TIME!
Stone (Everlasting Kingdom)	God's Everlasting Kingdom	Soon to come!

Repeat and Enlarge

- Daniel 7 repeats the same rise and fall of the kingdoms of Daniel 2 by using prophetic symbols of beasts. These beast symbols gives more characteristics of each kingdom.
- Daniel 7 also reveals a fifth empire that comes out from the Pagan Empire.

Four beasts of Daniel 7:2 – 7 that comes out of stormy sea with wind blowing from all directions

1) Lion with eagles' wings – wings plunked given a man's heart

- 2) Bear raised up on one side with three ribs in his mouth
- 3) Leopard with four heads and four wings of a bird
- 4) Dreadful beast with iron teeth with TEN horns

Who do these four GREAT beast represent?

Daniel 7:16-17, 23

16 I came near, unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are **four kings**, which shall arise out of the earth.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

- **Beasts represent kingdoms or nations.**
- **Four winds represent war and strife from every side north, south, east, and west by four kingdoms representing the four beast. (Jeremiah 49:34-38)**
- **Seas or waters in Bible prophecy commonly symbolize people, multitudes, nations, and languages in highly populated area of the world. “Sea of people.” (Revelation 17:15)**

Note: The four kingdoms of Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome all from densely populate areas of the world. They all conquered each empire through war.

Summary of prophetic symbols of Daniel 2, and 7 with its corresponding kingdom.

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Belly & Thighs of Brass	Leopard with four heads and four wings	Greece [331-168 BC]
Legs of Iron	Dreadful Beast	Pagan Rome [168 BC - 476 AD]
<u>Ten Toes</u> part iron & clay	<u>Ten Horns</u> on Dreadful Beast & Little Horn	Divided Europe [476 AD to present]
Stone (Everlasting Kingdom)	Everlasting Kingdom	God's Everlasting Kingdom

The fourth empire of the Roman Empire is also known as Pagan Rome because the worship false pagan gods. Their emperors were not only king over the empire but they were also pagan priests.

In today’s lesson we are going to learn more about the fifth empire that rise up out of Pagan Rome.

While Daniel was looking at the ten horns on the dreadful beast (Pagan Rome) what does he see?

Daniel 7:7-8

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a **fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly**; and it had **great iron teeth**: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had **ten horns**.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them **another little horn**, before whom there were **three of the first horns plucked up by the roots**: and, behold, in this horn were **eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things**.

What do the horns on the “Dreadful Fourth Beast” represent?

Daniel 7:23, 24

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.”

Like beasts, these horns in Bible prophecy also represent kingdoms or nations.

Prophetic Symbol: HORNS = KINGDOMS / NATIONS

The little horn is another empire that comes out of Pagan Rome.

Remember, in the western part of the Pagan Rome while it was losing its power 10 tribal factions rebelled against Pagan Rome and was able to gain its independence from Rome. These 10 tribal factions in the western part of the empire eventually became known as the European nations.

Remember the 10 horns on the dreadful beast of Pagan Rome correspond with the ten toes on the feet of the image in Daniel 2

10 Tribal Nations	Modern European Nations
Alamanni – Germans	Germany
Burgundians – Swiss	Sweden
Franks – French	France
Lombards – Italians	Italy
Saxons – English	England
Suevi – Portuguese	Portugal
Visigoths – Spanish	Spain
Heruli – Uprooted	N/A
Vandals – Uprooted	N/A
Ostrogoths – Uprooted	N/A

In Daniel 7:8 it says that the little horn **plucks up three of the ten horns (nations)**.

Who is the little horn that uprooted three of the ten tribal factions with a mouth speaking “great things”? The little established itself as the fifth empire out of Pagan Rome.

According to history, what big empire came out of the Pagan Roman Empire after it collapsed in the western part of the empire?

History reveals the Papal Roman Empire was able to gain control of the collapsing western part of the Pagan Roman Empire in 538 AD.

What is unique about the Papal Roman Empire from the others since Babylon is that they were political monarch that had religious power over all Christian churches.

History records that Papal Rome, also known as the papacy, deceitfully and with craft took control over the collapsed Roman Empire. As predicted in Daniel 7:7 and 24, the papacy orchestrated the defeat of three of the ten barbarian tribal nations that gave them absolute monarchical governmental power over the former Roman Empire. They cleverly uprooted the Heruli in 493 AD, the Vandals in 534 AD, and the Ostrogoths in 538 AD.

The head of the papacy, known as the pope, was given absolute and “kingly” authority. As the Roman Empire was collapsing, the papacy whose headquarters were established in Rome, had control and a strong grip on the majority of the Christian churches throughout the empire through compromise, bullying, and deceit.

Even though the Christian church was in an apostate condition, they had grown steadily throughout the empire with strong political influence. They prided themselves to be the universal church over all Christians. The papacy’s religion became known as the Catholic Church. Catholic, means universal.

Many historians credit Roman Emperor Constantine as the one who helped Papal Rome to gain political prominence after his questionable conversion experience to Christianity in 312 AD during the battle of the Milvian Bridge.

- In 313 AD he made Christianity an official religion of the Roman Empire, led by the papacy.
- In 321 AD he enforced a Sunday (false sabbath) rest law for the purpose of bringing pagans and apostate Christians (papacy) together. The papacy was also given the right to receive gifts from the citizens of Rome in which Constantine personally donated large sums of money and land that greatly enriched the papacy.
- What added to the papacy’s power was when Constantine relocated the capital of Rome to the eastern part of the Roman Empire, Constantinople, in 330 AD. This move allowed the papacy to fill the political void that Constantine left behind in Rome and to freely operate and grow in the western part of the Roman Empire for over 200 years. **The pope, the leader of the papacy, was not only seen as one with supreme spiritual authority, but also of great political influence.**
- In 508 AD King Clovis of the Kingdom of the Franks, later known as France on the western part of the Roman Empire, made Roman Catholicism the official religion. Pagan Rome at this time was basically collapsing in the west. - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/508.
- Six kings in Europe followed King Clovis’ example, but three refused to submit to the rising Papal authority. As a result, as prophecy foretold in Daniel 7, three of the 10 horns were plucked up: Heruli in 493 AD, the Vandals in 534 AD, and the Ostrogoths in 538 AD.
- In 533 AD the Roman Emperor Justinian (in eastern Rome) declared the Bishop of Rome Supreme bishop of all the churches. 5
- 538 AD marks the establishment of Papal Rome’s Empire with the defeat of the Ostrogoths.

Below are historical quotes concerning Papal Rome’s rise out of the Roman Empire as a religious governmental monarchical power:

“Long ages ago, when Rome through the neglect of the Western emperors was left to the mercy of the barbarous hordes, the Romans turned to one figure for aid and protection, and asked him to rule them; and thus commenced the temporal sovereignty of the popes. And meekly stepping to the throne of Caesar, the vicar of Christ took up the scepter to which the emperors and kings of Europe were to bow in reverence through so many ages.” - American Catholic Quarterly Review, April, 1911

Referring to the papacy’s rise during the time that the Roman Empire was crumbling around 500 AD, “No, the [Catholic] Church will not descend into the tomb. It will survive the Empire. At length a second empire will arise, and of this empire, the Pope will be the master—more than this, he will be the master of Europe. He will dictate his orders to kings who will obey them.” - Andrea Lagarde, *The Latin Church in the Middle Ages*, 1915 p. vi

Papal Rome = Little Horn

What are some more characteristic of the little horn that correspond to the character of the papacy?

Going back to Daniel 7:8 says, “**eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.**”

Mouth speaking great things (Hebrew) means “domineering”

“**Domineering**” mean to force or control the behavior of others as an arrogant bully. Dictionary.com says that domineering means, “inclined to rule arbitrarily or despotically; overbearing; tyrannical.”

The Papal Rome Empire was know to rule as a bully monarch that uses tyranny or threats to control the behaviors of all its subjects.

When Papal Rome grew into power the popes assumed power as absolute ruler over civil and religious affairs. Their supremacy and power spoke as “a mouth speaking great things” to all under their control.

“Eyes like the eyes of man” is referring to the pope as human leader of the papacy who is controlled by man’s “wisdom” rather than God’s wisdom.

Blasphemous Character

Daniel also reveals that little horn is blasphemous that perfectly apply to the Papal Rome Empire.

What does Daniel say about the blasphemous character of the little horn?

Daniel 7:25 says that “he shall speak great words against the most High...”

Daniel 8:11 says that “he magnified himself even to the prince of the host.”

The “prince of the host” is Jesus who is also known as the “Prince of peace” in Isaiah 9:6.

Blasphemy means slander, wicked speech, or deliberate actions against God. Blasphemy is also applied to humans trying to take on the roles, acts, and privileges of God that only belong to Him.

For example, in John 10:31-33 the Jewish leaders falsely charged Jesus for blasphemy because He revealed that He is divine.

John 10:31-33

31 “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.”

The Jewish leaders were wrong in their charge of blasphemy against Jesus, because He is God.

On another occasion, Jesus publicly forgave a man from his sins and the Pharisees charged Him of blasphemy again.

Luke 5:20, 21

20 “And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?”

Again, Jesus is God, so those charges do not apply to Him. Only God can forgive and cleanse us from sin, not man. No man has the power to forgive and cleanse anyone from sin.

Also, those who misrepresent the character of God are guilty of blasphemy.

The pope and Papal Rome blaspheme God's name by claiming titles, roles, rights, and privileges that ONLY belong to God.

Historical quotes that refer to the blasphemous character of the pope and Papal Rome as the little horn in Daniel 7 & 8

"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus himself, hidden under the veil of flesh." - The Catholic National 1895

"He is the infallible ruler... the supreme judge of heaven and earth, the judge of all, being judged by no one, God himself on earth." - The New York Catechism (Taken from Roman Catholicism, p. 127)

"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." - Pope Leo XIII, in an Encyclical letter, June 20, 1894

"All the faithful must believe that the Holy Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff [Pope] possesses the primacy over the whole world, and the Roman Pontiff is the successor of Blessed Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and is true vicar of Christ, and head of the whole church, and father and teacher of all Christians; and that full power was given to him in blessed Peter to rule, feed and govern the universal Church by Jesus Christ Our Lord:" - First Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Christ, Eternal Pastor, published in the fourth session of the Vatican Council, 1870, chap. 3, in Philip Schaff, Creeds of Christendom, vol. 2, p. 262

Confession of Sins to Priest - Blasphemous

Papal Rome blasphemes God by claiming that the pope and its priests have the power to forgive people from sin. They believe that Jesus gave them the "Sacrament of Reconciliation" also known as Penance or Confession which allows people to confess their sins to a Catholic priest because a priest stands "in Persona Christi" meaning that "he is in the person of Christ." - lifeteen.com/blog/why-do-catholics-confess-to-a-priest/ This is what the papacy says about its priest's power to forgive sins, "Seek where you will, through heaven and earth, and you will find one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell. That extraordinary being is the priest, the Roman Catholic priest." - The Catholic Priest, p. 78

Only the God of heaven, Jesus can forgive and cleanse us from sin!

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

What does Jesus say about church leaders using titles that belong only to God?

Matthew 23:8-10

8 "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ."

Blasphemous Titles of the head of the papacy

- 1) Pope (Italian for "papa" which is an abbreviation of pater patrum which means father of fathers or principal father)
- 2) Most Holy Father
- 3) Vicar of Christ ("vicar" = a person who acts in place of another; substitute. Dictionary.com)
- 4) Supreme Pontiff (Latin = Pontifex Maximus = greatest "bridge builder" or "constructor of the way")
- 5) His Holiness

Blasphemous Titles of the Pope's clergy

- 1) Reverend
- 2) Father
- 3) Monsignor (meaning "my lord")
- 4) Grand Master
- 5) His Eminence (Cardinals)

According to the Bible no human being should be given titles that belong only to God such as "Reverend" or "Your Holiness." "Reverend" meaning "worthy to be revered; entitled to reverence." - Dictionary.com "Revered" refers to devotion or worship.

Jesus says in **Matthew 4:10**, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

No man should be worshiped or revered.

Eucharist, Mass – Extremely Blasphemous!!!

The Eucharist known as the Catholic Mass also speaks to the blasphemous character of the papacy. It is a ceremony and a sacrifice that is suppose to commemorate the Lord's Supper in the New Testament. All priests believe that they are given ecclesiastical powers as a man to call Jesus down from heaven and slay him as a "victim" on the "altar" and literally turn the bread and the wine served in the mass into the actual flesh and blood of Christ. Through the mass they believe they are the "creator of the Creator." This is blasphemous and Satanic. No man has power to call Jesus from heaven every mass and sacrifice Him over again and turn the bread into the literal flesh of Jesus and the wine into the literal blood of Jesus.

Romans 6:9, 10 says, 9"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."

Did you know that the Daniel let's us know how long Papal Rome, the little horn, will rule as the fifth Empire?

Daniel 7:25

25 And he (little horn) shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a **time and times and the dividing of time.**

In Hebrew, time equals one year which is 360 days on the Jewish calendar.

Times equal two years.

Dividing of time equals half of a year.

Let's add it together.

Time = 1 year = 360 days

Times = 2 years = 720 days (360 x 2)

½ Time = + ½ year = +180 days (360/2)

Total = 3 ½ years = 1260 days

Where in the Bible does it confirm that a day equals one year in the context of Bible prophecy?

Ezekiel 4:6 - And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

Numbers 14:34 - "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

"Each day for a year" principle is only applied to symbolism in the context of Bible prophecy.

So going back to the little horn and the beast, they both reign and persecute God's people for 1260 years!

Papal Rome Empire was set up in 538 AD it was defeated by the French Revolution lead by Napoleon in 1798 AD.

Papal Rome as the fifth Empire 538 to 1798 = 1260 years! Fulfilled!

Go backing to Daniel 7, not only is the Papal Rome blasphemous, but they persecuted the people of God during their 1260 year rule...

Daniel 7:21 that the little horn "made war with the saints, and prevailed against them,"

Daniel 7:25 "shall wear out the saints of the most High."

During the papacy's empire they took away the Bible, made it illegal for any common person to have. They persecuted anyone who had a Bible. They persecuted anyone who spoke out and protested against the false doctrines of the papacy.

The Papacy during persecuted and killed millions of people for opposing them over their history as the fifth empire since Babylon.

Historical quotes that confirm that the Papal Roman Empire persecuted and killed millions of God's faithful people:

The British historian, William Edward Lecky wrote: "That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history."- The History of the Rise of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe, Vol. 2, p. 32

What warning did Apostle Paul give to all Christians and how blasphemous is Papal Rome revealed in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4?

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

Who is the "man of sin," the son of perdition? Verse 4 reveals who it is.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 - "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

This is a perfect description of the blasphemous character of Papal Rome. The "man of sin" is no other than Papal Rome who fell away from the Truth, detaching itself from the Head, Jesus Christ. He is also the son of perdition.

What blasphemous authority does the Papacy think it has over God's law?

What startling prophecy does Revelation give about this little horn that directly impacts the entire planet and the faithful people of God at the end of time?

To be continued...