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HISTORY OF THE NATIONS

IN THE

LIGHT OF DIVINE PROPHECY



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Prayer

In much humility we ask thee O Lord to let thy spirit of understanding and knowledge rest upon us, this, your little church.

Preface

The Holy Spirit of God teaches us the history of the nations in the light of "Divine Prophecy". As a map, the history of the nations is laid down by the Wisdom of God in Bible prophecy. The nations of the earth merely filled in where the Bible left off. Therefore, the path of the universal nations, from Babylon to Mystery Babylon, in the United States to Armageddon is predestined.

The Lord, God Almighty finished making the kingdoms of the earth and numbered them (Daniel 5:26). The world could but trace the path of the great universal kingdoms as they unfolded their story, from Babylon to Media-Persia, to Greece to Rome and beyond. The Lord has shown through visions and dreams of the Prophets Daniel, John and James T. Webb the passage and the remainder of time under prophetical code (Isaiah 11:2).

Therefore, we can only give all salutation to the Wisdom of God for the mysteries revealed by her in the hour of her judgment.

I. LANDS, NATIONS and PEOPLE

The following is a historical supplement to be used only as background information in your study of the history of the nations in the light of divine prophecy.

To look at the people of the lands and nations we must first locate the regions where people settled; namely Noah, his sons and their descendants (Apocrypha: II Esdras 3:11-12). After the flood four regions of the world came to be: the first was Palestine-Syria Region; the second, Mesopotamia, also called the Assyrian-Babylonian Region; the third the Egyptian Region; and the fourth, Asia-Minor or Endo-European Region. The nations and cities of these four regions began developing at the same time. While the nations of Mesopotamia were competing for regional control, Egypt also wanted control of the region, which compasses the Nile River and the Palestine-Syria Region.

Within these four general regions many "tidal" nations developed such as: Ur, Nineveh, Babylon, and Assyria of Mesopotamia; also Damascus, Tyre, Jerusalem, Samaria, Gaza, Sidon and Lebanon of the Palestine-Crete, Tarsus, Cyprus of the Indo-European Region.

Within these "Tidal" nations and their cities are its people, who were sometimes named after the nation and sometimes not. For example: in Mesopotamia there lived the Chaldeans, Elamites, Acadians, Assyrians, Babylonians and later, the Meade's and Persians. In Egypt there were, of course, Egyptians. The Samaritans, Phoenicians, Philistines and Canaanites lived in the Palestine-Syria Region. The Indo-Europeans were barbarians who lived at the "Foot Hills" and in the mountains (Cave-Men). Some were called Hittites, Horites, Hurrians, Cassites, and Ionians (Greek) of Asian-Minor.

In order to categorize the people of the nations with their kindred and tongues, we must look at their character and behavior. History breaks them into two groups called: Sumerian and Semites. The Sumerian people were of a barbarian character, who imposed their behavior upon other people; namely, the descendants of Japheth. Barbarians built cities and temples in the north and were governed by single rulers called, "Tidal Kings" (Genesis 14:1). The authority of the ruler was usually permanent or passed down through the family to form nation dynasties; i.e. Sargon Dynasty or Assyria, Chaldean Dynasty of Babylon and the Lagash Dynasty of Ur. The family dynasty governed all under the permission of the "Baal" or "Temple God" of the city.

On the other hand, there were the "Semitic People", descendants of Shem. The character of these people was to move from place to place as a close-knit group of a single origin: namely, Hebrews, Arabs, Amorites and Elamites. We can pick up the movement of these people with the Hebrew, Abraham, our descendant. Abraham (Abram) and his seed traveled from Ur in the land of the Chaldeans of Mesopotamia up the northern bend of the Tigris River, down to Palestine on to Egypt.

Now Egypt, the descendants of Ham, tried to keep the Indo-European, "Barbarian Sea People" and the wandering "Semites" from overrunning Egypt. However, by God's will they allowed the Hebrews to come in; and of course, the Hebrews did over-populate Egypt in great numbers.

While all these nations were developing control of the Region, it was won and lost. Only Assyria was the first nation to formulate an army and economy (trade route), and controlled the entire known world, with the exception of Israel's Promised Land. But Israel's disobedience caused the Assyrians to come upon them. Israel was destroyed and made captive to Assyrian custom and tradition (2 Kings 17:22-23).

II. <u>ASSYRIA</u>

Before Israel's fall, Assyria controlled all Mesopotamia, including the "Foot Hills" of Asia Minor. But Assyria's internal strife caused the Semitic People to move about. The Amorites moved to Mari and the Elamites moved to Ur, and of course Abraham was on the move. The city of Babylon was changing from Assyrian control to Amorite leadership by King Hammurabi, who moved all Mesopotamia into an age of material prosperity. Other Amorites sought to bring control back to Assyria, but internal pressures mounted and Assyria was losing control. The Barbarian Meade's of the mountains in Asia-Minor came down from the north above Assyria to take the city of Babylon because of Assyrian weakness.

As for the Palestine-Syria Region, other mountain people of Mitanni moved in along with the Philistines and Phoenician Sea People. The Philistines of Cyprus moved to the south and the Greek Phoenicians moved to the north of this region and divided the land by Mt. Carmel. When Israel left Egypt for Canaan, these are the very people they fought in battle. The 12 Tribes of Israel would control the region by the promise of the Lord – until their captivity.

Barbarian control of Mesopotamia was being overthrown again by Assyria under Nebuchadnezzar I – not Nebuchadnezzar, the Great of the Babylonian Empire. He, Nebuchadnezzar I, extended the Assyrian trade routes into Egypt through Damascus, Syria and caused a new beginning for Assyrian control. With the disobedience of Israel to God, they were given over to Assyrian captivity and Assyria regained world control.

Many other nations disliked the reunification of Assyrian control and internal pressures resurfaced, especially with the people of the city of Babylon. An Assyrian overseer was placed in Babylon, as well as in Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. This weakened Assyria to its knees. The "Media Dynasty" of the "Northern Hill" above Assyria came to focus after the Assyrian overseer died in Babylon. Assyria lost its only stronghold: politically and economically. Babylon had become independent.

Nebuchadnezzar I gained political control over Babylon and joined with the ruler of the "Median Dynasty" to destroy Nineveh (Nahum 3:4-10 and 18-19). This allowed the Meade's control over the northern part of Mesopotamia and Syria, while the "Chaldean Dynasty" controlled lower, southern Mesopotamia. Chaldean control reached across the desert, even to Egypt.

As for the Tribes of Israel, they were divided. The "Northern 10 Tribes" played the harlot with the Phoenicians and went into Assyrian captivity. The "Southern Tribes", Judah and Benjamin, followed after Israel and played the harlot with the Philistines; and they went into Babylonian captivity (2 Kings 17:13-14 and 2 Kings 20:17-18). Nebuchadnezzar, the Great, of the Chaldeans, became king over Babylon. Because of Judah's sin, Nebuchadnezzar, the Great was given to destroy Jerusalem and was made king of the first "Universal Kingdom of the World" (Jeremiah 29:5-7 and 10; Jeremiah 28:14; Jeremiah 27:11).

III. DANIEL

Daniel 7:2, last part & 3 "...BEHOLD THE FOUR WINDS OF THE HEAVENS STROVE UPON THE GREAT SEA. AND FOUR GREAT BEAST CAME UP FROM THE SEA; DIVERSE ONE FROM ANOTHER." [Note: The word sea means people.]

We may cross-reference this with text of scripture with Revelation 17:15 to find that the beast sat upon may peoples, multitudes and nations and tongues from one end of the earth to the other. Therefore, the force of the four winds brought forth nations, governments, rulers and heads of nations; all headed up by the Knowledge of Evil and her dragon kingdom. [Note: Please refer to James T. Webb's treatise entitled, *The Beast of the Sea and Reagan*. So that we may make clear the worldwide effect of the four great beasts, let us view the history of world nations and prove Bible prophecy at the same time.

Daniel 2:31, 1st part *"THOU O KING SAW AND BEHELD A GREAT IMAGE..."*

The Lord showed the King of Babylon this image by night dream. During this time we understand that the people were used to graven images so the Lord showed the King of Babylon something that he would surely understand (Jeremiah 10:2). The King saw that the image was made of different metals and had a terrible form. He also understood that the metals showed the strength of the nations of that time. It further showed that each metal was most valuable and widely used at that time (Apocrypha: 2 Esdras 3:1-2). The King was given full interpretation of the image by Daniel; thereby, unraveling history and prophecy (Daniel 2:37-45).

The Lord also showed Daniel a vision, which is the same prophecy that was given to the King, but in more detail (Daniel 7th chapter). Instead of seeing the nations as graven images, the Lord showed Daniel the history of the nations using animal symbols. Daniel understood that the character of the animals under symbol was the same as the nations, people, governments and rulers controlled by the "Beast" seen in Daniel 7:3. The image seen by Daniel and by the King of Babylon are the same beast under the direction of the Knowledge of Evil (Revelation 17:15). [Note: We shall call each beast and metal of the image under symbol a "Universal Kingdom" of world nations.]

IV. THE FIRST UNIVERSAL KINGDOM: BABYLON

Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, was the beginning of all "Universal Kingdoms" of the earth (Jeremiah 1:14). Daniel describes this kingdom of the earth, seen by the King of Babylon, as an image having a "gold head". Gold – under symbol – was the most valuable possession on earth. To possess gold was a symbol of material wealth and personal pride (Baruch 6:23-29; Jeremiah 25:9-11; Jeremiah 51:7). The destruction of this nation would come by way of this same pride, which reached the heavens (Daniel 4:22-28). The pride of the Babylonian Kings was such that they <u>assumed</u> divine rule of the earth (Daniel 4:30-37). Because of pride, Babylon became a kingdom governed by the satanic doctrines and floodwaters of magic, astrology, sorcery, soothsaying and the like.

Daniel saw the kingdom of Babylon by vision under the symbol of a lion – the pride of the jungle – as Jeremiah prophesied it (Jeremiah 4:6-7). Daniel understood that the prideful character of the lion beast was the same as the nation of Babylon. As the wind, pride would spread into the minds of the fateful Babylonians. So it was; their vaunting character did spread from kings to the people with the speed of eagles' wings. The evil of pride affected the world as it did the people of God (Jeremiah 13:9). Because of their rebelliousness, the people refused to hear the words of the Prophet Jeremiah and continued to sin against the Lord (Baruch 4:6 and Jeremiah 5:23). From Manassas to Zedekiah to Jehoiakim and beyond, the Kings of Judah refused to hear the warning of the prophet. [Note: Please read, "The Prayer of Manassas" in the Apocrypha and Jeremiah 32:2-5.]

The Lord did know what his people would do (Isaiah 48:3-5 and He put them into captivity (Baruch 6:2 and Jeremiah 50:4). All nations of the world would serve the King of Babylon. The Lord even counseled Israel and told them what to do in captivity (Jeremiah 29:4-7), but all Israel became blind (Jeremiah 6:19 and Deuteronomy 28th chapter). The King of Babylon completely destroyed Jerusalem until 70 years was complete (Baruch 6:3; Jeremiah 45:4-5; Jeremiah 50:20). After captivity, the Lord's mercy would prevail and the Lord would return (Jeremiah 33:6-7 and 11). Then would Babylon's appointed time end and Babylon would fall to the next "Universal Kingdom". Babylon became desolation (Jeremiah 50-23-24). Pride cometh before a fall (Jeremiah 50:31-32)!

V. THE SECOND UNIVERSAL KINGDOM: MEDIA-PERSIA

After 70 years of Babylonian captivity, the people of God were freed as promised. The Kingdom of Babylon reached its end and a divided Babylon was given to the Meade's and Persians: a nation inferior to the Great Babylon (Daniel 5:28). The King of Babylon knew he had an appointed time for he saw his successor, Media-Persia, by night dream. Daniel interpreted the King's dream of the "Great Image" as the portion having breast and arms of silver to be Media-Persia. As the gold was to Babylon, so was silver to Media-Persia, a most precious metal (Daniel 2:32 and 7:5). Daniel saw and understood that Media-Persia as "Universal Kingdom" would have the character of a "bear". Daniel also saw a bear with three (3) ribs in its mouth and between its teeth. This symbol meant that the Media-Persian would be harsh against its people. Daniel 6:7and 12 shows the bitterness of Persian law and military strength, as their laws were unchanging by the King's decree. Should any man boycott the laws of this kingdom, the penalty would be death and/or severe persecution.

The rights of the saints were defended, as the Lord had promised. His people would be freed. The Lord stepped in to buffer the severe persecution of the saints. Our example was Daniel in the lion's den (The Song of the Three Holy Children in the Apocrypha and Daniel 10:13-14). By law of both Kings (Meade's and Persia), the Lord moved them both to permit the saints of God to rebuild Jerusalem and to re-establish the custom of His people (Daniel 6:26). So it was that the laws of God Almighty were renewed in the minds of His people by the prophets. By reestablishing the Feast of the Tabernacle, the people were instructed in the laws of God.

[Note: Please read the book of Nehemiah. Further note that the full impact of Media-Persian law – in the character of the bear – will again come to full force when it is amalgamated under the "Man of Sin" when he begins to persecute God's saints.]

Daniel saw even further on this second "Universal Kingdom". Under the symbol of a "Ram" with two horns, Daniel was shown powers in the person of Darius, King of Media, and Cyrus, King of Persia (Daniel 8:20 and 6:7-8). This "Universal Kingdom" was shared by both as by royal decree. The power of the two horns was great against the people (Daniel 5:28 and 6:7-8).

Let us look at how history put this Media-Persian Empire into being and how the two horns came against Babylon:

- The **Meade's** were a barbarian people of northern Assyria around Mt Ararat in upper Mesopotamia. Under the leadership of King Cyaxares, the Meade's were in alliance with their brothers of the Indo-European Gentile Region to the west, including Lydia. Along with Babylon, the Meade's were very instrumental in the overthrow of Assyria's Nineveh and they became strong.
- The **Persians**, on the other hand, developed much slower than the Meade's. It was not until the efforts of Cyrus that the land of both the Meade's and Persians would be united. The Persians gradually took over the land of Elam and soon went against the King of Media. Cyrus imposed his authority over both the Meade's and Persians, even unto Lydia. This raised Persia to its greatest strength. King Cyrus made alliance with the King of Babylon and the land of Egypt and Greece, as well as all Asia-Minor. Media-Persia had become an "Empire". Belshazzar did absolutely defend Babylon of Persian aggression as she reached her appointed time. Cyrus, King of Media-Persia, received submission of the entire "Chaldean Empire".
- Cyrus' son, Ahasuerus, also called Xerxes and Cambysis, became king in his stead and sought to take Egypt, but was killed by Meade's trying to usurp his throne. So it was that **Darius**, the Meade, stood to claim the throne (2 Chronicles 36:20-23).
- With their trust in God, Israel struggled and was hampered by many who did not want Israel to be reestablished in righteousness. Through the Persian and Median Kings, and royal decree, God's will was put into the hearts of Cyrus, Xerxes and Darius to fulfill his promise to Israel (Ezra 4:2-6). Zerrubbabel laid the foundation and Haggai, Ezra, Nehemiah and Zechariah taught Israel how to serve the Lord in the "Law" (Ezra 9:1 and 10:6-17).

VI. THE THIRD UNIVERSAL KINGDOM: GREECE

After Media-Persia appointed time expired, we see a third "Universal Kingdom" of the earth come into focus. The King of Babylon saw Greece in the "Great Image" having a belly and thighs of "brass". However, Daniel saw Greece under the symbol of a "Leopard". To speak to what Daniel saw, this leopard had spots. The spots are a symbol of lies and sin and much deceit. In application to the Kingdom of Greece and the character of its people, we find they are given unto much "philosophy", "mythology" and "vain opinion". These false doctrines are the basis for the floodwaters of all false religions and opinions. All Greece was affected by its so-called "Deep Thinkers" and their vain opinions of creation, of God and the behaviors of men, which in turn, molded the beliefs of mankind. The leopard's spots represent all lies, sin and deceit. The Pharisees, among others, took a strong liking to these floodwaters of false, religious doctrine to use them against the "Word" of God. God rebuked them strongly! The murky, watered-down knowledge of the Greeks, in conjunction with the Knowledge of Evil, served only to confuse the saints of God with all types and forms of religious beliefs and lies.

The Prophet Daniel saw further on the Kingdom of Greece. He noticed that the "Beast" was headed by a "Great Horn" (Daniel 8:8). This great power was in the person of "Alexander-the-Great", who was also under the symbol of a "He-Goat". It was Alexander-the-Great who was also from the West and destroyed the Media-Persian Empire (Daniel 8:3-7). Alexander is the great horn and King of Greece (Daniel 8:21 and 11:3). Because of many civil disorders and the end of an appointed time, the Media-Persian Empire grew weak. Internal revolts under Artaxerxes II (a descendant of Xerxes, who was also called Ahasuerus, King of Persian in the book of Esther) and Cyrus, the Younger gave Greek Kings the chance to intrude into Meade-Persia and then into the Island of Cyprus until most of Asia-Minor gained freedom from Media-Persian rule, only to fall again to Greek control. Under King Phillip, Greek influence grew rapidly. But his son, Alexander, won even more strongholds of the earth (Apocrypha: 1 Maccabees 1:1-4).

VII. <u>ALEXANDER-THE-GREAT</u>

Gaining control after his father, Alexander won many major cities of the Mediterranean Sea area, such as Athens, Sparta, Thessaly and the Barbarian Balkans. Alexander united the major cities of Athens and Sparta to quench the growth of Macedonian power. Alexander's ambition was to lead all Greece (including the Macedonians) to invade and conquer the world – from the Media-Persia. Once Asia-Minor was under Greek influence, the other rebellious nations and people would follow suit. Media-Persia struggled to become reunited but it was not in the plan; many leaders, even to Darius III failed. Darius III, even with his hired Greek mercenaries of Phoenicia and Cyprus – a people he could not trust – could fight the power and choler of the Greek movement (Daniel 11:2).

Alexander had under his control the whole Macedonian army, the League of Corinth and great military skills. Alexander believed in his own divine nature, which was controlled by evil, who gave him the qualities of a great "evil" leader and warrior of undaunted courage. But the one important thing that he lacked was temperance, prudence, patience; virtues that could only be given by the Wisdom of God. Alexander refused advice from his people and was very power-hungry. He killed all competition of his own family to keep the power given him by evil. But the pleasures of his flesh and the world undermined his health. After conquering all Asia-Minor, Egypt, Phoenicia, India, Palestine, Syria, Assyria, Persia and Babylon where he sought refuge, he fell sick and died After twelve years of reign at age 33, Alexander died trying to give his empire more conquest, economic, administrative and social structure (1 Maccabees 1:1-7). Before he died, Alexander believed that he was inspired by God and so he imposed a cult called, "Alexander-the-Great, the God of all the cities of Greece". Many of his followers disagreed with his policy and he was broken.

VIII. FOUR NOTABLE HORNS

Daniel 8:8 shows us that four other powers came up after Alexander in the Kingdom of Greece. Daniel 11:4 tells us that Alexander's kingdom would be divided; how struggles for control of all Greece was in the making among Alexander's generals, which were the "Four Notable Horns" (Daniel 8:22).

The "Four Notable Horns" were in the person of Ptolemy, Cassander, Seleucus and Lysimachus, each of whom took control of the Kingdom of Greece until its end. We note them:

1. **<u>PTOLEMY:</u>** Took control of the land of Egypt. The efforts of Ptolemy I were succeeded by Ptolemy II: Philadelphia, wh

The efforts of Ptolemy I were succeeded by Ptolemy II; Philadelphia, who extended his control into the Eastern Mediterranean and Ethiopia, Nubia and Alexandria. These cities became the chief center of Greek culture and thoughts. Another way of saying this is that these were the centers of religious floodwaters.

2. <u>CASSANDER:</u> Antipater of Macedonia was selected to take charge of Alexander's empire in case of death.

However, Antipater died shortly after Alexander, before which time he did select his replacement – but who was not his son, Cassander. Cassander made war with his father's choice and defeated him to gain control over all Macedonia.

- 3. **LYSIMACHUS:** Claimed the land of Thrace.
- 4. **SELEUCUS:** Took control of Asia and Syria.

Antigonus was the king who controlled Alexander's cities called Lycia and Phrygia. Antigonus' greed lead him to lay claim to Cassander's claim of Macedonia. But General Seleucus allied with Ptolemy, Cassander and Lysimachus against Antigonus. After Seleucus' death, Demetrius, Antigonus' son, took control. After Cassander's death Demetrius profited to seize the land of Macedonia. Later Lysimachus drove Demetrius out of Macedonia and died trying to regain Asia. All Lysimachus' land was given to Demetrius who fought against Antiochus I for the land. Antiochus, who was after the death of Seleucus I, was called Nicator, Antiochus I, was called Solter and Antiochus II, called Theos, succeeded Seleuchus and Demetrius without much difficulty. Antiochus II also fought with Ptolemy for possession of lower Syria and Asia-Minor. Antiochus III, called Epiphanes, succeeded and persecuted the Jews in Jerusalem and Judas Maccabees.

IX. THE FOURTH UNIVERSAL KINGDOM: ROME

Daniel 8:23 brings an end to the "Universal Kingdoms" of Greece and ushers in a new Kingdom. The King of Babylon saw this new kingdom as the fourth part of the Great Image", which had legs of "iron" and feet mixed with "iron and clay".

Daniel saw this kingdom in great detail as Daniel 7:7 points out the character of this "Iron Beast". Daniel notices that the beast was different from the others, as it had ten (10) horns. We are looking at the "Kingdom of Rome", a nation that was extremely strong, as it killed and persecuted the saints of God severely (Daniel 8:10). Daniel 2:40 points out that Rome broke many nations into pieces. The King of Babylon saw the "iron and clay" mixture in the feet of the "Great Image", showing that the kingdom would be divided. The Roman Kingdom was divided in policy, as many of the nations in Rome's grasps were not in agreement with their policy. Iron and clay will <u>not</u> mix, as was its characteristic. This symbol showed a weakening of the "Kingdom of Rome" by mixing the customs of the seeds of men of various nations. Daniel understood that the "10 Horns" were "10 Kings" with pagan beliefs. In this case, the "Iron Beast" persecuted the saints for standing divided against Roman policy and character. The "10 Pagan Kings" are mentioned in world history as: NERO, DOMITIAN, TRAJAN, HADRIAN, ANTONINUS PIUS, SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, MAXIMINUS, DECIUD, VALERIAN and DIOCLETION.

Please note carefully Daniel 7:20 and verse 24, which speaks of another horn that shall arise and subdue three kings before it. This horn had eyes, a mouth and spoke great things. But before the three horns – that were subdued – were "Rome", "Visigoth/Ostrogoths" and the "Ottoman Empire". The "Little Horn" of Daniel 7:25 was "Italy". Here we see the beginning of papal control of the world under a so-called "Holy Roman Empire", where the Pope controlled 10 central cities in Italy. These "10 cities", called "Papal States", also represented 10 horns or "powers" of the "Beast". The "Beast" would soon make war against the saints. This came about in the "Crusades" when the Pope destroyed all that was in his path.

Rome "is", "was" and "yet is"; it is the "Fourth Universal Kingdom" of the earth under prophetical code. Although Rome was not symbolized by animals in Daniel, the Prophet Webb saw it in the body of a "frog". Notice that the symbol we have for this fourth beast is the combined strength and character of all the previous kingdoms, and smaller nations – that would be amalgamated into one, diverse kingdom – was called at that time "Rome", but today it is called "Babylon-the-Great", and later it shall be called "Mystery Babylon". The Kingdom of Rome combined the character of the "Leopard", the "Bear" and the "Lion", which made it more destructive than all other kingdoms because it was laced with an intense hatred.

Revelation 13th chapter gives us clear-cut description of the destructive power of the fourth beast and its horns to be used against the saints. From the first born to the last, the three that were subdued, we see the rise of Catholicism (the "Little Horn with Eyes"); from Paganism to the abomination that gave rise, the wound, the wound healed and then finally, the fall to the "Fourth Universal Kingdom" of the earth. The fourth beast would pave the way for the amalgamation of the "Two-Horned Beast", which is even more dreadful and terrible, coming up out of the earth.

X. THE HISTORY OF THE FOURTH BEAST IN PROPHETICAL LIGHT

Although the Roman Government began as far back as 510 B.C., the "Barbarians" of the North and the "Sea People" brought the customs of Paganism and traditions of Babylon, Media-Persia and Greece to bring about the Empire of Rome. The early days of the Roman government was known as the "Republic of Rome". The expansion of Roman government gave way to a practice that would ensure the "Republic of Rome" world power. Rome conquered other nations with the fierceness of a beast and then <u>forcibly</u> encouraged those nations to become Roman allies. Most nations were opposed to this policy, but all could but yield or render unto Caesar. The newly conquered nations were now a part of a league of nations that would answer only to Roman council. As smaller nations became "Roman States", Rome expanded with different seeds of men (iron mixed with clay). Rome's well organized practice was never known before, not even to the other universal kingdoms. This is how the "Kingdom of Rome" was more diversified than the others, for it was prophesied for Rome.

We know that prophecy will be fulfilled. We also know that the way Jerusalem was lead captive was by the works of Hebrews heretics who spoke against Christ. This allowed Rome to expand into Jerusalem. Romans were able to place governors in the city and thereby, make it a Roman stronghold of the Middle East. Many Jews assumed the custom of the Romans, namely the "Scribes" and "Pharisees". Other sects of Jews, called "Sadducees" and "Essences" took weak stands, which testified of their disobedience to the law of God and testimony of Jesus. It was these heretics among the saints who would not and could not accept the teachings of Christ. To describe one's belief in God we <u>must</u> carefully examine the word "Christian". [Note: Webster's definition is a Christian is one who believes in the teachings of Christ, and that He (Christ) is God!] While there were Roman soldiers and other Gentiles that accepted Christ, there were others that did not. These are they who merely accepted Christ for convenience and took on the name and identity of "Christian". These are "Anti-Christ", "Hypocrites" and "Hybrids" who modified the truth by changing the word of God to fit their needs.

Therefore, to better understand the various people of the time, we shall hereafter call the false teaching of all **Anti**-Christ: the "DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIANDOM". "Christiandom" is the study and belief of Christ's teaching, according to the "Roman Catholic" and her bastard, sister religions. We understand clearly that Catholicism is absolutely not the doctrine of Christ, but is the complete opposite. Catholicism is "Christiandom"!

XI. THE ROMAN EMPIRE: ONE OF THE THREE HORNS SUBDUED

The "Republic of Rome" expanded into the "Roman Empire" as the fourth beast comes into full force. Rome would now become one of the "Three Horns" subdued by the "Little Horn" of Daniel 7:24. The lust for both religious and political power was foremost on the minds of Roman Kings.

The Roman Kings represented the "Sixth Head" of the dragon's kingdom of death, which sought to persecute the saints of God. Every change in the leadership of the Roman government always dealt a serious blow to both Jew and Gentile who accepted Christ. Therefore, many Jews and Gentiles were faced with serving Pagan gods or lose their lives. Daniel saw the severe persecution in vision of an "Iron Beast" with "iron legs and teeth", which is the persecuting strength of the Kingdom of Rome. Diverse from all other kingdoms, Rome subdued, by devouring and treading down all other nations, breaking them into pieces. Persecution came spiritually, under the "Sixth Death King" and physically, by Rome's 10 most powerful "Pagan Kings". The first of these was Nero, who fell to Vespasian. Vespasian named his son Titus to be governor over Jerusalem. It was Titus who was given commandment by his father to destroy Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Daniel called this the "Abomination of Desolation" (Daniel 8:13). The rest of the 10 kings stood for the "10-Horned Power "of the Knowledge of Evil.

The last or 10th persecuting Pagan King was "Diocletian". Diocletian had an understudy by the name of "Constantine". Constantine inherited the Roman Empire and led the earth into the fierce grip of the "Seventh Death King". At first Constantine was greatly influenced by the way and character of Diocletian, which was the way of intense and severe persecution toward saints. After Diocletian's death and Constantine came to power, he received a direct vision from the Knowledge of Evil. She commissioned him for a very evil work, which would establish a new capital for the Roman Empire and prepare the way for the subduing of the "Second Horn". Instead of Rome, Byzantium would become the new capital. Byzantium was later changed to "Constantinople". Constantine recognized the economic, cultural and political advantages of moving the capital, but it divided the Eastern half from the Western Roman Empire. The Knowledge of Evil was securely establishing "Christiandom" in both the East and the West, making ready her move to push her abominable, Catholic missionary work in the East and its provinces. Constantine claimed himself "Divine Emperor" and gave all men the freedom to worship without persecution…at least for the time being.

Constantine was making evil's filthy wares available to all "freely". To make Catholicism more attractive and competitive with the "Truth", Constantine altered the word of God. He blasphemed God when he said that Christ and God, the Father (the Ancient of Days) was in fact, the same body. He changed the Sabbath Day from Saturday to Sunday. All this was done under the cloak of his authority and blasphemous title, "The Divine Monarchy". Constantine's religious authority made living so that if anyone disagreed with Christiandom, that man was declared a heretic against both Christiandom and the Roman government. Here we see the beginning of the amalgamation of religio-politico tactics. Other additional ways that polluted the "Truth" was by translating the word of God to Latin, a language understood by a few. This paved the way for other offspring doctrines to arise in the future; i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Protestant...Methodist, Baptist...and many others. The growth of the "Little Horn" of Daniel 7:8 was the beginning of spiritual unrest, deceit and other abominations – all seen coming out of Rome, the "Fourth Universal Kingdom".

XII. <u>A HORN PLUCKED UP</u>

The moving of the Roman capital caused the Empire to be severely divided, East from the West. The foundation of the Western Empire was based on a "city-state" system, like the U.S.A. Under this system each city-state was independent of the state government. With the dividing of the Empire, the city-state began to decay economically in the West. The people – namely the poor saints – had to depend solely on the central government. Our present day comparison is the Reagan economic policy against poor. The once declared "free people" became slaves to the greedy Romans of the "New Eastern Empire". The rich "aristocrats" of Constantinople grew stronger and stronger in politics, philosophy, and divine right. The "Western Empire" was left weak and helpless. The saints became easy subjects to what the Knowledge of Evil had in store.

XIII. VISIGOTHS / OSTROGOTHS: THE SECOND HORN SUBDUED

Constantine favored "his version" of Christ's teaching, which used politics and economic strength as the foundation of Christiandom orthodoxy and the cares of the worlds' philosophy of men; all with emphasis placed on the "Eastern Empire". Constantine outlawed all Pagan cults of the people of the North and Sea People. He considered "The Truth" a cult to <u>his</u> doctrine. The saints were poor, helpless and weak, and the city-states of the "Western Empire" could stand no longer. Pagan Barbarians invaded the West with German custom and tradition. These people were called "Visigoths and Ostrogoths" of the line of Japheth. The Goths took all the Roman provinces of Spain and the Ostrogoths settled down into Italy. Together these Barbarians had complete control over the Western Empire. Other invaders of the West were called, "Celts", "Anglos", "Saxons", "Vandals" and "Gauls". The Eastern Empire was only concerned with their defense from the "Ottoman-Muslims", economics and politics.

When Constantine realized he was losing the Western Empire, he made an effort to keep his religious hold on the people of the West, but it was too late. The West was falling fast to "Western Barbarians".

The "Visigoths" and "Ostrogoths" opened the door for the rise and fall of the "Second Horn". It was these Barbarians that would populate Christiandom of the West. While the "true Christians" were forced to worship Christ in hiding, the power of Christiandom and the Knowledge of Evil was taking her place in the West by converting many Barbarians to Christiandom. Government-controlled "village units" were developed by the religious leaders. Christiandom priest were ordained – consecrated by the Knowledge of Evil – to peddle her lies throughout the Roman villages by evil missionary priest and false prophets. Special villages were set up and were called, "DIOCESE", headed by bishops. Several dioceses were called, "Provinces", which were controlled by "ARCHBISHOPS". Several provinces were headed by patriarchs who controlled large cities such as, Alexandria and Rome. The religious leaders of the Eastern Empire was called, "the Patriarch of Constantinople", while the "Patriarch of Rome", also called the "Archbishop", assumed total, religious leadership of the Western Empire. He was later called "POPE", leader and father of Catholicism – **OR FOOL!!!**

Rome, now populated by Barbarians, became the capital of Christiandom, while imperial governmental leadership slipped away from the Western Emperor. The Know of Evil had completely made the way for Catholicism to claim both political and religious superiority. The Knowledge of Evil shaped Catholicism to fit her needs by saying that the "Apostle Peter" was the first Pope. By lies she made the people believe that Peter was head of the Catholic Church; GOD FORBID! Christiandom railroaded the beliefs of many to justify the existence of Christiandom and link it to "The Truth" to deceive both Jew and Gentile.

Rome became the capital of Catholic Christiandom, again while imperial governmental leadership was slipping away from the Western Emperor, and the Knowledge of Evil had paved a clear way for Catholicism to claim both political and religious superiority in Rome. The Knowledge of Evil...and all her followings...took the "Truth" and distorted the teachings of Christ. Catholic Christiandom was the lie spoken by the Pope when he declared the Apostle Peter to be the first Pope. Again we say, GOD FORBID, for he was not the head of the Catholic Church; Peter was a JEW! As was mentioned before, Christiandom railroaded the belief of many with this great lie in order to justify the mere existence of Catholicism.

But the "true saints" – both Jew and Gentile – would not submit to this abomination. "Render to Caesar"; "Tribute to Rome"...this was the way of a saint in matters concerning the law of the land. But when it came to breaking the laws of God, the saint refused. They would not bow to Rome's Pagan Kings and those who mixed Paganism with Catholicism. This led to periods of great Roman persecution, because Roman Kings saw the faith of the saints in the testimony of Jesus. They thought and saw the word of God as a threat to overthrow the Roman government; thereby, killing saints was the scapegoat for a falling empire. While living in hunted existence, they (the true saints) kept their faith. The word of God could not be wiped out, as it affected the Jews and Gentiles alike. Soon the political leaders of the Western Empire weakened, as it was to give way to Christiandom, which became the "authorized religion" of the known world.

XIV. JUSTINIAN'S DECREE

It was the Byzantine Emperor, Justinian, who seriously sought to recapture the Western Empire from the heathen Visigoths and Ostrogoths. Being influenced by Christiandom, Justinian tried to reestablish the overall strength of both the Eastern and Western Empire by revising the laws that governed the people. Using the philosophy of the Greek "leopard", the Media-Persian "bear" and the Babylonian "lion", plus some of his own, Justinian tried desperately to reunite the East and the West; but he could not. The Knowledge of Evil had the "wine of her fornication" as a system of religion into motion. Because of Western neglect by the Eastern Empire, the "Seventh King of Death" gained his place in history. The Eastern Empire could do nothing to stop Catholicism; instead it enhanced the process.

Justinian exhausted the East's economic strength and left himself and his domain easy prey to the third and final horn to rise upon the "Kingdom of the Fourth Beast". This last horn would reveal the Knowledge of Evil and the amalgamated powers of the dragon-kingdom under its 10 powerful horns. Then would a new head be established under the symbol of the "Little Horn", with eyes and a mouth.

XV. THE CAUSE

We all know that the will of God is the "cause of all things", as history and prophecy unfolds. But there were many physical and spiritual differences that kept the Eastern Empire from the Western Empire after Justinian's death; the earth was entering into the last **1000 years of mercy** for mankind. Furthermore, the religious strife imposed by the Knowledge of Evil became more subtle. There was great dispute whether to restore graven images in Catholic Churches; this dispute ended, of course, with images being fully restored. There were attempts to settle the differences between the religious leaders of Rome and the "Patriarch Emperor" of Constantinople, but the Knowledge of Evil would not allow any settlement of differences. The Eastern Empire was being severely threatened by the "Arabs" of the rising "Ottoman Empire", who is the last horn before the "Horn with Eyes".

The Eastern Empire sought the assistance of the Pope of the West to help stop the "Wild Arab's" advancement upon Constantinople; however, the Pope refused. We are looking at the very point in time when the Knowledge of Evil took opportunity to upstage Eastern Orthodoxy. The subtle upstage of the dragon forced the East to join the West in religious belief, which would be called, "The Holy Roman Empire", which is Italy, the "Little Horn". Nevertheless, history and prophecy must first lead the Ottoman Empire to control and have power for a time.

XVI. THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE: THE THIRD HORN

The fullness of the Ottoman Empire came in "Mid-evil (Medieval) Times". Its beginning was with the movement of the western migration of the people southeast of the Eastern Roman Empire. These people came west lusting to conquer the "Holy Land" – Jerusalem. The "Ottoman Arabs" were already inspired by the false doctrine of Islam, which claimed Jerusalem by way of the "blessing" that Isaac gave to Ishmael. Ishmael has always been a "thorn" or "mockery" to the "Truth", even when he was a child. For this reason, Isaac sent him out into the desert. Because of envy, the Ottoman/Arab world did conquer the "Middle East"; namely, Israel, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordon, Afghanistan; plus North Africa, Spain and Portugal. As a power, the "Ottoman Horn" used "Anti-Christ" called, "Mohammad" as their savior to mock Jesus Christ.

But the Knowledge of Evil also wanted full control of Jerusalem and sought to knock out the "10th Horn" and raise up a horn in its stead. The "Little Horn of Catholicism" was the only hope for the wicked to gain control over what was promised the saints. The effort of the "Little Horn with Eyes" began with Constantine and continued with Justinian and the Popes of Catholicism.

XVII. <u>ITALY: THE LITTLE HORN WITH EYES</u>

With Catholicism fully in place the "Little Horn" began to speak. Its words would make it the religion of the entire world: a "Universal Religion", composed of a mixture of Paganism, the doctrine of the Visigoths/Ostrogoths, the floodwaters of Greek philosophy, Celts, Saxons, Huns, Vandals, Gaul's, and many others. Under the guidance of the Knowledge of Evil it became strong. She stamped out the Roman Empire, the Visigoths and Ostrogoths, as well as the Ottomans to become in control of the world.

As a "**crusade**", the Pope led her followers under the cloak of religion to destroy all other religions in effort to capture Jerusalem from the "Ottoman-Arabs". The "wine of her doctrine" went beyond religion on into politics as she governed the whereabouts and policies of the kings of nations. Through her power of "excommunication" she forced the nations to drink her "wine" until she was wounded.

Italy became the seat of the Holy Roman Empire. All was controlled from Italy. Italy and her sister nations and cities governed themselves by the doctrine of Catholicism until the reign of "Napoleon", an *Italian* who became a *French* General and Emperor. Italy was divided by "seven spiritual heads" or "seven states" that were built atop of a mountain. These states were: Rome, Milan, Pisa, Genoa, Venice, Florence and Naples. They had their own government with separate heads. Altogether they were called "papal states", controlled solely by the Pope and his so-called, "Holy Roman Empire" under the "Seventh Death King".

All praises be to the full throne of God and a special salutation to the Wisdom of God, Most Holy,

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