

# A Small Part of How The Anti-Christ Will Come Into Power

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First, turn to II Peter 1:20, "*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*" We find here that no prophecy of the scripture is to be interpreted by man's own private thinking. The only way to discover the meaning of Bible prophecy is found in II Tim. 2:15, "*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" In other words, the Bible gives the meaning of its own prophecy. If we wonder what a particular verse means, we compare it with other verses that, in proper context, is talking about the same thing, and our answer therefore comes from the Bible, and not from our private thinking. Of course, we must think to understand, but the meaning comes from the Bible and not from the process of our reasoning. This is what we shall attempt to do in this study.

Now turn to Revelation 13:1-9, "*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.*"

In verse 1, John is standing upon the sand of the seas. But what is the sand, and what is the sea?

## THE SEA

Let us first look for a definition of the sea as given in Revelation 17:15, "*And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*" An angel is here explaining to John concerning the

great whore that was sitting upon her throne in the first part of Rev. 17. The angel explained that the waters were "...peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." Therefore we can understand that every nationality in the world is reflected in Rev. 17:15 and Rev. 13:1. We also know that every nation is involved because all that dwell upon the earth shall worship the Antichrist, except those that have been saved. Rev. 13:8 declares, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." In Rev. 7:9, we find a great multitude of people "...of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues...clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." In Rev. 7:14, one of the Elders tells John that "...these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb." So we see that out of every nation, some will be saved. Every nation, as a whole, will fall down and worship the Antichrist, with the exception of the nations of the Edomites, Moabites, and the Ammonites. Daniel 11:41 declares, "He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon." The nations of Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon will be spared from the Antichrist because they will help Israel escape from the Antichrist. But even of these nations, some will worship. Therefore, all nations will fall down before the Antichrist. The sea in Rev. 13:1 represents all unsaved people on the earth during the tribulation period.

### THE SAND

Now we will consider the sand upon which John is standing. In Rev. 1:11, Christ instructs John to write what he sees in a book. "Saying, *I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.*" Rev. 4:2 reveals that when John got through prophesying to the churches in the church age, he was immediately in the spirit, and started seeing things that only a person in the spirit can see. "And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne." So John was in the spirit, and the prophecy came into his vision, and he looked and wrote down the things that he saw, as Christ commanded him to do. Therefore, we see that John did not have any part in the actions before him, but was only there to write what he saw and heard.

Now go back to the scene in Rev. 13:1. We find John standing on the sand, watching the action of the sea. John had no part in the actions of the people during the tribulation period, but was only there to stand on the sand and watch and record.

### THE BEAST

The next thing John sees is a beast rising up out of the sea. This beast had seven heads with the name of blasphemy upon his heads. Notice there was only one name of blasphemy to the seven heads. The beast also had 10 horns and upon each horn a crown. In verse 2, we find the beast had the body of a leopard, the feet of a bear, and a mouth of a lion.

When we think of a beast, we immediately think of a big, hairy, fierce creature that will harm man's physical being, and this is indeed a terrible looking beast, which would surely scare a man stiff. But the purpose of the beast is not to scare man, but that man might worship this beast. The beast is the Antichrist as proved by Rev. 13:5, *"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."* But if the Antichrist really looked like this, man would never worship him. This description of the beast could be more accurately described as his attributes. The attributes of the beast are terrible; for he comes to destroy man's soul. This is the reason the Antichrist is called a beast.

There is another beast mentioned in Rev. 4:6. *"And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."* This beast is serving Christ, and is obviously different from the beast of Rev. 13:5. The word beast in Rev. 4:6 comes from the Greek word "Zoon" meaning "living ones," or "living creatures." The beast in Rev. 13:1,2 comes from the Greek word "Therion" meaning, "wild, untamed creatures." So there is quite a difference in the two beasts.

Now that we have seen that the Antichrist will come from the multitudes on the earth, meaning that the Antichrist will be a man, let us examine the seven heads and ten horns.

### SEVEN HEADS

Again, we must go back to God's Word for the answer. Rev. 17:9-11 reads, *"And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."* The seven heads are seven mountains, and there are seven kings. This scripture tells us two things.

First, there is a literal interpretation. Rev. 17:1-6 declares, *"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. sits is surrounded by seven mountains."*

There is only one place in the world where a throne is now, or ever has been, that is surrounded by seven hills. That place is Rome, Italy. The names of the hills are: (1)

Palatine, (2) Capitoline, (3) Quirinal, (4) Viminal, (5) Esquiline, (6) Coelian and (7) Aventine. In fact, there has been a throne in Rome, Italy, almost since the beginning of time.

Second, there is a **symbolic** meaning that will help us understand who the seven kings of verses 10 and 11 are. First, let us find out what the mountain stands for.

The kingdom of Christ is called a mountain. Isaiah 2:2-4 proclaims, *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."*

Micah 4:1,2 also declares, *"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. 2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."* Therefore, the kingdom of Christ is called a mountain.

Isaiah 11:9 describe the kingdom of the Lord during the millennium. *"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."*

Daniel 2:35 describes Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and describes a mountain that fills the whole earth. In the interpretation of the dream, verse 44, Daniel interprets the mountain as being a kingdom set up by Christ. *"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."*

In Jeremiah 51:25, the Lord calls pagan Babylon a *"destroying mountain,"* which, in this case, refers to a kingdom controlled by the devil. *"Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain."*

So we find that the seven mountains of Rev. 17:9 must also mean seven kingdoms, not the kingdom of Christ, for Christ has only one everlasting kingdom, but as in Jeremiah 51:25, seven evil kingdoms.

## SIX OF THE SEVEN KINGS

The heads of the kingdoms tell us that there are seven separate kingdoms or rulers. In conjunction with the seven heads, we can go to Rev. 17:10 to discover some additional information about these seven kingdoms. *"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short*

*space.*" We find there are seven kings, just as there were seven heads. But we also find that five of these kings have ended their rule, one is ruling when John writes and there is one more to come. To find out who these kings are, we need to go back to Rome, Italy and the seven mountains. We find that Rome, Italy was once the capitol of the Roman Empire, which was destroyed. The five kings that had ruled when John wrote were of the Caesar Dynasty. (1) Julius Caesar, (2) Tiberius Caesar, (3) Caligula Caesar, (4) Claudius Caesar, and (5) Nero Caesar. The emperor of Rome in John's day was Domitian Caesar. These six kings ended the Caesar Dynasty. Yet the Bible says there is one yet to come. Now if the Roman Empire is destroyed, why does John write that there is yet one king to rule? Simply because reference is made to the Revived Roman Empire.

### **MYTHOLOGY OF THE BEGINNING OF ROME**

This information is taken from the Encyclopedia International Volume 15, page 541 under the heading Romulus and Remus, who were brothers. Both were abandoned at birth and nursed by a she wolf. They were then raised by a farmer and his wife. Romulus and Remus took over the kingdom of Rome on April 21, 753 b.c. Romulus killed Remus in a fit of rage and became the first of seven kings. The other six are: (1) Numa Pompilius, (2) Tullun Hostilius, (3) Ancus Marcius, (4) Tarquinius Priscus, (5) Servius Tullius, (6) and Tarquin the Proud. The dynasty ended at Tarquin the Proud because Sextus Tarquinius, son of Tarquin the Proud, raped Lucretia, wife of Collatinus, a high government official. Then the Roman government got rid of all this dynasty from the throne and exiled all of them from the country, and established a republican government.

This mythology reinforces the thought that the Roman Empire was founded mainly because of the work of seven men. So shall the revived Roman Empire be established upon the work of seven men, starting with Julius Caesar of the Caesar Dynasty.

Another mythology goes like this: King of Alba Longa, Proca, had two sons. The younger (Amulius) killed the oldest (Numitor) and seized the throne. Numitor's daughter, Rhea Silvia, a virgin, gave birth to twins who she said were fathered by the god Mars. Amulius, to protect his throne from his brothers' descendants, imprisoned Rhea Silvia, and put the twins in a basket on the river so they would be drowned. They were raised by a she wolf and later a farmer and his wife. When they found out they were supposed to be king; they got together a band of men and killed Amulius and ruled. They had a quarrel over who to name a city they were building after, so Romulus jumped over the short, incomplete wall and killed Remus, and Romulus then became the sole ruler.

### **REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE**

In Daniel 7:2-14, we find some additional information. *"Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they*

said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. 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. 9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. 11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

In verse 4, the lion represents the Babylon Empire. In verse 5, the Median Persian Empire is represented by the bear, (see also Daniel 8:20) and in verse 6, the leopard represents the Grecian Empire, (Daniel 8:21). John saw a very similar beast in Rev. 13:2. In Daniel 7:7, the Roman Empire is represented by iron teeth and strong exceedingly. Daniel saw the Roman Empire and John saw the Revived Roman Empire. In verse 8, there are ten horns, meaning ten kings (Daniel 7:24). But the Roman Empire was never made up of ten separate kingdoms. There was always only one king of the Roman Empire. So we see that the scriptures plainly refer to a revived Roman Empire that is made up of ten kingdoms. Daniel 2:41-43 speaks about these ten kingdoms, "*And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.*" These ten kingdoms shall remain separate entities, but shall be united in a common effort, thus making one kingdom. An illustration should help to clarify this: The United States is one kingdom, but comprising the United States is fifty separate and complete states. The states have joined themselves in a common effort of defense and for the good of all in the nation. Each state is separate from all the other states, making its own laws and so forth, but together all the states make up what is called the United States of America. Thus, there are ten separate kingdoms that make up the Revived Roman Empire.

Today (1971) there are six of the ten kingdoms already organized. In 1970 these nations controlled 40% of the world trade. These countries are (1) Belgium, (2) France, (3) West Germany, (4) Italy, (5) Luxembourg, and (6) the Netherlands. These are the countries in the European Economic Community. You know, of course, that England (joined 1/22/72) is practically in. There are three more countries that have application for the common market. These are Ireland (joined 1/22/72); Norway, (joined 1/22/72); and Denmark (joined 1/22/72). If all of these are added to "the six" they can then call themselves "the ten." If you will look on a map of the boundaries of the Roman Empire and the boundaries of these nations that may comprise the Revived Roman Empire, you will find them to be surprisingly similar.

I am not saying that the above mentioned kings and countries will be the exact ten kings mentioned in the Bible, but there is a remarkable similarity between the two.

### **THE LAST OF THE SEVEN KINGS**

Rev. 17:10, *"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."* We have seen that there will be a federation of ten kingdoms, which will be headed by a president, as a president heads the United Nations. This is the seventh king as spoken of in Rev. 17:10, and he must continue a short space. This tells us that the ten kingdoms will be established as a united federation before the Antichrist takes over the ruler ship. These ten kings will favor the Antichrist, and will do everything in their power to help him. But he will not take over the ruler ship of the ten federated kingdoms until the great whore (mystery Babylon) is overthrown. Rev. 17:16 declares, *"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."* Immediately after the overthrow of world religion, the Antichrist will overcome three of the ten kingdoms and set up his authority. Daniel 7:24 maintains, *"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."* Daniel 7:27 states this will happen in the middle of the tribulation period, *"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."*

### **THE SOURCE OF POWER**

Rev. 13:2 reveals that the Antichrist receives his power and authority to reign as a king from the dragon. Daniel 7:25 declares that the Antichrist shall receive the authority *"...to speak great words against the most High, to wear out the saints of the most High and to change times and laws...until a time and times and the dividing of a time."* Daniel 8:24 proclaims *"...his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power."* These scriptures all point to the Antichrist receiving his power, authority, and kingdom from someone other than himself. Rev. 13:2 shows that the Antichrist will receive his power from the dragon. Rev. 12:7 describes a battle in heaven between the angel Michael and the dragon. In verse 9, the dragon is called *"...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world."* Therefore, the Antichrist will receive his right to rule from Satan

himself.

### SATAN'S KINGDOM

Some may doubt that Satan has the privilege of giving a kingdom to anybody but Matt. 4:8-10 records that Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would fall down and worship him. But Jesus said in verse 10, *"Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."* Notice that Christ did not deny that Satan had the right to turn the kingdoms of the world over to Him. Luke 4:6-7 states, *"...all this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine."* So Satan indeed does have a kingdom, which has been given to him by God, just as Jesus received His kingdom from God. Psalms 2:8-9 declares, *"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."* Daniel 7:14 declares *"And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."*

II Thess. 2:1-4 tells us that Satan will give his kingdom to someone who will sit in the temple at Jerusalem and act as if he is God. *"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; 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, showing himself that he is God."* This person will be the Antichrist.

### THE RESURRECTION

Rev. 13:3 declares *"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."* This verse reveals that one of the beast's heads is fatally wounded, but survives, to the amazement of the world.

Remembering that the seven heads represent seven kings and the Antichrist is one of the kings; we believe that the fatal wound inflicted upon this king is indeed fatal; he dies. But through the power God gives to Satan, the king is raised to life; a mock of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

The reader may ask, "Why is it necessary for the Antichrist to die and be raised again?" II Thess 2:1-4 states that the Antichrist will call himself God. The Antichrist will have to fulfill as perfectly as possible all the prophecies concerning Christ to fool the nations of the world, especially the Jews. There are many prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the sufferings of Christ that must be fulfilled. Ps. 22:1-20; Isaiah 52:14,15; 53:1-12 just to mention a few.

## PEOPLE WORSHIP SATAN

Rev. 13:4 shows that the nations of the world fall down and worship the dragon through and because of the beast (Antichrist). *"And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"* The miraculous resurrection of the Antichrist shall be so wonderful that people will have no other choice except to be in the most profound exclamation of praise and worship toward Satan. Indeed, so great is the miracles done that no one shall have the strength or ability to resist worshipping the dragon and beast, except -- the very elect of God, Matt. 24:24. The people that are chosen by God to be saved during the tribulation will not be fooled by the miracles and signs and wonders performed by the power of the dragon. The saved of the tribulation will not, by the power of God, fall down and worship the Antichrist. They will choose instead to go to their death.

Another point concerning the world worshipping the dragon is that this is what Satan has always desired. Before man was ever created, we find Satan saying in his heart, *"I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the North. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High."* Isaiah 14:13,14. We find in Rev. 12:1-6 that Satan and 1/3 of the angels of heaven were cast out of heaven, and Satan began to torment Israel. The angels are *"...reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."* Jude 6.

But Satan was still allowed to enter heaven to accuse the saints, Rev. 12:10. During this time, Satan tempted Adam's wife. When she told Adam of the fruit, they both sinned; causing the entire human race to be cursed with sin. Satan has always wanted to be worshipped and now people out of every nation on the face of the world worship him.

Something else to be noticed about Satan and his kingdom is simply that Satan does have a kingdom, and it is a replica of the original. Satan's work always copies God's work, and this kingdom is no exception.

Satan even copies the trinity. The Holy Trinity consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Unholy Trinity consists of the Dragon imitating God the Father; the Antichrist imitating God the Son; and the second beast of Rev. 13:11-17 imitating God the Holy Spirit. Thus we have the Satanic Trinity.

In Rev. 13:5,6, we find that the Antichrist is given the power of *"...speaking great things and blasphemies, and power was given him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, an His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."* These scriptures correspond with Daniel 7:8,25; 8:23-26; II Thess 2:4.

The forty two months reign of the Antichrist will take place in the last 3½ years of the tribulation period...and can be proved by (1) Rev. 13:5, *"And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."* (2) Daniel 7:25, *"And they shall be given into his hands until a time and times and the dividing of time,"* (3) Daniel 12:11, *"There shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."*

### Some Additional Comments

I wrote this paper in June 1971, one of the first papers I wrote on the end times. There is a very important point I didn't understand then, but God has shown this to me now.

### Rome and the Beast are Different

Many times it has been said that Catholicism is the beast, but that is incorrect. Catholicism (or probably more correctly stated -- Protestants) is only one of the organizations that help bring the beast into power. Remember that Catholicism is the mother of harlots, the source of Protestantism.

Rev. 17:7, *"And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns."* This verse reveals that the woman (Mystery Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations, a religious entity who has been and is seeking world political control -- this is Rome, Italy) and the beast (a political power whose history reaches deep into the past) are two different organizations. These two organizations are after the same thing: control of the world. Each of these organizations are closely linked together as is shown in Rev. 17:11, *"And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."* The beast, which is the little horn of Daniel 7, is the eighth head of the Harlot, which speaks of the Revived Roman Empire. It seems Rome will be well on the way to gaining political control of the world because she has "made deals" with several diverse political entities. The ten horns, which are ten kings (Rev. 17:12, *"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."*) are evidently a part of the political powers the harlot has used, but they turn their authority over to the beast, Rev. 17:13, *"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."* They do this because God moves on the hearts of all these ten kings at the same time. I don't know what circumstances God will use, but I am sure He will use something that will cause these ten kings to hate the whore so much; they cause her destruction. Rev. 17:16,17 *"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."*

A detailed description of the destruction of the harlot is shown in Revelation 18. It must be noted that Rev. 18:9 speaks of the kings of the earth bewailing the destruction of the harlot. These kings are not the same as the ten kings that cause her destruction.

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