

Chapter 1 : 4 Beasts Vision - Daniel chapter 7

The great whore of Revelation 17 did not ride any of the seven prophetic heads (empires) mentioned in Daniel 2 (Babylon, Persia, Greece (four heads) and Rome before its split) nor the first three horns of the fourth beast of Daniel 7.

August 10, 4, 12 The location for the origins of the Antichrist is a hotly debated topic among Christians. The popular beliefs teach that he will arise either out of a revived Roman Empire or even the United States. However, there are five biblical reasons why the Antichrist will not come from Europe or America, but instead he will come from the Middle East. The Islamic Caliphate is the only empire to fulfill the requirements of Daniel 2, 7 and Revelation Daniel 2 and 7 provide the reader with details about four great kingdoms that will emerge throughout history. The first three are generally seen as the ancient empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece. Rome is usually thought to be the last kingdom. Thus, it is believed that the Antichrist will come from the area once ruled by Rome some people try to squeeze America in there somehow. However, there are some major problems with Rome being the fourth empire. First, the fourth kingdom is said to crush the first three empires Daniel 2: Rome never did this. They never conquered Persia, most of the Greek empire, and held on to Babylon for only a very short period of time. Second, the fourth kingdom is symbolized by the legs of a giant statue in Daniel 2. The third kingdom, Greece, is presented as the bronze belly and thighs of the statue. The point is that the fourth kingdom the legs emerge from the two thighs the Seleucids and Ptolemaic Empires. However, this does not match up with the Seleucid and Ptolemaic Empires because they were Middle Eastern. The divide between east and west would have been Syria and Iraq around the Euphrates River , not the middle of Europe as with Rome. Rome simply does not match up geographically with Syria and Egypt. This is also important since the fourth kingdom in Daniel 7 and the beast in Revelation 13 are the same empire as the legs of iron in Daniel 2. The beast of Revelation 13 is a composite of the first three beasts of Daniel 7 a lion, bear, and leopard which were all Middle Eastern empires! The Ptolemaic Empire is in green. The Seleucid Empire is in yellow. Roman Empire at its height in AD source: Notice that it covered the same basic area as Babylonian, Persian, and Greek Empires? Revelation 17 teaches that the Antichrist will come from a kingdom that exists after the Roman Empire. Revelation 17 gives us some very interesting details about the kingdom of the Antichrist. The beast that appears in this chapter is the same beast that appears in chapter 13, and is thus the fourth kingdom in Daniel 2 and 7. However, chapter 17 reveals for us some additional information. Verse 9 teaches that the seven heads on the beast which first make an appearance in By the time John was writing Revelation five of them had fallen generally believed to be Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece and the sixth was currently in existence Rome. The question is which one of the seven? As I mentioned above the fourth kingdom of Daniel 2 and 7 is the kingdom of the Antichrist, so it must come after Greece which is the fifth empire in the sequence provided by Revelation Since Rome is the sixth head, but is not the place of origin for the Antichrist, than it must be the seventh kingdom that will emerge at some point in history, decline, and then be revived during the end of days. The Islamic Caliphate fits these details once again. The empire was founded after the fall of the Western Roman Empire. It existed as a dominant force iron from AD. Afterwards it would slowly weaken until we see the conditions of the Middle East today fitting the details of Daniel 2 very well. Gog of Magog is the Antichrist and he comes from the Middle East. Ezekiel 38 and 39 give details about an invasion of Israel in the last days. It is led by a man called Gog. It is commonly thought that he will be a Russian ruler who attacks Israel before or in the earlier part of the Tribulation. Instead there are many details on these two chapters that point to Gog actually being the Antichrist. Only the Antichrist is given any mention in the context of the end times. For example, both Gog and the Antichrist are destroyed by an earthquake Ezekiel Fourth, both Gog and the Antichrist use peace to wage war Ezekiel This map shows us one of the popular interpretations of the nations in Ezekiel However, it is not entirely correct. Rosh may or may not be a nation, but if it is, it should be placed in the western portion of Iran, not in Russia. Magog should be in Turkey. How could this happen before the Antichrist when he will be the greatest blasphemer Daniel 7: How can this occur before the Antichrist takes power when he will take over the Gentile nations and then demand to be worshipped? Once again, how can they dwell forever

in safety if the Antichrist is still to come? See the article here for more. I noted in another article: Ezekiel seems to be making the specific point that God is actually in the land at the defeat of Gog. Each of these places are located in modern-day Turkey, not Russia. See the previous link for a more in-depth analysis of this. Daniel 8 implies that the Antichrist will come from the Middle East. Daniel 8 records a vision about the Medo-Persian and Greek empires. It also gives us a glimpse at Antiochus Epiphanes, the Seleucid ruler who harshly persecuted the Jewish people in the middle of the second century BC. However, there are details within the chapter that seem to point to a possible double fulfillment. Antiochus is seen by many scholars to be a type of Antichrist think of foreshadowing. What is interesting is that Antiochus comes from the Seleucid Empire which as I noted earlier was a Middle Eastern empire. This could very well point to the place of origin of the Antichrist in the former Seleucid Empire which included the nations of Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Lebanon, and regions east of Iraq. This corresponds with the origin place of Gog. Daniel 11 places the origins of the Antichrist in the Middle East. Does it refer to Antiochus Epiphanes or the Antichrist? The passage comes at the end of a section on the interaction of the Seleucid and Ptolemaic Empires. The verses prior to concern Antiochus. However, many scholars believe that the section in question fast forwards to the Antichrist. Here is a summary of the evidence: Jesus brings this up in Matthew This time of distress had yet not happened by the time of Christ and he connects it with his second coming. This also points to a Middle Eastern origin for the end-time dictator. The verses about the Antichrist flow naturally from the preceding section of Antiochus and the Seleucid realm which is, once again, Middle Eastern. Many people try to counter this with various arguments, but these criticisms have logical answers for them. Rome simply does not fit the details that the Prophets and Apostles provide us. I know many of you are thinking of some possible counter arguments such as Daniel 9: These arguments fall apart upon close examination. What do you think? Leave a comment below or on our Facebook page. Links to that series are found throughout this article. My sources can be found in those articles. Take a second to support Christian Worldview Press on Patreon!

Chapter 2 : Revelation Chapter 13 Explained

The Seven Beast Empires Of Satan. May 27, Articles, Bible Teaching, End Times article, Babylonian exile, Beast Empires, cosmopolitics, Daniel, Eschatology, geopolitics beefy There are seven empires Satan has used to persecute Israel throughout its history.

As interpreted by conservative expositors, the vision of Daniel provides the most comprehensive and detailed prophecy of future events to be found anywhere in the Old Testament. Although its interpretation has varied widely, conservative scholars generally are agreed, with few exceptions, that Daniel traces the course of four great world empires, namely, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome, concluding in the climax of world history in the second coming of Jesus Christ and the inauguration of the eternal kingdom of God, represented as a fifth and final kingdom which is from heaven. Such a panorama of future events is of great importance to the student of prophecy, as it provides a broad outline to which all other prophetic events may be related. Almost all interpreters understand that these two visions are to be interpreted in the same way. But from that time, when faith in the supernatural origin and character of biblical prophecy was shaken by Deism and Rationalism, then as a consequence, with the rejection of the genuineness of the book of Daniel the reference of the fourth kingdom to the Roman world-monarchy was also denied. As Keil has pointed out, supported by Luther, the prevailing opinion of orthodoxy has always held this position since the early church. Porphyry, the third century a. The whole attempt, therefore, to make the book of Daniel history instead of prophecy, written in the second century and fulfilled by that date, has been considered untenable by orthodoxy. With it, the view that the fourth kingdom is Greece and not Rome has been also rejected by conservative scholars as unsupported by the book of Daniel and contradicted by the New Testament as well as historic fulfillment. Christ Himself in Matthew Prophecies of the book of Revelation written late in the first century also anticipate as future the fulfillment of parallel prophecies in Daniel. This could not, therefore, refer to events fulfilled in the second century B. The author of 2 Esdras, who lived near the close of the first century a. To these arguments may be added the details of the second, third and fourth empires throughout the book of Daniel, which harmonize precisely with the Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman Empires. For these reasons, conservative scholars have held firmly to the traditional identification of the four empires in chapter 7 of Daniel as in chapter 2. The conservative interpretation, however, has been confronted with a broadside of critical objection to the plausibility of such detailed prophecy of future events. In general, critical objections are based on the premise that the book of Daniel is a pious second-century forgery. Critics hold that the real author of Daniel lived in the time of the persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes B. Accordingly, the pseudo-Daniel considered Antiochus as symbolic of the wickedness of the powers of this world which the author believed were soon to be judged by God, who was to intervene and replace the rule of tyranny under Antiochus by that of the saints of the Most High. This interpretation, of course, requires interpretation of many statements in Daniel as less than factual and actually not scriptural prophecy at all. Their point of view as a whole is an expansion of the unbelief of Porphyry rather than a product of a reverent, believing study of the Scriptures. Critics approach Daniel somewhat a priori, assuming that prediction of particular events in the future is incredible and, therefore, requiring a late date for the book of Daniel so that it is history rather than prophecy. This is often denied, however, by such scholarly writers as H. Although the multiplicity of variations in interpretation of the entire book of Daniel, and in particular chapter 7, is all too evident to any reader of the literature in the field, the critical view as defined by H. Rowley may be taken as representative. According to the critics, the four empires of Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 are the empires of Babylon, Media, Persia, and Greece. Although their arguments embody many details, their theory has two major supports. First, they find evidence that the kingdom of Media is represented as being in existence in the book of Daniel by the mention of Darius the Mede 5: Actually, there was no Median Empire in power at the time of the fall of Babylon in B. The fact that Darius was a Median indicated his race, but it does not mean that the empire was Median. In other words, the book of Daniel itself states clearly that this was a Medo-Persian empire, not a Median empire at this point. The second critical argument is that the fourth empire is Greece—hence already

history at the time the pseudo-Daniel wrote the book in the second century. This would require the second and third empires to be Media and Persia. The weakness of the critical approach here is unconsciously recognized in H. Montgomery adopts an interpretation even more extreme than Rowley. Montgomery not only attributes the book of Daniel to a second-century author but takes the position that the first six chapters of Daniel were written by a different author and at a different time from chapters 7 to 12. The extreme positions taken respectively by the defenders and the impugnors of the historicity of Dan. Montgomery credits his view as being first advanced by Sir Isaac Newton. The six last chapters contain Prophecies written at several times by Dan. The inherent congruity of the conservative interpretation of Daniel 7 as opposed to the critical theories will be considered under the interpretation relating to each kingdom. If Daniel is genuine Scripture, of course, it tends to support the conservative interpretation. If Daniel is a forgery, as the critics assert, and its prophecy is actually history, the book of Daniel becomes quite meaningless for most Bible expositors. The Four Great Beasts 7: Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The year was probably B. Nabonidus, the actual king of Babylon beginning in B. In the mention of the specific time of the vision, Daniel is consciously and deliberately rooting the visions which he received as occurring in the historical background of the sixth century b. According to Daniel 9: The fourth vision of Daniel in chapters 10-12 occurred in the third year of Cyrus. In chapter 11, there is mention of an earlier activity of the angel in strengthening Darius the Mede in his first year, another historical event related to the prophetic portion of Daniel. All of these are introduced so naturally and are so integral to the narrative that they support the sixth century date for the book of Daniel. In the opening verse of chapter 7, Daniel speaks of his experience as a dream and a vision, apparently indicating that he had a vision in a dream. Here, for the first time in the book of Daniel, a vision is given directly to Daniel, and in verse 2, Daniel is quoted in the first person, reciting his experience of the dream and its interpretation. A great deal of discussion has been devoted to the significance of the seventh chapter in relationship to the book as a whole. One point of view, held by conservative as well as liberal interpreters, is that the book of Daniel divides into two halves with the first six chapters providing a unit and the second six chapters providing a second unit. From the standpoint of world history, this has much to commend itself; for the vision of Daniel in chapter 7 is at once a summary of what has been revealed before, especially in the vision of Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2, and the outline of world history with which the last half of Daniel is primarily concerned. In the first six chapters, generalities are revealed. In the last six chapters, specifics are given, such as the detailed end of the times of the Gentiles and the relationship of Israel to world history, with special reference to the time of great tribulation. From a literary standpoint, there is good support for the obvious division of the book into the stories and the visions. Chapter 7, moreover, contains in semipoetic form a more explicit version of the expectations disclosed in chapter 2. With the elucidation and prosaic details given in concluding chapters, the division of Daniel into two halves is the conclusion of the majority of conservative scholars. Another point of view argued strongly by Robert Culver is that the book of Daniel divides into three major divisions: In either point of view, however, chapter 7 is a high point in revelation in the book of Daniel; and, in some sense, the material before as well as the material which follows pivots upon the detailed revelation of this chapter. Also to be noted in the introduction of chapter 7 is the sharp contrast between the vision given to Daniel and the vision given to Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2. On the one hand, in chapter 2, a wicked and heathen king is used as a vehicle of divine revelation which pictures world history as an imposing image in the form of a man. In chapter 7, the vision is given through the godly prophet, Daniel, and world history is depicted as four horrible beasts, the last of which almost defies description. In chapter 2, Daniel is the interpreter. In chapter 7, an angel is the interpreter. In detail of prophecy, chapter 7 far exceeds chapter 2 and is in some sense the commentary on the earlier revelation. Critics have massed their severest criticism against the credibility of Daniel 7 and treated it almost contemptuously, but by so doing they only reveal the artificial criteria by which they judge divine revelation. Conservative scholars, on the other hand, have hailed chapter 7 as one of the great prophecies of the Bible and the key to the entire program of God from Babylon to the second coming of Christ. Critics have suggested that the original form of this chapter was Hebrew and later it was translated into Aramaic, but there is really no

justification or documentary support for this apart from a premise that Daniel itself is a forgery. From a literary standpoint, it is only natural that the Aramaic section of Daniel, dealing as it does with the Gentile world, should be in Aramaic, commonly used as the lingua franca of that time. In the vision, four winds are seen striving on a great sea. Symbolically, the sea may represent the mass of humanity, or the nations of the world, as in Matthew 23:37. The sea is identified with the earth in Revelation 7:1. The turbulence of the sea may well represent the strife of Gentile history. Commentators such as Leupold agree with Keil that the major elements of the introduction to the vision, namely, the four winds of heaven, the great sea, and the four great beasts indicate universality. It seems clear that the sea represents the nations and the four great beasts represent the four great world empires which are given subsequent revelation. If this is the case, what is the meaning of the four winds? Although the Scriptures do not tell us, inasmuch as the wind striving with the world is a symbol of the sovereign power of God striving with men (Genesis 1:9; Genesis 8:1-2). In Daniel, wind is uniformly used to represent the sovereign power of God, which is the viewpoint of the book. The history of the Gentiles is the record of God striving with the nations and ultimately bringing them into subjection when Christ returns to reign (Psalm 2). Daniel describes the first beast as being like a lion but having the wings of an eagle. Interpreters of the book of Daniel, whether liberal or conservative, generally have agreed that chapter 7 is in some sense a recapitulation of chapter 2 and covers the same four empires. Likewise, there is agreement that the first empire represents the reign of Nebuchadnezzar or the Neo-Babylonian Empire. A few have adopted the former view, but most the latter. One of the exceptions, according to Rowley, is Hitzig, who considered the first two empires of chapter 2 that of Nebuchadnezzar first, and Belshazzar second, but in chapter 7 identifies the first beast with Belshazzar. The lion is a common representation of royal power. Solomon, for instance, had twelve lions on either side of the steps leading up to his throne (1 Kings 7:26). Winged lions guarded the gates of the royal palaces of the Babylonians. The lion was indeed the king of the beasts. In like manner, the eagle was the king of the birds of the air. The symbolism is accurate and corresponds to the historical facts. The incident signifies that, as nearly as it is possible for a beast to become like a man, so nearly did Babylon lose its beastlike nature. Other prophets spoke at length on the fall of Babylon.

Chapter 3 : A Beast is an Empire - Daniel chapter 7 & 8 - Revelation 13

Being "of the seven", and perhaps more particularly of the seventh (Isaac Newton), the eighth beast is the Islamic Second Jihad, in the image of the First Jihad, that was mortally wounded in the Battle of Tours and then later healed through Western wealth transfer through oil development and purchase.

A Beast is an Empire Here a beast. Everywhere a beast! White We are going to identify every beast in the bible! The word beast simply means a wild animal. The bible uses wild animals to identify man ruled governments that are rebellious toward God. Beasts typically represent empires or unions. Ancient World Empires are identified by different wild animals in the bible. These animals were actually the symbols of these empires. The bible also identifies future empires that are also symbolized by wild animals. Some of these empires already exist today. For instance Russia just formed a new economic Union. Everybody knows that Russia is symbolized by a bear. The bible identifies this end time Russian Union as a bear in Daniel 7: There have been seven World Empires throughout history. These World Empires came to power one at a time. Each World Empire defeated the previous World Empire. Some of these World Empires are represented by animals in the bible. We are introduced to two animals that symbolize empires in Daniel chapter 8. These are the oldest World Empires that the bible symbolizes by animals. We are introduced to a ram and a goat. In the verses below; notice that the ram has two horns. Horns always represent rulers. The Mede and Persian Empire was a two division empire. The Medes are today's Kurds and Persia is known as Iran today. When Daniel gave this prophecy these events were still in the future. Now we can look back in world history and recognize the ram as the Mede and Persian Empire because it conquered territory in exactly the same way that Dan 8: The goat came after the ram. In Daniel chapter 8 the goat fights against the ram and defeats him. The goat symbolizes the Grecian Empire. Remember that horns represent rulers. This one horn represents Alexander the great who quickly conquered the known world. These four regions constituted the Grecian Empire. So the goat represents the Grecian Empire. In Daniel chapter 7 three kingdoms combine to form one World Empire. A lot of bible teachers say that these animals represent ancient World Empires. It has also been widely taught that the bear and the leopard are the same as the ram and the goat in Daniel chapter 8. First of all the animals in Daniel chapter 7 are different than the animals in Daniel chapter 8. Also the bear and the leopard were not the actual symbols of these ancient World Empires. Moreover Ancient World Empires existed one at a time but the empires in Daniel chapter 7 all exist at the same time. Keep this in mind. Daniel received this prophecy during the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Dan 7: Belshazzar was the last king in Babylon. These three animals or empires combine to form the final man ruled World Empire that exists on earth during the Tribulation period. That nation is England. Can you think of a nation that uses the bear as its national symbol? Of course Russia is symbolized by a bear today. Is there a kingdom today that is represented by a leopard? Will it choose the leopard to be its symbol? I think that it probably will. The first three kingdoms in Daniel chapter 7 are symbolized by specific animals. There is also a fourth kingdom that is not symbolized by one particular animal but in Daniel chapter 7 as well as Revelation chapter 13 it is simply called a beast. I think that four world leaders will conspire together to create this next World Empire. I think that most of those leaders are already in place today and well known. They include one ruler of England possibly representing the entire European Union, one ruler of Russia probably representing the newly created Russian Union, and possibly one ruler from a new Islamic Union. The fourth king rules over the next World Empire and is most likely the Antichrist. But remember that Dan 7: So the fourth beast in Daniel chapter 7 symbolizes the next World Empire. Israel will suffer under its rule but Jesus Christ will destroy it at his second coming. I want to give one more beast in Daniel chapter 7 an honorable mention. The US separated from English rule in There is another beast mentioned in Revelation that appears after the next World Empire is formed. It is symbolized by a lamb and a dragon. This beast has two horns which represent two rulers. These rulers are like a lamb. Jesus Christ is called the Lamb of God. Since the two rulers of this beast are like a lamb but they speak like a dragon it is thought that this beast represents a false Christian-like World Religion. Pope Francis is campaigning for Catholic, Protestant, and Muslim unity so I think that this two headed beast may be a

Catholic and Muslim hybrid religion. Here are four different kinds of beasts. They are not wild animals. These beasts do not represent empires. Four beasts sit around the throne of God in the book of Revelation. The word translated beast in Revelation chapter 4 and chapter 6 is a different word describing a different kind of beast. These beasts are not wild animals. The word translated as beast here means a living being. These beasts are not symbolic. They are actual animals created by God to worship him. These living creatures are also described in Ezekiel chapter 1. There is one more beast in the bible that represents a kingdom on earth. This kingdom is the final World Empire. This empire is symbolized by a Lamb! Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world John 1: Jesus Christ is the Lamb that pours out his wrath on the kings of the earth Rev 6: Jesus Christ is the Lamb that will sit on the throne of the kingdom of God forever!

This close relationship can be seen in the fact that scripture tells us the "second" beast will actually spawn the eighth "head" of the first beast (bringing to power a "reincarnation" of one of the first seven pagan empires).

The Beasts with Seven Heads There are three beasts in Revelation that are described as having seven heads and ten horns, namely: Because they all have seven heads and ten horns there must be some relationship between them. What are these beasts? How they relate to each other? Are they the same, or do they symbolize different things? The beasts of Daniel 7 are: The 7 heads and 10 horns of the beasts of Revelation means that they have some relationship to the beasts of Daniel 7. It implies that they are part of the series of beasts in Daniel 7. This series of beasts of Daniel 7 are represented by a single image of a man in Daniel 2, where each body part represents an empire. The head is the first the ancient Babylonian empire and the feet are the last, to be destroyed by the return of Christ. It may be more appropriate to compare the beasts of Revelation to this image of a man. It is proposed that all three seven headed beasts in Revelation are different perspectives on the image of Daniel 2. This means that the Sea-beast inherits something from each of the four beasts of Daniel 7. They provide additional information about the empires represented by Daniel, and as we shall see, particularly about the last empire. The discussion of Daniel 7 identifies the beasts as follows: Most of the verses in Daniel 7 describe a fifth power, namely the 11th horn that grows out of the fourth beast Dan 7: An analysis of Daniel 7 will show that this chapter allocates more verses to this 11th horn than perhaps of all four beasts put together. This 11th horn is the focal point of Daniel 7, and the four beasts are described as its predecessors merely so that we may be able to identify this horn. The Roman Empire came to its end over hundreds of year as its territory was systematically eroded. The ten horns represent the nations that were formed as the Empire dissolved. Then an eleven horn will arise from the Roman Empire. It dominates the other kingdoms Dan 7: Daniel 7 predicts that this 11th horn will be the most significant opposition to God and to His people of all time. At the return of Christ this 11th horn will be destroyed 7: This 11th horn will therefore be a continuation horn of the Roman Empire in some way, and will exist until the return of Jesus. It is proposed here that this 11th horn is the Church of Rome. About years ago arguably all Protestant commentators accepted this interpretation. Today more or less nobody believes it anymore. Over the last year the Church of Rome has not been able to destroy Bibles and persecute the saints, but it has been able to erase from human memory most of what it did during the Middle Ages. Today it is no longer socially acceptable to identify this Church with the great persecuting power of Daniel. In academic circles Antiochus Epiphanies IV has been awarded this honour, based on the assumption that Daniel was not written, as the book indicates, in the time of ancient Babylon, in the sixth century before Christ, but that it was written in the time of Antiochus in about BC. This view is not accepted here. The present author has made a study of when Daniel was written, and sufficient evidence exists in the book itself, such as the amazing historical accuracy of the fifth chapter, and outside the book, such as in the Dead Sea scrolls, that Daniel was written in the sixth century B. A lengthy article is available on this topic. In non-academic circles the dispensationalist view is dominant, postponing the Antichrist to a future seven year period after a secret rapture. Today there is considerable resistance against any conspiracy theory. People do not want to believe that there exists today a massive conspiracy to brain wash the peoples of the world. People, even Christians, no longer believe in the existence of Satan, and therefore they do not believe in any form of conspiracy. It is maintained here, against the massive resistance, that the Roman Church is the 11th horn of Daniel 7. Just think about the macro sequence of the Daniel 7 prophecy. Four empires are described, the fourth being Rome. Rome will break up into a large number of nations, and the Antichrist will be among them; stronger than the others, but still among them. This requires an Antichrist that fit this sequence. Neither the Antiochus nor futuristic theories fit this pattern. It has been proposed above that we are informed of this sequence of beasts in order that we may be able to identify the 11th horn. But the Antiochus and futuristic interpretations separate the 11th horn from its ancestry. Also consider the continuity between Rome and the Antichrist; Rome will continue to exist until the return of Christ. In Daniel 2 Rome is represented by the legs of iron. In Daniel 7 the great persecuting power is a horn

that grows on the fourth beast, and this horn continues its evil work until the return of Christ. Antiochus and an Antichrist that will exist after a secret rapture do not satisfy the requirement of continuity with Rome. But the Roman Church does. It is a direct descendent from the Roman Empire. As Rome became weaker and weaker, the Church grew stronger and stronger. In this way, over time, the Pope replaced the Caesars, and inherited many of their titles. The Roman Church is not the continuation of the early church. The Roman Church developed in the church in Rome, and in an effort to become acceptable, it adopted heathen theories. It even became the official religion of the Roman Empire, and was able to systematically destroy the remnant of the true church. It replaced the gospel with a different religion; one where one is able to buy salvation; one that is based on the ancient mother-child religion from the time of Nimrod and Semiramis. It has become a church that is based on wealth, splendour and power, mesmerizing the world with its dignity, power and wealth. Since the reformation the Roman Church has been able to institute a counter reformation, and both theories, namely Antiochus and the futuristic Antichrist, have been developed by the counter-reformation. It has been so successful that today very few people identify the Roman Church any longer as the Antichrist of Daniel. However, consider the identifications provided by Daniel: Rome did break up into a large number of nations, such as the Visigoths, Ostrogoths and Vandals. This, by itself, was a remarkable prophecy, made long before it happened, even if one assume Daniel was written in BC, because each of the previous empires were conquered by one single mighty nation. This break-up happens before the 11th horn became dominant. How does this fit the Antiochus or the futuristic interpretations? The text of the prophecy is completely incompatible with these interpretations. But even if we accept their proposal that Media and Persia be split, what are the 10 horns on Greece? In Daniel 8 Greece is represented as a goat with four horns, not ten. And where do you find 10 horns that fit the futuristic interpretation? Remember that this Antichristian power of Daniel 7 subdues three of the horns. What three horns are subdued by Antiochus or by an end time Antichrist? The point is that there are identifying marks in Daniel, and we have to use them to identify the Antichrist, and not be guided by politically acceptable notions. Initially the Roman Church was purely a church. It was only later that it also assumed political authority over other nations. After what ten horns did Antiochus or will an end time Antichrist arise? They were subdued before the Church was able to become dominant. But these nations did continue to exist. In the end all 11 horns existed simultaneously. How does this satisfy the Antiochus or futuristic interpretations? During the long dark period of history known as the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church dealt with a high hand. She made and unmade kings: Emperors and kings had to be in communion with the Pope, as essential conditions of their reigning lawfully; if these conditions were broken, of which the Pope was the judge, then he could declare their ruler unfit to reign. I excommunicated Protestant Henry of Navarre, and sent an army to unseat him. Sixtus promised the Spanish King a subsidy for the Armada, with which England was to be subjugated. Stripped of his royal robes, and clad as a penitent, Henry had to come barefooted mid ice and snow, and crave for admission to the presence of the pope. All day he remained at the door of the citadel, fasting and exposed to the inclemency of the wintry weather, but was refused admission. A second and third day he thus humiliated and disciplined himself, and finally on 28 January, 1570, he was received by the pontiff and absolved from censure, but on condition that he would appear at the proposed council and submit himself to its decision. VI, Imagine the head of a significant nation today having to ask the pope for forgiveness in this way. All of this shows how arrogant the Catholic Church was during the dark ages and how she ruled over the kingdoms of Europe. From the beginning of the Jesuits it is estimated that , were destroyed through papal cruelty. One hundred fifty thousand perished by the inquisition in thirty years. In the low lands 50, persons were hanged, beheaded, burned alive or buried alive for the crime of heresy Christianity. Within 38 years from the edict of Charles V, 18, were executed. The Popes tried to put down the reformation in Germany and Switzerland. One might consider the Massacre of St. I doubt that anyone can come close to the exact number. This may be found in statements by the Church claiming what belongs to God, for instance: For more information and references see the section on the Roman Church in the article on Babylon.

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A Beast is an Empire. Here a beast. There have been seven World Empires throughout history. First of all the animals in Daniel chapter 7 are.

The beast is the Antichrist or the false messiah. A time of confusion and uncertainty will cause the people to desperately look for a strong leader that could bring hope and security in a time of fear and apprehension. People will desperately seek a strong, charismatic, authoritative leader who can pull the world back from the very brink of disaster. Those people will get their wish as a powerful, charismatic leader spouting peace and unity comes on the scene. But he will turn out to be much more than they bargained for. He will be a dictator whose cruelty will be more than any other the world has ever known. This man will be the Antichrist as he will rule the entire world and receive its worship. The Beast is the Antichrist, the false messiah compare Matt. In Revelation, he is both a person and an empire. Though his actions show him to be somewhat distinct from both. This Beast includes the people and cultures of three previous empires, and is an outgrowth of the Roman Empire itself. Satan acts as the Father, the Antichrist as the Son, and the False Prophet as the Spirit who attempts to bring glory to the Antichrist compare verses John sees this beast coming up "out of the sea. He called it a beast because It comes up out of the sea of "nations". In Daniel Chapter 7, the prophet records a dream that he had in which he saw the rise and fall of four gentile world empires. Each was characterized as a beast coming from the sea of nations. Satan is a counterfeiter. So he has an "unholy trinity" that consists of himself Satan , the Antichrist the political, religious beast , and the false prophet, the religious, political beast. The sea here represents the Gentile nations of the world, from which this beast comes. The beast is the Antichrist, the false messiah Matt. He is the final Gentile world ruler, also known as the "little horn" Dan. This "sea" means large numbers of people. One writer says unstable nations of peoples. This beast has to do with the powers of this earth opposed to Christendom. Whether John or the dragon stood on the edge of the sea is not material, since we are distinctly told that the ten-horned beast rose from the sea. These "heads" show dominion. We have said before that "ten" has to do with world government and "horns" show power. We know then that this has something to do with world government and rulers of that. This "blasphemy" denies the true God. We see a terrible vicious world power. I believe this "ten" here is the ten common market nations which were formed from the old Roman empire. The old Roman empire has been reestablished in the ten common market nations. The sad thing is, that it appears, the power that this group has is from the evil one. It is not difficult to understand where their power comes from. This beast has the ten horns of power. This is the personification of what Satan does with this world power. The personification of evil when it takes over governments and people who are heads of these governments. This Beast includes the people and cultures of the three previous empires, and is an outgrowth of the Roman Empire itself. The description of the Beast connects it closely both to the dragon Satan, The horns and heads are identified in Rev. As the first scripture indicated a beast with seven heads, the other two earlier empires were Syria and Egypt. To make the next scripture easy to understand, I will name the 6 again. These are the 6 empires of the past. We will revisit this again in Rev Be sure to read the next 5 verses as well in chapter Just so you know, the sixth beast is Rome. This statement could refer to one of the kingdoms that was destroyed and revived i. But more likely it refers to a fake death and resurrection enacted by the Antichrist, as part of his lying deception compare verses 12, 14; Others tend to believe it to be the decline and apparent disappearance of the old Roman Empire, then the revival of the new Roman Empire. People in the world will be astounded and fascinated when Antichrist appears to rise from the dead. His charisma, brilliance, and attractive but deluding powers will cause the world to follow him unquestioningly verse 14; 2 Thess. This revival causes amazement throughout the world. This confirms the absolute power that Satan will have over the world at this time. No one else will be able to stop the rise of the Beast to world dominion. The sovereign God will establish the limits within which Antichrist will be allowed to speak and operate. Eventually the Beast turns this unbridled animosity toward all the people of God as Rev. And John also tells us something revealed to no one else. This is the beginning of the Great Tribulation which Daniel spoke about in when the sacrifice and the oblation ceases. He speaks blasphemy

against God. The power and authority of the Beast come from Satan himself. Satan has his own false "trinity". This last half is launched by the Abomination of Desolation see note on Matt. The unbelievers of the world will be deceived into believing that the Beast is a god compare 2 Thess. This identifies God and summarizes all His attributes compare Exodus 3: This is symbolic of heaven compare Heb. The angels and glorified saints who are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night. But declaring that one is God is blasphemous only when untrue. In the case of Antichrist during the Tribulation period, it will be untrue, but such supernatural powers will be given him by the devil himself that he will appear to have Godlike characteristics and thus deceive many human beings. Judas was the first. Remember Satan is not divine. He does not have the power to create, that is, to make something out of nothing. He can only take what God creates and manipulate it or manufacture it into something else. He can, however, indwell individuals. Even his demonic demons have that power. The Power of the Beast: That philosophy, propagated by Satan and advocated by the intellectual, godless, atheistic leaders of world governments today, is rapidly spreading across the earth. The wrath begins immediately after the rapture of the church. I have mentioned before and will state again, here, that the word "rapture" is not found in the Bible. It is just a short way of saying the catching away, or snatching away, of the believers into heaven. Antichrist can never take away the salvation of the elect. The Lord Jesus who died to purchase the salvation of those whom God had chosen was fulfilling an eternal plan. The unbelievers of the world will be deceived into believing that the Beast is a god 2 Thess. Only those whose names are written in the book of life will refuse to worship the Beast. The Beast will persecute the saints of God, and exercise power throughout the world. As already seen, humankind has just about come to the conclusion that the only solution to the problem of continuous war is a one world government. In the midst of that time he will assume control himself and as verse 7 tells us, will exercise power over "every tribe, people, language and nation. This is the very thing Satan has sought from the beginning, worship from angels and men. This book of life of the Lamb contains the names of all those who have called on the Lamb of God for salvation. God will punish those who do evil. The Beast and his followers will be overthrown and judged. You see, this again is a warning not to let this go in one ear and out the other, but to take heed to this warning. This is emphasizing a very important truth. Revelation Chapter 13 Questions 1. When he was standing upon the sand of the sea, what did he see rising out of the sea? What was on his heads? What does this sea mean? What is this in opposition to Christendom? What do these horns show? When you put it with the number ten, what does it mean?

Chapter 6 : Who is the beast of Revelation?

He writes, "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven" (Rev.). This must mean that the Antichrist arises from the regathering of the final Roman Empire.

The whole Earth will be going through great changes during this Tribulation period. This is described in the Book of Daniel in several dreams and visions. Fulfillment of the visions of Daniel "You looked, O king, and there before you stood a large statue--an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth. His magicians, astrologers and fortunetellers could not help him interpret them. Nebuchadnezzar called for Daniel to see if he could explain the dreams to him. First God showed Daniel what Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed. Then He showed Daniel what the dreams meant. Since Nebuchadnezzar was the head of the Babylonian empire which virtually ruled the then-known world, he was the head of gold. But the prophecy meant that another empire would arise that would overtake them. Every ruler would like to think that he will never be defeated, but that does not happen. Historically, there was another world empire which came after Babylon. That empire was Medo-Persia. There were of scores scores of other, minor kingdoms. Some of them were small empires over a certain number of countries for a period of time. But what Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream were world empires. From the time of Nebuchadnezzar until now there were to be only four of them, including his Babylon. The second empire was silver, meaning that it was inferior to the first in some ways, and it had two parts, like two arms: Then there was another empire refer to Harmony of Prophecy chart. It was the Romans who were in power at the time of Christ. There had been almost an unbroken succession of world empires from Nebuchadnezzar until the time of Christ. The iron legs, feet and toes of the statue represented the future empire of Rome. Since the Roman Empire ceased to exist as a real empire, how many world empires have existed? Can you think of any? There have been some serious attempts. Charlemagne, Napoleon, and Hitler, tried to conquer their world. None of them succeeded. The Bible says there are only four of these world empires, and then a final form of the fourth one--feet made partly of iron and partly of clay. What would the iron and clay mean? It is a Revived Roman Empire--partly of the old iron of the ancient Roman empire, and partly of clay, something weaker and brittle. It would include some of the old areas, but it would not be as strong and monolithic as the old Roman Empire. When the stone comes out of Heaven and lands on these feet they will break. In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it. And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule. After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast--terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully. As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. I watched the ram as he charged

toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great. As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the west, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage. I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power. The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven. Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. Because of rebellion, the host and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground. When we compare them we see many similarities. These dreams were given to confirm what Nebuchadnezzar had seen in his dream: The first specific teachings about Antichrist are from Daniel, chapters 7 to 9. He will then set up a statue of himself to be worshiped in the Temple. So the number ten is very significant in the last form of world governments which is still future. We are looking for another empire that will come out of ten nations and then become a world power. Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. For it is written: Or was it a legitimate offer? Satan is called "The god of this age" 2 Corinthians 4: Because of the fall of man and the corruption that resulted from the fall, the Devil does have control of the kingdoms of the world today. That is not to say that every single nation is corrupt. There was a time in our country that we were not influenced much by the Devil. Godly people came here to begin a nation under God with religious freedom. A theocracy is a government where God rules literally. But, for the most part, nations become ungodly. The people forget their blessings from God. We have reached the point where many people say America is a "post-Christian" nation. It hurts to admit this. The good news is that we can return to our devotion to the Lord. We could have a revival. Many people feel there is a great renewal of faith brewing in our nation. However, America is not the Christian nation it once was. In terms of world empires, there have only been, since Nebuchadnezzar, four world empires, and all of them have been dominated by evil. Your history teachers have probably told you this is true even if they were not Christians. These evil empires tolerated immorality and became corrupt. And they collapsed internally because of their sin and corruption. The Devil had a right to offer these kingdoms to Jesus. But why would Jesus want those corrupted kingdoms? Jesus is going to come back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to set things up as they ought to be.

Chapter 7 : Chapter 7: Satan's Final Empire: The New World Order

The key to understanding the specific meaning of the "ten horns and seven heads" of the beast of Revelation chapter 13 is an "image of the wild beast" identified later in Revelation as "a bright-red beast that has seven heads and ten horns.

Comparison between the apocalyptic beast and the first eight Roman emperors. By applying this enigma to reality, there is only one plausible solution: Nero ordered the first persecution of Christians as a result of the great fire of Rome in AD 64, which he imputed to the Christians to divert suspicions away from himself. This is why he is the apocalyptic beast personified. Nero committed suicide in 68, which equates to the disappeared beast. As we are going to see, Nero and Domitian together prefigure the future Antichrist, of whom Revelation

The Roman empire The beast also refers to the Roman empire in general, for according to Revelation The entire beast, which evidently not only has heads but also a body, consequently represents the empire in general, both on the territorial and historical level from the first to the last emperor. The beast is called by the encoded name Rev Hence, all emperors responsible for persecutions are compared to Nero because he was the first persecutor. Even if they did not persecute the Christians, most of the emperors have indulged in highly disturbed delusions of grandeur, which Nero incarnated in an exemplary manner. The beast consequently not only has a meaning within the frame of the first seven emperors, but also within the frame of the whole Roman empire. At this state level, the beast did not disappear with Nero, but only much later with the fall of the Western Roman empire , which collapsed under several successive invasions, in particular the Sack of Rome in by the Visigoths and the Vandals in The reascent of the beast on this state level began with the reintroduction of the Roman culture by Charlemagne in the late eighth century, which continued with the Renaissance and then the era of European imperialism and colonialism. The time of the disappearance of the beast is therefore the Christianization of Europe after the decline of the Roman empire. We will look more deeply into this topic in The beast ascending from the abyss. Daniel relates in chapter 2 that Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king responsible for the Jewish exile, had a dream of a statue. Its head was composed of gold, its chest and arms of silver, its stomach and hips of bronze, its legs of iron, and its feet were a mix of iron and clay Dan 2: The four metals represent four kingdoms. The first is that of the Babylonians, of whom Nebuchadnezzar was the king at this time Dan 2: The other kingdoms are not revealed, but they shall succeed one after another as victors over each other Dan 2: Thus it is easy to determine them: Hence the golden head represents the Babylonians, the silver chest and arms the Persians, the bronze stomach and hips the Greeks, and finally the iron legs and feet the Romans. Some scholars claim that the statue refers to the Babylonians, Medes, Persians and Greeks. However, the legs represent a dual nature of the iron kingdom, which can only be vaguely recognized in the Greeks, contrary to the distinct Western and Eastern parts of the Roman empire. In addition, Rome was founded by the twins Romulus and Remus , which underlines this dualism of the empire even though in the realm of mythology. The legs and feet must clearly be distinguished: The clay on the other hand signifies fragility Dan 2: This is why the feet are weakened by the clay. Their breaking by a stone reduces the whole statue to dust and the Kingdom of God sets up at its place Dan 2: One is therefore tempted to argue that the clay represents the Church, which increasingly became integrated in the empire and contributed to its fall. The Kingdom of God would then be the Christianization of Europe after the fall of Rome in the fifth century. This interpretation is certainly true as a prefiguration of the real meaning, which is different in some important points: Daniel writes that the iron and clay mix represents a marriage Dan 2: Formerly, this was not a marriage at all since the Church was persecuted by the Roman state. So the clay indeed represents the Church but in the context of the Christianization of Europe after the fifth century. In addition, the Roman empire was not divided before its fall, even though the split into the Western and Eastern part occurred in the third century. But this split is precisely represented by the two legs. This is why the legs entirely constituted of iron represent the Roman empire before its fall; and the feet and its ten toes represent the states that formed on the territory of the Western empire after its decline in the fifth century. They are geographically and culturally held together through an entity later called Europe and were indeed approximately ten in number, as shown on figure 19 representing the European states towards AD Daniel also

predicts the end of the marriage between Church and State: Even today this has not yet taken place in all countries of Christian tradition. Hence, the clay of the feet represents a very long period of history, one that even at the present has not yet come to an end. This goes together with:

Chapter 8 : Who Are These Seven Kings?

The first beast of Revelation seems to be consistently called throughout the book "the beast." If we interpret the seven kings as either seven emperors or.

The Church Fathers interpreted the beast in Revelation 13 as the empire of Rome. Jewish and Christian Futurists , Dispensationalists , and, to some degree, Partial Preterists believe that the prophecies of Daniel stopped with the destruction of the Second Temple of Jerusalem; but will resume at some point in the future after a gap in prophecy that accounts for the Church Age. Traditional views[edit] The traditional interpretation of the four kingdoms, shared among Jewish and Christian expositors for over two millennia, identifies the kingdoms as the empires of Babylon , Medo-Persia , Greece and Rome. This view conforms to the text of Daniel, which considers the Medo-Persian Empire as one, as with the "law of the Medes and Persians" 6: The pagan critic of Christianity, Porphyry , suggested a variation of this interpretation in the third century CE. In the following centuries, several Eastern Christians espoused this view, including Ephrem the Syrian , Polychronius, and Cosmas Indicopleustes. This is the case for example in the tenth-century writer Adso , whose *Libellus de Antichristo* incorporated the characteristic medieval myth of the Last World Emperor. A series of Protestant theologians, such as Jerome Zanchius , Joseph Mede , and John Lightfoot , particularly emphasized the eschatological theory of four monarchies. Developments of his Protestant world chronology were endorsed in an influential preface of Philipp Melanchthon published The theory was topical in the s. Johann Sleidan in his *De quatuor imperiis summis* tried to summarise the status of the "four monarchies" as historical theory; he had already alluded to it in previous works. He devoted a chapter to refuting it, alongside the classical scheme of a Golden Age , in his *Methodus ad facilem historiarum cognitionem*. Monument to the Four Kingdoms of Daniel: The lion represents the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar. The bear represents the Persian King, Cyrus. The leopard represents the King of the Greek Empire, Alexander. The fourth beast represents the Roman Empire, Julius Caesar. After the failure of this uprising, Fifth Monarchists became a quiescent and devotional part of religious dissent. Furthermore, they hold the view that the ram and goat correspond to the Achaemenid Empire, and the Macedonian Empire. They also hold to the traditional view that the "little horn" in Daniel 7:

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The third beast represents Greece, an empire known for the swiftness of its conquests. The four heads are predictive of the four-way division of the empire following Alexander the Great's death. The four heads are predictive of the four-way division of the empire following Alexander the Great's death.

What is the Mark of the Beast? The following is not an exhaustive explanation of the Mark of the Beast found in Revelation 13 and I have endeavored to cover some of the main points to show that the Mark of the Beast has nothing to do with the Roman Catholic Church, the observance of the Sabbath, or Christians that meet on Sunday to worship God, or having a micro chip or bar code installed on their person. I might also add the mark of the beast does not apply to any person living since the first century. There are four major views of interpretation of Revelation. Preterist view, in which all prophecy found in Revelation has happened in the past. A term which may be new to many, which means some of the prophecy is based on conditionality. Our job years later is not to understand every minute detail, but what was meant to transpire under the correct circumstances. In the case of the "seven churches" the coming crisis for the faithful Christians subsided with the death of Domitian. Historicist view, is a minority view held mostly by the Seventh-day Adventist sect. It is a prewritten course of history from the time of the Apostles to the end of the world. Example, the seven churches of Revelation represents seven time periods of history rather than the actual churches of that time. Spiritual view which comes closer to the New Ages thinking. This view is often called the idealist or symbolic approach. To them Revelation does not attempt to find individual fulfillments of the visions but a great drama depicting spiritual realities such as the conflict between Christ and Satan and the saints and the antichrist. Fulfillment is seen as spiritual or as recurrent in historical events. The prophecy therefore is to apply to Christians in any era of history and may have many fulfillments throughout history. The book of Revelation is written in symbolic and allegorical language. As such, to try and assign an infallible literal meaning is the cause of much confusion in the denominational community. It is important to understand to whom John was writing and its purpose and to understand the time in history that the Mark of the Beast took place. Who was John writing to when he wrote Revelation? Although there were many other churches in existence at this time, God chose only these seven churches to send this message. It was not a message to the Christian world. What was the purpose of this message? To show his servants what was soon to take place. His servants would be those servants alive and hearing the message in the seven churches in the seven cities. Daniel and his generation would not live to see the fulfillment. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1, days. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance. What were the results of reading and hearing this message? To make this prophecy, "the time is near" applicable to us years later, is without foundation. Suppose John told the hearers that this is to take place years later. They no doubt would ask, "what do you mean then by "the time is near"? He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. God is warning the members of the seven churches against worshipping and giving homage to the beast and his image. It was a warning about worship. The warning by God was simple. If you choose to worship the beast and his image and receive his mark you will be punished with burning sulfur. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One head seemed to have a mortal wound but was healed, Rev. This could be Julius Caesar or Nero. The death did not kill the beast and the beast lived on with other Caesars in control of Rome. The dragon is continuing his fight against the early church the seed of the woman , in Rev We can see the persecution warning is imminent to the NT Church. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. The Sea Beast makes war and conquers the saints. When Satan, the Dragon, could not kill the son of the woman Jesus he vents his anger on the remaining remnant ones by using Imperial Rome as his instrument to cause fear and death. The Earth Beast Rev He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of

men. Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. This calls for wisdom. His number is 666. The Earth Beast follows immediately after the Sea Beast and they work together in unison to persecute the saints, and not to follow after the demise of the Sea Beast, as some teach, being Papal Rome. Here we need to say that the dragon, earth, and sea beast are one as well as the Caesars that is being controlled by the dragon. The Earth Beast forces worship of the Sea Beast by setting up an image to honor him. Throughout Rome there were temples with statues and images of the Caesars and the Roman gods. This represented the Roman Empire. The devil, beast, and false prophet are thrown in the lake of fire. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. The Mystery Number 666, who is it? John now provides his readers with an identification of the Beast in a very different form: John would not give the members of the seven churches a puzzle that they could not solve. Part II section which follows shows that had nothing to do with the Pope of Rome. For John to make this apocalyptic message against the Pope and the Catholic Church would have made no sense to the first century Christians as there were no popes at this time in history. It was not a distant years later. My choice is Domitian, A. This simple historical detail is beyond all quibble. And in turn, for their coins, this abbreviated to A. It is significant that, contrary to every other explanation of which I am aware, the Domitian employs every last letter of his official title in Greek in summing to 666. One of the threats facing the NT Christians was economic. They would not be able to buy or sell. Minerva advancing brandishing javelin in right hand and holding shield in left hand. S C to left and right in field. The value of the seven Hebrew Letters is 50, 6, 50, 6, 60, and respectively. The total is 666. This is the solution advocated by David S. I would like to note in order to get from Nero, it has to be an obscure alternate spelling of Neron Caesar. The Caesars erected temples throughout Rome. Each emperor was called Augustus or Sebastos, meaning One to be worshiped; they also took on the name divus god and even Deus and Theos God. The Roman Empire were persecuting and putting to death Christians by the thousands, in the arenas. They were being made human torches, killed in gladiator events, and eaten by wild animals because they would not worship the false gods of Rome. Emperor worship was required as the Caesars claimed they were gods and demanded worship. After all no one wants to receive the dreaded EGW mark of the beast. White the Seventh-day Adventist prophetess tells us in many of her visions that the Mark of the Beast is "the observance" of the first day of the week Sunday. A few years later she tells us that when a national Sunday law is enacted, people will receive the Mark of the Beast when they observe Sunday. She wrote about this remarkable non-biblical apocalyptic doctrine in many of her books. She tells us that God gave her the light contained in Great Controversy and that it was God speaking to the people. And many times the scenes about which I was writing were presented to me anew in visions of the night, so that they were fresh and vivid in my mind. White letter 56, Thus He is speaking to the people in stirring words, urging them to make ready for His coming. The light God has given in these books should not be concealed. The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted.