



THE 10 TOES & HORNS OF DANIEL & REVELATION

The Rise of the Papacy

A SAVED TO SERVE STUDY GUIDE

From Babylon to the Papacy

We let the Bible interpret itself, testing every claim by “the law and to the testimony” (Isaiah 8:20). The study runs in one continuous sequence — from Point 1 through Point 22. Read each reference in your Bible and write your answers on the lines provided.

I. PURPOSE In this series of doctrinal lessons we will identify who is represented by the following symbols: the ten toes, the ten horns, the little horn, and the beast of Revelation 13:1-3.

NOTE In Daniel 2, King Nebuchadnezzar saw a great image of many metals, each representing a world kingdom in succession. In this study we trace that line of kingdoms — and the power that rises after Rome — to identify the little horn, the ten toes and horns, and the beast of Revelation 13.

“There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known... what shall be in the latter days.”
— Daniel 2:28 (KJV)

In This Study

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◆ BEFORE YOU BEGIN

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (KJV)

As you trace the kingdoms of Daniel 2 and 7 down to the rise of the Papacy, keep your Bible open and let each text speak for itself. Answer honestly, compare Scripture with Scripture, and ask the Spirit to lead you into all truth — from Point 1 to Point 22.

2. In Daniel 2, King Nebuchadnezzar saw a statue comprised of various metals in his dream. What kingdom does the head of gold represent?— *Read: Daniel 2:36-38*

3. What kingdom does the breast and arms of silver represent?— *Read: Daniel 5:24-31; Isaiah 13:17-19; Daniel 8:3, 20*

4. What kingdom does the belly and thighs of brass represent?— *Read: Daniel 8:5-7, 20-21*

5. What kingdom do the legs of iron represent?— *Read: Luke 2:1; John 19:19, 20*

6. **NOTE** The succession of kingdoms in the prophecies of Daniel 2 and 7 are the same. However, Daniel 7 gives us more description on the fourth kingdom of Rome and the power that succeeded it. Let's study a portion of Daniel 7 to identify who the ten toes of Daniel 2:41-42 and the ten horns of Daniel 7:7-8 represent.

7. Read Daniel 7:7. Notice that this dreadful and terrible beast (the Roman Empire) has ten horns. What do the ten horns represent?— *Read: Daniel 7:23-24*

8. **NOTE** History shows us that the western Roman Empire was divided into ten divisions in the area of modern-day Europe. See the excerpt below.

Division of West Rome into 10 Parts ↗

The division was made possible by several nations that were largely instrumental in the collapse and breaking up of the Roman Empire. The groups that held Roman territories and formed their own kingdoms included the Franks, Huns, Visigoths, Ostrogoths, Heruli, Lombards, Anglo-Saxons, Suevi, Vandals, and Burgundians. Each of the kingdoms established were independent from each other unlike the method followed by the Roman Empire.

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9. What power arose among the ten divisions of the Roman Empire (modern Europe)?— *Read: Daniel 7:23-25*

ANSWER The Papacy.

10. Read Daniel 2:43. Since the Papacy arose out of the Roman Empire, it is also represented as the iron in the feet and toes of the image. Did the Papacy mingle with men and nations during its reign?

ANSWER Yes. The Papacy was given its power by Emperor Justinian in the year 538 A.D. and employed the armies of the European nations to war against so-called “heretics.”

11. Let’s now prove that the Papacy rose to power after the Roman Empire, according to the Bible and history. Read Daniel 7:8. It says a little horn came up among the ten horns. What did this little horn do to three of the other horns?— *Read: Daniel 7:8*

A little horn (at first little, but afterward more stout than its fellows) thrust itself up among them... Three kingdoms were plucked up before it. This little horn... was the papacy. The three horns plucked up before it were the Heruli, the Ostrogoths, and the Vandals. And the reason why they were plucked up was because they were opposed to the teaching and claims of the papal hierarchy.

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12. This little horn had a “mouth speaking great things.” This does not mean it speaks admirable things, but that it makes boastful claims. Comparing Daniel 7:8, 25, against whom were these “great words” directed?— *Read: Daniel 7:8, 25; Revelation 13:5, 6*

- a. **NOTE** As we compare Scripture with Scripture, we notice that this little horn power of Daniel 7 is the same beast brought to view in Revelation 13:1-10 — the antichrist power, with the Pope as its head. It is a “little” nation that arose out of the Roman Empire (modern Europe), uprooted three other nations (Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths), always sought more power and absolute obedience, and speaks blasphemies and “great words” against God (John 10:30-33; Mark 2:5-7). This little horn power represents none other than the Papacy, or Roman Catholicism.

What is the smallest country in the world? ↗

Based on landmass, Vatican City is the smallest country in the world, measuring just 0.2 square miles — almost 120 times smaller than the island of Manhattan.

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13. The Papacy also historically warred against God's saints. For how long did they war against the saints?— *Read: Daniel 7:21, 25*

14. **NOTE** This “time, times, and the dividing of a time” points to 3½ prophetic years. Another representation of the Papacy, as the dragon, is brought to view in Revelation 12:13-14, and the same time frame is given. The dragon is seen persecuting the woman — a symbol of God's true church (Ephesians 5:25; Jeremiah 6:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2) — “for a time, and times, and half a time.”

15. Read Revelation 12:14 and then verse 6. How many prophetic days does the “time, times, and a half” represent? (The answer is in verse 6.)— *Read: Revelation 12:6, 14*

16. **IMPORTANT FURTHER STUDY** There are twelve months (Genesis 8:13; Esther 3:7) in a Biblical year and thirty days in a Biblical month (Genesis 7:11; 8:4; 7:24). Thus the 3½ prophetic years equal 42 prophetic months ($12 \times 3.5 = 42$). The 42 prophetic months, the “time, times, and a half,” and the 1260 prophetic days ALL represent the same period. Using the day-for-a-year principle (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34), the 1260 prophetic days point to 1260 literal years of Papal reign and persecution of God's saints — from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D.

17. Can the Papacy still be labeled the little horn and antichrist power, since she lost her control over the nations in 1798? (Answer: Yes.) Read Daniel 7:21-22 and write down the phrases that confirm she will soon regain power and again make war with God's people.— *Read: Daniel 7:21-22*

18. In Revelation 13:1-3, this beast is comprised of all the beasts we saw in Daniel 7. What is prophesied about the deadly wound of this beast, the Papacy?— *Read: Revelation 13:3*

19. **NOTE** Read Revelation 17:12-13. Some argue the ten horns are not yet on the scene. This passage has two applications. First, when John wrote Revelation he lived under the Roman Empire, not yet divided into ten — the Papacy was still future. Second, the ten horns giving their power to the beast also points to these last days, when the Papacy will regain its power (religious and civil) over the nations to persecute God's commandment-keeping people. This part of the prophecy is rapidly reaching its complete fulfillment as we speak!

20. What will the Papacy force everyone on earth to receive once she has the assistance of the nations – even the United States of America?— *Read: Revelation 13:15-17*

- 21. While the Papacy, the nations, and apostate Protestant America are uniting against God and His truth, which group will not unite with them?— *Read: Daniel 2:43***

- 22. The seed of men represent those who accept Jesus and His truth (Genesis 3:15; Revelation 12:17). What keeps the “seed of men” from joining this ungodly union?**

- a) — *Read: Luke 8:11; Isaiah 8:20*

- b)** — *Read: Revelation 12:17; Revelation 14:12*

Notes

The Little Horn Revealed

Tracing Daniel 2, Daniel 7, and Revelation 13, the ten toes and ten horns are the divisions of fallen Rome, and the little horn, the boastful beast, and the antichrist power is none other than the Papacy — Rome in its religious form. She reigned 1260 years (538–1798 A.D.), received a deadly wound, and Scripture foretells her revival and a final union with the nations to enforce the mark of the beast. Yet God will have a people who will not mingle with this union.

DANIEL 7:25 (KJV)

“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High... and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

Will you keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus — refusing to unite with Babylon?

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