

## Daniel 7 & Revelation 13 Pt 2

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Last time, we introduced **Daniel 7** and noted several details that are pertinent to our discussion. We highlighted Daniel's vision that showcased four beasts - a lion, a bear, a leopard and a terrible beast with iron teeth that Daniel could not compare with any animal known to him. Moreover, we noted that this last beast eventually has 10 horns coming out of its head and then an 11th comes up alongside those first ten. This 11th horn has eyes like a man and speaks very pompously. He also plucks up three of the 10 horns by their root, which likely means killing them or dispossessing them of their power and rank (**Daniel 7:1-8**).

We noted that we could very well be on the cusp of the final *revised* Roman Empire coming to the fore, led by Satan, who will give his power and authority to his spiritual son, Antichrist. We see that what is going on in the world now has to do with the fact that a great deal of control is being exercised over the entire global society. Some nations are obviously having more success corralling, containing and controlling the people of that nation. Globalists seem to be chomping at the bit to maintain their grip through their agents like Dr. Anthony Fauci, and successfully gain full control by implementing a digital vax passport, gaining full control over the monetary system and eventually place themselves as world leaders over every national culture. They are making the most of COVID, throughout the world; not letting a good crisis go to waste.

Dr. David Martin has noted the actual names of the people he has concluded are killing us in what he calls the COVID "[theater of terror](#)." Martin traces today's "terrorism" due to COVID back to 2015 with "mandatory injections" and the "hidden sponsoring corporations" making it happen. So again, is God allowing this? If He were not, there is no way this could all be happening throughout the world, yet it is, so we are left to recognize that God is still in control. That doesn't mean, by the way, that we need to kowtow to the government's every wish. We can still exercise freedom of choice and use discernment to do so.

Before I get further into **Daniel 7**, I'd actually like to go back and consider the "10 horns" that are mentioned in the chapter, which I believe, coincide with the 10 Kings of **Revelation 13**. The difficulty is that, of course, there are numerous interpretations of these 10 horns and 10 kings, so I'll present a number of possible interpretations and also let readers know which interpretation I prefer. This *doesn't* mean I'm correct. It simply means that the interpretation I prefer is based on what I believe is the most plain and ordinary sense of the Scripture.

It's similar to discussing the "mark of the beast." There are *so* many interpretations flying around today with many folks actually believing for instance, that the CV vax is *the* mark of the beast spoken of in **Revelation 13** and anyone who takes the vax is also taking the mark. Is this the case? Suffice it to say that I believe it is *not* the case, but we will go over that in an upcoming segment. For now, let's take a look at the options surrounding the 10 horns/10 kings. We may not finish up with this article, so if not, we will cover more details in an upcoming segment.

Here's **Daniel 7:7-8**

*7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. 8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.*

Here's **Revelation 13:1**

*The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.*

Notice Daniel sees a fourth beast, a beast he describes as "*dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong.*" He speaks of this beast having "iron teeth" and that it devoured everything as well as destroying everything. Daniel also notes that this particular beast was completely different from every beast that Daniel had previously seen along with the fact that this fourth beast had 10 horns. Let's stop here for a moment.

This beast was so unlike anything Daniel had ever seen, he could not name an animal that it reminded him of, like he had with the previous empires. This fourth beast was completely without any type of connection to a known animal. I imagine whatever this beast looked like in the vision was absolutely terrifying to him! A beast with iron teeth that went on a rampage, destroying and gathering to itself all that came before it.

We also know that historically, this beast ultimately represented what became the Roman Empire. We know that Rome was extremely brutal. No one messed with Roman soldiers.

As an aside, do you recall Jesus telling the Jews to "*turn the other cheek*" and to "*go the extra mile*" in His Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew 5-7**)? Many take that to mean that He was instructing Christians to be door mats, but it's not what He was doing in my opinion. Jesus knew that the laws within the Roman Empire allowed for a Roman soldier to simply demand that a person carry their pack a mile. If the person did not comply, they'd be breaking Roman law so they'd carry the pack usually against their will. At the exact end of one mile, they'd simply drop that pack and move on. If the Roman soldier wanted it carried further and didn't want to carry it himself, he'd have to wrangle someone else into carrying it for another mile and so it went.

Jesus' point was that if a soldier forced a person to carry a pack one mile (under Roman law), after it was carried the one mile, carry it a second mile on your own as a *free* person and not as a "slave" to the Roman soldier. This was merely one example of how Roman soldiers could lord it over the people of the Roman Empire, but people could use their free will to go beyond the requirement of the law of their own volition and take back their dignity.

So Daniel is seeing this terrifyingly dreadful beast and how it was not only stamping out everything that came before it (Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece), but absorbed all into itself, which is exactly what Rome did. We know that Rome eventually stopped being an empire (A.D. 1453), after dividing into the east and the west and then being overthrown from within and without until little remained. However, notice in Daniel's vision that from this final beast, 10 horns were on its head (**v7b**). What are these 10 horns? Daniel wanted to know as well because he says, "*I was considering the horns, and there was another horn...*" So his attention is diverted from the 10 horns to the 11th horn. By the way, in my opinion, these 10 horns correspond with the 10 toes from **Daniel 2** and the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw in his vision. Recall that the entire statue, dividing into sections of different metals, represents the major kingdoms: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. The toes are the very end, connected to the Roman Empire or out of the old Roman Empire. I think the same thing applies here with the 10 horns that come out of the old Roman Empire.

So there is to be a federation of nations in the last days, nations that were related to the Roman Empire. Ten of them together, equal the ten toes or the ten horns. Now in the European community we do see today ten nations that were related to the Roman Empire that have federated themselves together. So it is quite possible that what you see today in the European community is actually the beginning of the fulfillment of these prophecies of Daniel. [1]

Yes, today's EU has a connection to the old Roman Empire from which 10 horns will rise. If we consider the fact that there are a number of current world leaders who rule over their nations like demigods, we see what may well be the start of the coming of these 10 horns/toes. People like Merkel, Macron and others seem to rule with an iron fist and their nations connect back to old Rome.

All interpreters see these 10 horns either allegorically or literally. Remember when I say "literally," I'm *not* saying *literalistically*. I'm saying the Scriptures are understood in their most plain and ordinary sense. We are *not* saying that one day we will see ten actual horns stepping up to rule. "*They apparently represent 10 contemporaneous rulers (v. 17). Horns pictured strength and rulers in ancient Near Eastern iconography...*" [2] Allegorical interpretations usually represent those from the Amillennial school of thought (believing that Jesus will *not* reign physically on the earth in a literal sense).

Nothing in the text indicates that the numbers 10 or 3 (**v8**), should be taken allegorically, so we are left to understand that 10 means actually ten and 3 actually means three. There will be 10 "horns" or rulers and an 11th, smaller horn (less powerful), who will rise up and "pluck up" (likely means to kill), 3 of the original 10 horns. He will then become leader of the remaining 7 by being the 8th. Some interpreters believe these 10 horns or kings have come and gone in history. I believe they are still yet to be.

This 11th horn says Daniel, is described as "*a little one, coming up among them.*" Immediately we know that this 11th horn is different from the first 10 horns. He's "little" likely symbolizing the fact that he is not initially as powerful as the other 10 horns.

Most premillenarians believe that the 10 horns describe 10 rulers who will arise in the future and reign simultaneously. This seems unlikely to many, since the Roman Empire is no longer in existence—at least in the form that it existed in ancient times. However, there seem to be indications in Daniel and elsewhere in the Bible...that God will reshape or revive the Roman Empire in the future. It may not be called "the Roman Empire," but it will have connections to the old Roman Empire. [3]

So who are these 10 horns? We don't know because the Tribulation has not begun yet. Who is the 11th horn? Aside from being the Antichrist (or prince with a small "p" from **Daniel 9:24-27** and also part of **Daniel 8**), we don't know his identity yet either because he is not on the scene. The many books and articles that have been written identifying this person or that one in human history as the Antichrist are really a complete waste of time, in my opinion. I'm not saying people cannot have opinions on these things. I'm simply saying that being dogmatic about the identity is pointless at this stage because he's not been revealed (**2 Thessalonians 2**).

In fact, if the Rapture occurs prior to the start of the Tribulation, then Christians will not be on earth when the 10 horns rise to rule nor will we be here to see the Antichrist take his seat. It's certainly possible we will see these things from our eternal vantage point, but not from the earth.

Suffice it to say that as things progress, we will likely see an increase in solidification of things in Europe including what is now the European Union. Unlike the USA, where the Constitution still protects the individual rights of American citizens (though that can clearly change if Marxists have their way), things are not as protective in other portions of the world, like Austria, Italy, France, Ireland, the UK, Australia and other countries. In many of these places, people's rights are already completely destroyed as despotism grows under the guise of "safety and health."

I'd like to reiterate that I believe the 10 horns will arise out of the old Roman Empire, meaning as stated that the horns that will rise up to rule in the final world order, will come from countries that have connections to the old Roman Empire. It seems that *after* these 10 horns rise to take their ruling seats, it is *then* that the Antichrist (11th horn), will begin his ascent to overtake the original 10 horns, removing three of them. It is my contention that "plucks up" with reference to 3 horns means he kills three of them to show he means business. This is a true coup. When the remaining seven horns realize what the 11th has done in killing three of their comrades, they will buckle under and bend the knee to Antichrist in solidarity to avoid the same fate happening to them.

In this way, the Antichrist becomes *the* ruler with the remaining seven horns/kings pledging allegiance to him. We will get into **Revelation 13:1** and its meaning in our next segment.

[1] Smith's Bible Commentary: <https://www.studylight.org/commentary/daniel/7-8.html#verse-csc>

[2] <https://planobiblechapel.org/tcon/notes/pdf/daniel.pdf> page 134

[3] Ibid, page 135