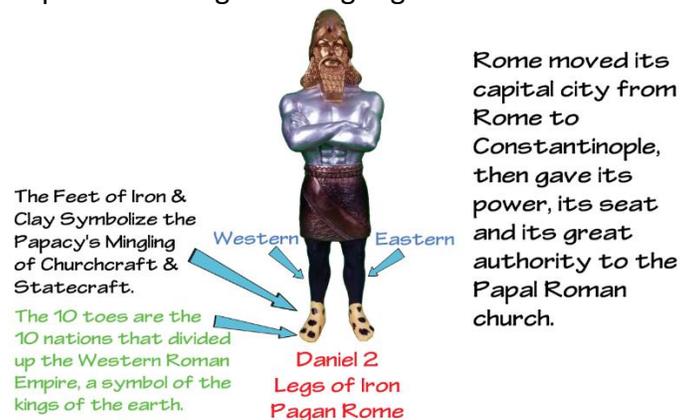


This study is extremely important for anyone who wants to understand Revelation 17. In this study the pieces of the prophetic puzzle will begin coming together.



In Daniel and in the Revelation, God uses different symbols to represent Rome in its Pagan and Papal forms. The Iron Legs in Daniel chapter 2, represent Pagan Rome with its **Eastern and Western centers of power**.

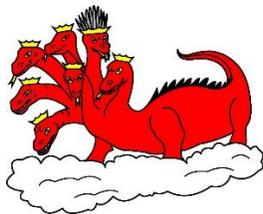
Remember, Rome moved its capital city from **Rome to Constantinople**, then gave its power, its seat and its great authority to the Papal Roman church. This left the Papacy seated upon the throne of the Pagan Roman Emperors.

The Papacy is depicted in the mingling of the iron and the clay in the images feet. This is the mingling of church craft and state craft, until the 2nd coming of Jesus, symbolized by the rock which destroys the kingdoms of men. Satan is behind the work of the church mingling it's powers with the state.

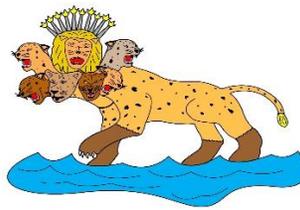
The 10 toes are the 10 nations that divided up the Western Roman Empire, a symbol of the kings of the earth.



Likewise, consider now Pagan and Papal Rome in Daniel chapter 7. Pagan Rome is the terrible beast with Iron teeth. The Papacy is the Little Horn and the 10 horns are the 10 nations that divided up the Western Roman Empire. The Papacy is here depicted as exercising power over the kings of the earth. Once again, Satan is behind this mingling of church and state.



Rev. 12
Pagan Rome



Rev. 13
Papal Rome
538 – 1798



Rev. 17
Papal Rome
Now till 2nd Coming of Jesus

In Revelation chapter 12 we learned the Great Red Dragon with 7 heads was primarily Satan, and secondarily Pagan Rome, who crucified Jesus. The 10 horns on the dragon are the same as the 10 toes of Daniel 2 and the 10 horns of Daniel 7. They are the 10 nations that divided up the Western Roman Empire. It was during the days of these kings that God's church fled into the wilderness.

In Revelation 13 the 7 headed Leopard beast with 10 horns was the instrument Satan used to persecute God's church in the wilderness. This Leopard beast with the 7 heads is the same as the Feet and Iron and Clay of Daniel 2, and the Little Horn of Daniel 7. The Leopard beast is a symbol for the Papacy, influenced by Satan. The 10 horns are the 10 nations that divided up the Western Roman Empire.

In Revelation 17 God further expands on the symbols He uses to identify more clearly what's about to take place. The Scarlet colored beast represents the Civil power of the Papacy, while the Harlot woman represents the Religious power, or the Papal church itself.

Once again the 10 horns are the 10 nations that divided up the Western Roman Empire. These horns represent the kings of the earth whom the Harlot woman has made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Here is a brief list of things these three 7 headed beasts have in common, indicating they are three phases of the same power, being exercised over different periods of time. All three beasts have the following 4 things in common.

Each Beast has 7 Heads & 10 Horns

Rev 12:3

Rev 13:1

Rev 17:3

Wonder or Amazement is associated with each Beast

Rev 12:3

Rev 13:3

Rev 17:8

Each Beast Makes War Against or Persecutes God & His People

Rev 12:4, 7, 13, 15 & 17

Rev 13:7

Rev 17:6 & 14

Each Beast is Associated with the 1260 Year Wilderness Experience

Rev 12:6 & 14

Rev 13:5

Rev 17:3

Behind each of these three beasts is the power of Satan, influencing them to mingle churchcraft and statecraft, deceiving the kings of the earth to war against God and His people.

This Leopard beast with the 7 heads is the same as the Feet and Iron and Clay of Daniel 2, and the Little Horn of Daniel 7



Rev. 13

The 10 horns are the 10 nations that divided up the Western Roman Empire



The Scarlet colored beast represents the Civil power of the Papacy

Rev. 17

The Harlot woman represents the Religious power, the Papal church!

In addition, the Revelation 13 & 17 beasts also have these 5 points in common.

Both Beasts are Associated with the "Sea" or "Many Waters"

Rev 13:1

Rev 17:1

Wisdom is Needed to Understand who these Beasts Are

Rev 13:18

Rev 17:9

Both Beasts are Full of Blasphemy

Rev 13:1, 5 & 6

Rev 17:3

Both Exercise Power over All Kindreds, Peoples, Multitudes, Nations & Tongues

Rev 13:7

Rev 17:15 & 18

Both Beasts are Worshiped by those who are NOT in the Book of Life

Rev 13:8

Rev 17:8

After comparing these points of commonality between the three seven headed beasts, it's easy to see they are simply three phases of the same power waring against God and His people at different points in time.

Now I leave you with these words of encouragement found in **Revelation 21:6-7** "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

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