

# PART 2

# THE BEASTS OF DANIEL 7



**"FOUR GREAT BEASTS  
CAME UP FROM THE SEA..."**

DANIEL 7:3

THE **FIRST** BEAST WAS LIKE A **LION**, AND HAD EAGLE'S WINGS. THE **SECOND** BEAST THAT DANIEL SAW IN HIS VISION WAS LIKE A **BEAR**, AND IT HAD THREE RIBS IN ITS MOUTH AND WAS TOLD TO "ARISE AND DEVOUR MUCH FLESH." THE **THIRD** BEAST WAS LIKE A **LEOPARD** WHICH HAD WINGS, BUT ALSO HAD FOUR HEADS. THEN DANIEL SAW THE **FOURTH** BEAST THAT WAS "DREADFUL AND TERRIBLE, AND STRONG EXCEEDINGLY." IT HAD GREAT IRON TEETH AND IT DEVoured AND STAMPED UPON MANY, AND IT HAD TEN HORNS AND WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER BEASTS !...

DANIEL 7:4-7



THE NEXT THING DANIEL SAW WAS A **LITTLE HORN** THAT CAME UP AMONG THE LAST BEAST'S TEN HORNS! IT HAD **EYES** LIKE A MAN AND A **MOUTH** THAT SPOKE "GREAT THINGS," GREAT BOASTS !

THEN DANIEL SAW **GOD'S THRONE**, THE **JUDGMENT**, AND THEN THE **SECOND COMING** OF CHRIST.



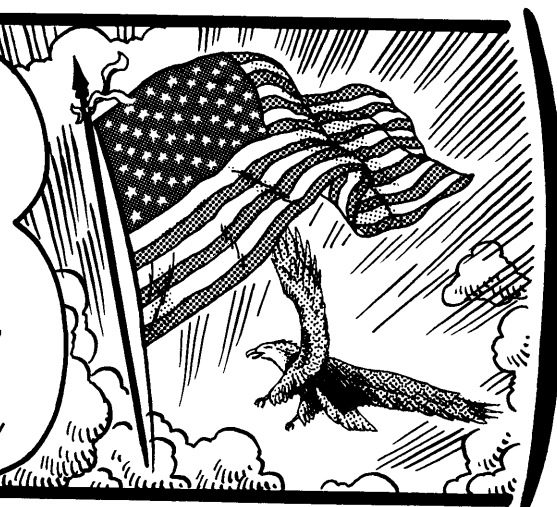
THESE "**BEASTS**" SYMBOLIZE **NATIONS** THAT ROSE OUT OF THE "SEAS OF PEOPLES" THAT POPULATED THE **NEAR EAST** AND **EUROPE**... \*

THIS VISION **PARALLELS** DANIEL'S PREVIOUS VISION OF THE STATUE IN **NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S** DREAM, BUT WITH **GREATER DETAIL** !

\* SEE REVELATION 17:15 : "WATERS" (SEAS) IN PROPHECY SYMBOLIZE LARGE POPULATIONS OF PEOPLE



TWO QUICK POINTS :  
 EVEN IN MODERN TIMES  
 CERTAIN **ANIMALS** HAVE COME  
 TO REPRESENT **NATIONS** !  
 THE **UNITED STATES** HAS ITS  
**EAGLE**, RUSSIA HAS ITS  
**BEAR**, ETC ...  
 AND  
 THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT  
 THE FOURTH BEAST WITH THE  
 TERRIBLE **IRON TEETH** EQUALS  
 THE SAME NATION REPRESENTED  
 BY THE **IRON LEGS** OF THE  
 GREAT METAL STATUE —  
**ROME** WITH ITS CRUELLY  
 POWERFUL **IRON WEAPONS** !



**PART  
3**

**THE LITTLE HORN**

THE "LITTLE HORN" SOON GREW  
 MORE **STOUT**, MORE **POWERFUL**  
 THAN ANY OF THE OTHER "HORNS"  
 AROUND IT, AND IT WAS QUITE  
 DIFFERENT AND "DIVERSE" FROM  
 ITS NEIGHBORS ...

IN EUROPE THERE AROSE ONLY  
**ONE POWER THAT FITS THIS**  
**DESCRIPTION...** AFTER BABYLON,  
 AFTER PERSIA, AFTER GREECE,  
 AND AFTER THE PAGAN ROMAN  
 EMPIRE, **THERE CAME**  
**THE RULING POWER THAT**  
**WAS "DIFFERENT" FROM ALL**  
**OTHERS :**

**THE  
ROMAN  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH !**

UNDER THE ROMAN EMPIRE THE POPES HAD  
 NO TEMPORAL POWERS, BUT WHEN THE ROMAN  
 EMPIRE HAD DISINTEGRATED INTO BARBAROUS  
 KINGDOMS, THE **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 GREW TO DOMINATE EUROPE IN BOTH  
**RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND SECULAR**  
**AFFAIRS ! FOR HOW LONG ? FOR**  
**OVER A THOUSAND YEARS !...**



**FOR 1260 YEARS  
TO BE EXACT...**

THE NEXT THING DANIEL SAW HAPPEN IN HIS VISION WAS THIS: THE STOUT "LITTLE HORN" **PLUCKED UP 3 OF THE FIRST 10 HORNS BY THE ROOTS...**

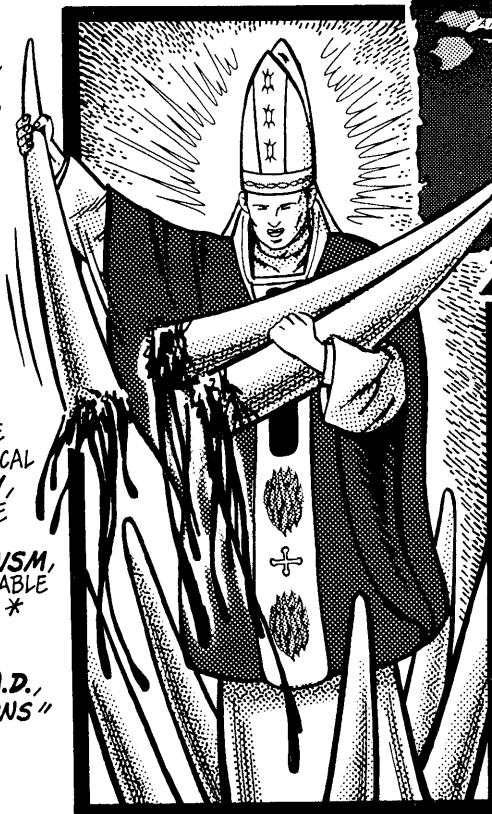
THIS MEANS THAT FOR THIS PROPHECY TO BE TRUE, THE **PAPACY** MUST HAVE UP-ROOTED AND DESTROYED **3 OF THE 10 NATIONS** THAT HAD SPRUNG FROM THE RUINS OF THE **ROMAN EMPIRE...**

DID THEY DO THIS ??

**YES!**

AMONG THE PRINCIPAL OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE RISE OF **PAPAL ROME** TO POLITICAL POWER WERE THE **HERULI**, THE **VANDALS**, AND THE **OSTROGOTHS**. ALL 3 WERE SUPPORTERS OF **ARIANISM**, WHICH WAS THE MOST FORMIDABLE RIVAL OF CATHOLICISM...\*

THE **HERULI** WERE DEFEATED IN **493 A.D.**, THE FIRST OF THE 3 "HORNS" TO BE DESTROYED...



EUROPE CIRCA 490 A.D.

... THE **EMPEROR JUSTINIAN** WHO RULED THE EASTERN HALF OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN CONSTANTINOPLE SAW THAT THE **VANDALS** WERE VANQUISHED IN **534 A.D.** AND THEN JUSTINIAN'S GENERAL **BELISARIUS** BEGAN HIS 25-YEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE **OSTROGOTHS** IN ITALY, BUT THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM ROME IN **538 A.D.** MARKED THE REAL END OF THE OSTROGOTHIC POWER IN EUROPE!

THUS WERE "PLUCKED UP" THE 3 HORNS THAT STOOD IN THE LITTLE HORN'S WAY!

WHAT WERE THE STEPS OF **PAPAL ROME** COMING TO POWER? IN **330 A.D.** THE **EMPEROR CONSTANTINE** MOVED THE POLITICAL CAPITAL FROM **ROME** TO **CONSTANTINOPLE**, WHICH LEFT THE BISHOP OF ROME COMPARATIVELY FREE OF IMPERIAL CONTROL. THE CONVERSION OF **CLOVIS**, LEADER OF THE FRANKS, TO THE ROMAN FAITH ABOUT THE YEAR **496 A.D.**, WHEN MOST OF THE BARBARIAN INVADERS WERE STILL **ARIANS**, GAVE THE POPE A STRONG POLITICAL ALLY WILLING TO FIGHT THE BATTLES OF THE CHURCH! FOR TWELVE CENTURIES THE SWORD OF FRANCE, THE "ELDEST SON" OF THE **PAPACY**, WAS AN EFFECTIVE AGENT FOR CONVERSION OF MEN TO THE **CHURCH OF ROME** AND MAINTAINING PAPAL AUTHORITY...

IN **533 A.D.** THE **EMPEROR JUSTINIAN** WROTE TWO OFFICIAL LETTERS THAT HAD THE FORCE OF ROYAL EDICTS WHICH RECOGNIZED THE POPE'S ECCLESIASTICAL SUPREMACY AS "HEAD OF ALL THE HOLY CHURCHES" IN BOTH THE EAST AND WEST, AND HE LEGALLY CONFIRMED THE **BISHOP OF ROME** AS THE "HEAD OF ALL THE HOLY PRIESTS OF GOD."

BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL **538 A.D.**, WHEN THE PAPACY WAS FREED FROM THE DOMINATION OF THE **ARIAN** KINGDOMS, THAT THE DECREES OF **JUSTINIAN** WENT INTO EFFECT —

ONE BY ONE THE OTHER 7 KINGDOMS BECAME CATHOLIC, AND THE POPE EMERGED AS THE LEADING FIGURE OF EUROPE...

... ALL THIS TOOK TIME, BUT THE **TURNING POINT** CAN BE FOUND IN THE TIME OF **JUSTINIAN!**

**538 A.D.!**  
REMEMBER THAT DATE...

IT WILL COME UP AGAIN IN A BIT.