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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19)

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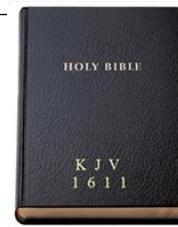
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II. The Revival Of The Roman Empire

1. The Roman Empire is revived before the Antichrist comes to power

Dan 7:7-8,23-24

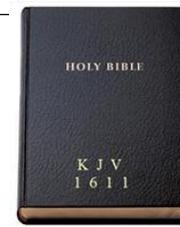
After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and **it had ten horns**.

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them **another little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Thus he said, **The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth**, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

And **the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise**: and **another shall rise after them**; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

- The little horn (Antichrist) rises AFTER the 10 horns (revived Roman Empire)
- In order for there to be a PRINCE of Rome (Dan 9:26), there must be a PROVINCE of Rome



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2. It is a ROMAN Empire not a Babylonian Empire

Dan 2:31-34,38-41

Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.

This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

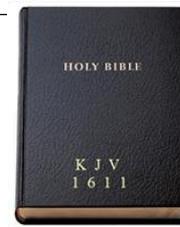
Thou sawest till that **a stone** was cut out without hands, which **smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay**, and brake them to pieces.

And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of gold.

And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

And **the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron**: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

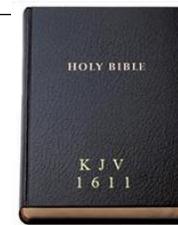
And whereas thou sawest **the feet and toes**, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, **the kingdom shall be divided**; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.



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- Babylon is represented by the HEAD of GOLD (Dan 2:37-38)
- If the kingdom ruling at the time of the Second Coming of Christ was a revived BABYLONIAN empire, then either the feet and toes representing this kingdom should be part GOLD rather than part iron, or the stone representing the kingdom of Christ should smite the image in the HEAD rather than the feet
- The feet and toes are part IRON and clay, meaning the final kingdom is a different form of the FOURTH kingdom of iron, which is ROME
- The stone smites the image on the FEET, meaning the kingdom represented by the feet, revised ROME, is in power at time of the Second Coming of Christ

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III. The Rise Of Mystical Babylon To Power

1. A great apostasy is associated with the rise of the Antichrist

1 Tim 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 The 2:1-3

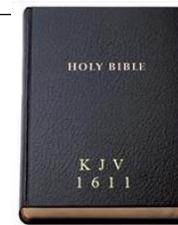
Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

- FALLING AWAY= Gr. *apostasia*; the English transliteration is APOSTASY; the same word is translated FORSAKE (Acts 21:21)
- APOSTASY= “an abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one’s faith or religion”
- Apostasy is different than backsliding

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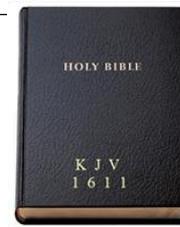


Apostasy	Backsliding
Departure from essential Christian DOCTRINE	Lapse from appropriate Christian CONDUCT
Always intentional and permanent	Not always intentional or permanent
Influences conduct	Does not necessarily influence beliefs
Only committed by mere PROFESSORS	Only committed by true POSSESSORS

2 Pet 2:1

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even **denying the Lord that bought them**, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

- While apostasy has occurred throughout church history, it will all pale in comparison to the apostasy that will be committed by professing Christians left behind after the Rapture
- The largest body of professing Christians is the Roman Catholic Church
- The implication is that this apostasy occurs before the Antichrist is revealed, and is what enables him to come to power



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2. Mystical Babylon controls the Antichrist and his empire

Rev 17:3,5,8,11-12,18

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

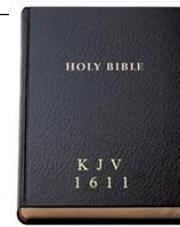
The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

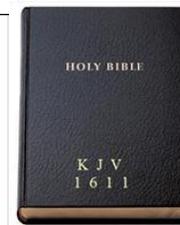
And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

- SIT= “to occupy a seat or place in an official capacity; to exercise authority”



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- The imagery of sitting upon something suggests that the one sitting has authority, dominion, power, and control over what they are sitting upon
- The phrase SIT UPON appears 19x and 14 of these appearances refer to sitting upon A THRONE
- The woman brings the beast (the Antichrist and his empire) to power and controls him



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