

Now horns cannot grow of themselves, but must grow out of the “body” of an animal. Which means, the ten horns that came out of this “beast”, even though they were divisional powers, they were still very much Roman. Did the Roman empire collapse and divide into ten divisions? Yes it did! Did another power (call it whatever you want) rise up among those divisions to actually govern their conduct and rule over them? Again, yes it did! It is known to history as the **Papacy Pontifex Maximus** system of worship, or the “Roman” Catholic Church.

Right away, everyone wants to spring to the defense of Rome. Why? Because the whole world has been deceived and taught to believe that Rome is of God — when it is not! So just how does God describe this **Pontifex Maximus** fourth world power in the seventh chapter of Daniel? Well hang on, and listen to Daniel’s own words, because he was quite troubled by the vision and wanted to know what it all meant himself.

Daniel declares: “Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; and of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more “**stout**” than his fellows.”

“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom.”

“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.”

“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.”

“And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.” (Daniel 7:19-27)



**The Symbol of Rome**

**The Biblical Proof****Daniel Chapter 7**

To repeat again, so it will make a lasting picture — the Word of God makes crystal clear that the fourth and last beast, which represents Rome, will continue right up until Jesus Christ destroys it. But the Word of God also makes quite clear that Rome goes through certain stages in its two thousand year rule, which is symbolized by its ten horns. However, it is the other “stout” horn, that rises up among the first ten, that had eyes like a man and a mouth speaking great words against the most High True God, that rivets the attention of Daniel’s vision.

But what power is this? The ten horns represent the “nation states” that Europe divided into after the fall of imperial Rome. But what power rose up among those nation states and ruled over them with an iron fist? Surely every honest heart must admit that it can only be one power. And that is the haughty **priest-“god”-king Pontifex Maximus** system. And again, the Word of God declares that it will continue to rule “ruthlessly” right up until the very end, until Jesus Christ destroys it.

You see, when imperial Rome collapsed, its caesars and **Pontifex Maximus** system collapsed with it. But not for long! For it quickly disguised itself into a more subtle form, calling itself Christian — but it was still the same **priest-“god”-king Pontifex Maximus** system, never the less.

Now Rome will quickly fly in your face to intimidate you and deny every word of this — but consider what the Word of God says to describe the “work” of this power.

It “made war with the saints and prevailed against them.” The Living Bible says it like this: “God’s people will be helpless in his hands”... (Daniel 7:25)

Certainly European history testifies of the horrors during the centuries of butchery by the “Inquisition”, with its inhuman torture chambers and burning people alive, where historians conservatively estimate over one hundred million people were murdered during that time because they would not conform to the “system”. Or the “Crusaders” who indiscriminately would wipe out whole villages in their path as they traveled toward Jerusalem, for their so called holy wars. But this is but a mere glimpse at this terrible cosmic “struggle”.

Now this “stout” horn power, stout, meaning more powerful than the original ten, not only was to make war and wear out the saints of the most High God, but was to “think” to change times and laws of the most High God. Think — is certainly correct, because no puny man can alter the laws of Almighty God! But this arrogant power has deceived the whole world into believing such an absurdity.

But what laws of God did this “stout” horn power think to change? Incredibly, it was God’s immutable Ten Commandment law. Please, tell me, how?

Well, if you take your Bible, any Bible, and read Exodus chapter 20, and compare with Rome’s catechism, you will find that God’s second commandment has been left out. To replace it, and to cleverly retain “ten” commandments, Rome splits God’s tenth commandment and makes two. Now, that’s the height of audacity!

But there is something else even more audacious — and the whole, so called Christian world follows splendidly in perfect lock-step to this false precept of Rome. Listen to what one of Rome’s highest authorities has to say on this subject to get a clue. Hang tight, because most everyone who reads this, already has a tainted opinion.

“A rule of faith, or a competent guide to heaven, must be able to instruct in all the truths necessary for salvation. Now the Scriptures alone do not contain all the truths which a Christian is bound to believe, nor do they explicitly enjoin all the duties which he is obliged to practice. Not to mention other examples, is not every Christian obliged to sanctify Sunday and to abstain on that day from unnecessary servile work? Is not the observance of this law among the most prominent of our sacred duties? But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we (Romanized Christianity) never sanctify.” [The Faith of Our Fathers by James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, pages 72 & 73]

Is it any wonder why the True God hates this false system of worship so much? It was bad enough when the Pontifex Maximus system openly displayed itself to the world as being the priest-“god”-king human representative of the “Sun”, the false and pagan god that was always worshipped and every man made world kingdom was dedicated to.

But “now”, it insinuates itself into Christianity, and pretends and claims to be the representative, not of the Sun, but the vicegerent of the very Creator of the universe — Jesus Christ — the Son of the living God! And the True God foreseen all of this, and tells that this “stout” horn power had a limited time to do its obnoxious work on earth — that is, for “a time and times and the dividing of time.” But just what does that mean?

Every profession has its own terminology. Can you expect any less from the study of the Word of God? The word “time” in Scripture means a year. For example, God told King Nebuchadnezzar that he was going to get a sickness and “seven times” would pass over him, after which, he would be restored. In other words, he would be sick 7 years.

So one “time” would be 1 year of 360 days. “Times” is plural, meaning 2 years or 720 days. And “the dividing of time”, meaning 1/2 of a year or 180 days. Added together, equals 1260 days. But these are prophetic or symbolic days, which represent “years” — or 1260 years that this stout horn was to exist — before something God predicted was going to happen to it. We will discuss that in our study of Revelation chapter 13.

Dear reader, the True and loving God is pleading, come out of this false system, oh My people, and embrace the truth. As the world is heading for total disaster, won’t you yield your trembling heart and give it to the One who really loves you?