

The Beasts of Revelation



Class 1:
Understanding the Beasts of Revelation
from the Prophecy of Daniel



Outline of Classes

Class 1 – October 1, 2008:

- Understanding the Beasts of Revelation from the Prophecy of Daniel

Class 2 – November 26, 2008:

- The Dragon & The Beast of the Sea (Rev. 12:1 – 13:10)

Class 3 – December 10, 2008:

- The Beast of the Earth & The Beast-Kingdom Darkened (Rev. 13:11-18 & 16:10-11)

Class 4 – January 7, 2009:

- The Woman Riding the Scarlet-Coloured Beast (Rev. 17)

Why Study The Beasts?

- To receive a blessing:

“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein” (Rev. 1:3)

- To overcoming the beast:

*“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”
(Rev. 15:2)*

- To provide us warning & exhortation:

“For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Cor. 11:2)

- To help us understand & develop God’s mindset towards the beast
- To better understand present world events

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The Great Red Dragon

&

The Pregnant Woman

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The Dragon

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The Woman

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Revelation 13

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Revelation 17

The Woman

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Revelation 12 – The Dragon

How Do We Begin To Understand These Things?



Revelation 13 – The Beast of the Sea



The Beast of the Earth

How Do We Begin To Understand These Things?

By Looking for Echoes!

“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw, a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion...” (Rev.13:1-2)



Another Old Testament Echo!

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The 4 World Empires

Only 4 Kingdoms:

“These great beasts, which are four, are four Kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever” – *Daniel 7:17-18*

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Implication:

The Roman Empire exists until the time when the Saints take the Kingdom, though it will exist in various forms as indicated by the symbols.

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Phases of the Roman E.

Nebuchadnezzar's Image:

- 2 legs – a two-fold division in the empire
- Feet & Toes – a weakening of the empire
- Feet & Toes – many independent nations bound together by iron element

The 4th Beast:

- Beast Phase
- 10 Horn Phase
- Rise of the Little Horn
- The Little Horn at War



Details of the 4th Roman Beast

- Dreadful & Terrible (v7,19)
 - Exceedingly Strong (v7)
 - Great Iron Teeth (v7,19)
 - Nails of Brass (v19)
 - 10 Horns in head (v7,20)
 - 10 Horns come out of Kingdom (v24)
 - Devours whole earth (v7,19,23)
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 - Stamps Residue With Feet (v7,19,23)
 - Diverse from prior beasts (v7,19,23)
 - Destroyed after Christ's Coming (v11,22,26)
- Little Horn:
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 - Supplants 3 horns (v8,24)
 - Eyes of a man (v8,20)
 - Mouth speaking great things / Words against the Most High (v8,20,25)
 - Look was more stout than his fellows (v20,24)
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5 Similar Features :

- Distinguished by 10 horns
 - Dan.7:7; Rev. 12:3, 13:1, 17:3
- Noted for blasphemy against God
 - Dan.7:25; Rev.13:5,6; 17:3
- Makes war with the saints & prevails against them
 - Dan.7:21; Rev.12:17; 13:7; 13:15; 17:6
- Power to persecute for 1,260 days/years
 - Dan.7:25; Rev. 12:14; 13:5
- Destroyed by Christ at his coming
 - Dan.7:22; Rev.17:14



Dragon & Beast Comparison:

- **Great Red Dragon - Rev 12**
 - 7 Heads & 10 Horns (v3)
 - 7 Crowns upon its heads (v3)
 - Deceiveth the whole world (v9)
 - Persecuting Power (v10,13,17)
- **The Beast of the Sea - Rev 13**
 - 7 Heads & 10 Horns (v1)
 - 10 Crowns upon its horns (v1)
 - Names of blasphemy upon heads (v1)
 - Persecuting Power (v7)
- **The Beast of the Earth – Rev 13**
 - Speaks as a dragon (v11)
 - Exercises all the power of the beast of sea (v12)
 - Deceives the earth (v14)
 - Persecuting Power (v15)
- **The Scarlet-Coloured Beast - Rev 17**
 - 7 Heads & 10 Horns (v3)
 - Full of names of blasphemy (v3)
 - Deceives the inhabitants of the earth (v2)
 - Makes war with Christ & Saints (v14)



The Roman Empire

In it's various phases of development!

- Nebuchadnezzar's Legs & Feet – Dan 2
- The Dreadful & Terrible 4th Beast – Dan 7
- Great Red Dragon - Rev 12
- The Beast of the Sea - Rev 13
- The Beast of the Earth – Rev 13
- The Scarlet-Coloured Beast - Rev 17



The Development of the Beasts

The Great Red Dragon

The Beast of the Sea

The Dragon

The Beast of the Earth

**Judgment: Beast-Kingdom
Darkened (not destroyed)**

Beast, Dragon, False Prophet Speak with Frog-Like Spirits

**The Scarlet-Coloured Beast Ascends
with Woman Riding It**

**The Beast & False Prophet Judged:
Thrown into Lake of Fire**

Dragon Bound for 1,000 years

The Dragon Returns

Dragon Judged: Thrown into Lake of Fire

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The Great Red Dragon



Pagan Roman Empire

Capital: Rome

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The Dragon

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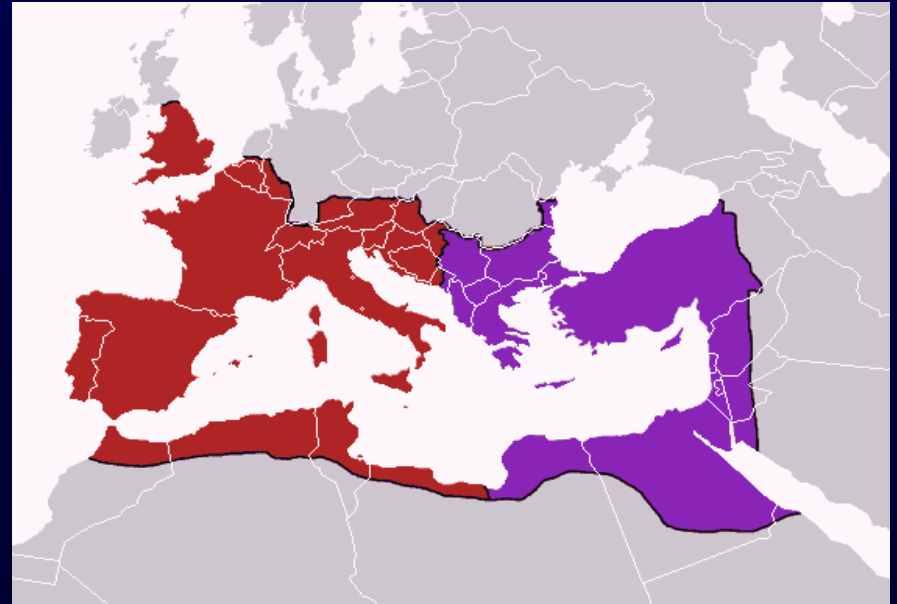
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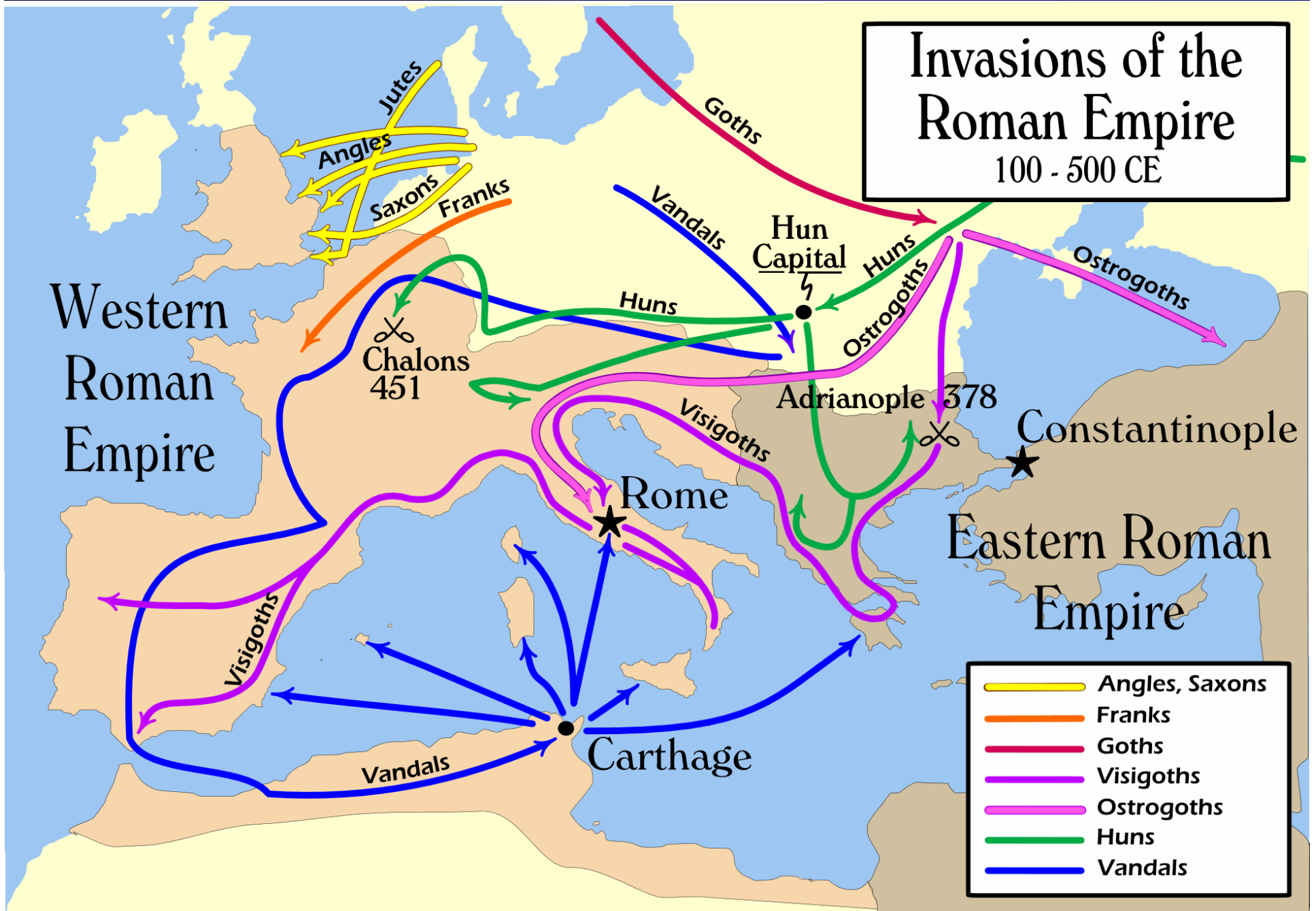
The Division of the 2 Legs:

- 284-305 AD – Diocletian saw empire as ungovernable and divided empire into East & West under 2 equal emperors, titled Augustus
- 330 AD – Constantine removes civil and military capital of empire to Constantinople, whilst Rome remains headquarters of the Church



Invasions of the Roman Empire

100 - 500 CE



476 AD

- Official end of Western Roman Empire (Romulus Augustus deposed)
- Italy taken by Gothic Tribes under Odoacer
- Odoacer gets formal recognition of his rule of Italy from Eastern Emperor Zeno
- Western empire became less Romanized & more Germanic



550 AD

- Between 533 and 554, the eastern military of Emperor Justinian I retook large areas of the former Western Roman Empire
- In 533, Justinian declared the Bishop of Rome to be the Universal Bishop and confirmed by Emperor Phocas in 608-610



The Holy Roman Empire



Start: December 25, 800 –

Charlemagne Crowned by Pope as Emperor of the West, thus starting the Holy Roman / Germanic Empire

Rulership:

- Dual rulership of Pope & Emperor (2 horns of the lamb)
- Emperor confirmed the Pope and the Pope crowned the Emperor
- Emperor supplied Military Support, while Pope supplied Ecclesiastical Instruction

End:

1806 – Empire defeated by Napoleon

1870 – Pope loses temporal power

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The Great Red Dragon (Pagan Rome)

The Dragon (Christian Rome)

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The 4th Beast:

- Beast Phase ← 66BC - 476AD
- 10 Horn Phase ← 476 - 758
- Rise of the Little Horn ← 313 or 533 - 758
- 3 Horns Uprooted ← 758
- The Little Horn at War ← 610 - 1870





SYMBOL:
The Dragon:
The PAGAN
ROMAN Empire

TIME PERIOD
Lasts until
313AD when
Constantine
destroys it.

JUDGMENT:
Seals of God
unloosed upon
it.



SYMBOL:
Sea Beast:
The CHRISTIAN
ROMAN Empire

TIME PERIOD:
313AD - 800AD

JUDGMENT:
Trumpets
sound upon it.

SYMBOL:
Earth Beast:
The HOLY
ROMAN Empire

TIME PERIOD:
800AD - 1870AD



JUDGMENT:
Vials of Wrath
poured upon it.

SYMBOL:
Image of Beast:
PAPAL temporal
power

TIME PERIOD:
1073AD - 1870AD

JUDGMENT:
Vials of wrath
poured upon it.



SYMBOL:
Harlot on
the Beast
European
Supersate

TIME:
2000?AD - ?

JUDGMENT:
7 Thunders

