

“Then I would know the Truth of the Fourth Beast”

## Class I

### Origin and Destiny of the Dragon, that old Serpent

**1 – TITLE SLIDE** – Greetings - Thank you

**REF – Dan 7:15-22**

#### **2 - Class Overview**

This week it will be our pleasure to present to you the subject of the origin and manifestation of that system styled by the prophets and the Apocalypse as “*the dragon and the beast*”. As you will see from the class outline we will cover the development of this system over time, culminating with its final demise following the Advent.

- We will begin in Class 1 with an introduction of that system styled in scripture as “*The Dragon, that old serpent*”. We will trace its origins and various manifestations over history and its part in the successive kingdoms of men.
- In Class 2 we will treat with the subsequent development of that system of deceit within the *beast of the sea*, the *beast of the earth*, and the *image of the beast* of Revelation chapter 13.
- In Class 3 we will look at the system of the dragon and the beast as currently manifested in Europe and Russia and their part in the Gogian confederacy at Armageddon, or **during the harvest period of judgments** revealed in Revelation 14.
- In Class 4 we will look at the beast system as the anti-Christ in full manifestation, then controlled or ridden by the Catholic harlot of Revelation chapter 17. We will also briefly consider the beasts that are bound for a season and a time, being 1000 years, and the state of the beast nations under the Scepter of Judah.
- In Class 5 we will review the manner of Babylon’s final overthrow during the **Winepress period of Judgments** of Revelation 14 in fulfillment of the prophecy of the Seed of the Woman victorious over the seed of the Serpent.

#### **3 - Introduction – The Serpent in Eden**

**REF: Rev. 12:1-9**



Within this twelfth chapter of the apocalypse we are given a vision of the Man-child Constantine and his followers from AD 306-324, styled angels, in a war against that system of paganism styled “*the great dragon... that old serpent*” which was cast out of power along with all of its political luminaries, or stars of the Pagan Roman dominion. The particular **coin before you** demonstrates that Constantine’s followers identified Pagan Rome as the serpent power to be conquered by their champion. However, the

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fact that this organism is not introduced by the Spirit as a *new serpent*, but rather an *old serpent*, gives us pause to consider the origins of this system of sin from the very beginnings of the Scriptural record.

### **REF. Gen. 3:1-6**

Indeed we find in Genesis that the first serpent was a liar and a deceiver, convincing Eve that his reasonings, which were “*sin in conception*” were superior to the teachings of the Elohim. Eve and subsequently Adam submitted to this deception bringing the race into the bondage of corruption. The sin-principle upon which the serpent’s lie was based thereafter became a physical law of man’s being, bringing enmity between creator and creation.

**4 – Herein is our Thesis:** Through subsequent generations the “Constitution of Sin” of the serpent world was developed, termed in Scripture the “Kingdom of men” or by implication “the kingdom of the adversary, or Satan”. The serpent, then, represents the underlying principle of hereditary sin-in-the-flesh manifested in the organizations of man’s system of self rule and religion, regardless of name, dominion, or duration. This system is therefore rightly personified by the wriggling, poisonous, and untamable character of the serpent – a system founded upon the law of sin and death which remains in political operation in opposition to Yahweh until the stone power crushes its head and brings it into subjection for 1000 years, yet still alive as a burning ember within that organism styled man, until the last enemy is destroyed, even death.

From the beginning, false doctrine, or teaching by way of deception or false accusation is the hallmark of this sin principle that would continue as the seed of the serpent at constant enmity with those who are instructed in the ways of Yahweh, styled the seed of the woman. Several synonymous scriptural titles that may also be associated with this serpent system of man’s reasoning are the Devil, or Diabolos, being a false accuser or slanderer, and Satan, being an adversary to Yahweh and His will. This fact is illustrated in Rev.12:9 where the Spirit attaches the title of Devil and Satan to the great dragon, that old serpent. Regrettably, it is a principle that has reared its ugly head even within the nation of Israel and later in the Ecclesia founded upon the corner stone of Christ Jesus.

**5 - REF. Jer. 29:8-9** – “*For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.*”

**6 - REF. Matt.12:33-34** – “*Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*”

**REF Titus 1:10-11** – “*For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake.*”

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While we recognize that the diabolos is a sin-principle incurred by all of Adam’s descendants by birth, causing them to follow their own carnal instincts, we find that the dragon and serpent system described throughout the Bible has a much grander scope for his conquests. He seeks to deceive the whole world, to bring it into bondage under his baseless dogmas and Babylonian tradition, and to root all out those in its opposition by persecution and death. ***By their fruits ye shall know them.*** As we look, therefore, across the landscape of man’s dominion in the earth, we should be able to clearly identify those powers that have carried the serpent’s banner, as it were, to know their origin, character, and their destiny and so to separate ourselves from them. This we will cover briefly, beginning with some basic definitions of the term “Dragon” used in scripture...

**7 – Definitions** - The word Dragon is translated from two words: *Tannin* in Hebrew, and *Drakon* in the Greek. The Appendix of the Emphatic Diaglott provides the following definition:

*“DRAGON, signifies a large fish, as the whale, or crocodile, or a great serpent. In some places it evidently means the deadly poisonous lizard called the Gecho by the East Indians. By the Egyptians, Persians, and Indians the dragon is regarded as the established emblem of a monarch. Sometimes it is used for monarchical despotism in general. The Roman government, both in its pagan and Papal forms, as a persecuting power, is represented by this symbol.”*

The Apostle Paul picks up on this theme in his identification of the “man of sin”, “*even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders*” REF - 2 Thes. 2:3-12.

We find that these definitions are wholly consistent with the title ascribed by the Spirit to the Pagan Roman and Papal systems identified in the Apocalypse. Let us remember the complete identity given in Revelation 12:9: ***“the great red dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.”*** From this description the true nature of the system is apparent. The original serpent was a liar, and so are all those systems that have manifested false doctrine. The original Serpent esteemed himself wiser than Yahweh, so are all those systems that through vain superstition have destroyed many. The original serpent was an adversary to the express will of Yahweh to people the earth with a race of obedient servants, so are all those systems that have persecuted Yahweh’s servants and that have boasted in their own self will and disobedience.

While we agree with the Emphatic Diaglott, that both the serpent and the dragon are symbols to be attributed to Roman dominion, we also hope to demonstrate that Rome was not the first nation associated with the dragon symbol. Instead, it was the natural heir in a succession of kingdoms which bear the dragon symbol beginning in Egypt, and ending in modern Russia and Papal Europe.



**8 - The Dragon in Egypt – The God Sebek** - The book of Ezekiel first attributes the dragon symbol to Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

*“Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against all Egypt; Speak and say, Thus saith the LORD God; behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh*

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*king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself” (Ezek. 29:2-3).*

As we consider the attitude of Pharaoh, we see the true colors of the serpent shining through in his vain boast, reminding us of those in Paul’s day *“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator”* (Rom. 1:25). Indeed the Egyptian Pharaohs were often worshipped as dragon deities within the culture of Egypt, and with the Nile playing a central role in Egyptian life, the crocodile became a key figure in Egyptian mythology. The Pharaohs thus depicted themselves as the God Sebek – part man, part crocodile, symbolizing the might of the god-king. The Nile River basin was their dominion, representing peoples and nations and tongues, and their mythology is an apt demonstration of the serpents lie from the beginning – a belief that death was merely the passage to paradise beyond the present. Natural Israel was called out of this false system of spiritual darkness and immortal soulism, just as Spiritual Israel is called out of her modern counterpart of Babylon – REF: Rev. 18:4) - *“come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues”*.

The role of the serpent deceiver was not, however, to remain the sole possession of Egypt, but would be transferred to those powers that would arise in its place, gaining the dominion of the earth, and so moved the system of false worship from Egypt, through Assyria and into Babylon.

### **9 – Map of Egyptian and Assyrian Empires**

**10 – Map of Babylonian Empire** This transfer of power and superstition is recorded by the prophet Isaiah as follows:

**11 - “Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina,** *because the rod of him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent’s root [Egyptian and Assyrian] shall come forth a cockatrice [the Babylonian Serpent], and his fruit [in future manifestation] shall be a fiery flying serpent”* (Isa. 14:29).

A **cockatrice** is a venomous snake, such as a viper, whose bite is considered to be deadly. When Paul was bitten by one of these it was thought that he would immediately expire, but when the bite had no effect, his fellow prisoners thought that he was a god. Can we not see how appropriate this symbol is to the Babylonian system as a whole, as its exhalations of dogma can only destroy life, and how its look, described by Daniel as being stouter than his fellows, is used to hypnotize its opponents as a viper its prey, and render them docile to its venomous strike.

We must conclude therefore from Isaiah’s prophecy that the serpent nature of Egypt and Assyria would not be cut off with the fall of the Egyptian and Assyrian Dynasties, but would, as appropriate to the symbol, be incubated for a time and re-born as another serpent, more powerful and more poisonous than the first. This cockatrice is the king of Babylon, who, having swallowed up the Egyptian and Assyrian empires is thereafter ascribed the symbol of the dragon power by Jeremiah:

**12 - “For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; ;** *the daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor, it is time to thresh her; yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.*

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*Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out”* (Jer. 51:33-34).

### 13 - The Dragon in Babylon – The Dragon God Marduk



Archaeological expeditions from 1899-1924 at the ancient site of Babylon have confirmed Jeremiah’s description. On the main gate leading into the city are images of the Dragon God Marduk, one of the chief gods of Babylon. The inscription upon the gate declares that it was built by king Nebuchadnezzar who dedicates its construction to Ishtar, goddess of love and war. We might imagine the disdain of Daniel and his companions at the polytheistic worship of the Babylonians as they passed by on their way to perform their duties for the king. But Daniel for one was quite aware that Babylon’s days were numbered, and that subsequent powers would strive for the mastery of the dragon symbol **NOTE EAGLE TALLONS.**

### 14 – The Dragon in Rome and Beyond...

Speaking of the transfer of the dragon symbol throughout history, Alexander Hislop in “The Two Babylons”, page 238 writes this: “*The following extract from Salverte may cast some light upon it: ‘The dragon figured among the military ensigns of the Assyrians. Cyrus caused it to be adopted by the Persians and Medes. Under the Roman Emperors, and under the emperors of Byzantium, each cohort or centuria bore for an ensign a dragon’* (Des Sciences Occultes, Appendix, Note A, p. 476).”

Again we quote from Isaiah 14:29, “*Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent’s root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.*” **REMEMBER THE EAGLE TALLONS**

Who or what is the offspring of this fiery venomous Babylonian beast? “Fiery”, from the Hebrew *seraph* (H8313) means *burning*, that is, (figuratively) a *poisonous* or fiery serpent. It is the root word for *Seraphim*, or *burning ones*, which will be the destroying Character of the Saints in the wars that commence the overthrow of Babylon the great. Hence the word is a description of that which destroys, whether for good, or evil. In the case of the Saints, they will be righteous destroyers after a fashion of the Ail Shaddai that rained fire upon Sodom and Gomorah, but in its application to man’s dominion, it is a deceiver and a destroyer of the lives of men.

Again, from *The Two Babylons*:

**15 - “Could the power of Pagan Imperial Rome** — that power that first persecuted the Church of Christ, that stood by its soldiers around the tomb of the Son of God Himself, to devour him, if it had been possible, when He should be brought forth, as the first-begotten from the dead, to rule all nations—be represented by a ‘fiery Serpent’? Nothing could more lucidly show it forth. Among the lords many and the gods many, worshipped in the imperial city (Rome), the two grand objects of worship were **the ‘Eternal Fire,’ kept perpetually burning in the temple of Vesta, and the sacred Epidaurian Serpent**” (pages 236-237, Second American Edition).

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From *Eureka*, Vol. IIIa, Chapter 12, section 10, we read this:

**16 - “The dragon was one of the military ensigns of imperial Rome.** Ammianus Marcellinus, as quoted by Elliott, thus describes it: *‘The dragon was covered with purple cloth, and fastened to the end of a pike gilt and adorned with precious stones: its wide throat being opened, so that the wind blew through it; and it hissed, as if in a rage, with its tail floating in various folds to the breeze’.*” This emblem was popularly known as the Roman Draco (See Illustrations).



**17 - The Drako, or Dragon,** also figured prominently on Roman coins minted during the reign of Vespasian as a symbol of Roman power. Later in the third century it had become almost as notorious among Roman ensigns as the Eagle itself.

**18 - “Speaking of the procession of Constantine** from Milan to Rome, Gibbon says, *‘he was encompassed by the glittering arms of the numerous squadrons of his guards and cuirassiers. Their streaming banners of silk, embroidered with gold, and shaped in the form of Dragons, waved round the person of the emperor’.*”

Constantine, having adopted the symbol as his own, introduced the dragon to the eastern division of the Empire, and when Constantinople fell in 1453, the eastern seat of the dragon power was transferred to the third Rome (Russia) through the Eastern Orthodox Church, whose spiritual guides still wrestle with the church in the west for the mastery of the symbol’s power over the nations.

**REF: Rev. 12:13-17** – Concerning the rise of Constantine into power, and the subsequent development of the Pseudo-Christian Empire, we see from these verses that the conqueror who slays the Dragon, that old Serpent, Styled the Devil and Satan, subsequently becomes the Serpent beast himself. The Pagans, under Nero, Domitian, Diocletian, and a host of others were persecutors of the Christian sect. Yet, when Constantine, riding the wave of Christian apostasy proclaimed the Nicean Creed in AD325 as the official religion of the State, the Catholics in turn were given license to persecute all decenterers, deemed heretics. Thus the Christianized Empire became a serpent power in its own right and heir to the identity of the Dragon. Here a pattern is set before us as we search the annals of History to correctly identify the system of the Serpent’s Seed, from which the Remnant of the Woman’s seed is set apart.

So we ask that you consider the following pattern laid out in the pages of history and decide for yourself whether we still live today in the days of a serpent power, or not.

### 19 – Serpent Powers

1. The Assyrian Kings are credited with slaying the Babylonian Dragon God Marduk, yet they were wholly swallowed up by the Babylonian Empire, who, in turn, gave birth to the Roman Dragon.
2. Constantine, in the name of Christ, is credited with slaying the Pagan Roman Dragon, yet he assumed the symbol for himself, and likewise persecuted the True Ecclesia of Christ.
3. 1,100 years following the division of the Empire, the Eastern Catholics, being the self proclaimed true guardians of the Orthodox creed, when fleeing to Russia after Constantinople fell to the Ottomans in 1453, took with them the dragon slaying emblem upon the Great Seal of Russia, the heraldic emblems of the Romanov Czars, and the Coat of Arms of the Muscovites.



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## **20 – Serpent Powers...Continued...Coat of Arms of Moscow**

**NOTE: THE EAGLE TALLONS MINGLED WITH THE SERPENT SYMBOL AS WELL AS THE CHRISTAINIZED ORB OF CHARLEMAGE.**

4. Though the Russians might feign themselves the slayer of the dragon, champion of all Christians, and rightful heir and protector of the holy shrines in Jerusalem, they are but counterfits of Him who will truly bruise the serpents head, even our Lord, Yashua Messiah.
5. Much to the rather, the Russians are themselves **the latter day flying fiery serpent**, who like the Romans employ both the Dragon and Eagle as Emblems of their power, and they, as their herodian predesessor, will be ready to devour the Anointed Saviour when he appears out of Egypt as a star out of Jacob. Yet, unlike his first coming out of Egypt, Messiah will meet the latter day Serpent on the field of battle and will turn the pride of man into corruption, and his power as though it were nothing – *“Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision”* (Psa. 59:7-8).

We will have more to say regarding the Dragon Symbol as applied in the eastern and western Roman empires, as well as Papal Europe later this week, LORD willing.

From history, then, we see that Rome has identified itself with this the symbol of the serpent and dragon power. This we believe is in accordance with the Almighty’s plan to reveal to His servants the identity of the true deceiver and antichrist whose pernicious ways seek to destroy the inhabitants of the earth. This great deception will not last for ever, for the scriptures foretell of the fall of this great Babylonian system.

## **21 - Class 1 Conclusion...**

From Isaiah we read: *“In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea”* (Isa. 27:1).

There is no question concerning the final end of this great dragon system amidst the sea of nations. While its deception has lasted for centuries, from Egypt to Babylon to Rome, its head must be crushed so that it can no longer pierce the souls of men by leading them into deception, and the bondage of corruption. In this the Lord Jesus Christ will triumph victoriously as this great manifestation of sin is finally destroyed. Just as Jesus conquered his own sin nature and thereby crushed the seed of the serpent in himself, so will he vanquish the serpent system in all future manifestations.

**REF. Close: Rev. 20:1-3.** A great destruction is due to those who have sought to supplant the simplicity of the Truth for their own profit and gain. Their destruction is assured when *“he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.”*

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## **Class II**

### **The Beast of the Sea, the Beast of the Earth, And the Image of the Beast**

#### **1 – TITLE SLIDE - Class Introduction**

In Class 2 we will treat with the development of the fourth beast system of deceit within those organizations styled the *Dragon*, the *beast of the sea*, the *beast of the earth* and the *image of the beast* identified in Revelation chapter 12 and 13. We will consider the development of these systems as an outgrowth of those beasts of Daniel that correspond with the Gold, the Silver, and the Bronze phases of Nebuchadnezzar’s Image that were subdued by the Iron Empire of Rome, and thereafter divided into two iron legs by the Christianized Emperor, Constantine the Great. In subsequent years this division created two somewhat competing empires, though also complimentary one to another, as they each contained a necessary component of the overall Babylonian System, one having **Religions Sovereignty** (being expert in all the mysteries of Babylonian superstition), and the other **Political and Military Sovereignty** (being expert in administration, the manufacture of weapons and the art of warfare). Together they will complete the latter day Image of Nebuchadnezzar united once more beneath the Banner of Gog, and will again descend upon the holy land as a cloud to plant the standard of the serpent power “*between the seas in the glorious mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him*” (Dan. 11:45).

Of man, it is said by the Psalmist, that though he might be viewed in great esteem among men, and though they may honor him with all manner of wealth, and consecrate their power and earthly dominions to him, yet, if he abides not in the council of Yahweh, he is merely as the beasts which perish. Hence, a serpent and a beast are somewhat synonymous terms as they both describe that organism made a sinner by birth, even man.

#### **2 - The Serpent Principle in Continuum**

The Serpent power, then, is that system of thought contrary to Yahweh and at constant enmity with His spiritual seed, while the beast is the vehicle and man-made organization through which the serpent power (or sin-in-the-flesh) is manifested on a scale that places men in subjection to its creeds. We will find that these principles have been in continual operation in all modes and phases of the career of the dragon and the beast system as we move forward in our study.

#### **3 - Overview of the Beast Nations and Nebuchadnezzar’s Image**

**REF Dan. 7: 1-7**

**BEASTS CHART** The message of Daniel is very clear in the identity of the four powers of man’s dominion that would arise and play their part in the pageant of history in their relationship to Israel, both natural and spiritual. They are the Assyrio/Babylonian Lion, the Medo-Persian Bear, Grecian Leopard, and the Roman great and terrible fourth beast. Their dominions, while

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appearing sequentially upon the stage of human affairs and each bearing a description suitable to their character, may also be correctly styled as a serpent or dragon power. We know this not by mere philosophy, but scripturally, and experientially, for any system founded upon man-made laws – civil or religious – is a system founded upon sin. And sin, as we have shown, was introduced by incorporating the serpents lie into a manner of thinking that is in opposition to Yahweh and those principles that He has declared as just and true.

**NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S IMAGE** - If we were only left to Daniel’s description of the four great beasts as empires that would arise from the sea of nations we might be found wanting in our claim, for Daniel makes no mention of physical qualities that one could readily ascertain as belonging to a reptile or a serpent. But the Spirit requires of us to be more discerning than just looking upon the outward appearance. For we know also, that these four empires were represented in a metallic man seen by king Nebuchadnezzar in a dream, and we know that man by his very nature is synonymous with sin, hence, a serpent power. Moreover, when the same conglomerate empires are introduced in vision to John at Patmos, we are made to understand the true character Daniel’s great and terrible fourth beast as belonging to that class of armored, silent, and deadly animals who does not merely tear and devour his prey as one might expect from a lion or a bear, but paralyzes with the injection of a deadly venom and then swallows alive, such that the prey does not even know that it is being killed with death.

Again we may recall the description of King Nebuchadnezzar by the prophet Jeremiah once the Almighty had judged that Judah was so drunk with Babylonian superstition as to make reformation on a national scale impossible: *“he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates”* (Jer. 51:34). Such is the creature revealed to John when considered in all its aspects in its relationship to Natural Israel and the Ecclesia of Jesus Christ. External to the ecclesia the system appears as a gluttonous beast with great iron teeth, devouring and breaking in pieces. But from within the Ecclesia it is a silent killer that works unseen like a cancer, and only when the body of the prey is rendered void of scriptural reason, is the devouring jaws of the serpent unloosed to claim his prey. Of this sort we are exhorted to turn away.

### **4 - The Great Red Dragon and the Beast of the Sea**

**REF Rev. 12:3&15; Rev. 13:1-12**



The apocalyptic vision revealed to John demonstrates that Daniel’s fourth great and terrible beast carries with it certain attributes of those empires that preceded it, with the super-intended description of a dragon, that old serpent. In addition, the Spirit has given us details regarding the beast’s seven-fold organization represented by seven heads and its character as a persecuting power of the woman’s seed such that we may correctly identify that power in relation to the time when John received the vision.

Let’s review some of these attributes of the Dragon and the Sea Beast to see if we can agree with what our Pioneer brethren have understood to be the case.

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First in Rev. 12:3 we learn of a Pagan Roman power, styled a *great red dragon*, that Constantine would cast out of the political heaven, and that this dragon had seven heads, ten horns and seven crowns upon the heads. As Constantine merely adopted the present organization of the Roman Empire for himself – a corporate take over if you will, he merely became the successor of the 6<sup>th</sup> imperial head. Hence, the seven headed pagan dragon of chapter 12 appears again in disguise as a seven headed Leopard in chapter 13; a Christianized Roman system with the added feature of crowns, no longer set upon the heads (as with the dragon), but upon the horns. So what does this all mean?

What we are seeing is the development of the beast system over time. The pagan red dragon institution of Rev. 12 against which Constantine contended was a serpent power in naked form, so-to-speak, baring no degree of carnal vice or manifestation of the basest sort; the era of pagan idolatry, governmental extortion by force, Gladiators fighting to the death for sport, and the throwing of Christians to be torn by wild beasts were among its ignoble acts. The sea beast, on the other hand, carries the bodily form of a leopard – thus wearing the cloak of Greek Philosophy and the Platonic School of departed spirits, it has the appearance of being warm blooded, being more civilized if you will, but its seven headed organization gives us a clue that no matter how it is dressed, this is a system still based upon the old Roman Dragon.

### 5 – Seven Hills of Rome



In Revelation 17:9-10 we told this: *“The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.”*

Rome, as a City of seven hills, or mountains, is an historical and geological fact. Here on this coin we see the patron goddess Roma, reclining upon the seven hills of the mother city. But the seven heads of the dragon also refer to seven forms of government that have ruled the Empire from Rome [See Your Handout]. The Beast of the sea, therefore, having also the distinguishing characteristic of seven heads, also rules from Rome and not Constantinople although the influence of the eastern emperors was critical in its formation.

From John’s perspective, five of these forms of government had fallen, one was still in existence, that being the sixth, or imperial Rome, and about 150 years later, following the era of Constantine, another Gothic form would take its place, making a total of Seven Heads. So long as the crowns were seen upon the heads of the dragon, as in Revelation 12, we understand that the Roman Empire was intact, a period that lasted from about 753 B.C. to A.D. 410.

### 6 – Alaric Sacs Rome in 410 AD



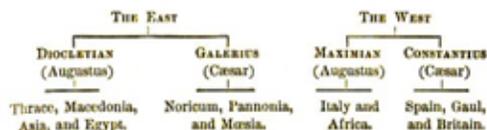
However, when Alaric, the leader of the Visigoths, Sacked the city of Rome on his way to creating a new Gothic Kingdom in the West, this upset the fortunes of the empire. Thereafter, when the crowns begin to appear upon the 10 horns of the seventh head of the sea beast, the barbarian invaders have extinguished Roman Rule in the West and are

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reigning as independent kingdoms, or crowns. This would eventuate in the development of another wonder, styled, *the beast of the earth*.

### 7 – What Diocletian Began, Constantine Finished

[MAP and Chart].



Before we get in to that however, let us look a little closer at this beast rising up, styled, **the beast of the sea**. First some historical background: About 18 years before Constantine came on the scene, the Roman Emperor Diocletian conveniently reorganized the

empire into two divisions with two co-emperors, called Augustus, and two assistants, called Caesars. Diocletian ruled in the east, while his good friend Maximian ruled the west. These territories were later ruled over by six consuls on the eve of Constantine’s bid to take the empire for his own.

### 8 – Constantine Declared Emperor in 306 AD [MAP and SHIELD]



Constantine, declared emperor by his legions in Britannia in 306 AD began his quest for power, and one by one, each of his five pagan opponents were swept off the scene by the tide of militant Christianity. Constantine is generally known as the “first Christian emperor.” The story of his miraculous conversion is told by his biographer, Eusebius. It is said that while marching against his pagan rival Maxentius, he beheld in the heavens the luminous sign of the cross, inscribed with the words, “By this sign conquer.” As a result of this vision, he accepted the Christian religion (in a manner of speaking); and he adopted the cross as his battle standard.

When Constantine proclaimed the capital of his new Christian Empire seated upon the eastern dominion of the old Roman Dragon, he at once assumed title and claim of the dragon symbol for himself, and laid the foundation for the **beast of the sea** (in the west) as the Christianized sixth head of the Roman beast. **Two important events following his victory set the stage for the Destiny of all nations according to the Divine plan unto this day.**

**First:** a mere 12 years after conquering Rome, Constantine declared the Nicean (or Trinitarian) Creed to be the Universal or Catholic Religion of the Empire. To the disdain of the Arian Christians, this established the Roman Bishop and lesser priests as the state-sponsored authority in all matters of religion by AD 325. Thus Paul’s warning to the brethren in Thessalonica was fulfilled and the beast of the sea had filly arisen.

REF. 2 Thes. 2:3-8.

### 9 – The Man of Sin

**Verily, we can still witness today the throne of this man of sin** – that wicked one who sits in the self acclaimed temple of God – an edifice architecturally ascribed the perfect dimension of 666 feet from front to back, and whose religious rites, performed in the Latin tongue, or Latinos, also bears the numerical equivalent of 666.

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**Second**, when Constantine set his throne in Constantinople in AD 328 as the second seat of the Roman Empire, he confirmed the iron legs of Nebuchadnezzar’s image that continue in the feet and toe phases to this very day. As the Military emperors of the Christianized Dragon remained in the East, this gave opportunity for the rise in prominence of the Roman Bishops in the West as well as invading usurpers of the western throne who were recognized by the Eastern Empire in due course.

*“And the dragon [of the east] gave him [in the west] his power, and his seat, and great authority” (Rev. 13:2)*

### 10 – Beast of the Sea Map

[Beast of the Sea Handout] From this evidence then, we find that the *beast of the sea* generally describes a period of the Roman Empire approximately between AD 312 and AD 799 in which an imperial dragon power (or emperor) in Constantinople empowered the bishops of Rome in the west whose throne was centered upon the City of seven hills. This Sea-beast period might also be noted as an era of transition between the pagan Roman dragon of Revelation 12, defeated by Constantine, and the Lamb-horned papal beast of the earth of Revelation 13. However do not be fooled into thinking that we have seen the last of this sea beast, but we will have more to say about that in the next class.

In any case, the historical territory of influence of this combined east-west Roman system (Dragon Emperors in the East – Hellenized Popes in the West) literally encompassed much of the Mediterranean Sea, hence, one clue as to the designation as *“the beast of the sea”*.

### 11 – Barbarian Invasion of Western Rome (395 - 476 AD)



[Barbarian MAP] It was during this period of time (395-476 A.D.) that the 10 horns first appeared upon the 7<sup>th</sup> head of the sea beast, representing ten prominent barbarian tribes that began to invade Europe and to break up the Roman Empire in the west. Again, this provides another clue as to the time periods referred to by the vision. Some of these invaders were Arian’s, descendents of the very people who were marked as heretics by the Nicean creed and above all, they hated Catholics.

But not all was lost for the Pope just yet, for he again becomed to the east and the Emperor Justinian answered with military force, whose armies under Belisarius overthrew the usurping Gothic kingdom in Rome and reinstated papal sovereignty (over a period of years between 536 and 544 A.D). Justinian’s imperial and military support for the Pope began the fulfillment the prophecy of Revelation 13:5-7,

**12** - *“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given*

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*him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”*

**13** - In AD 554 Justinian wrote “*We ordain that the Most Holy pope of the Elder Rome be the first of all priests... the native country of the laws, the fountain of the priesthood*”. In 607 the Emperor Phocas followed suit at the behest of Pope Boniface III and likewise declared the Pope to be “*Universal Bishop*”.

By virtue of these decrees, the Church was given license to persecute all those judged to be heretics who were forced to flee, convert, or were murdered. Among them, no doubt, were Christadelphians of the Sixth and Seventh Century who would not conform to the doctrine of the Trinity, nor recognize the Pope as their Lord. Thus, at this juncture in history, Rome became the “*mouth of the beast*” from which papal decrees would emanate in blasphemy against Yahweh for a period of “*forty and two months*”, or 1260 years, including the exhalations of the frog spirit in later times. This begins what we would term a major construction period of the Catholic Empire.

If you will consider the **prophetic parallelogram** in your handouts, with beginning points in A.D. 533 and 608 and terminating with the great losses suffered by Rome during the French Revolution (1789-1793) and finally, the loss of temporal power (A.D. 1868) we have a notable building up period and a notable tearing down period separated by 1260 years, both according to the Divine blueprint in Daniel and the Apocalypse. So now we can see clearly how the influence of the “sea beast”, wherein the power of the Papacy was consolidated, transfers and overlaps into the “earth beast” period (post-800 A.D). We can also see from this how that Yahweh is in absolute control of the Destiny of Nations for His own purpose.

### **14 –Rise of the Beast of the Earth**

[MAP – Earth Beast]

The next two centuries following the Emperor Phocas saw further inroads as peoples hostile to the Pope once again took control of Italy. However, because at this time the Eastern Empire had to concentrate their armies on the invading Saracens and Ottomans from the east, they could no longer answer the Pope’s calls for aid against his enemies in the west. Thus the Papacy turned to other suitors, and he looked to the Franks under Pippin and then Charlemagne for assistance - laying the foundation for a new “Holy Roman Empire” styled by the Spirit as “*the beast of the earth*”. In turn, this system would give rise to the “*image of the beast*”.

**15** - Bro. Thomas wrote concerning the rising up of the earth beast,

*“So that while he was seeing and standing, he saw two dominions, or systems of government, the one arising from among the peoples inhabiting the countries of the west washed by the mediterranean, the other from among those of Middle Europe, which he styles, ‘the earth’.”*

Thus, the designation of this new emerging system as a “beast of the earth” as opposed to “the sea”, directs our attention to continental Europe as opposed to the coastline regions surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. The Spirit revealed to John that this continental dominion “*had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon, and he exercised all the power of the first beast [sea beast] before him*” (Rev. 13:11-12). From this passage we are made to understand that the

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power to which the Papacy would turn would be willing to join with him as a “dual authority,” not unlike Daniel’s two-horned Ram dominion ruled by the Medes and the Persians. Hence, John saw a new two horned Lamb Empire that would arise from the dominions of the original ten barbarian horns.

**16 – Charlemagne Crowned ‘Carolus Augustus’** History confirms for us that this is exactly the case. On December 25th, 799 A.D., Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne as



Augustus and Emperor. Together they were Co-rulers as two horns upon the earth beast, each supporting the others vision for Church and State. Thus, the Holy Roman Empire was born. *“The pope rewarded him by placing a golden crown on his head and saluting him as ‘Carolus Augustus, Emperor of the Romans.’ The crowd responded with a shout, ‘God bless and save Carolus Augustus, crowned of God, the great and peace-bringing Emperor of the Romans.’”* (Hamlyn History of the World)

## 17 – The Dragon in Sheeps Clothing



The designation of this earth beast as a lamb infers an association with Messiah, for he is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world. But in this case, we are seeing the two horns of a counterfeit lamb who is but a serpent in sheeps clothing, as it were. Regardless of the disguise, we are made to understand the true nature of the lamb-beast as John reveals that the beast also spake as a dragon. In otherwords, his mouth spake blasphemies of a sin power against the Most High in order to wear out the Saints (**REF. Dan. 7:8 & 21; Acts 20:29-30**). Do we not see the true character of the Serpent System again shining through in this vision to John?

We would note that Pope Gregory the 13<sup>th</sup>, the pope pictured on this medallion, who sanctioned the murder of tens of thousands of Huguenots in France in 1572 ascribed to himself the symbols of the lamb (or Ram) and the dragon. It was minted on Metals to memorialize his authority, it was carved into stones to adorn his habitations, and embelished in the mosaics of his palaces. This was a sin power of the highest magnitude that would soon bring Divine wrath in the form of the vials of the Apocalypse upon Papal Europe. During the first centuries of organization, the pagentry of the system included the adornment of the Pope with a genuine sheepskin on their shoulders. Later, they started using a white woolen stole called a pallium instead, symbolizing papal authority as the chief shepherd, a false one no less.

This Holy Roman Empire was to last for a 1,000 years up until 1806 A.D. during which time Europe would be plunged into what is termed the “Dark Ages.” Indeed, it was dark from all aspects. In the shadow of the beast of the earth, the arts and sciences were suppressed, all commerce and trade was strictly controlled by the Catholic sanctioned trade guilds, and the populous was kept in ignorance in order that the Church might control her dominions. Most of all, the Truth was extinguished at every turn: **REF: Rev. 13:15-18.**

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### 18 - The Image of the Beast: The Papacy



The symbiotic (Church-State) relationship between Rome and Charlemagne greatly exalted the position of the Papacy throughout all of Central Europe; “*And he had power [the sword of the Emperor] to give life unto the image of the beast*” (Rev. 13:15). The word “image” is from the Greek *eikon*, signifying a representation or manifestation, like a religious icon. This indeed is what the Papacy became, and in large manner still is; a representation of what the masses in ignorance believe to be the “spiritual leader of all Christianity”.

### 19 - Map – Papal States

The Frankish kings, Pepin and Charlemagne, successively “gave life” unto this “image” between AD 754 and 781 by granting the Pope temporal authority, with a kingdom in Italy. This kingdom comprised a small section of land formally occupied by three powers hostile to the papacy, thus answering to the three horns of Daniel 7 that were plucked up by the roots by a new horn having eyes and a mouth. The new papal dominion was to be called “*The Papal States*”.

Thus the *image of the beast* is none other than the Papacy itself, an icon of false religious veneration by the masses who worship him in complete delusion of reason. After this fashion John describes the nations as being “drunk” with the wine of her spiritual fornication (Rev. 18:3). Moreover, this delusion is perpetuated by the “image’s” ambassadors styled, “*the holy see*” who permeate nearly every dominion on the globe, influencing the policies of every state toward its own ends. Daniel informs us that this horn power (which is the same as the image of the beast) had a particular look (“*whose look was more stout than his fellows,*” Dan. 8:20). The Chaldee *rab*, translated *stout*, means *captain, chief, great, lord, master*, which the Pope fancies himself to be, but again he is only a counterfeit who will be expelled by the brightness of the “*Sun of righteousness*” (Mal. 4:2; 2 Thes. 2:8).

### 20 - Summary – Review Maps

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## **Class III**

### **Europe, Russia, and the Coming Crises for World Dominion**

#### **1-TITLE SLIDE**

In Class 3 we will examine evidence for the present-day manifestation of the Dragon and Beast systems in Europe and Russia bearing in mind the religious and governing principles established over the last 17 centuries, or since the Roman empire was divided into two symbiotic, and yet competing systems, one having **Religions Sovereignty**, and the other **Political and Military Sovereignty**. These political, military and religious systems will work together in the coming crises that cause Gog to think his Evil thought, and to descend upon the holy land to bring the sought after conclusion of the eastern question; who will dominate Turkey and Palestine, who will control all trade routes from east to west and all commodities that pass through it, and foremost in the mind of the blind spiritual guides, who will at last ascend to control the Holy Shrines, and to plant the tabernacles of his palace in Jerusalem? To cover this topic in such a short period will require that we consider the following highlights for your consideration:

#### **2 - Class III Overview**

- The Essence of the Vision: The Re-emergence of the Beast of the Sea, when it stands upon the Brazen Clawed Bear Feet, composed of Europe (the territory of the Lamb-horned Earth Beast or “Holy Roman Empire”), and Russia (the seat of the Dragon in exile).
- The Lamb-Horned Beast arises under the guise of European Union
- The Re-Christianizing of Europe.
- Russia’s Interest in Turkey, Palestine and the Holy Places
- The Rise of the Russian Autocrat and Clay Confederacy of Gog

#### **3 - The Essence of the Vision: Maps – Roman and Persian**

**REF. Dan. 2:38-40; 7:15-22; Rev. 11:15**

It is customary for us as Bible students to identify Daniel’s Fourth Beast with the Roman Empire that exercised dominion over western and eastern lands from Rome and Constantinople until the latter was possessed by the Turks in AD 1453. While this is true, that indeed the fourth beast does represent the Roman Empire, it also represents a great deal more for several reasons, scriptural and historical. Scripturally speaking, it was revealed to Daniel that this would be the fourth kingdom that would arise out of the earth to be possessed and succeeded by the dominion of the Most High. Thus, for a kingdom or dominion to be possessed, the kingdom must exist in some form at the time of passing from one ruler to the next.

Moreover, The Roman Empire of which Gibbon wrote in his “*Decline and Fall*”, has never yet embraced within its dominion all of the 127 provinces of the Medo-Persian bear pictured before you, nor did it stand upon the feet of a bear by which it might “*break in pieces and stamp the residue with the feet of it*”, nor has it encompassed all the territory conquered by the Grecian

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leopard, which is necessary to compete the essence of the Prophecy of a great beast obtaining the dominion of all that has preceded it and thus *“bearing rule over all the earth.”*

Thus, **John’s Sea Beast of Rev. 13, with the feet of a bear and leopard body comes to represent Daniel’s forth beast in its most ample development at the crises that brings the nations in conflict with the king of Israel and his associates.** In other words, it answers to the image of Nebuchadnezzar as an autocratic world power anticipatory to the advent of Messiah and the gathering of the nations to Armageddon. On this subject Bro. Thomas offers the following explanation:

**4 – Quotation:** *“When John’s Beast of the sea comes, in fact to stand upon its four brazen-clawed Bear feet, its dominion will consist of the Russian Empire, Continental and Mediterranean Europe, Persia, Ethiopia [Cush/Iraq], Libya, Togarmah [Turkey and Armenia], Egypt, and Syria. When the throne of the Russian Autocrat is transferred to Constantinople, the apocalyptic Bear-feet, armed with brazen or Greek [orthodox] claws, will also be enthroned there, and be prepared for the work that remains of ‘stamping the residue.’ The ‘residue’ that yet remains to be stamped, are the ‘many countries’ to be ‘overthrown,’ inclusive of Turkey, Egypt and part of the Glorious Land.”*

Such is the destiny of the final manifestation of the Great and Terrible Fourth Beast, which is indeed a reconstitution of the apocalyptic sea beast of Revelation 13. As we have said, this final manifestation of the sea beast in the latter days is but a confederacy after a fashion of Constantine and the Pope, or the eastern Dragon and Western lamb-horned Beast of the earth. In this pre-Armageddon phase, however, it will not be a German king, but a Russian Autocrat that will dominate the Gogian Empire until it is smitten upon the mountains of Israel at which time its remaining power will be transferred to the False Prophet of Rome. This is revealed in Ezekiel 38, as the leader of the Gogian confederacy is styled the *“Chief Prince”* or *“the Prince of Rosh”*. We will have more to say about Gog later on, but let us now consider briefly the evidence of these emerging powers upon the world stage by casting the spotlight upon Central Europe and Russia.

### **5 - The Lamb-Horned Beast Under the Guise of European Union.**



When we speak of the lamb-horned beast, we are of course hearkening back to the Church-State Empire created by Charlemagne and the Pope, hence called *“The Holy Roman Empire”*. It is important to note that this empire was governed by a German born King of the Franks crowned by the Catholic Church. In other words, as we look to the re-emergence of this power upon continental Europe today, we should look for a cooperative Franco-German Power underwritten as it were, by the Vatican with the due blessings of the Papal See.



Strenuous efforts have been made to resurrect the Holy Roman Empire centered upon Germany, and it has been those efforts which have plunged Europe into two of the most terrible wars ever known to man. Despite the failure of two World Wars in turning back the tide of German ambition, the efforts to resurrect the Roman beast have continued as determined as ever. The unification of Europe today (presently being championed by

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Germany’s Christian Democratic Union leader Angela Merkel) is nothing less than a means of bringing the beast out of his bottomless pit whereby it will oppose Jesus and his immortalized brethren (Rev. 17:8 & 13-14).

After WW2, France and Europe cried that “*never again would Germany be allowed to have access into the Ruer and Sar Basins in the Rhineland*”, the basins where lay huge coal and iron deposits that fueled Nazi Germany’s war-machine. But the people of Europe have forgotten history, and so run headlong into a repeat of her past in the form of so-called “European Union”.

### 6 – The Beginning of the “Union” - ECSC Map



In the aftermath of WW2 there was also a desire to unite Europe by controlling the coal and steel regions which were fundamental to war industries. The project, dubbed The European Coal and Steel Community, or ECSC linked the German economy with France. In 1950, Robert Schuman, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared: “*Through the consolidation of basic production and the institution of a new High Authority, whose decisions will bind France, Germany and the other countries that join, this proposal represents the first concrete step towards a European federation, imperative for the preservation of peace.*”

[Refer to EU Timeline handout] In 1957 another European treaty was signed, styled, the Treaty of Rome, moving the latter day beast system yet another step closer to reunification. This treaty was signed in the Lateran Palace in the Vatican. The founding six countries represented by six signatories were all Roman Catholic. And immediately after signing the Treaty, they celebrated Mass together with the Pope. So the emerging “*woman riding the beast*” identified with the number of man (6) has been well involved with this unification process from the beginning.

Many treaties later we come to the Maastricht Treaty on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1992. The Treaty was signed in a very symbolic place for the Holy Roman Empire: Aachen, the original throne of the beast of the earth under Charlemagne. Remember the Orb held in Charlemagnes hand? This is what the Papacy seeks today – the whole of Europe in its hand. Since 1992 there have been several other treaties in Europe including the Treaty of Nice and signing of the European Constitution in 2004 at the political and religious center of ancient Rome.

The Death of the Constitution process in 2005 represented a Divine check in the growing power of this system, but in 2007 we have seen the resurrection of the process, a mere rewording of cover documents with the same content, yet still lacking what the Pope so earnestly desires... a reference to Christianity as being fundamental to European Eunion.

### 7 – The Treaty “Beast” is Back to haunt us



Notwithstanding, the process moves forward, and as we anticipated, Britain is becoming more isolated from the whole idea. In June, 2007 the Daily Telegraph ran an article entitled “**The treaty beast is back to haunt us. And this time it's personal**”.

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**8 – The Treaty “Beast” Quote:** *“If Europe's political leaders succeed in ramming through a barely disguised remake of the same European constitution rejected by the French and Dutch people, I for one will come off the fence after years of hesitation and join the fight for total British withdrawal from the Union... (says, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard)*

*...The EU anthem will go, along with the visible bunting of an emerging state. The text won't be called a constitution. As German chancellor Angela Merkel wrote in a letter to fellow leaders, ‘presentational changes’ should be made while keeping the “legal substance”. [But] It is the substance that threatens British self-rule.”*

### **9 – Lisbon Treaty:**

At last we come to the Lisbon Treaty signed Dec. 7, 2007 in Portugal – essentially a streamlined European Uropean Treaty with a new look, same content, yet creating a European President, Foriegn Minister, and if ratified, making the Charter on Fundamental Rights legally bindng on all member states.

### **10 – Ireland Votes “NO!” to Lisbon Treaty:**

However, Ireland in a national referendum, recently voted against ratification of the Lisbon Treaty. We note that Ireland is predominately Catholic. We also note that the Lisbon Treaty still lacks the necessary language granting the Papacy the authority it desires.

### **11 – Evidence of the Latter Day “Beast”**



So what other evidence do we have of the emerging beast system, styled “Babylon the Great”? Well, is it mere coecidence that the Rhineland in Germany houses all the primary European Union government buildings; the Council of Ministers in Brussels; the Parliament building in Strasburg, the Legislative/Court of Justice building in Luxemburg, and all the central bank buildings. Is it mere coecidence that the EU Parliament building is fashioned after the Tower of babel under construction – so we see that Yahweh will not let it be completed until we are taken away, as I believe.

### **12 – Evidence of the Latter Day “Beast”...Continued (Europa)**

Is it mere coecidence that a sculpture representing a **woman riding a beast** adorns the court yard of the EU Parliament, paintings of such hang in their offices and are embelished as images upon their stamps and currency.

### **13 – Evidence of the Latter Day “Beast”... Continued (Coins)**

Is it mere coecidence that the EU unabashedly identifies itself with images that take us symbolically to Daniel and the Apocalypse? [slide] **France fancies iteself as the great Babylonian Tree**, for instance. But these are not merely national symbols, they are european symbols and Divinely orchestrated symbols that we might look, and see, and have wisdom that Yahweh’s plan is right on course. But are the Christadelphians on course, that is the question and exhortation for our time? Will we as a community recognize the evidence that is just too overwhelming to negate? But lets consider just one more piece of evidence: The European Union

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Flag.

### 14 - The Re-Christianizing of Europe.



If a two-horned Lamb-beast is to re-emerge in central Europe, it must be a Catholic Beast, that is, a beast embracing the false doctrine of the counterfeit shepherd in Rome. We mentioned the Treaty of Rome, signed in 1957. Just several years previous, the spiritual guides in Rome were already musing over how to embellish Europe with the image of the beast, that is, a religious icon unique to the Roman Church, and what more powerful image could be used than that of the immaculate conception. In other words, the star wreathed images of Mary, styled “*the patron Saint of Europe*” that be-stinks every apostate shrine across the continent, are the very basis of the EU Flag.

According to Church history, it was on December 8, 1955 that the European Ministers officially adopted the European flag, *twelve stars on a blue background*, designed by Arsene Heitz. Heitz revealed to a French magazine the inspiration for his design. According to the artist, he thought of the twelve stars in a circle on a blue background as they are represented in traditional icons of the “Immaculate Conception”. Heitz did not fail to notice the words of the Apocalypse, “*And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.*” He (and the Church of Rome) erroneously applies this passage to Mary, whom Catholics worship as “the queen of heaven” – the modern counterpart of the Babylonian goddess Astarte. The insignia not only appears on the flag, **but on all coins** and every bank note in Europe as well. Thus, before the eyes of the world flies a flag not only representative of European union, but of a Catholic Europe subject to the authority of the “Church”. But the Pope has a problem, and that is that most of Europe is secular, anti-religious, and anti-christian.

### 15 - The Re-Christianizing of Europe... Continued



In his 2006 visit to Turkey, Pope Benedict met with the Eastern Orthodox Patriarch (Bartholomew) in Istanbul, formally Constantinople, and said that, in Europe, “*Christian tradition is being eroded. The process of secularization has weakened the hold of that tradition; indeed, it is being called into question, even rejected,*” the Pope lamented. “*In the face of this reality, we are called together [Catholic and Orthodox, East and West, i.e., Daniel’s image] with all other Christian communities [protestants], to renew Europe’s awareness of its Christian [Catholic] roots, traditions and values, giving them new vitality*”.

### 16 - The Re-Christianizing of Europe... Continued



On the domestic front, the Papacy has recruited German Chancellor Angela Merkel as his new Political Champion for the cause. Following her August 2006 meeting with Pope Benedict she said, “*I underlined my opinion that we need a European identity in the form of a constitutional treaty, and I think it should be connected to Christianity and God, as Christianity has forged Europe in a decisive way...Europe’s ‘Chris-tian values’ should be enshrined in a new version of the EU constitution*”, the German chancellor declared.

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Nevertheless, there are big constitutional potholes ahead. In May 2007 the Chancellor backtracked and said, “*You know what my personal view is. I would have liked the constitution to deliver such a reference. But as president of the European Council, I see there is not much of a chance,*” she said on the prospects of God appearing in a preamble to the EU text. “*I can’t hold out any hope,*” she added (*EU Observer*).

What this means for us brothers and sisters is that European Union and the Christianization of Europe is not happening according to the Papal timeline, nor the timeline mapped out in Brussels, or London, or in Strausburg, but ONLY according to the Most High ruling in the Kingdom of men via the activities of the Elohim. Yahweh is in total control. Thus European Union with Catholicism will not ripen, again I say, until the Saints are with our Lord Jesus the Christ, in a position that will oppose this gigantic politico-religious and military power on the field of battle.

### **17 - Russia’s Interest in Turkey, Palestine and the Holy Places**



Meanwhile, the Russian Orthodox Church is making great strides bringing Russians back into the fold. In the fall of 2007 Russian children returned to School with a new curriculum entitled “*The Foundations of Orthodox Culture.*” Despite objections by some, high-school instruction in Russian Orthodoxy has become mandatory in most regions of the country. Such “Religious Resurrection” is a development that highlights the growing influence of the Russian Orthodox Church, which has come out from under 70 years of Soviet-era repression to reclaim its former glory as the country's dominant religion. It also addresses the desire of many Russians to restore a lost sense of national identity and pride, as such; it has become fashionable in Russia to “go to Church”.

Why is this important? It is important on two accounts – as Russia is the eastern leg of the reconstituted image of Nebuchadnezzar, and as Russian Orthodoxy still claims Sovereignty over the once Christianized Roman Dominion centered in Constantinople from which it was exiled by the Turks in 1453, Religion will play an enormous part in fermenting Gog’s evil thought. Merely consider the Onion Domed architecture of St. Basil’s Cathedral in Moscow which speaks of Eastern Byzantine Empire and one can begin to understand the mind of the Orthodox Christian.

### **18 - Russian Interest... (Continued)**



Look a little closer now at the spires that ornament many of the Orthodox shrines throughout Russia and a story begins to unfold: As the Holy Cross is placed deliberately over the crescent moon, so will Russia settle the score with Islam - Istanbul must fall, and **Constantinople must rise again!**

The meeting between Pope Benedict and Bartholomew last fall in Constantinople, and the Pope’s visit to one of the Ancient Churches of the East had great symbolic implications. Both Churches still covet the throne of the East, but it will be Russia, not Rome, that we feel will reclaim Constantinople by military force, and will assert its claim as patron of the Holy shrines in Jerusalem. But why Jerusalem? Are the holy shrines of antiquity really important enough to

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cause the Russian Autocrat to risk life and limb to take the City? Though opinions ring out with adulations to the contrary, let the scriptures speak clearly.

**REF: Dan. 11:40-45; Zech 14:1-3**

Please take note of what the prophet Zechariah says here. In the Day of Yahweh the Land of Israel will be spoiled. Some claim that this passage has been fulfilled. But was Israel spoiled in 1948? How about 1967, 1973? When? The Word “Captivity” here is from the Hebrew *golah* meaning *exile, remove, carry away captive* as with the Babylonian Captivity and has to do with the expelling of Jews from the land, as is the purpose of the European confederation with Gogue. fated . With all due respect, Israel, by Divine will, was victorious then, but in the future Jerusalem will fall as Gogue covers the land like a cloud. Moreover, the King of the North in Daniel 11 plants his ensign IN the glorious holy mountain and there comes to his end, and there is no other glorious holy mountain than Mt. Zion in Jerusalem.

### **19 – Russian Interest... Continued**

**[Map – Mountains of Israel] REF. Ezek. 37:22.** Brethren, when we hear people say that, nay, Gog is destroyed upon the mountains of Israel, as if those mountains were somehow removed to a far off place, please do not be fooled by such reasoning: The mountains of Israel are a symbol for the nation as a whole through which runs a highland as a spine from north to South. Just listen to what Ezekiel says about the mountains of Israel in chapter 6:2-3

*“Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, <sup>3</sup>And say, **Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.**”*

Was not this prophecy spoken to those throughout the whole of the land of Judea? Indeed it was! Now anyone familiar with this prophecy knows that the Babylonians did not merely stop at Mt. Hermon and look south and say, “*oh how lovely, well now, back to Mesopotamia*”. No, they came with a fury and power given them by the Almighty for the purpose of eradicating sinners, that a remnant of believers might be saved. Such is the Purpose of Gog at the time of the end. **REF. Ezek. 39:22-24.** The physical Mountains of Israel, therefore, speak to the whole nation centered upon the highlands of Judea, even Jerusalem, and the people therein will be purged that a remnant may enter the Kingdom (**Ref: Zech. 13:8-9**). Some have now regrettably branded this view held by Christadelphians for 160 years as being “revisionist” and “anti-semitic”. Again, brethren and Bible Students do not be fooled by this rhetoric. One of the core pieces of evidence that the Bible is indeed of Divine authorship is that it is so deprecating against the Jewish people. Yahweh is no respecter of persons. He is not willing that any should perish, but He will have His glory by saving a remnant of faithful ones but He will not tolerate unbelief.

### **20 – Russian Interest... Continued**



Now one last piece of evidence regarding Russian interest in the land: If one should ever doubt the importance of the Holy Shrines in Jerusalem to the Orthodox Russian’s in the east, or Catholics in the west, consider this: **The spark to the tinderbox that ignited the Crimean war (1854-1856) between**

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**France and Russia in which the latter lost 600,000 lives, was the right to possess the key to the main door of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.** The Division over supremacy of the holy shrines dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century when the Ottomans took control of the land, but eventually tolerated an eastern and Latin Church presence in Jerusalem, each claiming ownership over the shrines. However, when Nicholas, the Emperor of Russia, sought to gain or to keep for his Church the holy shrines of Palestine, he spoke on behalf of fifty millions of pious, devoted subjects, of whom thousands for the sake of the cause would joyfully risk their lives. *“From the serf in his hut, even up to the great Tsar himself, the faith professed was the faith glowing in his heart, and violently swaying the will of the government.”* Just as zealous for the cause were thousands of deluded French and other western Catholics who not only coveted the key to the Church of the Nativity, but also pressed for placing a silver star adorned with the arms of France to stand in the Sanctuary of the Nativity.

### **21 – Russian Interest... QUOTE - Continued**

‘Is it true,’ asked Alexander William Kinglake, who wrote the first history of the Crimean war, ‘that for this cause armies were gathering, and that for the sake of the key and the silver star, the peace of the nations was brought into danger?’

The short answer was, **yes**. There were of course other more pressing strategic reasons caused mainly by the impending demise of the Ottoman Empire. There are also other strategic reasons today that will cause Russia to march south and fulfill her destiny including the following:

### **22 – Russian Interest... Continued**



- Control of Constantinople as the Southern Capital for the Russian Empire
- Control of the Bosphorus (passage to the Black sea)
- Control of oil and gas reserves in Georgia and Azerbaijan
- Control of New Pipelines for Gas and Oil to Europe and Asia
- Control of Israel’s TIP line from Askelon to Eliat
- Control of the Suez Canal and Egyptian Gold
- Control of Israeli Military Secrets and Technology
- In a Word *“art thou come to take a spoil”?*

### **23 - The Rise of the Russian Autocrat and Clay Confederacy of Gog**

**[Maps – Gogian Empire] REF. Ezek 38:1-7, 17**

After fifteen years of hibernation, the Russian bear has been awakened and once again looks south for spoil, conquest, and glory. Her history as a military power has cast the mold; her present course will fulfill her destiny as foretold by ALL (not just some) of the prophets of Israel. As seen from the map above, the Russo-Gogian Empire will extend to every province of all territories formally occupied by the Lion, Bear, Leopard, and fourth beast dominions, and those who are not proactive in acceding to his call to alliance, be it through treachery or deceit, will simply be overthrown. From the vantage point of mere man, such a state of affairs appears to be incredible, if not impossible, or even ridiculous. But again we know that man is not in control, Yahweh is guiding the way, and kings are but His pawns to achieve the desired end.

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Brother Thomas coined a suggestion regarding the principles that will bring this about that is truer than what we may have once thought.

### **24 - The Rise of the Russian Autocrat... Continued**

**[Picture – Putin – the next Czar]**

*“This is the conclusion of the struggle about to commence. Despotism will triumph throughout Europe, and Democracy will go to the wall”* (Herald of the Kingdom, Vol. II, No. 2, Pg. 38, Feb. 1852).

This was not merely an off the cuff remark, but a statement based upon a knowledge of the Divine will and the basic evil of all flesh, especially when allowed to have power and wealth untold. Indeed, European Union and the development of a Federal Superstate is organized in such a way as to suppress descent for the sake of Empire. It is not a democratic system, and when it is ratified, the European Federal Government will trump the authority of any member nation. Meanwhile, Russia looms largely in the east.

On September 12, 2007, Putin dissolved the Cabinet of his long-serving prime minister, Mikhail Fradkov, saying he needed to appoint a government better suited to the election campaign and to *“prepare the country”* for life after the elections. **REF. EZEK 38:7**. In other words, Prime Minister Putin intends to maintain complete control of the Russian Federation. But how will Russia bind the European continent into a heavy laden confederacy: **REF. Hab 2:5-6**

Habakuk’s description of thick clay coincides with the feet of clay and iron of Daniel’s metallic image. This illuminates the nature of the Gogian confederacy as being like an untempered mortar that tenuously binds the continent together and stands briefly for the appointed task. Rapid developments over the last five years in particular should be a warning to us that the power that will lead the confederacy is on the rise. Russia, no longer shackled with the heavy burden of the Soviet system, now dons the ornaments of the Russian Empire: The Flying Eagle with Dragon Slaying Heraldry, and Christianized orb of Charlemagne are all a part of the official seal of the State.

In 1992 when oil was at 8 dollars a barrel, the Soviet system collapsed. But in accordance with the prophecy of Ezekiel, Russia has been *turned back* from the economic and military abyss of a second rate power to the domineering, arrogant, and prospering military giant she once was. It is a fact that over 90% of Russia’s Gross National Product is based on oil and natural gas. At today’s prices, that spells enormous wealth filling the coffers of an emerging Dragon as well as tremendous political clout. Why so?, because Russia supplies over 30% of Europe’s energy needs and can wield that power as a political weapon as that dependency rises further – this perhaps will be a decisive element in formation of the clay confederacy.

### **25 - The Rise of the Russian Autocrat... Continued**

**[Bear turning off Valve]** When Russia turned off the oil to Ukraine in 2007, it was shooting a

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political round across the bow of Europe, and the message was quite clear, “*Don’t mess with Russia*”.

And what of Russia’s new found wealth? President Putin is backing his political rhetoric with a 7 year, 200 Billion dollar Defence Budget.

### **26 - The Rise of the Russian Autocrat... Continued**

In October 2007 Putin authorized the continual operation of strategic aircraft that were suspended some 15 years ago by a crumbling Soviet economy.

*“Today 14 strategic bombers took to the air from seven airfields across the country, along with support and refuelling aircraft, Mr Putin told reporters at joint military exercises with China in the Ural mountains.”*

### **27 – Russian Military Stats**

2008 Russian Military Statistics indicate that the Bear of the North is poised to join with Europe in an overwhelming invasion of Israel at the appointed time, ushering in Armageddon and the Time of Jacob’s Trouble.

### **27 - The Rise of the Russian Autocrat... Continued**

**[Map of Russian Naval Bases in Syria]** Not to be outdone, the Russian Navy has negotiated the construction of a new Naval Base in Tartus, Syria – the ever coveted warm water port to house Russia’s Black Sea Fleet by 2017. It will become the home port of the RFS Moskova missile cruiser and RFS Azov landing ship within the next three years. So why does Russia need a ship that destroys aircraft carriers and amphibious ships to land Russian soldiers in a Syrian Port? It is quite simple actually: Russia is using Syria, and her partner, Iran as strategic pawns in its ultimate plan to take control of the Middle East.

### **28 - The Rise of the Russian Autocrat... Continued**

**[Maps – Gogian Empire]** This is the destiny of the Russian Dragon when it allies itself with Reconstituted Franco-German Beast of the Earth. These together will complete the final manifestation of Daniel’s Great and terrible fourth beast – Notably, however, as of yet having no rider as we see in Revelation 17. These will stand united as the latter day Assyrian and Image of Nebuchadnezzar assembled beneath the Banner of Gog, and will descend upon the holy land as a cloud to plant the standard of the serpent power “*between the seas in the glorious mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him*” (Dan. 11:45).

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## Class IV

### Final Manifestation of the Beast and Serpent Powers

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REF. Dan 2:31-35

#### 3 - Sundering of the Clay Confederacy from the Iron by the Stone Power

*“We consider Nebuchadnezzar’s Image the symbol of Gogue’s dominion, when, he, the King of the North (Dan. 11:40-45), and of Assyria (Isa. 30:30-33), encamps with his army, drafted from all subject nations (Hab. 2:5), on the mountains of Israel (Dan. 11:45; Ezek 38:8), on all sides of Jerusalem, and is in actual possession of the Holy City (Zech. 14:2), in the latter days (Ezek. 38:16). **He is not the ‘last beast,’ however. Till Gogue is broken, the lamb-horned, and dragon-speaking beast (Rev. 13:11) is an iron leg of the image - a co-partner with Gogue, yet inferior to him, in the majesty of the Greco-Roman-Dragonid dominion of ‘The End.’ But when the Clay is sundered from the iron by the stroke of the stone-power, that is, when Gogue is broken, the Western leg and Toes, or ‘Beast and the kings of the Earth’ (Rev. 19:19), have still to be subdued.***

(Herold of the Kingdom: Feb. 1852)

What our esteemed brother is setting forth in these words is plainly what we described in our previous class; that Daniel’s great and terrible fourth beast **reconstituted** in the latter days is a union and confederacy of the ancient lamb-horned beast of the earth, today identified with those nations of the European Union, and the contemporary Russian Dragon. These together will constitute the Gogian Empire tenuously solidified by the back door politicking of the papal see, if not by blunt political blackmail by the Russian Czar, laced with seeds of treachery, and all with the blessing of the Papal Lucifer. This is the way of uncontrolled human flesh, or the “*thick clay*” that will bind the confederacy. However, when that confederacy is smitten upon the clay feet of the Image by the stone power (Christ and the Saints) the confederacy is broken, yet the governing powers that created its armies and commanded them to invade the holy land and to take the Holy City by force still remain in the Iron, Brass, Silver, and Gold dominions that have yet to be ground to powder.

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But what is to become of these remaining beast nations once the armies of the Gogian Empire have fallen upon the mountains of Israel? Will they then surrender their thrones of power and lay down their arms before the King of Kings? Will they send ambassadors seeking for terms of peaceful co-existence with the newly crowned King of Israel? While those of the Tarshish nations and Young Lions, styled, the king of the South will indeed entreat the newly crowned King with a gift as foretold in the prophets; those of the now broken northern confederacy will do no such thing. To do so would violate the very tenants of their political, military and religious doctrine that has fermented over the last twelve centuries, or since Charlemagne assumed the throne of the Christianized Roman Earth.

### **4 – Sundering of the Clay Confederacy... Continued**

Peter the Great wrote in his will for the posterity of the Russian Empire: *“Do all in your power to approach closely Constantinople and India. Remember that he who rules over these countries is the real Sovereign of the World... Open for yourselves a route towards the Persian Gulf [IRAN]. Reestablish as much as possible, by means of Syria, the ancient commerce of Levant, and thus advance towards India. Once there, you will not require English gold.*

### **5 - Sundering of the Clay Confederacy... Continued**

[LEVANT MAP] We may note particularly the name Levant, which is a geographical term historically referring to a large area in the Middle East south of the Taurus Mountains, bounded by the Mediterranean Sea on the west, and by the northern Arabian Desert and Upper Mesopotamia to the east.

Hence, we can see that the aim of the Clay confederacy is for solitary dominion of the World, not a shared dominion, and most specifically not to be shared with a Jewish King who, following Gog’s demise, will proclaim through his ambassadors to the ends of the Earth, that He, not the Pope, not the Chancellor of Germany, not the President of Russia or of the United States, not the Prime Minister of England, Canada, Australia nor any other potentate, but that He alone has divine right and sovereignty in all matters over the entire globe. Thus, the struggle must continue, and it will continue, but not without Yahweh granting one final and merciful call to the peoples of the earth to come out from that great city Babylon before its final overthrow commences.

### **6 - Selah...A time to stand with Israel...or the “Beast”**

#### **REF. Ezekiel 39:11-16**

The mighty armies of Gog have fallen: The terrible events of the Sixth Vial have come to a conclusion, and an interval of peace ensues during which the land is cleansed and whereby every person who has survived these calamities, earthquakes, and the battles of Armageddon will have pause to consider. Just as Rahab heard of the fame of Israel and so recognized the Divine authority of Israel’s ambassadors following the mighty overthrow of Pharaoh’s armies, thus will the populations of the earth be given space to witness the evidence and repent.

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In Habakkuk’s song of the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, in which he presents a panoramic view of the march of the rainbow angel, Armageddon, and the final overthrow of Babylon, we are given three Selah’s, or pauses between events that transpire between the advent and Babylon’s eventual demise.

### **[Refer to HANDOUT of the Apocalyptic Jubilee]**

**The First Selah** (vs.3) occurs following Judgment and may be ascribed to a period of acquaintance with our Lord preparatory to the Harvest period of Armageddon. **The Second Selah** (vs. 9) appears to occur just prior to the Olivet Earthquake when the Multitudinous Christ is poised for the final strike against the Gogian invader who at this time has taken the City of Jerusalem. **The Third Selah** (vs. 13) best describes the cessation of these hostilities following the destruction of Gog during which the Mid-heaven Gospel proclamation from the king in Zion will go forth. Concurrent with this proclamation will be the cleansing of the land as we read from Ezekiel, the work of Elijah to re-gather the Diaspora Jew and purge out any unbelieving rebels. Moreover, as part of Elijah’s work, there will be a final calling out of the Gentile nations a remnant to enter the Kingdom of God as subject kingdoms and peoples which together will comprise the Empire of the Lamb.

### **REF. Zech. 8:20-23; Rev. 10:8&11; Rev. 18:4**

From Zechariah’s prophecy we find a description of the Rahab class of Gentiles who marvel and give credit to the God of Israel for Gog’s demise, they fear, and wisely consent to the message of the proclamation: *“Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”*

Likewise, from the Apocalypse we learn that John, who is a representative of the redeemed, will participate with Elijah in the work of taking the Truth before the nations following Armageddon, having as evidence of their divine authority the complete annihilation of the Gogian hordes upon the mountains of Israel.

But what of those nations and peoples and tongues who are not so disposed to obey the proclamation and warning to submit to Zion’s King, as the time for each individual as well as each national entity to submit to the scepter of Judah will not continue unabated? The trumpet blast that declares the **apocalyptic year of Jubilee** will cease to sound, and the Angel in the mid-heaven will again unsheathe his sword, for the final “hour of Judgment” is about to commence.

### **7 - The Woman Rides the Beast**

#### **Rev. 17:1-8**

Brethren and Bible Students: The stage has been set. This brings us to the very climax of the career of the Papal-Roman Empire when it will bask and glisten in the plentitude of its false self illumination. Thus far, Rome’s desire to return to the glory days of Papal sovereignty have been swept behind the political ambitions of one kingdom after the next; **put in check**, as it were by the frog spirits of democracy; **nearly destroyed** by the Napoleonic quest for Empire; **pushed back** by competing horns of the same beast that have organized all of Europe into a Secular

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Union that has not yet recognized Papal primacy. As such, the Papal throne, while enjoying the congenial support and recognition of nations as large, **has not yet** been able, nor permitted by the Elohim to assume the position of **the rider of the beast** in the fullest sense required by the prophecy. Hence the symbol by which Europe is even now identified is but an earnest of what is yet to be.

In 2005, the European Parliament set forth its European Constitution for ratification by the subject national partners in the Union. This Constitution was soundly rejected by France, a keystone player in the heart of Europe without which the Union, formally speaking, can not commence. Rejected why? Certainly, this was another Divine check in the power of Rome - rejected because the time is not ripe until a constitution is crafted that places the Roman Bishop at the heart of European Union, giving the reigns of power to the papal throne that she so earnestly covets. Remember, this unification process began with the Treaty of Rome in 1957 by six Roman Catholic signatories. Thus the Constitution process has been underwritten by the Papal Throne, and it will conclude with his seal of approval at the appointed time.

### **8 - The Woman Extends a Golden Cup**

Until such a time arrives, and it will, Rome continues to intoxicate the masses with her gospel-nullifying mysteries, making them ready to accept the Papal decree and to identify the King of Israel as the Anti-Christ. As regarding the apocalyptic symbols before us, the woman with the Golden Cup dates back to Semiramis, the queen of Chaldean mysteries and mistress of Nimrod. Rome, as we have seen, was the natural heir of all her idolatries **REF. Jer. 51:7-10.**

### **9 - The Golden Cup...Continued**

From the 17th and into the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries the papacy has clearly identified itself with this same system of idolatry over and over again as she sees herself as the true queen, and no widow. The kings of the earth having become spiritually drunk by this cup of indignation will have no trouble in swallowing down what ever spews forth from the Papal Throne once the King in Zion spells out the terms of unconditional surrender.

**REF. Dan. 7:4** As was the case with the Assyrian element of the ancient Babylonian dominion, the wings of the Russian Dragon will likewise be plucked at Armageddon, and will no longer be the superior element to guide the motions of the beast. Rather, a new guiding force will assume the position of a rider in control of the beast nations when the Russian Autocrat fails to achieve the desired end. Thus, with the Prince of Russia out of the way and proved to be ineffective in his abilities, now is the time for the Harlot Church identified in the Apocalypse to make her move, as it were. The Woman, or Harlot Church, will ascend to take the reigns of the beast, creating a new Holy Roman Empire to make war with the lamb. At that point in history, she will once again govern in all affairs political, economic, military, as well as religious.

### **10 - Origin of the Symbol Explained**

**Europa and Zeus – 1:** As with the Woman and the golden Cup, the Woman riding a beast upon the waters is an ancient mythological symbol used by the spirit to ascribe the ancient mysteries of Babylon to the current system before us. The woman upon the beast is Europa, a Phoenician princess; hence a trader in the merchandise of the world, and the Bull is Zeus, the supreme ruler of Mount Olympus and of the Pantheon of the gods.

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What more appropriate symbol could the whole of Catholic Europe ascribe to itself - as the Catholic so-called Holy see is a worldwide trafficker in religious merchandizing and the souls of men, and Zeus or the beast nations, are the powers that are enchanted by the Church's delicacies and intoxicated with its doctrine, also being worshipers of the Pantheon of Patron Saints and martyrs.

Such is the origin of the symbol, sufficiently ascribed to the system of Roman Catholic idoltry as we see today in their currency, coins, sculpture, etc. Thus, in the crises that ensues following armageddon, with the Harlott Church now holding the reigns of power, the nations will have no alternative in their last act of desperation for maintaining their dominions and worldly prosperity, but to submit themselves to the power of the beast, which will be to recognize the Pope as their Captain and commander in chief.

After all, the crises will have gone beyond the mere capabilities of military firepower, as proved by the failure of Gog. Moreover, the King in Zion will not be entertaining ambassadors from afar, so there will be no political solution that can be rendered. **The beast nations will be in crises like no other in history.** They will use the cessation of hostilities and patience of the King in Zion to their unholy advantage. Their propaganda machine will most likely grind away and their aim will be to crush the “Arabian Anti-Christ” – that is the King in Zion and His associates who first appeared in Teman, or the South, conquered Arabia and received the praises of Egypt, Jordan and Assyria, crushed the Gogian armies, and subdued all lands between Egypt and the Euphrates. What is to be done with this mighty conqueror that does not parley with infidels?

Just as Nebuchadnezzar kindled the fires seven times more than they were want to be heated in order to destroy Daniel's companions once they were identified as servants of the God of Israel, so to will the beast nations under the command of the Papal Lucifer retool their industries, and re-arm with such destructive firepower as to cause immense destruction such as Nebuchadnezzar could have never dreamed.

**REF. Rev. 17:12-18; Rev. 19:17-19**

Once the Woman Rides the beast upon her sea of great waters, she temporarily ascends into the political heaven where in the self confidence of her vain glory she will think to commence a war and to break the bands of the new Power arising in Zion. This 30 year war against the lamb is the apocalyptic “hour of judgment”. This is the last era of the 1600 Furlongs, or 40 years of Revelation 14:20 in which the blood of the nations runs deep and at which time the Beast, who ascended out of the abyss will finally be expunged from the earth. The judgments against the beast, the image, and false prophet will be described in the concluding class this week. Hence we turn your attention now to the condition of the beast nations during the millennial reign of Christ once they are subdued.

### **11 - The Peaceable Kingdom of the Branch**

**REF. Dan. 7:11-12; 27**

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From these passages in Daniel we are informed that while the fourth beast empire is slain, those nations that were deceived by the false exhalations of the horn power will have their dominion taken away; dominion which is given to the King of Israel and his brethren that he will place upon the thrones of the earth near and far. The prophet Isaiah describes for us the conditions that exist during this time when Immortalized Saints rather than fallible man, will rule the earth.

### **REF. Isa. 11:1-9**

Isaiah, after setting forth the qualifications of the branch to rule over his Father’s kingdom, says that the result will be that both wild and tame animals shall be together and that a little child shall lead them. It is further stated regarding the wild animals that they will neither hurt nor destroy in my Holy Mountain, or Jerusalem. Now on the surface, this paints for us a very beautiful and pastoral picture not to be found anywhere in this dispensation and we do not question the literal application of this picture to the Eden like restoration of conditions for the Kingdom Age. However, to accept this as the primary teaching of this passage would be a gross mistake; for no example of marauding wild animals in Jerusalem is given to us anywhere in scripture, save for those four wild beasts identified in Daniel chapter seven, which are those kingdoms that indeed have torn and devoured the people of Israel for centuries.

Let us now examine a few other passages as evidence:

### **REF. Isa. 35:8-10; - Jer. 5:5-6; - Jer. 50:17**

We believe that these passages confirm that the wild beasts that have hurt and destroyed in the Holy Mountain are indeed those Gentile powers that Yahweh brought in judgment against his disobedient children. But all of that will have past with the destruction of the fourth beast, and so Isaiah’s prophecy should shine clear as to the pastoral safety of his people under the dominion of the Branch for 1000 years.

However, there were also other wild beasts that hurt and destroyed in Jerusalem who were not Gentile, but Jewish. These are they which stoned the prophets, led the people into idolatry, beheaded John the Baptist, and were guilty of killing the Prince of life (Acts 3:15).

### **REF. Ezek. 22:24-29; - Zepheniah 3:1-4; - Matt. 27:24-25**

So we see from these passages, that the leaders of Israel were also so harmful that Yahweh had to overturn the kingdom on several occasions in order to preserve a righteous seed. Thus, the Gentile’s and Jews power to hurt and destroy in Jerusalem having been broken by the branch, they are then in complete subjection to him, dwelling with the more docile nations and these together are led by a little child, characteristic of the Saints who will rule over them. Jesus foretold the little child’s presence in the Kingdom when asked by his disciples, “*Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven*”. He called a little child and set him in the midst of them and said, “*Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:1-4).

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Brothers and sisters: We are standing on the edge. We anticipate the victorious outcome of the Lamb and his revelation on this earth in which each of us will have a part, LORD willing. Until then, we are charged individually to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We must ready ourselves mightily with the armor of faith. We must continually sharpen the spiritual weapons of our warfare, to gird up the loins of our mind with Yahweh’s great Words of Truth, and to fear not when we enter in to the battle plain of adversity that it may yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness for Yahweh’s names sake.

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## Class V

### Alas Babylon...for in one hour is thy judgment come

#### 1 – Title Slide

*“Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory, Selah” (Psa. 24:8-10).*

We all eagerly await this day when the kings of the earth will wonder in amazement at the power that emanates from Teman, a power that will overtake them suddenly, just when they are in the height of their revelry and vanity. Alas, Babylon will fall. The system represented by the monarchs of the Babylonian dynasty as well as Nebuchadnezzar’s image will be smitten at the time of the end, apocalyptically described in terms of a “harvest” and “winepress” period of ingathering - Rev 14.

#### 2 – Harvest Chart

Yesterday we touched upon the harvest phase as related to Armageddon, which defines *a heap of sheaves in the valley of judgment*. We believe that this *Harvest Phase* will encompass Christ’s Return, the resurrection and judgment of the household, and the slaying of the latter day dragon (or Gogue) upon the mountains of Israel. 10 years for this period is deduced as the remainder of a latter day jubilee period of 50 years, 40 years of which relates to the 1600 furlongs, or 40 years of Rev. 14 and includes the “one hour” with the beast, or 30 years war of Rev. 17 and 18.

Now a harvest in the natural sense is the ingathering of the fruit, the time to separate the useful portion of the crop from the stubble and to bring together the result of the labors of the growing season. We have in this term then, the idea of Yahweh’s people (natural and spiritual) being gathered for judgment to separate the good grain from the chaff. Amos 9:9-11 reads:

#### 3 – Amos 9

*“For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. <sup>10</sup>All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us. In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old”*

While this passage has a primary reference to the natural seed of Abraham following the advent, the same principle involved applies to His Spiritual household as well that the judging angel of the apocalypse may be formed. The fruit from all ages are to be gathered together **as one** for the purpose of bringing about God’s kingdom on earth. Individual grains, crushed by trial and tribulation in the world throughout the ages and brought together as the loaves of the bread of life prefigured by the wave offering of bread at the end of the feast of weeks. **Isa 61:11.**

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[BLACKOUT] **Rev 14:14-16 = Harvest verses.** John saw in vision a white cloud of righteous saints being led by the judge of all the earth titled the son of man. Christ is crowned with a stephanos of victory and carries a sharp sickle ready for the first harvest. Just as grain ripens before the grape, it was necessary for two distinct angels with sickles to appear to John in verses 14 and 17. The first angel emerges from the temple which represents the saints symbolically. This first reaping is the destruction of the Gogian coalition that comes upon Jerusalem and its inhabitants and the saving or *harvest* of a Jewish remnant to serve as the nucleus of the Kingdom proper.

Following the destruction of Gogue at Armageddon, Christ and his victorious saints now stand in Jerusalem. The throne will be established as Christ the king has returned. *“At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.”* ( Jer 3:17)

Ezekiel 39 describes the scene in the land following the battle that has taken place. Destruction is all around the holy land. The dead lay upon the ground and the weapons of war sit burning. Tasks begin to be assigned in setting up order and establishing the kingdom. Men will be assigned to bury the bodies left by the war. Seven months will be spent covering the result of the opposition to Yahweh’s chosen King. The horrific sight and stench of sin will fill the air to remind those that pass by of the fate of all those that oppose righteous law.

*“The judgments of God to which the earth will be subjected, shall be conducted with perfect justness, designed to reclaim and not merely to destroy. Though Babylon the Great will be completely overthrown, other nations will remain.”*<sup>1</sup> **This leads us to the Winepress Phase.**

**4 – Winepress Chart – 1600 Furlongs** The winepress period encompasses gleaning all the grapes from the vine of the earth and gathering them in to further extract the juice and throwing away the refuse. The winepress *“exerts ...pressure in order to free the juice from the fruit...Yet, “The pressure must be controlled, especially with grapes, in order to avoid crushing the seeds and releasing a great deal of undesirable tannins (or bitter taste) into the wine.”*<sup>2</sup> Consider the spiritual significance of this type in relation to Yahweh’s servants with whom He has been working throughout history as well as today and in the future. Yahweh via the Elohim in the past has exerted pressure on the nations to mold the true bride for His purpose, refining them in great tribulation. This principle will be applied in the future via the multitudinous Christ to force the nations to give up the children of Israel without such force as to destroy the product he desires, which is the preservation of the natural seed, as well as the saving of a remnant of he Gentiles to be Subject nations for a thousand years. At the same time the nations and governments in their rebellion, which constitute the refuse, will be crushed and summarily dispensed. The end result will be likened to a fine wine that has been purified and suitable to set before the Lord of all the earth. Let us now review the “Winepress” verses in Revelation chapter 14.

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<sup>1</sup> The Apocalypse Epitomised by H.P Mansfield Page 181 paragraph 3

<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine\\_press](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine_press)

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**Rev 14:17-20 = Winepress verses.** The text informs us that the next angel emerges from the same temple, but this time the temple is poised in the political heavens. Now that the harvest is finished, *“The throne of David has been re-established, and is occupied by David’s Son and Lord; who is now prepared to make war in righteousness upon all the other thrones in the heaven until he has cast them down and transferred all their diadems to his own head.”* (Eureka Vol. 5 Page 305 Section 4. The Time of the Scene).

This angel emanating from the altar of Yahweh’s indignation has the divine fire capable of consuming the wicked, but again, this power must be administered with such precision as not to destroy the earth making it unsuitable for the coming glory of the millennial age. Nevertheless, from the rulers, to the common people, ALL will answer to the evil that has been directed toward Yahweh and His inheritance Israel through the unleashing of the Seven Thunders of the Apocalypse.

**5 – Her Plagues Come in One Day:** *“Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. ...Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”* Rev 18:8-21

Again, we have in graphic detail, the destruction of the beast system. But why does Yahweh not just remove His spirit from them and they perish? Why allow for 30 years of war completing the subjugation of the nations except that those spared will see the might and righteous judgment of Yahweh’s army and know sin and its destruction?

**6 – Nations Confounded:** *“The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee”* (Micah 7:16-17).

Those nations that were in allegiance with the failed Russian confederacy are now willing to give full allegiance to Rome’s false prophet who now assigns the title of *Anti-Christ* to the new power reigning in Jerusalem. Not only do the Papal nations reject the everlasting gospel preached, but are determined to make war with the Lamb. Out of fear and ignorance, many in the world seeing the military might of Russia and its allies destroyed, now turn to a religious direction and hand over their sovereignty to the Papacy in vain.

Let us consider for a moment the world on this precipice of Yahweh breaking forth in glory from His Saintly Temple as the Cherubim wings about to burst the bonds of the Most Holy and extinguish the slingers of stones and offerers of strange fire. Though the image now lay as rubble from the striking of the feet with the stone power, it has not yet been removed from domineering over the kings of the earth. Thus, the grinding process begins and the rubble is turned to chaff and melted in the fire of Malachi’s “burning oven”. As the battle axe of Yahweh moves across the nations, the nations begin to see their demise and wail for their lost harlot *“Standing afar off*

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*for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.”*

### **8 – Final War Against Nations:**

(From Eureka) *“The principal figures in the scene before us are the King of kings, or YAHWEH; the Hosts in the heaven; and the White Horses upon which they ride. All these **represent a power engaged in a righteous war with the nations**, which are at length smitten, or conquered, and governed by the victors. The central figure of the group is the Faithful and True One, with eyes as it were a flame of fire, and upon his head many diadems...*

### **9 - OVERHEAD**

*...He is seen sitting upon a white horse, with a name inscribed upon him, and with a sharp long, or **far reaching**, sword issuing from his mouth. The scene is the amplification of ch. 17:14, which says, ‘the Ten Horns receive power as kings one hour with the (Eighth Head of the) Beast’. These have one policy, and shall deliver their power and strength to the Beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, but the Lamb shall overcome them: for his is Lord of lords and King of kings: and they who are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful”.* (Eureka Vol 5 Page 304 Sec. 3. The Scene)

The main calling out of those that will separate from Babylon the Great has past and the period of the Mid-heaven Gospel proclamation has closed. Now the full might of Yahweh is directed to the destruction of the beast system and its followers. They have no excuse. The angel has delivered the message to *“every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people”* (Rev 14:6). The gospel message will be delivered *“with a loud voice”*, a trumpet blast, if you will, not in secret, but plainly declared to the ends of the earth over a ten year period after he example of the Mosaic Trumpets blowing on the tenth day of the seventh month proclaiming liberty to all people throughout the land.

### **10 – A Trumpet Blast**

*“All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.”* Isa 18:3

*“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people**, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour [30 years] of his judgment is come**: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”* Rev 14:1-7

**11 – Yahweh’s War Chariot:** Yahweh’s army is now present and prepared, composed of Judah and Ephraim gathered together and brought into the bonds of the covenant. These together will serve as the nucleus of Yahweh’s Chariot of War against the nations with Christ and the Saints over them. **REF Zech 9:12-15; Zech. 10:3-5; Jer. 51:19-25; Rev. 19:11-16**

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The worldly leader’s opposition under the authority of the Papal Lucifer is in vain and their destruction is sure. The eyes and ears of the people of Yahweh now have been opened and join with the righteous army. As the nations fall, the remaining natural Jew that has been dispersed throughout the nations returns to Israel. They begin to see the glory of Christ and the saints. They see their natural brethren acting as the instrument for Yahweh to judge the nations and bring about their destruction, and the believing Gentiles abroad perceiving for themselves that this is so are eager to follow with them **Ref. Isa 11:10-13; Zech. 8:20-23.**

All that do not accept the rule of Christ will be finally and completely cut off. No more stiff necked rebels to oppose the will of Yahweh. They will follow Yahweh and his established king or suffer the fate of those that oppose his chosen, such as Korah and his rebellious band. **Ref. Ezek. 20:33-42**

The covenant that Yahweh has made will be accomplished. The redeemer will be in Zion and ruling over the nations with his chosen administering justice. His word will be carried out and the nations of the world will see the Glory shine forth in splendor. **Ref. Isa 59:18-21**

**11 - Apocalyptic Jubilee:** At the completion of this jubilee period of 50 years, which we believe will comprise 10 years of personal and national judgment culminating at Armageddon\*\*\*, 10 years for the Proclamation of the Mid-heaven Gospel \*\*\*, the Gathering and binding together of Judah and Ephraim to prepare for War against the beast, the cleansing of the land, the beginning of the Temple restoration, and 30 years for the subjugation of remaining goat kingdoms \*\*\*, final restoration of the remaining ten tribes held captive, and the completion of Ezekiel’s Temple in Jerusalem, the kingdom’s of this world will have undergone a national circumcision or cutting off of sin’s flesh.

Joshua and his army compassed Jericho for six days in silence beneath the sneers and jeers of those high upon the ramparts even as Yahweh’s servants have marched onward in quiet obedience for six millennium, waiting for the destruction of the Dragon and the Beast and the fall of that great City Babylon that reigns over the kings of the earth. On the seventh day, with the sounding of the trumpet, the seven thunders are uttered and the walls of the great city will fall.

In just 40 years the tiny nation of Israel, thought to be smothered beneath the banner of Yahweh’s enemies, will have ascended from presumed annihilation to become a great mountain filling the earth with the Glory of God Almighty.

We, brothers and sisters have the great privilege of having these wonders revealed to us in the Holy Bible. It is not a book of mystery or doubt, but of precision and surety to those who will commit their time and energies to its devotion, for they shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and of the stars for the age and beyond.

We will conclude our class on the *Truth of the Fourth Beast* with a final quotation from *Elpis Israel* that invites the reader to ponder the greatness of Yahweh’s glory and invitation to the restoration of the kingdom to Israel, and the coronation of the Son of righteousness upon the throne of David. Our sincere hope is that we will each see him with our own eyes ascending

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Zion’s hill, perhaps to receive the crown from David himself; to hear the people singing hosannas to the King of kings with sincerity of heart, and to witness the placing of the corner stone of Ezekiel’s Temple in Jerusalem:

**12 - OVERHEAD** “The ‘Economy of the Fullness of Times’ will now have fairly commenced, and the Day of Christ in all the glory of the Sun of Righteousness have opened in all its blessedness upon the nations of the earth. The gospel preached to Abraham, saying ‘In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed,’ will be a reality. The Lord, with Judah as his bended bow and Israel for his arrow, having subdued the nations, and ‘bound their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron’ as his conquests progressed,

**13 - OVERHEAD** ...will have transferred their much-abused power to his saints (Rev. 2:26-27), who shall rule them with a rod of iron which cannot be broken. Having received his law (Isa. 42:4), and experienced the justice of his administration, ‘all nations will call him blessed,’ and ‘daily will he be praised.’ A universal jubilee will celebrate the administration of mankind and their devotion to the King of all the earth.”