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## The Wounded Head, Part 3



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WE ARE GOING TO MAKE ALL OF THE VARIOUS POINTS OF THIS MESSAGE AS CLEAR AND PRECISE AS THE LORD WILL ENABLE US TO DO: BECAUSE WE ARE LIVING IN A DECADE WHEN THERE ARE GOING TO BE MANY DRASTIC CHANGES IN BOTH

RELIGION AND WORLD GOVERNMENT. NATURALLY, I WILL HAVE TO PUT ENOUGH HISTORY IN WITH MY OWN COMMENTS TO GO WITH ALL THE OTHER MATERIAL WE ARE READING FROM VARIOUS SOURCES DEALING WITH WHAT IS COMING OUT OF THE VATICAN TODAY. WE ARE HEARING MANY THINGS; AND SOME OF THEM WE HAVE HEARD FOR YEARS; BUT WE HAVE NEVER LIVED IN THE YEAR 1992 BEFORE, THE YEAR WHEN CERTAIN THINGS ARE PRESENT TENSE INSTEAD OF SOMETHING FAR OFF IN THE FUTURE. ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS WHAT THAT CERTAIN CATHOLIC WRITER HAS SAID CONCERNING THE PRESENT POPE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: HOW BY THE END OF THIS DECADE HE WILL BE IN

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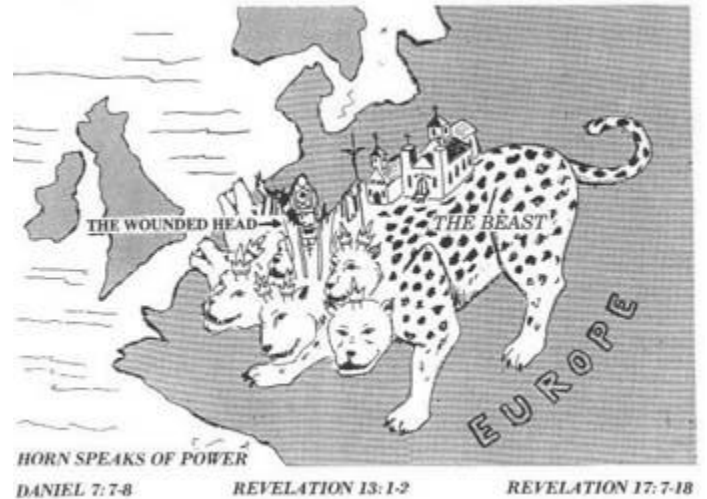
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COMPLETE CONTROL OVER EUROPE. THAT IS WHY WE WANT TO BE SURE WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS ON THAT BEAST OF DANIEL 7 AND REVELATION 13. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO READ THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES ACCURATELY AS VARIOUS

THINGS START TO COME INTO FOCUS.

A TEN HORNED BEAST

**A GREAT WHORE AND SATANIC POWERS**



We have read the verses from Daniel 7 and Revelation 13; so we will not go back there at this time. Remember, Daniel saw the Roman Empire rise up and go off through time. Time always moves westward, just like the sun does. Daniel saw the ten horns on the beast; and he saw a little horn arise in the midst of the ten and pluck up three of the first horns by the roots; but he did not see one thing concerning the seven heads on that same beast that had the ten horns. There was a reason for that. Those heads were a long time forming and one must depend greatly upon recorded history in order to gain a proper understanding of all that contributed to it; therefore, I am praying that the Lord will help me

present all of it in a way that will not be boresome. In this twentieth century, we are not looking at this beast as Daniel saw going off in time. We are the people that are the hereafter people. You remember reading Rev. 4:1, how it was said to the apostle John, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." We are the people of that hereafter. We are the ones chosen of God to receive a revelation of what this symbolic terminology pertains to. We are starring the whole thing in the face as it comes back up to continue on. I am sure we will all agree that the world was at one time ruled from the great city of ROME; but do you know it is destined to be so again? That is a fact so many people fail to see when they try to understand prophecy of the scriptures; but it will happen just as sure as two plus two is four. All through the Dark Ages Rome still ruled the world; but in a mysterious way. Then there came a time when it no longer ruled the world; but later power is seen going right back to Rome. That is what I want to help you understand. I want you to understand it in a way that you yourself could give a general profile of the entire picture. Not necessarily every detail, but enough to outline the thing. We are living close to the time when any one of us could be called upon to either stand for what we believe at any cost or end up compromising to save our necks. That is why it is so necessary to have a

revelation of what you stand for; so when the time comes, you can stand for it. Just to refresh your memory, let me say this, The beast Daniel saw was old imperial Rome under the rulership of the caesars. That beast developed ten horns and seven heads as time passed; and in process of time that same beastly system of rulership was taken over by an ecclesiastical power; (the little horn) and there came a time in history when its power was rendered ineffective for a time; then it is restored again. That is why we want to look at the whole thing as it came about. What happens that causes it to go back to Rome? That is why it is necessary for us to go into the explanation we are about to enter into. We will go to Revelation 17 where we find a picture of this whole monster; as it was, then was not; and as it will be again to continue for an allotted period of time; until the Lord comes and destroys it. That will bring an end to this beast forever. The angel of the Lord said to John; Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters. John was then taken in the spirit out into a wilderness place; but keep in mind, that wilderness place was in a future tense: in a time that was to be hereafter. In other words, it was not for John's day and hour, but for a time afterwards; and by revelation, we know that hereafter the angel mentioned (at least the part of the restoration of that beast system) was to be almost two thousand years

beyond John's hour. That puts it over here in the hour we are living in. There, he saw this Catholic Church system portrayed as the great whore, the mother of harlots, sitting on a scarlet colored beast. Keep in mind, the woman was not the beast in that first setting: where she was seen sitting upon a scarlet colored beast. That scene was for a time when Rome was still ruled by the emperors. Notice verse 3, "So he (the angel) carried me (John) away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns." The seven heads are forms of Roman government. The horns are symbolic of power; and the woman sitting there on that beast is a symbolic reference to a church system that this whole European community has supported, and carried right on through the centuries of time. Now we want to pay attention to what the angel said to John a little later. Verse 8 of the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter says this, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was and is not, and yet is." I have illustrated it like this several times in other messages. Keep in mind, John physically lived in 96 A.D.; but in chapter 4, when it was said to him,

Come up hither, and I will show you things that shall be hereafter, that took him out of 96 A.D. and put him somewhere in the future, in a time when this beast is going to rise again for its last day fulfillment. John saw it rise up for the last days. Daniel saw it come into power and go off in time; and then somehow or other just disappear. The fact that it disappeared proves something happened to it to make it disappear. But then, here as it comes back up again: which shows that it has been restored from whatever happened to it to make it disappear. But then, here as it comes back up again; which shows that it has been restored from whatever happened to it. Whatever its image was when it went down, that is the same image it will have, and will reflect to the world when it comes back up. That is why I have said, There are certain words in here that are keys to our understanding. Our doctors of divinity using their hypothetical words, trying to show you what everything is by using economics, science, and all that intellectual jargon just simply distort the whole picture. Instead of helping people, they just drive them deeper into confusion. Let us again look at this verse 8, and notice the keys. The angel said to John, "The beast that thou sawest was." That means that it was at one time old imperial Rome. History verifies it. "And is not." That means somewhere in time there actually came the hour when society,

(man in general) could not see Rome any longer as that powerful city that influenced territories, peoples, governments, and kingdoms, like it had in the past. That did not end it though; for the angel continued, “And shall ascend, (That means rise up. From where?) out of the bottomless pit.” Now anyone should know that the bottomless pit is none other than hell. Is that not right? Well, when you are dealing with the bottomless pit, you are dealing with something in the spirit world. You do not take a clump of dirt out of hell. That is already here. Neither do you get a man out of hell, speaking of course in the physical sense. Therefore I ask you, what is the angel actually saying? There is a spirit coming out of hell itself, to resume something it had been doing on earth in a prior time. Only a spirit comes out of hell, the bottomless pit. We will not read it again just yet; but what did we see in chapter 12, of the book of Revelation? As John’s attention was drawn to it, he saw what he recorded as a great wonder in heaven. He saw a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. The woman was in a period of expectancy, travailing, and in pain, waiting to give birth to a child. That of course was the nation of Israel travailing, looking constantly for the son to be born that would turn out to be their long awaited Messiah. The moon under her feet was symbolic of the Law Age she

had passed through. Being clothed with the sun and wearing a crown of twelve stars, symbolically speaks of that nation of twelve tribes being clothed with her Millennial glory after this entire plan of redemption this side of the Millennium is completed. That was not all John saw there in that heavenly scene though. In verse 3, of chapter 12, he wrote, “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.” He saw that dragon draw one third of the stars of heaven with his tail and cast them to the earth; and then he saw that it was standing before the woman which was ready to be delivered, waiting to devour her child as soon as it was born. What did that great wonder portray there in the heavens? That was a reflection of the satanic power incorporated in an earthly, political, territorial system of rulership. Satan’s aim was to destroy that Son of God at birth if possible; and he certainly did try. He even had the king of Israel trying to kill Him; but when that plot failed and he was foiled on every attempt, he turned to that old Roman imperial beast for what he wanted to accomplish. Rome was not the dragon. The spirit of Satan is pictured as the dragon; and that is the spirit that was in that old pagan system referred to as the beast. That spirit is out of hell. However, it can only manifest itself at various periods of time as God allows, in the fashion we

are looking at. Satan is not free to do just anything he wants to do, any time he chooses. No. What he can do is still subject to what God will allow. Furthermore, what God allows him to do is designed to accomplish some specific purpose in the plan of God. The great Creator allows him to put HIS (God's) people to the test; but he is not free to take their lives from them at his own will. Anyhow, as we look at the beast Daniel and John both saw, there was a time when it did not have seven heads nor ten horns; but it was always a tool of Satan. That beast ruled the world. What a kingdom it was! You could not possibly believe that was God's kingdom in power; so what is the obvious conclusion? Satan was being allowed to rule the world through that old Roman imperial system. It was a beast all along; but until 68 A.D., the death of Nero, it only had one head. Neither did it have ten horns back in the days of the birth of Jesus, and the birth of the New Testament Church. It was a beast feared by one and all. It was totally pagan, as superstitious as it could be and devil controlled. What more can you say? There is not much more to be said of it until after the death of Nero, the last Caesar of the old line of Caesars. Then as her (Rome's) leadership began a steady decline and decay, and process of time began to strip her of her original identity, there began to be a time when Rome no longer looked like it used to look. It was no longer feared like it used to

be, yet there eventually came a time it was feared like that once again; but it was the Roman Catholic Pope sitting in the seat of those old imperial rulers.

### **A WOUNDED HEAD** **A HEALED HEAD AND** **GROSS DECEPTION**

There is quite a bit to fill in to make this whole picture we are looking at understandable; but we have to take it one step at a time; so let us continue with Revelation 17: where the angel is speaking to John concerning the beast that was, and is not, yet is; because it comes back up out of the bottomless pit and resumes its former ways. "It ascends, (That means it comes up) out of the bottomless pit, (Then what happens to it?) and goes into perdition." Now that ought to tell you something. The word perdition speaks of destruction. This proves as Daniel saw the Roman Empire arise, way back here in the B.C. time, and then go off through the centuries, right on into the Christian era of time it was not in perdition then. However, it reached a point in time that it seemed to diminish. That is when the actual life of it, as it had originally been, began to take on a change. That is why we have to look at this mystical head to see how the 7<sup>th</sup> head was wounded. You just have to be aware as we go along; that some of the references to the beast speak of a system of government, while other references speak of a beast man and

so forth. You have a beast spirit, a beast system, and a beast man in the total picture and you just have to be aware of the application as we go along. We have to get into the mystical head then, and so forth in order to see how the wounding came about, and also how the healing came about. But for now we need to consider the rest of verse 8. When this thing comes up out of the bottomless pit, it is destined to end up in perdition; but not immediately. It only comes up here in the end time for a little short period and its end is brought about by the coming of the Lord. The spirit of that thing is cast into hell. That is the end of that beast system forever. There is a lot of talk going around about a new world order; but I want you to know that the mouths are being set in motion by the devil. The spirit of God is no more interested in a new world order than a jack rabbit is in snow skiing. Oh yes, it will come; but God will not be glorified through it. It will be the devil turned loose to finish his work of deception on gullible mankind. What will look so good to them at first because of gross deception through flatteries, will turn out to be a curse. That is how the old pope will move in and take over; through flatteries and deception. Unbelieving mankind will be completely taken in by the way he presents himself in such a humble way. The same goes for denominational Christendom, the very people who have worked so hard

forming an image to the first beast. No wonder the Bible says, "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Why will so many people run after something like that? Because a few years back there began to be a spirit in this country working to get prayer out of the schools, do away with the Bible, and assign religion to some remote place where it could not have any affect upon anyone. The thought seemed to be, If anyone wants to worship God at home; do it there; but keep your mouth shut about it. The purpose was to brainwash society; so when the devil brings his man upon the scene the world will say, Oh this is wonderful! Now we can spend our money on something other than fighting. We can build theaters, amusement centers. We can have all the luxuries of life and not have to worry about a thing. People want to live forever and glorify their flesh; they have no time for God. Well, when you leave God out of the picture, you are subject to fall for just about anything the devil brings along. Without God, we have nothing to stabilize us. That is why the Bible says all will worship this beast (beast man) we have been talking about "whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." That fixes it right there. Since WW2 we

have had preachers right in this nation harping, Russia is the beast, Russia is the antichrist; and all such as that. Charles Price, an old Pentecostal faith preacher years ago, just about the time the war was over, when Mussolini was still in power, took a bold stand on this thing. I heard later about how, as the war years were beginning to come to a close, he wrote a book, "Proof that Mussolini is the Antichrist." The book was in print and he was ready to distribute it when it became known that Mussolini had been rounded up, him and his mistress, and had been hung by their feet in Italy. This preacher said he announced, You know, this does prove that a man can be wrong. There have been many wrong about that very thing through the years; because they missed the keys that unlock the revelation. You do not need to think that because some have been hinting at it, hoping they could figure it out, and their predictions turned out to be wrong, that everyone is going to be wrong. No. There are some that are going to be right. As we get closer to the end, God will see that there are some that know who the Antichrist is, how he came to be the wounded head of the beast system, how that head was healed, and how the devil is going to use that certain pope of Rome to deceive the world. They will see the picture like it really is; and they will see it soon enough to prepare for it. On the other hand, great multitudes will fall right into the trap

that is being set. When we come to verse 9, we find the angel taking time to make sure John understands what he is to write. I love this verse, "And here is the mind which hath wisdom." Do you know what this tells me? The angel is actually telling John as he is to write it like this, that only in the time when this beast is actually appearing for its last days or its end time fulfillment, will there be people alive to see it appear as John in the spirit that will have the kind of wisdom come forth from God to identify this thing as it really is. Any other mind prior to this hour, back in any other century or decade, has only speculated and calculated according to their own human thinking without the wisdom given by God to put the picture together. The wisdom needed to understand this terminology cannot come through a school of theology. It has to be imparted to chosen vessels by the Spirit of God. It is going to be something God imparts to the kind of mind He can condition, mold, and purge until it is cleansed from all this earthly theology and whimsical nonsense. Let me read four verses the way the angel presented it to John. (Revelation 17:9-12) And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (10) 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. (11) And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth



and is of the seven and goeth into perdition. (12) and the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.” Verse 9, if you would look closely at it, here is the mind that hath wisdom; goes with something Jesus said in Matthew 24:15 concerning the time when the beast is in power, the time when the antichrist is in Jerusalem. “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand.)” Both of these references speak of understanding something given for the end time. The mind that has wisdom here at the end of the age is supposed to understand what these symbolic references apply to. “The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth.” The clue to understanding this is twofold; and right here is fold number 1. That lets us know that Rome is still the head of this thing as it comes back up; but we must look at it with a different understanding than from the old imperial caesars it started out with. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth. That is Rome of course; but it is also the seat of the Vatican, the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church. That lets us know the picture does not move away from Rome. Then the angel said to John, “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. And the beast that was, and is not, (that shows there was a period of time when this thing was silent.) Even he is the eight, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.” That word perdition has to go back to the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter where it speaks of how when it comes up in these last days, it is not coming up to be here a long drawn out time, as it was before. It has an allotted time to remain before it again leaves the scene. God allows that thing to continue for 3½ years and then he is going to destroy it at His coming. What will He destroy? The beast man, (the Antichrist) the beast system and the beast spirit all are destined for destruction when God finishes up this whole plan of redemption and restoration. Everything will eventually return to what it was before the fall of Adam; but it will be a different picture in that the earth will be replenished (filled with sons and daughters of God) and God will have the family He saw in His mind before He ever created anything. Hallelujah! That is what this whole thing is all about; God having the earth filled with His family without Satan’s family around to cause trouble.

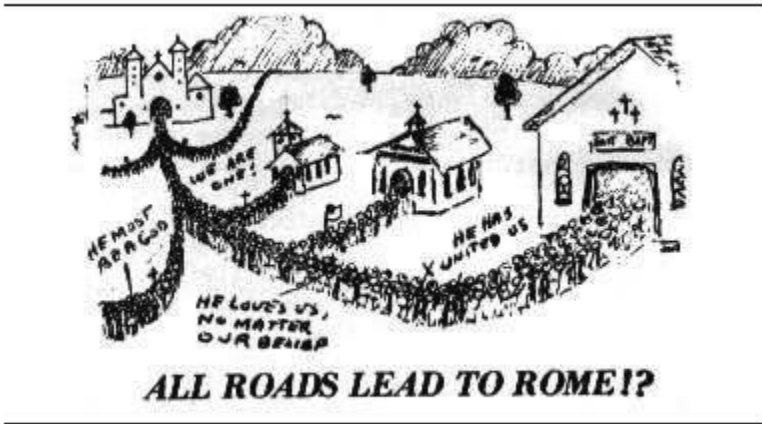
### **THE SEVEN HEADS** **EXPLAINED**

If you will bear with me, I will try to illustrate this seven head thing in a

way I hope will be clear to everyone. If I was to draw a straight line across the board here (pointing to chart) and let this end of it represent the beginning of the rise of Rome, as it began to rise up and come into preeminence according to history, the other end of my line will represent our present era of time. In between, we would have a whole string of names of men who have been emperor's of the Roman empire. However, coming closer to the advent of the birth of Jesus who was the Christ, there was already established within the overall political leadership of ancient Rome, a family that the rulership passed down through. I say, a family of

illustrate what I mean. Egypt, centuries ago, had the pharaoh. No matter who the man was, he was Pharaoh of Egypt. Russia, before it fell to the hammer and sickle, had a line of heirs to the throne that were called Czars. Germany, before WW1, had a family of heirs to that throne that were called Kaisers. Nevertheless, in these examples, what you are looking at is the king, the leader. However, in this long list of Roman leaders that have existed through time, when we look at them from the political viewpoint as to how they functioned in that position, they would not take the title king. They were called emperors instead. Take

the word emperor and look it up in the dictionary and see what it means. It means universal, sovereign leader. Saints do you realize that in the eyes of God that is blasphemy? It is. There is only one that is sovereign universally. That is God Himself. He is the one who puts up whom He will, He puts down whom He will, He gives to this man a little



period of time and then He will let some evil thing happen. Then on the other hand, He has allowed some to stay a long time. Any way you look at it though, there is only one universal ruler. That is God Himself. Well, those Roman leaders, Caesars, were called emperors; so we now need to focus on how these seven heads came

people; but that takes in brother, nephew, cousin and so forth, but always a relative. One dies, or is assassinated, the next in line takes over, whether a half brother, a nephew, a cousin or what. They were called Caesars. Now the word Caesar is a word that identifies that line, that genetic family line of rulers. Let me

about to fulfill the scriptural prophecies; and bring in the spirit of it all, because the spirit behind all of this is the devil. That spirit comes right out of the bottomless pit. As for the seven kings, (God called them what they were, kings.) Here is how we relate it to history. When we know from history there have been many Caesars, emperors, rulers of the Roman empire, we have to look beyond just the mere fact that So and So ruled for so long and was assassinated, and someone else took the throne. Some of them were military men just substituting for the hour at hand until someone politically oriented could take over. If we were to count all that have been in Rome, that sat in this position of authority, we would go into a vast number of leaders. That is not what we are doing. We are looking for the seven the prophecy speaks of. When Rome ceased to hold that former identity, the spirit of that old system went back down into hell; but now it has come back out of there to fulfill its role for the last days. To illustrate what you need to see, I am going to ask Brother Bud to stand over there away from where I am. John was projected into the future tense of time; so we are going to say Bud represents where John has been taken to in the spirit realm to see this prophesied event coming up for the last day fulfillment of its purpose. The angel has told him the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth. Well,

Rome sits on seven hills. Rome is the seat of the Roman Catholic Church. No one will deny that. Neither should we try to take these heads in this next meaning and place them anywhere else. As I said, The Seventh Day Adventists explain the seven heads as seven territories; but you cannot see them as territories, and still have them as heads of this one beast. Territories are not where the brains of this revised Roman Empire is coming from. It is something that must stay within the territory of Rome. Furthermore, in order for the angel to use the terminology he used, five are fallen, one is, and the other is not yet come, here is what we have to realize: He had to transport John in the spirit to the hour of the emperor Constantine. I will explain why. Nero, being the last of the old line of Caesar emperors, that means 68 A.D. marked the time that great sovereign imperial head (as it was called) came to an end. We have already spoken of how other men ascended to that throne between the death of Nero and the time it took Vespasian to return to Rome to answer his call to fulfill that position. He and his two sons all sat upon that throne one after the other until 96 A.D., the year John had this visitation of the angel that showed him all these things. From 96 A.D. to 180 A.D., there were five men on that throne one right after the other, that history records as being the five good emperors. Yet, Christianity suffered something awful under the reign of

those men; so one might ask, Why were they called good emperors? It was because each one of them tried their level best to establish another line of Caesars as the old order had been. However, as each one would meet his end, it was not a kinsman that stepped up to sit upon his vacated seat, it was always a separate. That is why, after going through all five and coming to the end of that era, Rome was still in the same shape as before; in a state of decline with different territories coming against her. Those emperors were trying their best to hold on. Christianity was being persecuted. Martyrdom was commonplace. There was bloodshed everywhere. All five of them made a good showing in that they effected a period of stability, build various things, and had more affect toward regaining what was lost than any of the others since Nero's death; but they failed to bring about everything they had as their goal's. They build the arena; and I am sure most of you have heard of the great coliseum, where they would take the Christians brought in from various areas and feed them to the lions just to entertain a bunch of savage, blood thirsty, pagan, Roman citizens. We have something in this area that is of a kinward spirit to that. We have people that want to raise these fighting bantam roosters and some that raise these pit bull dogs; just to fight them so they can gamble on which one will win. That is all of a spirit; and that

spirit is out of hell. I have no use whatsoever for any of that kind of thing; and neither should any other Christian. When you raise something like that just to entertain your blood thirsty nature, your nature is being controlled by something out of hell. You are certainly not going to heaven acting like that. Heaven has no place for bantam roosters with long metal spurs on them. Neither do they have bulls that are destined to die because the matador is there with a spear to stick in it. All of this is demonic. Anyhow, history declares that when those five good emperors were gone, Roman government entered into a long period of decline. Rule after rule came to that throne; but none of them seemed able to make a name for themselves nor have any great influence upon that society. That brings us back to what the angel said to John. Look at the scripture. Five are fallen. That terminology puts it in the past tense; but in 96 A.D. they were just coming upon the scene. That alone proves the angel had taken John to a certain point in future time where he could look back upon all of that as something that had already taken place. This is how prophecy can be foretold; because it is portrayed just as it is destined to develop in time. Well, five had already fallen "and one is." That speaks of present tense. Therefore, as you study this thing out using the scripture and recorded history, you have to come to the conclusion that the angel had

transported John in the spirit to the hour of the emperor Constantine; for he proved to be head number six on that beast system of government. He was the next emperor to make any kind of noteworthy difference in managing the affairs of the empire. History proves that Constantine, out of decay and anarchy, arrested the thing and restored stability. What did he do? Some may ask. He saw how thousands of Christians up until his hour, had been martyred. He also had a vision, which we mentioned earlier in the message. This was when Christianity was introduced to the pagan, Roman society; and at his command, the Roman government decreed that the Christian faith would from that time forth, be accepted and protected by the Roman society. His was the sixth form of government that made a notable difference in the way the empire was stabilized; and in its progress. Then after so long a time, the Roman government again went into a state of instability and decline. Those ten horns were getting their positions. Boundaries were being established. National, Royal families were beginning to be established. That is why you see crowns on those horns up here on our chart. Royal families begin to show themselves. It was no longer just Gaul as it had been called at one time; and neither was that vast area all called the Roman Empire any longer. Those horns had their own identity. The seven heads remained to be heads on the same

Roman beast; but the horns were called German, France, Spain, Italy, Belgium and on through the original ten divisions of the old Roman territory. That is the explanation of the ten horns the beast grew. It had ten horns long before it ever had seven heads.

### **THE SEVENTH HEAD**

As John stood with the angel in Constantine's hour of time, far in the future from 96 A.D., where John was still living at that time, here is what John heard him say, (Rev. 17:10) "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." One is, which was head number six. That is how we know they were standing in time over in Constantine's hour, because head number seven had not yet come. Notice the last part of that verse, "And when he cometh, he must continue a short space." Meaning a little period of time. Between Constantine's hour and the time head number seven came on the scene, history records show that there was terrible political turmoil within the old government of Rome. It kept getting weaker from the political standpoint; but I am here to tell you, The office of the pope was not getting weak. It was getting stronger and he was playing those two ends against the middle. As the various rulers that were marking these distinct positions in time were

getting their identity, this papal power was growing and getting an identity also. Each pope had his own particular way of maneuvering things so that papal office would continually gain in favor with the right people. Satan knew just how far each one should go: setting the stage for his next great move. It took many centuries; but when an emperor by the name of Charlemagne came to that much sought after throne, he (Satan) was ready to make his move. On Christmas Day, A.D. 800, the people of Rome declared him to be emperor of the Romans' and Pope Leo III capped it off by placing a golden crown upon his head. The coronation was held in St. Peter's basilica: which served to demonstrate the close alliance between church and state that had been so fervently cultivated by Charlemagne. He died January 21, 814 A.D.; but history declares that the Holy Roman Empire that was so cherished by him, survived for a thousand years until Napoleon came into the picture. That will give you a little preview of what actually put head number seven on that old Roman beast and actually paved the way for the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church to move right over into the emperor's seat later on. You will remember that Daniel saw what was described as a little horn come up in the midst of the ten: before whom three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. He said that horn had eyes and a mouth that spake very great

things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. Well, we are going to watch how this scene developed. This was not speaking of Charlemagne, but of the Pope or Popes that would rule Western Europe with an iron fist long after Charlemagne was gone. Remember now, we are looking at (Rev. 17:10) "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and when he cometh, he must continue a short space;" and the one that had not yet come, speaking of the seventh head on the beast, was this emperor Charlemagne. Read the history between 800 and 900 A.D. if you get the chance. He came on the scene at a very crucial time; when the old political hold of Rome over the vast areas of Europe was really dwindling away. Charlemagne was of German origin. When he came on the scene, he had such an attraction to this Pope Leo III in Rome, and being a religious man himself, he went throughout the vast domains of Europe with the military sword making Christians everywhere he went. All of society either had to become members of the Roman faith or off went their head. That is all recorded in history. In that period of time, was when this great conquest of the Catholic Church in missionary work came about; sending priests at the head of militia to the vast territories. It spread throughout and went even into Norway. (We have been in Norway several times. Bro. Strommen took us to the actual spot

where the last war was fought.) That place he showed us is as far as the Catholic hold of Rome ever reached into the country of Norway. All of this was established in Charlemagne's hour. He was that head that had not yet come when the angel was talking to John; and when he comes he continues a little space. In his short reign, he did something outstanding for the Roman Empire. He made everyone a Christian no matter what their origin was. Whether it was Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, or what, it mattered not to him; they all had to become Christians. It is no wonder the old Pope was standing ready to step into his place when Charlemagne departed. You have to remember these things did not take place instantly and certainly more than one man was involved. Many times, when we speak of a man, we are really speaking of his office. You will see that as we go along. Oh yes, Rome still had emperors one right after the other; but from a certain point after the death of Charlemagne, they were just figureheads; the Pope called all the moves.

### **HOW THE EIGHTH HEAD WAS OF THE SEVEN**

We have seen that the five good emperors of Rome, Nerva, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius and Marcus Aurelius accounted for the first five heads on the beast John described as having seven heads. They represented

a gradual decay of the old imperial government. The emperor Constantine was head number six; and what did he do? He introduced Christianity to a pagan controlled political state for courtship. The state then embraced Christianity. In John Marsham's book printed in 1835, (I have it.) he tells in this book how, when Constantine made the decree that Christianity will no longer be persecuted, the world began to view christianity from a different way; and then the world came into the church. As the world came into the church, the church became flooded with all kinds of influence. That is when the church really began to plunge into apostasy. That is what eventually caused Roman Catholicism to really begin to be looked upon as the church; and it was the church the way Satan wanted to form it. Then Charlemagne was head number seven; but what about the eighth being of the seven? That is what we want to look at now. Let us read the 11<sup>th</sup> verse of Revelation 17 to get the actual words spoken. "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." That refers back to verse 8, which says, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not,

and yet is.” That sounds very confusing; but there is an understandable answer for it. Certainly, it sounds like it would put eight heads on the beast; but just as the little ecclesiastical horn (which is symbolic of the Pope) did not put an eleventh political horn on Europe, neither does this ecclesiastical head (we will say, which is also symbolic of the Pope) put an eighth political head on it. That is the way we have to look at it if we are going to get the correct picture in our minds. We call it a mystical head and a mystical horn, because it is a power that deals with human souls in the spiritual realm. That does not exclude the Pope from any exercise of political authority; but his power is over human souls instead of human bodies in a political sense. But Bro. Jackson, Why does it say he is the eighth, and is of the seven? Simply because by the time we go through Charlemagne’s hour and the old political regime in Rome once again began to lose its hold, here came a man one hundred and some years later by the name of Otto the Great. Read it in history. He was called the pope maker. History says he was an outstanding leader. His words had great influence. He began to establish tranquility; and it was his idea that since everybody in every area was Christians and belonged to the church, the Pope should have more recognition. Really, out of that came what was known as the Holy Roman Empire even though history

attributes much of that recognition to Charlemagne. That is because he was the emperor that went out campaigning, forcing every subject to join the church. I will just have to say to any doctor of divinity, If you close your eyes to history, to the things that happened back there, and from the fact that from that hour on the popes began to rise to the challenge, you will never understand what we are talking about. Therefore the eighth head, (what looks like an eighth head) is papal government, papal political ideas, taking over the last framework of the then existing political form of government. When he blended church government with state government and then elevated the church above the state, there was no king in all of Europe until after the Reformation that could resist the power of the Pope and get away with it. Any doctor of divinity ought to know that; so why does what we teach sound so strange to them? I am going to read to you from history, just what those old popes did. It tells us in this 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation that one of those heads was wounded as unto death, but was healed; so how in the world can preachers read that and still try to get the antichrist out of Russia? They want to place that scripture somewhere else, all over the world; anywhere except where it belongs. When you look back, whatever that head was that was in such control over Europe before it was wounded, that is exactly what you will have



again after the healing, when the time is right. From about 1100 A.D. on to the Reformation, the time when those old Popes ruled Europe, they exercised all the power the old imperial Caesars exercised when The Roman Empire was reaching out to conquer everything around. That spirit of Satan, right out of the bottomless pit, ruled the world through the Pope, instead of through the emperor. It was just like the devil put on a different suit. Therefore, when we say it is old imperial Rome coming back, yes, but keep in mind, it is not old imperial Rome with a Caesar; it is old imperial Rome with a pope ruling, just like it was before that papal head was wounded. The only difference is the title of the ruler. That is why Daniel said it was diverse (different). Therefore, we just need to understand that when Rome goes through time and these heads represent the evolutionary changes the ancient forms of government have gone through and each head marks a distinct period in time wherein a certain leader or ruler has stood out and then it went to the next form. But regardless of which head was in power, it was still the devil in charge. The devil has always been the same old beast spirit, regardless of what instrument he worked through. Evil spirits do not die; they just continue on in another vessel when the one they have been using dies. I hope you realize that. Lucifer has been around a long time and ever since his fall he

has been against everything good. He is the adversary of God and of every purpose of God. He ruled the world through those political beasts as long as they survived and then he ruled the world through an ecclesiastical power when the Pope elevated himself above every other ruling power; and it remained that way until the Reformation began to strike that papal power or papal head and eventually bring about a wounding that looked fatal; but was not. Knowing this, we can see how what looked like an eighth head on the old Roman beast, really was not another head; because it was just a continuation of what was already established. What was called, The Holy Roman Empire, was already established under the rulership of the emperor; before the Pope became the dictator in charge. Therefore, the key to understanding is to first understand that the seven heads on the beast were not seven men, but actually seven distinctly different forms of Roman government; that seven certain men were credited with originating so when the Pope just simply took over and continued on as the sovereign ruler of the Holy Roman Empire which was actually established by the emperor Charlemagne, that in no way put another head on the beast; for he just continued on in what was already established. You could say this and be correct. That what was referred to as the eighth was more powerful than the seven; because he claimed to have power over the destiny of human souls.

That is why those various men of the Reformation were able to inflict what appeared to be a deadly wound to that papal head; because they began to hack at it with the sword of the Spirit of God which is the truth about who holds sovereign authority over the destiny of human souls. Yes, it was the word of God delivered to mankind by those anointed men of the Reformation that eventually brought about the wounding of that head; but now we need to take a little time to look at what brought about the healing of that deadly wound.

### **THE HEALING OF A WOUNDED HEAD AND A LAMB LIKE BEAST WITH TWO HORNS**

Let us go back into the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation and read about the “Lamb Beast,” which in reality is greatly responsible for the healing of the wounded head of the first beast. Many people have no concept whatsoever of what that first beast was, nor of its head being wounded, and certainly not of what has brought about its healing. I will just use the scar of my own forehead to illustrate something for you. There was a time when I did not have such a scar; but it took what caused that scar to bring me to the Lord; so every time I comb my hair, instead of hating the scar, I thank God for loving me enough to do what it took to get my attention. Forty some

years ago, up here on old Highway 31, I was minding my own business, just driving my tractor up the road when all of a sudden it looked like my life had come to its end. A drunken driver in an automobile was used of God to change my whole life. It looked like my wound was a deadly one. The doctor said, Even if he lives, he will never be right. Well, as you can see, I did live. I have to be honest though. There are a lot of people out here today who accuse me of not being right, but Hallelujah! I am on the right track and I have my God to thank and praise for that. Having my head wounded, cut wide open, is not what put me in the truth. That only served to turn my attention to the things of God and cause me to join the Methodist church; but that was the starting point. God had to work on me some more before I would humble myself enough to accept some other things which are written in the same Bible that caused me to acknowledge my need for the Savior. God works on us one step at a time, as we are able to bear it. I have been in places and have someone say, Where is the world did you get such a scar? I do not take time to tell the whole story every time someone asks that question; but I do take time to be thankful to God for what He has done in my life since the day I received the wound that left that scar. If it were not for what caused that scar, I might not be standing here today. I might not even be interested in all of what I am endeavoring to

make clear to you from the word of God. I thank the Lord that it does not bother me any more for society to see that scar. What thrills me is the fact that as the wound on this papal head is healed, there is going to be an element of people in the earth that will recognize what is happening; because they have allowed themselves to be taught some things from history, that the true revelation could not have come without. Because of history, we know what happened and why it is like it is today. Now let me read the scripture. (Rev. 13:11) "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." What I want you to pay close attention to is that John did not see this lamb beast come up out of the sea like the first one he saw. This beast came up out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and spake as a dragon. That is a completely different setting than what he saw concerning the beast that came up out of the sea. This lamb-like beast is none other than a picture of America, founded a little over two hundred years ago as a Christian nation. Where was she founded? Apart from Europe, the old world, over across the Atlantic in a wilderness continent. A little bedraggled bunch of Pilgrims traveled across the ocean in sailboats, wanting to get away from that old beastly system; and that old mother church, where they would have freedom to worship God according to their own

convictions. This nation did not start out as a super power in the eyes of the world. As she gradually began to make her appearance, in the eyes of the rest of the world, she was more like a lamb. The lamb is figurative of the fact that America started out as a Christian nation. It was a territory of Christian people. They had no thoughts about world conquest and did not ask to be leaders in anything concerning the rest of the world. Willing only to mind their own business, and seek a place where they could freely worship God, they were content. This nation did not have two horns, nor speak like a dragon for many, many years after it was founded. Eventually it got two horns and eventually it spake as a dragon, and eventually it formed an image of that first old beast Daniel and John saw; but these other things have come about in the twentieth century. If you will earnestly examine all that we are presenting to you, I do not believe you will have any trouble understanding that time and various conditions of healing are restoring the territories of Europe back to world preeminence with Rome eventually being the center of authority. Yes, that takes you right back to the old imperial city, geographically, when once again this whole system is going to be controlled out of Rome, by this power right here. (Bro. Jackson is pointing to the Pope on the chart.) It says the dragon gave him this beast, his power, his seat, and great

authority. Of course, this refers back to the first beast John saw coming up out of the sea and I feel that we should go back and read verses 1-3; because not everyone who will read this, will be as familiar with these descriptions as some of the rest of us are. "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: (That description of the body is what allows us to know the body of the first three beasts Daniel saw are incorporated within the structure of this fourth one.) and the dragon (the devil) gave him (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority. (That takes in the full scope of the 4<sup>th</sup> beast Daniel spoke of.) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast." In so doing, they worshipped the dragon, the devil, Lucifer, that gave this thing its life, its existence and power. Those last eight words of that verse are about all that is left to be fulfilled of that prophecy; for the world is right on the threshold of being totally deceived by the working of Satan in and through the man who holds that papal office; whether it be the present Pope, or his successor. That part is immaterial to the revelation of the total prophecy. Let

us also read verse 4 while we are here, because it tells what those who wonder after the beast that has his head healed, those who are taken in by the smooth words of the peace promoting Pope of Rome will be doing, worshipping the dragon (Satan). "And they (All the deceived of the world) worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? (That reference is to the Pope who stands at the head of that beast system in the last hour of this dispensation.) who is able to make war with him?" All we really need to know is where the antichrist will come from. Our own spiritual understanding will allow us to recognize the individual man that will fulfill that part as he begins to make his move. When it says, "All the world wondered after the beast," that does not include revealed children of God. That will be these various elements claiming to be Christians that are without revelation and totally vulnerable to the devices of Satan along with the rest of the world. Those who are deceived by all of that will find themselves right in the grips of the great tribulation, with the old Pope cracking the whip; and the only chance any of them will have to escape damnation, will be in martyrdom. They will have to exercise that measure of faith that caused them to believe in Jesus in the first place; to stand for God in the face of the worst persecution that has

ever been turned loose against believing mankind; and their only hope of salvation will be in martyrdom. Nevertheless, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation lets us see that there will be a great multitude wash their robes of salvation and make them white in the blood of the Lamb during that dark hour of human history; and those who do, will be resurrected to live with Christ and His bride throughout the Millennium. Having cleared that up, let us get back to this lamb beast that came up out of the earth and see if we cannot clear up something that has been a great mystery to many church going people through the centuries of time. Verse 12 says “And he (the lamb beast, America) exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” Now I know some will say, How could that be? America is not like that. America does not have to be like the Roman Empire in order for the devil to use her to accomplish an all important purpose in his ultimate plan. Demons are demons, no matter where they are working; and their works are not always recognized to be works of evil in the beginning of an endeavor. We just simply have to realize that this lamb beast, though once a Christian nation, by the time it comes to this final period of time, it will no longer be considered as a Christian nation. Neither will it be of

the dragon beast system; but it will be a tool of the dragon, the devil, to influence and actually lead the world to do something for the benefit of this other beast. The word CAUSETH, means it influenced and such like. Think about it! Who took the lead in the idea of the restoration of Europe? Who was all for this reunification of these Common Market nations of Europe? Was it not the leaders of this very nation called America? While America was influencing the world, telling the world what we need to do, she painted herself into corner. We are broke. We have no one to actually come to our rescue; and now they (that reunified empire) sit across the waters, and empire restored and ready to fulfill what is written in the Bible for these last days. The European Common Market will be a super power; and the Pope will control it all. When the Pope has designs for the structuring of everything pertaining to world affairs in these last days, it is going to require some serious thinking on the part of revealed children of God because they know for sure that he is going to wind up a tyrant instead of a spiritual leader. You can rest assured, he will not be a spiritual leader that God has set in that position. He is going to be the antichrist so many people of the world have talked about, argued about, and tried to figure out what kind of a man he would be. We still have an image of that Roman beast to consider; and it was this very nation, America, that

promoted that thing; and we will get back to it later; but right now I want to finish the part that leads up to the wounding of that head.

## **THE MARRIAGE OF CHURCH AND STATE**

We can see from history, as we have already brought out, that once the church in Rome, after Otto the Great did what he did, began to exercise complete dominion over all affairs both political and spiritual, the Pope was the man to be reckoned with. I could read everything I am presenting to you from these history books; but I do not feel that it is necessary. I realize that wherever this goes, by video tap, audio tape, or in printed form, those who will receive it first have to settle it in their own mind's whether they believe me to be right in what I teach. I do not have the time nor space to furnish proof of everything I say: but I do have the proof right here in these history books that I have studied for years; and I can go to any time it is necessary; but in these messages, I ask that you just trust me not to put out a lie. What would be the purpose of teaching anything in this last hour of time if it were not something the bride Church will need to know as this whole thing winds up? The apostle Paul never carried history books with him, when he went out to preach his revelation to the people. Naturally though, the natural mind wants proof of everything; but we are not ministering

just to natural minded people; but rather to people who have the Spirit of God in them to give vindication to the truth they hear. Did not Jesus Himself say that when the Spirit of truth comes, He will teach you all things? That does not mean He will teach every person in a supernatural way; but He will cause those whom he indwells to recognize truth when they hear or read it. If you are going to be ready to meet the Lord when He comes, you are going to have to believe someone to tell you the truth and give you the right picture; because God has ordained it to be that way. I am just fulfilling what I believe He has called me to do in this hour of human history; and I have to trust Him to give me the right picture to present to you. Having said this for the benefit of some who may have been wondering, Is it right in the sight of God, just to take the word of another man? Let us continue on with our thought. When Constantine did what he did, and brought the Christian belief, we will say, down on the same level with the world, it started a courtship that lasted from then until we come to Charlemagne's hour when he set the stage for the marriage of church and state. As I have said, it was not Charlemagne himself that was the seven the head on the beast; but it was the form of government he instituted that is actually the head. Therefore, the head remains the same, even when the man who was responsible for the inauguration of that head is replaced by someone else. That is how the Pope

was able to take over a dictator of what would an would not be allowed without forming another head on the beast. He is referred to as the eighth, only for the sake of emphasizing a change in the administration of Roman government. That is why it says the eighth is of the seven. The old Pope just simply moved from the papal set over into the seat of the emperor. Not literally, but governmentally. He still retained his ecclesiastical authority along with the authority he assumed over every element of the political realm of government. Anyhow Charlemagne is credited with establishing the seventh form of what was left of the old imperial headship in the government of Rome; and after that is when Christianity and state were married. Why do I say that? Because at the point of the sword and the spear, his armies marched through Europe demanding the people to either be made Christians and accept baptism into the church or be killed. After Charlemagne's death, there was a spirit that began to intertwine the whole thing. While it looked like these horns, which were symbolized by the crowns on them, were sovereign powers in their own right, we have to realize they actually symbolized mainly the royal family of kings that were at the head of those ten nations established in the break up of the old Roman Empire. Regardless of how powerful some of those kings of those other nations might have been at times, there came the day that none of them

were able to resist the power of the papacy and get by with it. The spirit of Satan in Catholicism and in those bishops of the Roman church had a plan in motion that was destined to change the whole picture; and it is all recorded right here in the pages of these little history books. Even when Satan was ruling the old world through those old Caesars, his long range plan was to be in this man, the pope; but it took many centuries for that to come about. I have to read from history, to show how this came about. This is why you need to understand that when the Bible gives you a profile of a prophecy, of an earthly event that is to take place, it does not draw it all out in detail. It does not give you all the dimensions. It gives you a little something to look at; and if it is not something you need to know immediately, God just lets history show you how it became applied to humanity long after the actual fulfillment. Christians before the age of Laodicea had no need of the revelation God has reserved for His end time bride Church; therefore, there is no reason for anyone to ask, Why this, why that? You must have enough faith in God to believe He has in every age of Christendom, given the revelation needed for believers to live an overcoming life in that hour. As we read this account from history, we are looking at the period of time between 962 and 1190 A.D.

## HISTORY

Notice, “One might suppose there could be no interference between pope and emperor. They seemed to have separate spheres of action. It was said that God had made the pope as successor of St. Peter, (I have to say this to any doctor of divinity or any Christian person, the pope today is not the successor of St. Peter. Furthermore, he never has been. That is a hypothetical prognosis that they put out to an ignorant society; because they use the scripture where Jesus spoke of giving the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter; but I want you to know, Peter was never even considered to be the apostle to the Gentiles. The Bible says that. It was the apostle Paul who wrote more epistles than all the rest put together. The apostle Paul said, I am the apostle to the Gentiles. Why does the Catholic Church not say something about the apostle Paul, who truly did minister in Rome; and give him recognition for what they claim Peter did? All this goes to show they are projecting to society a hypothetical, presumptuous picture that has no scriptural foundation; simply because they have no revelation whatsoever of what they try to be authoritative on. Let us continue reading.) supreme in spiritual matters and the emperor as heir of the Roman Caesars, supreme in temporal matters. The former ruled men’s souls. The later, men’s bodies. The two sovereigns, the emperor and the pope,

(Keep in mind, the emperors they are talking about were those kings represented in these horns.) thus divided on equal terms, the government of the world. The difficulty with this theory was that it did not work. No one could decide in advance where the authority of the pope ended, and where that of the emperor began. When the pope claimed certain powers which were also claimed by the emperor, a conflict between the two rulers became inevitable. (Now listen) Otto the Great in 962 A.D., (He is the man between the seventh and eighth, that was instrumental in bringing about a definite transition of power; and I want to say this, He was like the magician that put a rabbit in a hat; but had another hat. Where is the rabbit? Keep in mind, this man was not doing by deliberate design what he did; there was something motivating and forcing him to go the route he went; just like Judas went and betrayed his master for thirty pieces of silver. Why? Satan entered into him and caused him to do it.) restored rule in the west, thus founding what in later centuries came to be known as the Holy Roman Empire. (He was a ruler in Germany, but a ruler of this magnitude, as he began to establish power within his political realm, he was also living up the power of the papacy, but only that papacy that played into his hands. Let us read what he did.) Otto made the city of Rome the imperial capital. He dethroned a pope who proved



disobedient to his wishes and appointed another. Otto's successors repeatedly interfered, (Listen to this, the ones that followed him, they repeatedly interfered.) in elections to the papacy. One strong ruler, Henry the Third, has been called the pope maker. Early in his reign he set aside three rival claimants to the papacy, creating a German bishop pope, and on three subsequent occasions filled the papal throne by fresh appointments. It was clear that if this situation continued much longer, the papacy would become simply an imperial office, it would be merged in the Empire. The death of Henry the Third, which left the Empire in weak hands, and gave the papacy a chance to escape the control of the secular power in 1059 A.D. From that hour on the popes gained supremacy. This growing friction became very evident. In Daniel 7, as Daniel saw this little horn rising amidst the others, and how he exalted himself above the fellows. It says he reached over and plucked up three horns by the roots. Do you know what that sounds like? It sounds like he literally tore away from three of these ten national horns their identity; but that is not the way the prophecy was fulfilled. It is how he dealt with certain kings within that particular ten horn realm. Keep in mind, that this is the territory which is symbolized in the power of its leadership. That is why they are all on there. Let us see how they were plucked up. Most evangelists today think the three are

yet to be plucked up somewhere in the future. That is why when I read from Malachi Martin and the man who refers to him, they put these three horns being plucked up somewhere out in future time, somehow looking at the fact that there are ten horns now in the Common Market and still more joining and seeking membership. They evidently feel that by the time the week of Daniel comes, something will happen that this oncoming antichrist will pluck up three of them by the roots, leaving only ten. That is why I say, The religious leaders in the world we live in today are never going to get the picture straight. They are not supposed to because they have turned their back on true revelation that supersedes the revelation of these beast scriptures. However, there is no way you can stop them from playing around with various ideas. God Himself has no purpose in preventing anyone from expressing their own ideas about His word. He just makes sure truth is available for all who want to know the truth for the right reason. As for the multitudes out here in the realm of religion today, if they cannot get the trinity straightened out and get a revelation of the Godhead and of proper, scriptural water baptism, do you think they are going to get this great mystery straightened out? Only the bride of Christ is going to have a true revelation of the whole picture. Let us watch how he plucked up these three horns. Otto is gone from the scene; but Otto was the transition man

between the last form of imperial power and the lifting up of ecclesiastical power. Once you go beyond Otto, that imperial power was no longer there. It was papas power from then on through to the Reformation. Now we will go into what is written in history about this papal power. "A remarkable man now became pope. This was the monk Hildebrand, who on elevation to the papacy, took the name of Gregory the Seventh. Gregory devoted all his talents to the advancement of the papacy. A contemporary document which may have been on his own composition, at any rate expresses his own ideas, contains the following statements. (Notice the chart we have up here, the great red dragon, it has seven heads. On each one of those heads you see a crown. Then when we come down here and place it in its earthly embodiment in the earthly system, what did Revelation say was written on these seven heads? Blasphemy. That is why I said earlier, the word emperor is a blasphemous title for a man to carry. Only God is Emperor. Only He is universal, sovereign ruler. Blasphemy was not written on the ten horns. Blasphemy was written on the seven heads. Therefore, these seven crowns on the heads all have to dovetail into something. It all goes back to the fact that when the ancient Caesars sat here on this imperial seat, in this imperial city and sat with that old Caesar's crown on their head, claiming that

emperor title, that word emperor itself is what God looks upon as a blasphemous title for a man to hold because the Roman citizens worshipped them and felt that the gods had put them in that position. Just hold that word blasphemy and let us read some more. This is what that document said.) The Roman pontiff alone is properly called universal. (That is what the Caesars used to say of themselves. Think of it. When the Caesars, Augustus and all those ruled Rome, they were called sovereign, universal rulers. So what the old Caesars used to say of themselves, the pope began to say of himself. That spirit in him caused him to see himself like that.) He alone may dethrone bishops and restore them to office. He is the only person whose feet are kissed by all princes. (That is also blasphemy in one form; and just think, they claim to be Peter's successors; not even considering for one moment that Peter would not allow Cornelius to honor him like that. If those fellows are successors of the apostle Peter, why do they not conduct themselves like Peter did? My Bible tells me in the book of Acts, when the Holy Ghost, the spirit of God, led Peter from Hoppa to Caesarea, to the house of Cornelius, as Peter walked in, Cornelius fell before him and was worshipping him, What did Peter say to him? "Stand up; I myself also am a man." That is why I say, If Peter was the first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church and he responded to being worshipped like

that, why have all the Popes through time demanded worship? Do they not read the scriptures at all or do they think God has changed His mind? Peter refused to accept worship and so did the apostle Paul. Therefore, do not come to me with this junk that the world has to kiss the pope's feet. It takes a demon spirit to devise such a plan as that. That is how the ancient Caesars used to talk, so any person with a spiritual mind ought to be able to see where the Popes get such an idea. Simply because the same devil that motivated those old Caesars, is now motivating the Popes of Rome. To me, all of that is so very clear. Let us read some more.) He may be judged by no one. He may absolve all alliances, agreements, and contracts. (I just have to say this, if they can get their subjects to believe that line, it is no wonder that they went a step farther and concocted this idea that they can pray you out of purgatory. They used all these gimmicks for a monetary gain. They will put you in limbo, in purgatory, anything else, just so they can use your relatives that are left alive to add thousands of dollars to their assets. Just listen to this next line.) The Roman Church never has erred and never can err. (That is Catholicism talking and it is the Pope. Therefore, I just want to say to Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, Pat Robertson, and all the rest like them, shame on you. You call yourselves servants of God; yet you want to trot off after something that is totally blasphemous in the sight of

God. That is the way those Popes talked back then; and regardless of how sweet natured these last ones may have seemed, they still hold that blasphemous title; and they are still pawns in the hands of the same old devil. Inside, they still have that same spirit; or they would not allow themselves to accept adoration and worship that belongs only to God Himself. The Catholic Church is the error of all errors. She is the product of Satanic deception. I have nothing against any man in particular from the standpoint of his personal being; but sure have plenty against some of the things they promote and stand for. Therefore, when I speak against Catholicism, Methodism or any of the rest of those systems of religion, I am speaking against the system itself and not against the poor, deceived souls that are held captive by them.) Gregory testifies he did not originate these doctrines. (Whether he did or did not, he was the first Pope who ventured to make a practical application of them and from then on one would have to be spiritually blind, not to see that little horn of Daniel, (the papal power in Rome) magnify himself above his fellows. Now let us see how he plucked up three horns by the roots without totally destroying them.) Gregory soon issued a decree against lay investiture. He declared that no emperor, king, duke, marquis, count, or any other lay person should presume to grant investiture under pain of excommunication. (You can see that

he was really cracking the whip over all those national powers by this time.) The decree was a general one applying to all states of western Europe, (That would be all of the ten horns.) but circumstances were such that it mainly affected Germany. Henry the Fourth, the ruler of Germany, at this time did not refuse the papal challenge. He wrote a famous letter to Gregory calling him no pope, but a false monk, telling him Christ had never called him to the priesthood, and bidding him to come down from St. Peter's throne. Gregory's reply, he deposed Henry as emperor, excommunicated him and freed his subjects from their allegiance to him." A severe sentence was placed on this man and he had to go over the Alps in the cold of winter, stand outside the papal papacy in flannels, for a certain long length of time before he got an audience with the Pope. He was forced by circumstances to do that because everything at home was paralyzed. Let me at this time explain something. Viewers, listeners, and readers of this message, I am reading to you from the pages of history, how this horn plucked up another horn by the roots according to the prophecy of Daniel. He did not destroy the German nation. Neither did he destroy the German people. But at that particular time there was a king, and his name was Henry the fourth. He somehow or other just did not want to knuckle under to the Pope. This was the first time an emperor had acted like that; and the minute he did, Pope Gregory

accepted the challenge and became the first Pope to start started fulfilling what Daniel saw in his vision. He plucked up a horn by the roots. In other words, he completely immobilized not only the ruler of Germany, but the whole nation. What we need to realize is, He did not destroy the German position of leadership; but what he did do was plucked up his sovereign ability to make decisions until such time as he came under subjection to the Pope. It was a rivalry between secular and ecclesiastical powers, that proved the Pope was the most powerful. This is how we have to understand the part about the fourth beast being diverse from the first three. It became diverse after many, many centuries. It was much like the other three in its beginning; but it is winding up very much different. That is the mystery of the whole thing. This mystery is what camouflages the whole thing and keeps people from looking through the multitude of pages of history and getting the picture of what they are contributing time and energy to. Well finally, the king got in to see the Pope; and we will read what history tells us about that meeting. "At last upon the entreaties of the Countess Matilda of Tuscany, Gregory admitted Henry and granted forgiveness. This dramatic scene at Canosa did not end the investiture conflict." Why? Because that little horn is going to pluck up two more of those ten horns in order to fulfill what the Lord showed Daniel centuries before. Time passes, and it

came time for another horn to be plucked up. I wish preachers and theologians who would disagree with this teaching would just spend a little time reading these history books, instead of their theology books; and maybe some of them would realize that their theology does not produce what they have imagined it will. They are still looking for these horns to be plucked up somewhere out in the future; and they have all been plucked up already. What we are looking at here as we study these accounts from recorded history is a head that was wounded unto death; but was healed. We want to see how that wounded head fits into this total beast picture. Our next look at the power of the papacy, referred to in Daniel as a little horn, takes us to a period between the years 1122 to 1273 A.D. There was a ruler in Italy by the name of Barbarossa, Frederick the First, he succeeded to the throne. It says here he took certain ideas from Charlemagne, the emperor we just talked about. In so doing, (Now we will read.) "His reign is the story of many attempts ending at length in failure to unite all Italy into a single state under Germany. Frederick's Italian policy brought him at once into conflict with the papacy. The Popes gave their support to a league of the free cities of northern Italy, which were also threatened by Frederick's soaring ambitions. Having suffered a sever defeat, such reconciliation with the Pope, Alexander the Third, in the presence of

a vast throng assembled before St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Frederick knelt before the Pope and humbly kissed his feet. Just a century had passed since the humiliation of Henry the Fourth." (That little horn was on the move. He was cracking the whip. Nothing could have prevented these instances; for God by his foreknowledge had already foretold every bit of it.) "The papacy reached the height of its power under Innocent the Third. The eighteen years of his pontificate were one long effort, for the most part successful, to make the Pope the arbitrator of Europe. Innocent announced the claims of the papacy in the most uncompromising manner. (Listen to what he says. That is why you need to understand what is meant in Revelation 13, where John was made to see this thing coming up in these last days. Blasphemy was written on every one of those heads. Whichever that head was that was in power when it was wounded back in time when it comes up again here in the end time in another Pope it is still going to have blasphemy on it; because whoever sits in control of the government at that hour, they are going to say things and do things that will fulfill this prophecy exactly; and it is blasphemy in the eyes of God. There is yet one horn to be plucked up; and we will see that the Pope which did the plucking was Innocent the third. Notice.) As the moon, he declared, receives its light from the sun, and is inferior to the sun, so do kings receive

all their glory and dignity from the holy sea. This meant, according to Innocent, that the pope has the right to interfere in all secular matters and in the quarrels of rulers. God, he continued, has set the prince of the apostles over kings, over kingdoms, with a mission to tear up, plant, destroy, scatter and rebuild. (In other words, from now on the pope will rule the world.) Innocent's claims were not idle boasts. When Philip Augustus, king of France, divorced his wife and made another marriage, Innocent declared the divorce void and ordered him to take back his discarded queen. Philip refused and Innocent put France under interdict. (That word means basically the same as quarantine.) From that hour all religious rites ceased. The church doors were barred. The church bells were silent. The sick died uncared for. The dead lay unburied. Philip, deserted by his people, was compelled to submit." Do you know what that tells me? That pope, in this darkest hour of the Dark Ages, talked like that. That is why the Bible says he opened his mouth and blasphemed the God of heaven. I know a lot of people would say, Bro. Jackson, the Pope today would never talk like that; but I ask you, Does he? Will he? The reason he does not yet exercise that kind of authority is because it is not yet time for him to do so. The hour will come that if this present Pope is ordained to fulfill the rest of this prophecy, he will not only talk like these of the past; but his words

and deeds will far surpass anything his forerunners ever said or did. When will he talk like that? In the last half of Daniel's seventieth week, in what is commonly called the great tribulation. We have talked about that terrible hour of time that is yet to come; but I wonder how many really are able to imagine just how bad it will really be? If you would go back into the history of the Dark Ages, read what those old Popes were like back then, and then multiply that a few times, you might get a little picture of what is ahead for those who will have to face that hour without any defense. As for those three horns that were plucked up by the little horn, (those old Popes in the Dark Ages) I hope we have been able to make it clear to all of you that even though the rulers of those three nations were plucked up and their country paralyzed until repentance came, neither Germany, Italy nor France were destroyed. When it comes time for prophecy to be fulfilled, God always allows the devil to do, in that hour, whatever it takes to fulfill that picture exactly. Everything will always be precisely as it was prophesied to be. Therefore, from that hour until approximately 1500 A.D., the Popes were in supreme power over all of those political, territorial horns. That means, that for almost 300 years, none could resist their domination in any way. Every decision had to meet their approval. That papal horn truly did exalt itself above all the other horns and God did nothing to prevent it.

Those nations still exist today and they are still a part of the total makeup of that old beast with seven heads and ten horns and Revelation 17:13 says of them, "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Of course we know the Pope of Rome will be in full control of what that beast will do in the end time. That is what these European Common Market nations are all set to fulfill, whether they are aware of it or not. At least the true people of God are aware of their prophetic role in this end time wrap up. They are also aware of what the image of that first old beast is and what part it has in future time. The bride Church knows better than to give any kind of support to this idea of all religions coming together for fellowship, even though they do not agree doctrinally, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) Not without much compromise. Out here in this world of religion, you can find a multitude of ideas about God; and how we should approach Him; but the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." That apostle to the Gentiles wrote that to the Galatian Assembly of believers; and I assure you, he meant every word of it. You will not find the Pope preaching the same gospel Paul and Peter preached; and neither do any of the so-called "Protestant" daughters of Roman

Catholicism. They are all preaching another gospel; and are accursed because of it.

### **REVIEWING DANIEL'S VISION OF THE LITTLE HORN**

Before moving on, I want to go back to the seventh chapter of Daniel and read those verses pointing to this little horn we have been considering in what we have just read the history on. Verse 8, is where Daniel first saw it come up among the ten horns on that fourth beast, which we know was the Roman Empire. "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." None of those other horns in that hour could talk like that little horn did. Therefore, we can say without a doubt that the old dragon spirit which was in those old Caesars to make them like they were, went right over into those Popes to continue right on. Only a devil would talk and act like they did. We have modern preachers today that refuse to look back. They are trying to look ahead and say, I just do not believe it was like that. Well saints, no matter how many of them may say, I don't believe it was like that, it is all recorded right here in these history books; and I believe every bit of it; because the word of God had already

declared it would be like that. Of course Daniel did not know what the vision meant, so he said, (verse 15) "I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. (Then he said, verse 16) I came near unto one of them that stood by and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things." He went ahead and said, I wanted to know the truth about that fourth beast that was different from the other three before it, about the ten horns, and about the little horn which came up and before whom three fell, that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them. All of that troubled Daniel: so he was given the explanation. In verse 23, he begins to tell what was explained to him. "Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse (different) from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth and shall tread it down and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings (or kingdoms) that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, (against God. This is getting into the last half of the seventieth week, the great tribulation.) and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think

to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (That amounts to 3½ years the way God marks time. John wrote about the exact same thing in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation. Jewish believers and Gentile foolish virgins will be martyred by the thousands: before that 3½ years comes to an end.) But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. (This part gets into the coming of the Lord; when the wickedness shall be judged, the earth cleansed, and the Millennial reign of Christ and His saints set in motion.) And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. (God) Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubles me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart." Daniel did not need to know any more than God showed him, about what his vision pertained to; but saints of God, we are living in the hour of time when the interpretation of those symbols are to be made known to those who have wisdom; (the true children of God) because this generation is destined to see all of this brought to a complete fulfillment. However I believe we have said enough about the ten horns, the seven heads, the little horn and the



eighth head for now; so we will now turn our attention to those things that brought about the wounding of that head.

### **A LOOK AT THE REFORMATION AND THE WOUNDED HEAD**

We have mentioned the wounding of the one head on the old beast, a wound that looked to be deadly; but was not so now we will go a little more into the actual details of how that wounding came about. The Reformation began around 1500 A.D.; when Martin Luther began hacking at that old papal head with the sword of the Spirit. What is the sword of the Spirit? It is the word of God. He had received the revelation of something the apostle Paul wrote to the Roman Assembly. Let us read verses 15-17, from the first chapter of Romans. "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." The just shall live by faith was Luther's theme. God did not restore all the truth the Church had lost at the same time. He did it little by little, through various instruments. After Luther, here came another man by the name Calvin; and he majored on the eternal security of the true believer.

How many preachers do you find preaching that Bible doctrine today? Most of them are afraid of it because they themselves do not understand the true application of it. You certainly cannot apply it to every person who allows his or her name to be written on a church register somewhere. Nevertheless, every true believer sealed with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, has that eternal security; so the teaching belongs in the Church. A man by the name of John Knox preached predestination. That is another true Bible doctrine that is very badly represented by modern day preacher. Many of them have even gone so far as to say it is a doctrine out of the pit of hell. Shame on any man who claims to be a servant of God and then talks like that about a truth that is written so clearly in the New Testament Epistles. Predestination is nothing anyone should be afraid of; for it is based upon God's foreknowledge; and what God knows by foreknowledge, (which I must remind you, is everything) can certainly be called predestination. We are not teaching on these various doctrines at this time. I am only mentioning them in connection with what these various men of the Reformation stood for in their hour of time. All of those men of the Reformation were hacking at the spiritual authority and power the Roman Pope exercised over all the people of the old world. Anyhow, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church house door in

Wittenberg, Germany in the year 1517 A.D., the Reformation was on. Believers ought to be interested in the Reformation; because without such a brave effort on the part of those various men back then, the Church would have remained under that cloud of darkness Satan had so shrewdly covered it with. Just think, saints: About the time the Reformation was getting its start in the old world, Columbus was on his way to discover a new world. Do you know why? Because the God of heaven was going to bring those people out to there, in their appointed time, to establish something and to do something that would fulfill prophecy of the scriptures. What those Reformers started, a man by the name of Napoleon Bonaparte finished; the wounding of that old papal head. I want to read to you the following article taken from the writings of Joseph Rickaby, found in the Catholic Truth Society of London, called *The Modern Papacy*, page 1. "When in 1793 on November 22, a convention of seventeen bishops and some clergy members, made a decree to abolish all religion. (Now in case some of you do not realize or understand, what happened in Russia back at the turn of the century: the Lenin and Marxist teachings went in. It had been going on in France a long time. When France did expel those teachings out of there, it went to Russia. How many know that? Let us continue reading) This (decree) was made under Napoleon Bonaparte. Then in the 1797 (The

Reformation was already 200 years in the making.) Pope Pius the Sixth fell grievously ill. Napoleon gave orders that in the event of his death, no successor should be elected to his office and that the papacy should be discontinued. But the pope recovered. The peace was soon broken. General Bethier entered Rome on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1798 and proclaimed a republic. The aged pontiff refused to violate his oath of religious feelings was arrested and hurried from prison to prison in France. Broken with fatigue and sorrows, he died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, 1799, in the French fortress of Valence, aged 82 years old. No wonder half of Europe thought the papacy was dead." Another write says this, "The papacy was dead and among all Roman Catholic powers, not a single finger was lifted in defense of it." Now with this much history, I believe it should be easily understood how that head which was the last form of old imperial government taken over by the papacy, and that represents church over state, rather than state over church, was wounded as unto death. The Reformation and what Napoleon did by the military sword, wounded that papal head in an effort to kill the whole thing forever. That is why for almost 200 years the world had enjoyed a relative freedom of Catholic, Vatican influence. However, if this beast is to rise again here in the end time, and we know it is; because John saw that one of the heads that had been wounded unto death by the sword was

healed. This should prove to mankind that the head had to be something you can find in history. Furthermore, we need to realize that what it was before, when it comes back up for its end time fulfilment of scriptures, it will be that again. When it says it was healed, that is exactly what it means. Therefore, whatever it was before, it will be exactly that again: not something else. It was Roman Pope in power before the wounding; and it will be the Roman Pope in power again when the last phase of the healing takes place. When it (papal power) is finally restored back to its original state, that will complete the fulfillment of Revelation 17:8, concerning the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. The period of time when he was not, was the time between what Napoleon did and the time when the spirit of Satan completely takes over the Pope which is destined to be the antichrist. A large number of people today will readily agree that the Popes of that long Dark Age period of history were bad fellows; but you will not find very many people today that readily accept the idea that the antichrist will come from that same office. Oh, those Popes for the last so many decades have been such nice fellows, they will say. Well, Judas might have been considered a nice fellow also when he was out with the other apostles of Christ healing sick folks and casting out evil spirits; but when Satan anointed him, look what he did. I will read something I have here in order to get the content of it in this

message. As we come closer to the time for the eventual healing of this papal power, when recognition will be given back to the Pope, various things happen to show us just how the devil will work. As I said the other night, a few years ago I was selling hay to a neighbor of mine. He is a Catholic man, but he is a good man. Out in the barn he said to me, Raymond, from all indications we are living in the last days. I said, yes, but knowing he was a Catholic man I did not understand why he would be saying anything about last day happenings so I just listened. Then he brought up the subject of the blessed Mary at Fatima; what was foretold back in the time of WWI concerning what would happen in the last days. Right therein the barn lot he said, Russia will be brought back into the fold. Well, I had never heard of the Fatima vision or anything like it at the time. I certainly did not expect the Catholic Church to know anything about that kind of thing. Somewhere in the back of my mind I remembered being where I overheard one man say to another, "You know there is a Fatima vision. I believe that is going to be fulfilled in the last days." Well, with that in my mind, I was still wondering what this was all about. Well, I know now. The book I was reading out of this morning was from a Catholic man, a professor of Catholic theology. He wrote the book. In it, I found some startling things. Am surprised that such information comes out of Vatican through a mouthpiece like that to be

put in print so the world can read it. I am going to read to you what another preacher said who had an interview with the man that wrote the book. Malachi Martin is the author. He is a Catholic theologian. Just listen, "He is reputed to be the most informed person in the world in the field of economics and politics, as relating to ecclesiastical interests. He is especially informed about current religious and political affairs in Europe. Dr. Martin has served in the Vatican. He has been a friend and adviser to the last four Popes and he is a prolific author. Dr. Martin sees a super man coming to the forefront in the new world order before the year 2000. He so stated on our program. However, this Vatican insider, without fear or compromise, boldly proclaims that Pope John Paul II will be the ecclesiastical and theocratic emperor of the new Holy Roman Empire. (I was not the one who said that; I just read what is written right here. That is what Otto the Great helped to establish. (The Holy Roman Empire) Well, we have already looked at the records of history, what was written about that period when The Holy Roman Empire ruled the world in the Dark Ages. We know what it did back then. The Reformation did something to it before; but Jesus and His army from heaven will take care of it the next time. However, here is what this man continued saying.) Dr. Martin gives the pope credit for coining the phrase, the new world order. He predicts that

Europe will bring in world government under the leadership of Pope John Paul. Dr. Martin enforces his own understanding of the development of new world order out of central Europe, and the Pope's role in it by relating it to the so called miracle of Fatima. (We have already read to you how that name comes into the picture. Fatima was the daughter of Mohammed.) On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917, three children in the Fatima area reported a visitation by the Virgin Mary. On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month for several months thereafter, supposedly, Mary talked with the children and gave them instructions. Again, according to the story, Mary told the children that a great miracle would occur at Fatima on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917, at high noon. (This is what my neighbor was telling me about.) The news media reports indicated that 75,000 faithful met as instructed on that day. It had rained the day before and was still raining as noon approached. Suddenly, as the story continues, the clouds parted, the rain stopped, and a huge spinning wheel emitting various colors of light danced over their heads. Observers said they thought the wheel was the sun changing its colors and moving toward the earth, but the plunging object or the sun, continued toward the crowd until it appeared they would all be killed. Many fell on their knees crying out that the end of the world had come and pleading for deliverance. The spinning object veered off suddenly and a gush of wind swept over the crowd drying

out their clothes and also the ground. (The writer who did the interview with this Dr. Malachi Martin, inserted these next few words I will read.) I have never put much stock in any of these accounts reported concerning the so called miracle of Fatima. I have always credited the story to delusion or mass hysteria.” Saints, I believe it happened; and I am persuaded that many more such things are going to happen during the closing out of this age. Here is why? All such occurrences are of the devil. Do you know why I say that? All of this is springing up, not in the atheistic world; but in an area of the world that has held the gospel of Jesus Christ to be precious at one time and have now gone into apostasy. I realize there are a lot of Christians today who do not understand this kind of thing; so I want to explain something for their benefit. I am going to you back to Matthew. At about age 30, Jesus was baptized in the river of Jordan by John the Baptist. When He came up out of the water, heaven was opened and a voice spoke out, This is my beloved Son. Who was that? Almighty God, the great, eternal Spirit, the Creator speaking. He came down and took up His abode in that vessel of clay, His Son, which had just been baptized. Then Jesus was led from that place, by that same Spirit that had just come into Him, out into the desert, or wilderness. What does the scriptures say about it? There, He was tempted of the devil after He had fasted forty days and forty nights. The devil came to Him. (That is

what the Bible says.) Well, if the devil could come to Jesus, the very Son of God in whom dwelt the embodiment of all the divine qualities of the very Creator Himself, and tempt Him, do not try to tell me apostate Christendom cannot be tested: and fall into one of his traps. People can have visions and supernatural experiences from either spirit: God or Satan. That is why it is so necessary that we test every spirit to see whether it is of God or the devil. That same rule applies both to the teachings of men as well as to the various experiences people have. You know what the Bible says about those who have no love of the truth. God himself will sent them strong delusion that they may believe Satan’s lies and be damned. How will he do that? There are numerous ways. All He really needs to do is just let the devil do things that look to the natural mind like only God would do. Yes saints, these things are real because the power of the devil is real. What matters is what we as Christians do about the things we see and hear. The world at large is destined to be deceived; but there is no excuse for a true child of God to be deceived. We are moving very close to the end of Gentile time. The great contest is in the making. It is a warfare. God is going to have the victory through an element of people that know how to keep their feet on the ground and their mind settled in the world of God. Let us continue on reading. Notice what it says here, “The Catholic faithful still believe strongly

in the Fatima incident. In any event, the only reason for mentioning it is that the third edict, (something that was told to these children) that Mary of Fatima spoke concerned Communism in Russia, a evil system that would persist until Russia was dedicated to Mary by a future pope. (Think of it. In 1917, there that spirit, as I read, these three children actually saw the Virgin Mary standing before them. She was supposed to have told these children concerning the outcome of WWI, which was already going on and that in the future Russia, which had at one time been a country whose society had been influenced to the Church, Communism had separated it and drove it away. These children, the Virgin Mary was supposed to have told them Russia will be brought back into the fold in the last days. So with this,) on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1981, the same day of the month Mary was reported to have first came to Fatima, John Paul II was critically wounded by bullets from an assassin's gun and Martin states on page 627 of the *Keyes of the Blood* (That is the other book I was reading out of earlier.) that Pope John Paul II saw exactly what the people saw on October 13, 1917. Martin also says that the pope dedicated himself to the fulfilling of this third portion (whatever is in it, is still a mystery yet) delivering Russia from Godless atheism and dedicating it to Mary." With what has happened in Russia and with Gorbachev coming to the Vatican to visit the pontiff, it is supposedly

proof that Mary has selected Pope John Paul II for this work. It goes ahead and states here, it is believed that at the right time, the Virgin Mary will come to Pope John Paul II, (this present Pope) and will reveal herself to him and tell him, now is the time, take over. Do you know, (This is just an illustrative was to provoke your thinking.) If you get up in the morning and turn on the TV, and the news comes on with a special bulletin, we interrupt this program for a special news bulletin that has just come through from the Vatican. Pope John Paul II has just had a mighty visitation from the blessed Virgin Mary. Something has been delegated to him the world will hear about in the next few days. It will be published in a bulletin. Do you know what would happen? Preachers would run wild. Christians will fall over backward. World leaders would say, That is exactly what we need. I will just say this, when that happens, you can believe the devil has pulled off one of the slickest tricks the world has ever seen. I want to take you back to 1963; when God had a true prophet on the earth again. He did not pray to the Virgin Mary. Neither did he use a rosary when he prayed. God sent him out west and then brought him back here. For one solid week up here in a little building, he brought a divine revelation out of the written word of God. He was used of God to make known what those four horse riders of the book of Revelation were. He

showed to a few people in this Christian world, who are willing to come out of the Babylonian mess of Gentile confusion, that the white horse rider was none other than that spirit of antichrist, that was already riding back during those early ages of Christianity. He showed how that red horse rider was still the same spirit, just changing its disguise. He showed how the next one, the black horse, how that was none other than how Satan was embodied in that dark hour of Roman Catholicism in the Dark Ages. Then he brought out about that gray horse and showed how it was going to ride here in the end time, when Catholicism and apostate Protestantism was going to be brought together in a false unity and the world would be deceived by such unification. In all these different pamphlets and things that people have been sending to me, the Vatican is absolutely anticipating, and just waiting the hour that the final move is made, of whatever spirit they are thinking of, that is going to bring about this great climactic development of unity with so called Christianity. Do you know what? I am looking ahead. As the devil is getting ready to really show his colors in this thing, up the road somewhere, I believe God has got something for His true Church that will be even more exciting. There is certainly going to be some thunders sounding. There is going to be some prophetic, revelatory things spoken, that a few people on this earth are going to pay attention to; and because

they do, they are going to know something the bride Church will need to know to get ready to leave this world. Hallelujah! While the world is blinded by that delusion, the little Bride will see right through the whole thing and have nothing do with any of it. I just have to keep saying it. Time is running out! Look up, your redemption is nigh. As the apostle Paul wrote, Be not weary in well doing for in due season we will reap if we faint not. Satan's scarecrows may get close; but just remember this, it has to get close. Multitudes will be deceived by such things as we have been reading about.

### **EXPLANATION BY PASTOR JACKSON**

I want to say a few words about the way we are presenting this message before we go into any other particular part of it. I know it is sometimes very monotonous just to sit and listen to someone read a lot of things from history and such like; but we are living in a day when there is a fulfillment of a Bible Prophecy knocking right at our door. Many of those things we have read in the Bible for years are prophecies that are going to be fulfilled in our generation and saints of God need to know a few things before the time comes for the actual scene to take place in the earth. When you read a prophecy in the Bible, many times it is written in a very small scope, maybe just in a certain portion of a chapter. It does not take you long to read it and it

leaves you with a question: what does this all mean? We could say, Prophecy is history that has not yet come to pass. It reaches out into the future and brings to our attention something that will be in effect later on. Then once time and conditions pass into the period when that prophecy is fulfilled, centuries later people read it as history. The thing about it is, God has ordained that his children should be wise enough to study that which is written history in order to better understand things that are still prophecy for the future. We are fast approaching one of the most Satanic, deceptive hours of human history. Actually, it is the climax of all that God has allowed Satan to do in the earth. The Bible shows us in revelation that there is going to be an hour of time and I am not talking about a sixty minute hour, but a period of time that is literally going to be hell on earth. That is what the scripture means in Revelation 12, starting with verse 9, where it says, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." It goes on to say, in verse 12, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Yes, he will have only 3½ years to finish everything God has determined to allow him to do and then he will be chained up for one thousand years, while Jesus and His immortal

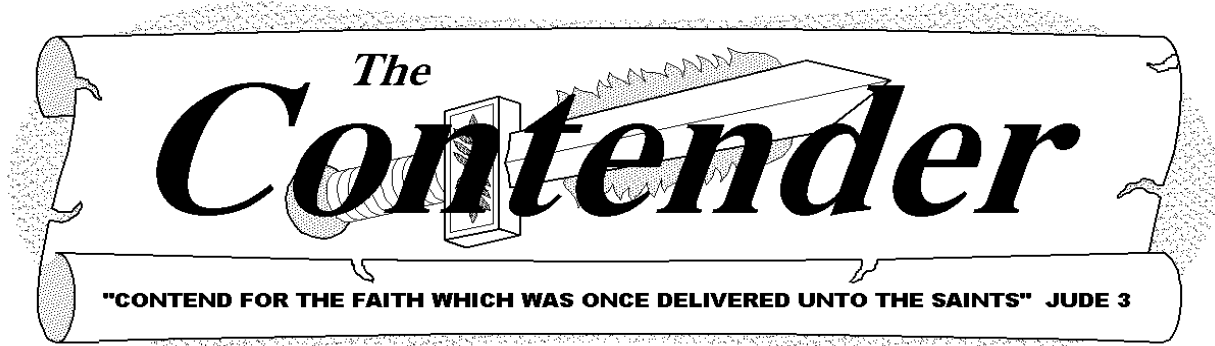
saints rule the world, ruling over all those mortal people who will be selected to repopulate the earth once again. The story of man's journey on earth has a beautiful ending; but the only reason we know that is because we have allowed the Spirit of God to teach us: both from past history and prophecy for the future. Christians somewhere back on this side of that dark hour that is soon to come upon mortal mankind, have prophecies here in the Bible that sort of give us an insight into that hour just ahead; but those who are unwilling to indulge in what Satan has done in the past, are going to be caught unaware of his shrewd devices of deception. They will be attributing visions and miracles of various sorts of God when the whole thing is being orchestrated by Satan for the purpose of gross deception among those who have had no time to listen to the warnings God is giving in this very hour of time. That is why I say, if we cannot see what has happened in the past and relate that to how Satan is working today, there is going to be millions of people deceived as they move into that hour when he really will be manifesting things that the average church going person will think only God would do. I realize this is a long message and we are not through yet; but before I read anything from the Bible, I want to take you back in time, after the flood, when God confused the languages of the people and sent mankind to the ends of the earth to multiply and replenish the earth. Look



at it now. It is done. Man has reached the ends of his multiplication on the earth; for there are no more frontiers on this planet. We have an element of intellectual geniuses that plan on opening a new frontier in space. They will never complete that plan. That sphere belongs to God. Heaven is my throne, says He. Everything out there is His position. They have cluttered up this planet; but God will never let them go far enough to clutter up that. Oh yes, those scientific minds are figuring on how they are going to conquer space; but they do not realize they are right at the threshold of the coming of the Lord when God is going to bring his whole program to an end. As man began to move out to the extremities of the earth and as they multiplied they lost contact with the Creator that commissioned them to replenish the earth. That is why I said earlier, there were three boys in the boat with Noah. Shem, Ham and Japheth. Each one knew exactly why they were in the boat. All they had to do (if there had been a window in the side of the ark) was look out that window for almost a full year of time. They all three helped build that boat. They knew why it was built; because Dad had told them what God had told him, when He told him to build it. When that thing began to raise from the earth, they could not help but feel the same jostling about. They all had the same experience. That knowledge should have stayed with them and their descendants even to this very hour, but has it? We every one

know it did not. Little did they realize that in a few short centuries, the coming generations would forget the whole thing and go off on their own to explore this planet. After they lost contact with the Creator, Satan just simply moved in and took over; and began to wreck the whole process. Well, Satan is still on the scene; and the reason I am saying these things now, is because we are going to be reading some other things to let you know for sure we are living in a day of modern man's thinking. If you had a dream or vision of some terrible thing going to happen, a lot of modernists today would say; We attribute that to mass hysteria. There is such a thing as mass hysteria; but there is also such a thing as supernatural manifestation whereby God conveys certain things to selected individuals; and Satan always tries to duplicate everything God does. That is how he is able to deceive so effectively. God has allowed him to do that; because that is how the true children of God are tested; but when that last test is completed, God has a place prepared for Satan and his angels and all those he has been able to deceive.





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