

Two Feet of Daniel 2

We have sought out the common market as the economic foundation on which shall be built a political structure that would be called, in some modern vernacular, a revival of the ancient Roman Empire or the Holy Empire that we are familiar with throughout history.

From the 6th century B.C. to the collapse of Napoleon's realm and then revivals into the last of the present century.

Now in explaining this material we have had articles in the plain truth that we have had included in a particular call to the beast that has been out of print for a little while.

Now in this book of Rubens the Beast, Armstrong discusses the particular state of affairs in Western Europe from the 6th century to the final of Napoleon and then shifts to the final of Napoleon and then shifts to the third and comments upon the fact that there is coming yet one more historic revival.

I'm not going to deal with the question as I did in a study in Pasadena but in a quite different fashion from the point of view of events that have transpired in recent days in Europe with the visit of the Pope to Poland and now through Ireland and the United States.

That this man should have created such an impact in Eastern Europe that he expected although the Communist hierarchy was shocked at the impact it had after 30 years of Communism had fallen.

In describing this whole picture from the time of the fallen Roman Empire, 476 today, the Armstrong normally has described one half of the story.

As he told me in the conversation some two decades ago, that our story as we have explained it based on Daniel 7, Revelation 13, Revelation 17 is really only that part of the story of the Roman world that transpired in Western Europe with which either the countries of Israel, those who descend from the 10 lost tribes or the church in the west would be familiar.

But as he has said we have never really explained what was happening in Eastern or Southeastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Now the reason I mention this is that when we look at Daniel chapter 2 you have the story in a form that we have really taken a little note of.

And I think it is advisable to take a look at the implications of Daniel chapter 2.

Now in this second chapter we are clearly told that Nebuchadnezzar who was the king of the Chaldean or Babylonian Empire was the head of gold.

The Jobu witnesses of course have a different view but we are not concerned with their view, we are concerned with what Daniel clearly told the king.

And after the king, Nebuchadnezzar and his Chaldean Empire which was centered in the region we now call Iran.

There should arise another kingdom that would be inferior as silver is inferior to gold.

Then there should arise a kingdom of brass or bronze and then a kingdom of iron.

Now what we note is that up to this point the kingdom of iron has only been described as to the nature of the composition.

We have pointed out that there was an Eastern and a Western Roman Empire.

The Western Roman Empire had the capital in Rome, the Eastern around 331.

This is A.D. had a capital in Constantinople.

On a peninsula that anciently was called Byzantium and hence the empire commonly under the fall of Rome in the west was called Byzantium.

It was the Eastern Roman Empire or Byzantium.

The B-Y-C-A-N-T-I-U-M for those of you who are trying to have correct spelling.

Now we have never explained what it was like to have the two legs of this giant statue through time all the way down to the feet which were of iron and clay, meaning partly strong and partly brittle, and then ten toes.

Five on each foot we presume five because there's nothing indicating this was an abnormal statue.

Now what we take note of that is significant here is that you and I know that the Roman Empire was both Eastern and Western and it came to be so difficult to rule that they in fact had four or two emperors not uncommonly at different periods in history sharing the low.

And the country, the realm that is the iron kingdom was a realm divided into two parts working together.

As time went on of course the parts were less and less together but recognized each other in one capacity or another.

We've never taken note of this however through time.

We have said when Rome fell and Justinian restored the Roman Empire in the west we really didn't tell you what was going on in the east.

Now it is not important its past history.

What is important is that there was a Roman Empire in the east that did the restoring in the west and Justinian created a western Roman Empire, the capital being essentially at Ravenna not Rome.

And this was the separate realm.

There was a legate who ruled the area and was essentially a separate realm in the west while the Roman Empire in the east continued.

Now we could go through history which I shall a little bit later but I want to come down to the experience of the Second World War to show you that you probably all have heard but never understood.

And our literature has never emphasized the point that we have described.

And that is during the Second World War we have said that there was Mussolini's restoration of the Roman Empire and then there was Hitler's Third Reich and we have a map usually that shows all of Europe under either a black or a red patch and that was called the Axis.

Axis meaning that there were two major capitals, Rome and Berlin and the fulcrum of course was over the Alps, Germany and the it was Third Reich north of the Alps and the Italian realm was south of it and it was a kind of Mediterranean Empire including Libya, Albania and then an East Africa, Italy, the Somaliland, Eritrea and Ethiopia.

All you need to do is look at a map for the time.

Now what Americans and British people but most of you know is that there were two famous figures who were leaders in their respective countries.

Leaders is the proper term because in Germany there was no emperor, there was only a leader.

In Italy there was both an emperor and a leader of the party who was a prime minister.

Now those two famous men who in a sense directed the thinking and the policy of Europe were Hitler and Mussolini.

What we failed to take note of that is I think very important Hitler and Mussolini did not form one restoration of the Roman Empire.

They formed a restoration but they were always two realms separately governing, cooperating as best they could.

It was as simple as looking at the statue.

One part of the foot at the bottom of one leg and the other leg had a foot and part of the bottom of it would have represented the two realms.

In other words if you were to have the statue facing east you might say that the right foot represented Italy and the left foot represented Germany at the level just before the toes.

What we then should note is that there was no such thing as a restoration of one Roman Empire.

Since the image that Daniel saw or Nebuchadnezzar did and was revealed to Daniel had two legs, two feet and toes on each of the feet we would draw the conclusion that in general we should expect throughout time two separate parts of an empire separately ruled or jointly ruled as we will see at the close.

Now this has a very great importance with respect to Europe because in Hitler formed the Roman Empire called the Third Empire the Third Empire of the German Nation or the Third Roman Empire of the German Nation that's what the Third Reich was and Mussolini formed the Roman Empire in the Mediterranean world we actually have a kind of north-south as distinct from east-west but after all in the history of Europe it varies normally it's east-west and sometimes it's been north-south or north and southeast.

In any case you had two separate realms and the implication of this is that we should look into the future and we may well expect to find in Europe not a single restoration of the Roman Empire but a two-part restoration but unlike any previous one this one is called Babylon politically in Revelation 17, economically in Revelation 18 and religiously in Revelation 17 and other places and it looks to be very clearly under the rule of a single leader under the rule of a single leader but even though a statue may have ten toes five on each foot and in a certain sense be separate in their structure they have singular leadership because the beast is ultimately described as a single person there won't be a Hitler Mussolini, there won't be an axis but there may well be an economic political structure that is in fact made up of two separate units in Europe whereas we have always thought of the common

market as the only basis and nations in western Europe or behind the iron curtain being added one at a time or two or three to a single western Roman Empire I think this evening when we look through the story we will have to conclude that it is very likely that we should look for a two-pole political and economic structure in Europe each one being a form of restoration of the Roman structure the Roman political thinking, the tradition of western Europe linked ultimately under the leadership of one man but made up of ten nations and if the statue has some meaning it would be difficult to see them as other than five representing the west and five representing the east being the five toes on each of the feet which tells us something about the nature of what may happen to the common market but let me go back now that I have told you about this century I want to go back and show what we do know about the history of human thinking and to what extent western Europe has in a sense a western orientation and an eastern orientation or a Germanic orientation and a Latin orientation you can have a western and a Slavic, a Germanic and a Slavic, a Germanic and a Latin or a French and Austro-German there are different fault patterns, different cultural traits the three great entities in Europe are Slavic, Germanic and Latin and one or another of these make a contribution normally the Slavic has made the least it has always been subject to the Germanic if it entered into the structure at all or it was subject to the Latin in southeastern Europe but we may see the Slavic element playing a more significant role and the Germanic-Latin combination in the west as already in the common market so I will now go back to our story the book of Daniel should be seen in terms of Daniel 2, in terms of Daniel 7 and then Revelation 13 and 17 all together each one perhaps adding a little to the story that is missing elsewhere now when I discuss briefly here the chain of events in history there are those who normally have never read the book with who is the beast or having read it thought it was interesting we're sure that Mr. Armstrong was right because he wrote it and decided to think no further about it so I would beg of you if this is how much you want to know about it to at least listen and get to feel because the important part is not any one event in history but the trend and the implications for the present and future so that we in a sense know what we're looking for and do not wait for what does not appear and that we would be aware of what is likely to occur since we have for the first time in history a Slav hope, 59 years of age now say the newspapers, I don't know just when it was, it was recent and a man who has certainly a significant number of vigorous years to impart the power, the influence of the church in an area that is destined to change the shape of Europe if we were to go back we have, as I said, the story of the upper half of this statue laid out and in Daniel 7 it is the story of four wild animals now in Daniel chapter 2 the picture is simple you don't have to turn to these if you're familiar with them because we'll go from one to another in Daniel chapter 2 you soon note the importance of the two separate legs and then the feet and the toes now before we interpret the feet and toes we probably should say that the implication is that the Roman Empire itself was the two legs with the east and the west now when we look in Daniel chapter 7 we have a beast instead of an image of a man now in Daniel 2 the reason for the image of a man is that we're talking about human government, human thinking human government is the image of man no animals can create government human beings do now we read in Revelation 12 that there is a power that gives authority to human beings and sets some up to rule and ultimately that authority which is the devil also is subject to a higher authority who is God himself who determines what the devil may or may not be allowed to do but in Daniel 7 you have here the nature of these human beings described as a vicious beast now this beast has three fundamental characteristics one, at some time or another there is a deadly wound administered though the beast doesn't die but it is a wound that was so deadly that at least let's say one half the creature would seem to have been subject to death except that out of that head that was wounded and remember the primary head was raw out of the head that was wounded there were ten horns and there was an overthrow of three of the ten so we learned from this that there is going to be some kind of series of successive restorations of row ten and number of which a religious power symbolized by another

horn we won't go into great detail there this evening that this horn uproots three of them these have correctly been identified in the book that Mr. Armstrong wrote as the heroine who first established power in Italy in 476 they were overthrown at the behest of the Catholic community that invited the Ostrogoths into the area in 496 and the Ostrogoths were overthrown when the Catholic community linked up with the armies of the Roman Empire of the East and drove the Ostrogoths over the Alps and out of Italy now the other group were the Vandals who first went through this part of the world we have just described then that's around 410 and went through southern Gauls throughout Spain and went into North Africa and were overthrown at about 535 the parallel IUC came later but were overthrown earlier and then the Vandals were overthrown in North Africa and the Ostrogoths were overthrown in Italy now the churches of God's seventh day in whose roots the church may be found in the past century or two have explained this chapter differently their explanation in my judgment is holy, erroneous because they include one other power that was not overthrown but was actually absorbed in Italy, the Lombards there were only three barbarian nations that at any time either made a covenant with the Eastern Roman Empire to establish it in their part of the west or reinstated Roman law or Roman coinage all of these three kingdoms, the Heroli, the Ostrogoths and the Vandals were the only ones that, take note, restored the Roman system of law and coinage and commerce and governments in the west and were uprooted now there were others who adopted Roman customs without ever attempting to restore the government like the Visigoths and the Lombards but in the end they were not overthrown by a religious power called Rome they were absorbed into the community one in Spain, one in Italy so the literature that we have published is clearly precise and accurate on this point if there is any question, the best simple answer that would support the material we have given is the Encyclopedia of World History's one volume work written by William Langer this is available in most libraries you can look under the subject, Heroli, Ostrogoths or Vandals and William Langer, who was probably the dean of American historians would tell you that no other structure, no other tribe, no other nation in western Europe ever attempted to restore the Roman Empire as these three did they may have been absorbed but they were never uprooted the reason they were uprooted is they were all non-Catholic they were vandals I would draw attention, I don't mean vandals they were Arians, I-A-N-S meaning they were followers of the teachings of Dr. Arius who differed from the followers of those who upheld the doctrine of the Trinity now most people do not know but I would mention something that I doubt anybody has mentioned publicly before, unless I had ever clearly did a study the Arians believed in general that the crucifixion occurred on a Wednesday and the resurrection occurred on a Saturday Herbert W. Armstrong was not the first one to understand this the first to understand it were the 12 apostles and the rest of the 120 that's why the Bible says what it does and there was knowledge throughout the early centuries such that it was understood throughout the world where the Arians were except in the Roman world where this knowledge was gradually stamped out Seventh, the Baptists have held this view two and one century ago and into the present time I've seen their literature on the subject we perhaps have a piece of literature that is clearer than anything that had ever been written before but it is not that unusual for people who have actually studied the Bible and it is significant that the Arians were not talking of Hitler's Arians spelled with a Y which was a racial term but this is a religious term that there is a reason why they were uprooted because they conceived of the Sabbath as we would they did not fully understand the nature of God we are not saying that they were members of the church of God at all but they preserved this much of the truth as I pointed out this evening now when these three barbarian non-Catholic restorations of government in the west were overthrown it was finally possible over the period of 535 to 554 to see the military efforts in North Africa and Italy we have the Roman Empire restored in the west and we say this was done by General Balasarius and others and it was Justinian who restored the empire but Justinian ruled in the east and Allegate ruled in the west of lesser authority but he ruled over the western restoration of the Roman Empire and

acknowledged as the senior official in the realm the government in the east so as we start out in a period of 1260 years, Revelation 13 from 554 to 1814 we have the picture now where we see clearly that a religious power is dominant in association with the restorations of the Roman system in the west having uprooted three now this would tend to tell us that since the Roman Catholic Church is essentially a western power and the church in the east that later came to be known as the Orthodox Church is an eastern one but we would automatically recognize that the role of the church should be linked up with the restorations in the west whereas in the east the state dominated the church in the west the church tended to dominate the state that's a general rule of thumb now that we have pictured a restoration in the west the Justinian died in 565 and the empire soon disintegrated it didn't hold up we have a cessation of the Roman Empire in the west but a continuity in the east that is the Byzantine Empire, which Justinian ruled and his successors continued to rule throughout the region of Greece Bulgaria, parts of Yugoslavia, Romania, Asia Minor Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria this vast area of the eastern Mediterranean that is until the coming of the Arabs and Islam and then the empire shriveled little by little but we note at this point that when we say Justinian restored the empire in the west we do not deny, we have just merely never emphasized that the empire continued in the east that is we are saying in a sense that one foot represents one part of the story which we are not discussing normally and the other foot is parallel to the ten horns of Daniel 7 or the ten horns of the book of Revelation chapter 13 and now we will move on in the succeeding century the church had the need to safeguard itself against other Aryan tribes Lombards and the rest and they cast about for the Frankish people those who were French and German living along the Rhine and other rivers the rivers of France that flow into the Seine the Germanic people who lived along the Rhine, the Mosel and other rivers and this group of people called the Franks, made up of a number of nations up and down the Rhine and the joining river valleys were converted to Catholicism unlike the other tribes of western Europe and so the Pope encouraged this family to think in terms of the future of Europe and to perhaps plan to carry the umbrella of civilization it was as late as 800 A.D. however before the plan was brought to fruition now that seems to quite a long time but not everything rushes itself in Europe it was around Christmas Day in 800 A.D.

that Charlemagne was crowned by the Pope and he became the first emperor in the west that was not a part of the direct sequence of emperors ruling in Byzantium that's in the east but Charlemagne recognized that he was a secondary man that the emperor in the east even had primacy because after all he had just been anointed into this office whereas the emperors at Byzantium in the east were clearly the successors of the old Roman Empire but the Catholic Church in the west had no control in the east they only had control in western Europe so what we discover here now is something important the Bishop at Rome had no real power over the emperors in Byzantium but did dominate over the legates in the west after Justinian we start the empire there when Charlemagne in 800 A.D. or A.D. 800 we prefer to put A.D. before the number at B.C. after a number that's custom that's the proper form although we have deviated from that in our literature he looked upon the eastern Roman emperors as the first among these two equals but the Roman Church did dominate in the west and used the vehicle of the Frankish Restoration the restoration by Charles the Great or Charlemagne that's what Charlemagne means in French word we have anglicized in German we call it Carl it means Charles or Carl the Great now this man and his successors were dominating in their views by the clergy in the west but the clergy in the west did not control the empire in the east the empire disintegrated into three parts that ultimately gave rise to the three modern nation states of Italy, Germany and France it was not exactly that to begin with but there was a drift in this direction to have three dominant powers outside of the Iberian Peninsula where Spain is to have three dominant continental powers in the west, Germany, Italy and France or let's say your Gallic people, your Italic people and your Germanic people that's what it amounted to the empire didn't hold

together and came apart in the 10th century now in 962 a Saxon king in northwest Germany Otto was anointed to be the new Roman Empire, the emperor in the west and all during this time the Eastern Roman Empire continued but the Roman Catholic Church did not dominate the empire in the east it only dominated in the west that's as important to know I'm only saying this so that you understand the implications of this for the future in terms of Eastern Europe where atheism is the religion of the state so you grasp the possibilities this was the first German restoration because the French were looked upon as partly German, partly French the Germans have of course always felt that the true Franks were Germans and the French are probably felt that the true Franks were French and that's why they've never solved their border problems throughout history this is just the way that these nations have function now this first restoration of the Roman Empire in Germany proper is called the first Reich in German tradition it is the third restoration of the Roman Empire since three barbarian tribes were uprooted in their attempts to restore Rome but it is called by the Germans the first Reich meaning the first empire this is the first German, purely German restoration in the west and the Antioch functions in the east it's like the one foot we have taken no note of but the other foot, Daniel 7, Revelation 13, takes special note of in 1254 the last German emperor and there was more than one dynasty during this time was killed there was no government running the empire between 1254 and 1273 this is a 19 year period which Mr. Armstrong has recognized and this is why he has taken special note of what was about to happen this is the time when the heart of Europe or the Roman world as it was then the Holy Roman Empire was governed by what is called the fist law the fist law because every man was a law unto himself and he whose fist was stronger was the one who got his way and it was chaos in 1273, though there were some variations immediately afterward the general sequence was that the family of the Habsburg should now rule over the empire this was a family that came out of Switzerland from a palace or a fort shall we say that was named after Hawks, H-A-W-K-S the German word that is the English word Habsburg comes from ultimately a root which means Habsburg or the fort of Hawks named after Hawks in the area and the family got its name after the castle in Switzerland and this family dominated over the region of Austria and Austrian Czechoslovakia and was finally sequentially made a series of emperors throughout time of the Holy Roman Empire that is the German nation now we have named the restoration of Justinian and his legate in the west we have named the Frankish restoration the first German Reich and then the continuity of that first German Reich because it was never politically destroyed but it was now run by the Austrians and the reason they chose a family to do it instead of electing first one dynasty and then another is they thought it would give continuity to the empire so now we are beginning the fourth restoration of Roman government in the west in this case by the Habsburgs ruling out of Austria-Hungary in that area or more properly in that day Austria-Czechoslovakia because Hungary was really not of any consequence until the last century in this political sequence now this continued while the Roman Empire in the east was gradually being hammered to pieces and the Roman Empire in the east while the Austrians ruled the empire in the west went side by side until the Eastern Roman Empire finally collapsed and disappeared in 1453 now there was of course a later marriage with the Russian royal family and the Russians have taken the name of Caesar but the Russians never listen carefully the Russians never viewed the Russian Empire as a Roman Empire but a Russian Empire that had become acculturated by the Eastern Roman Empire they never thought of themselves as a restoration of the Roman Empire but the royal family thought of themselves as descendants of the rulers who once did rule in Byzantium through intermarriage therefore although there was let us say a religious and cultural heritage the Russian system has always and essentially been Russian but with the collapse of the Roman Empire in the east in the middle of the 15th century in the west you know that this was about the time of the high point of the Habsburg family and in the west a new pattern was developing in which the emperors were elected over the German Empire but also ruled vast hereditary territories surrounding the Roman German Empire that is as

the Empire in the east the story of the feet or this case one of the feet was disintegrating the western pattern was in a sense duplicating so that there was a Holy Roman Empire of the German nation where the Habsburgs were elected with each generation and around that area in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary the Balkans, the lowlands in Spain and finally the New World the emperors one way or another were linked to other royal families or had hereditary territory that they were ruling so that these emperors in a sense after the middle of the 15th century not only were ruling the Empire but were creating, if you please a family hereditary territory in the heart of Europe that we ultimately will find bearing the name of Austria now I should like to take note of the implication because Austria is a word in English that goes back to a Latin word the German word for this is *Österreich* which means the Eastern Reich and Austria became prominent when Byzantium collapsed so we have the interesting situation of the Habsburgs being elected to rule over Germany in the last half of the first German Reich in the Austrian restoration of the Roman government and finally developing massive hereditary territories that in a sense become an Eastern Reich in the heart of Europe separated from the German Reich so that after the Habsburgs dominated during the period of Charles V, 1520 and on you come to the revolutionary period of the 18th century when France was in ferment Germany was deteriorating as a result of the terrible 30 years religious wars that destroyed the heartland of Germany between 1618 and 1648 France thereafter became more and more important and so about 1804 Napoleon who was a general came out of Corsica who descended from the ancient emperors who ruled the Eastern Roman Empire he was not a Frenchman he was a descendant of the ancient emperors who ruled the Eastern Roman Empire he became the emperor in France and the purpose of having this title was to restore the Roman Empire by the French nation and the Austrians at this point in time accepted that instead of Austria being dominant over Germany Austria should play a secondary role to France that is the French man now Napoleon who was not really a Frenchman although the French think he is the greatest Frenchman who ever lived greater even than de Gaulle the British have always thought he was the cockle of a downhill but different people have different opinions of their great leaders this man was now a man who dominated over France and Germany and linked the Rhineland states and the other German states to his realm so that he became in a sense the emperor in the area that was now France and Germany and the Habsburgs continued to rule what was called the Eastern Empire because Austria as you see became more and more prominent as a separate entity in the heart of Europe after the fall of ancient Byzantium so if you were to look at one the Catholic Church did play and want to play a dominant role it did the last long Napoleon crowned himself took the crown from the Pope and back captured the Pope and made him a prisoner in the process of doing this and in a sense the Catholic Church really never dominated significantly this French restoration but they didn't dominate the Austrians as they had been throughout the history of the Habsburg family Napoleon was overthrown in 1814 sent to the Mediterranean island of Elba came back in 1815 in the famous 100 days in which he attempted to restore the Roman Empire and met with the overwhelming defeat at Waterloo and was exiled to the South Atlantic now it was an overwhelming defeat only in this sense that it could have been an overwhelming victory and it was a question of who was going to win the day it could have been an overwhelming defeat for the British if the Prussian army that had not been involved had not arrived at the last minute or it could have been an overwhelming defeat for the French as it then turned out to be when the Allied armies came just in time now 1815 this 100 day period but the actual empire was never restored it was only an attempt militarily to do so and it failed so from 554 to 1814 the Stormstorm was pointed up our 1260 years which is the story of the 42 months prophetically spoken out prophetically speaking in the book of Revelation chapter 13 now you will want to note in chapter 13 that there is one beast which had the characteristics of the lion the bear, the leopard and the southern creature with its iron teeth and that one beast in Revelation 13 is really the story of the state of affairs of Daniel 7 as seen in the days of the Roman Empire when the book

was written John is not going back to the previous beast he is seeing a beast that as in one way or another absorbed the characteristics of all that had gone before and that beast had seven heads and ten horns now we note that those seven heads do seem to parallel the seven heads of Daniel's beasts in Daniel chapter 7 Babylon was an animal with one head Persia, there was the two there was the bear I should say and then you have Greece with four and then you have Rome you have an interesting situation whether the number of heads in Daniel 7 and the number of horns are the same the number of heads and the number of horns seven heads ten horns are the same as seven heads ten horns in Daniel but John sees it in one animal Daniel saw it in four but after all Daniel sees it before any of the four have ceased to be in fact before any existed but the first one he lived into the time of the second one of course the Persians but John in Revelation sees it after Babylon and the Persians and the Greeks had already disappeared from the sea so in a sense John's beast was picking up the story of the Roman world and it's succeeding restorations of these ten corresponding to the ten horns of Daniel 7 and the 42 months that this system rules in the west represent the period from 554 to 1814 at which point five restorations in the west have now fallen the restoration under the legates in the days of Justinian the restoration of Charlemagne and Successors the restoration by Otto the first German restoration you see and then the Austrian restoration then the Napoleonic restoration these are five restorations five are all of them I say that because when you turn to the book of Revelation chapter 17 you read about a beast with seven heads and ten horns and you discover that although that's future as John saw it the whole thing is future yet when you approach the day of the Lord John is told that five are fallen so that the five did survive at some time but finally their past as we approach the closing two centuries of Earth's history now what you note interestingly and this is probably the very special contribution Mr. Armstrong made to an understanding of Revelation 17 and that is Daniel pictures ten horns of which three were uprooted leaving only seven John in Revelation 13 mentions the same ten horns he doesn't discuss the matter of the three that were uprooted because that's already the case and Daniel's already explained it but Mr. Armstrong perceived correctly that the seven heads in Revelation do not correspond to the seven heads in Daniel 7 let me correct my statement the seven heads in Revelation 17 do not correspond to the seven heads in Daniel or the seven heads in Revelation 13 but those seven heads represent the last seven horns of Daniel 7 in Revelation 13 you should make note of this important and significant matter because Mr. Armstrong therefore is pointing up that after let us say the first three horns were uprooted you have four, five, six, seven, eight the next horns four through eight, five horns altogether over which the woman would dominate in Daniel 7 or Revelation 13 but these correspond to the first five heads in Revelation 17 and this is all the part of the foot we haven't gotten to the toes yet of Daniel 2 now five are fallen now we are told that there is a time where there is one that is and one that is yet to come that would mean that there are ultimately seven in all over which the woman reigns because Revelation 17 is telling us of the restorations over which the woman reigns and there are seven heads but in Revelation 17 you have the most remarkable statement there are seven kings or seven kingdoms verse 10 five of whom have fallen and one is and the other has not yet come and that continues a brief period now as for the beast that is this last restoration that was and is not and shall appear now there are other explanations one can offer but this is very important to note it is in reality and eighth restoration but in actuality it is still one of the seven that John has previously seen now this unique explanation which is nothing but confusion for most people in verse 11 is very important in terms of the last century in the beginning of the present one because the Austrian Empire continued Napoleon's realm ceased the western restoration of the Roman system ended in 1814 but the eastern one continued under the Habsburgs the eastern empire is the Reich, Austria and in 1870-71 there was a Franco-Prussian war carefully and cleverly instigated by Prince Bismarck that put on the throne for the first time in western Europe a Protestant emperor who came to restore the Roman Empire and he called it the Second German Reich Hitler's was the third this

Second German Reich that was restored in 1871 was run of course by the Prussians and came to its end in 1918 at the end of the First World War now this was a restoration of the Roman Empire that Daniel never dreamed of either in chapter 2 or chapter 7 that John didn't understand because it wasn't pictured in Revelation 13 in fact it isn't even pictured in Revelation 17 but in the words of Jesus Christ to John via the angel John might have guessed that if the last restoration is an 8 then somewhere after the 5th there would be a restoration of the Roman Empire over which or let's say yes, upon which the woman did not ride and anybody who knows the history of Europe in this century would know that the Bible most certainly would not have overlooked the tragedy of the First World War and the fact that the German Kaiser's or the German Emperor's looked upon their Prussian Protestant Empire as a restoration the Second German Restoration of the Roman Empire but one over which Rome did not rule one over which Rome did not rule that's very important that in a sense will make the 7th one really an 8th and it will make the 6th one actually a 7th in sequence but since it was not sat upon by the woman it is never pictured in any of these prophecies except by the words of Revelation 17:11 but we should know that it does exist and that the angel knew it would exist who conveys the message to John and therefore we must understand why the first German Reich is described and the second German Reich is described before we come to Hitler so what we have is a restoration not otherwise defined by Protestants over which the Roman Catholic Church did not rule it was in this Protestant Reformation that Bismarck led a Kultur Kampf that is a cultural struggle against Roman Catholicism and the battle let's say was without definition the Protestants and Catholics came to terms Protestants could not win the Catholics would not lose and the Catholics did not actually win it was a kind of draw within the empire so in that sense we now note a restoration the second German Reich we have normally not taken any note of done by the Kaisers while the Roman Empire representing the other foot was continuing in the person of the Habsburgs that ran till 1918 when they too were overthrown so what we have then by 1918 is the story in the feet before we come to the toes of a continuity of two basic families the ancient Byzantium emperors and the Austrian emperors of the Eastern Reich continuing one part and these many restorations pictured by the heads in Revelation 17 or the horns in Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 in 1921 a crisis broke out in Italy and we have a prominent man who became prime minister and who made a victory manual an emperor and began to fashion in the late 1920s and 1930s a new restoration of the Roman Empire which Mr. Armstrong has seen as the one that is the other one is yet to come the one that is when the church became really aware of it was Mussolini's restoration but a thing that was very important to take note of here Mr. Armstrong even into the Second World War wondered if Hitler was not in fact the seventh restoration in Mussolini the sixth he wondered about it you know after all Hitler came up in 1933 to power and created the third German Reich and it came up after Mussolini and he wondered therefore if one was really following the other the answer it turned out to be no and he was beginning to realize this by 1943 very clear that they seem to be side by side well now in actuality one should have expected them this is hindsight to be side by side because all along in history there have always been two parts to the system there has always been an empire in the east whether in Byzantium or in Austria while there were restorations in Italy France and Germany and Austria and France and now at this time there come to be two restorations again that came to power and became true empires in the 1930s one north the other south of the Alps the Catholic Church never did dominate it there was Germany and many Catholics of course were persecuted as were Jews and Gypsies and Poles and Ukrainians Slavic peoples of all sorts and French and Belgians and Dutch some Danes it was a terrible time but what we should have expected and of course also the Christian world cared nothing about it the Church of God had no real understanding Church of God's seventh day and Mr. Armstrong was beginning to get an understanding of this picture in the 1930s and 40s and he came to see before the war was over that without any doubt there were in fact two restorations of the Roman Empire not one in succession

not that the Church ruled over one and then the other the Church really never dominated other than Italy they didn't dominate Germany because what Hitler created was an amalgam of ancient pagan German rituals the midnight I should say the fires that would often be ignited during the night in amphitheaters similar to what we have here they had traditions that went back to the ancient Aryans they had something from Protestantism and Catholicism and they linked it together with other things that Hitler came up with master race theory it was a barbarous system and the Roman Catholic Church did not dominate it it stepped aside unfortunately to let Hitler's empire be created but they did not dominate it but they did dominate Italy having made a concordat in 1929 so it is important to note at this stage that there were two parts to a restoration of the Roman system the sixth restoration the one that is that's the one described here in verse 10 of Revelation 17 and it collapsed in the period of 1944 and 1945 now I am emphasizing what is going on so that you understand that through history the Roman system has never ever been united since Constantine divided the empire there has never been only one restoration there was no one restoration leading to the First World War no one restoration leading to the Second no one leading to the Napoleonic Wars you had two parts all along it may have shifted from one area to another but the Roman Empire has never been able to be a single unit and in the final analysis we have however something unique the woman rides the beast in Revelation 17 the final beast pictured here has ten horns and she is pictured riding the whole system of course they overthrow her finally now these ten horns in Revelation 17 are not defined as the horns of Revelation 13 or of Daniel 7 in fact they are not even described at all these ten horns of Revelation 17 would correspond to the ten toes Daniel chapter 2 Mr. Armstrong did not understand that fully when he first drew it up he thought maybe the toes represented the successive powers corresponding to the horns of Daniel 7 or Revelation 13 but then he realized that those two chapters really were parallel with the feet of iron and clay and that the ten toes really correspond to a tenfold restoration that will occur only at the close only at the close Hitler attempted to duplicate it but the final restoration will be ten powers who will give their power and authority to the beast they have one mind verse 13 Revelation 17 and they're going to make war on the Lamb and the Lamb will conquer them he's Lord of lords and king of kings so we now know that this system leads to the coming of Christ these are ten kings verse 12 they have not received royal power because they don't start out as kings but they are to receive authority as kings for a very brief period called one hour in prophecy together with the beast and this implies that the beast is a kind of emperor and these are kings the emperor being a ruler over kings so we are probably going to see a ship from a democratic concept whether east or west you know the Russians have democracy too which is a lie but that's what they call it it won't be a democratic system in either case it will ultimately be an authoritarian and a royal system but not at the start but if there are ten barns or ten kings here we know of course that we do not assume that these are necessarily separate nations because they may even be blocks of nations for instance it would be unthinkable to have political power to have Holland and Belgium and Luxembourg have three votes and France won and Italy won and Germany won no sensible Frenchman would allow it no Italian in his right mind and for the German it is unthinkable but it may be a block with one such vote that's a possibility to spare it in mind Armstrong has used the term nations or blocks of nations but now the implication from this is significant because we're counting the powers in the common market there are nine now excluding Greece which is gradually entering but they're so far behind there's no telling how long it'll take before there'll really be a tenth in the true sense of the word but the Danes would like to get off the bandwagon and the English are surely going to do it at the most inopportune time and get their nose bloodied for it and if the low countries become one block you have removed let's say Denmark you have removed England in all probability and you will take two votes away in the low countries that's four one, two, three, four already removed out of the nine and that leaves you five we're just talking we're not prophesying at this point but you note that the image that Daniel has in the second chapter has five toes on each

foot and the implication politically is that in all probability the political power in Europe will be developing out of the common market not as 10, 12 or 13 or nine but ultimately the implication of Daniel is that there will be five let us say voting powers if I use a term it may be more nations but there will be five powers five nations and blocks of nations linked together is the implication Luxembourg is a principality both Belgium and Holland are kingdoms and very likely there could be a linkage there politically not to become one nation but to remain separate entities within a higher level called Benelux in fact the three do function as one nation economically not as Germany or Italy and France which function as separate nations these three actually act often as one economic power even now but not political now the picture that we have then leads us to the question of Eastern Europe now in Eastern Europe you have what is called the Comic Con Western Europe you have the common market the Comic Con is the communist common market these are made up of nations where communism has been entrenched 25 to 30 years it is made up of Poland Czechoslovakia Hungary Romania Bulgaria Yugoslavia is not behind the Iron Curtain it is west of it Tito saw to the fact that the Iron Curtain was drawn east Austria is not a part of either the west or the Iron Curtain but a neutral country Switzerland, Liechtenstein are neutral of course the Iberian Peninsula is made up of people who want to get in but if I look at the picture I tend to see the following pattern I tend to see the possibility that ultimately if you have the Benelux countries as one power we may well discover that the German state in the west in some way will be linked up with the east in any case, East Germany is 95% Protestant and atheist and only a tiny percentage of Catholic that is not a Catholic state it is overwhelmingly a Protestant state but in the east Poland is a Protestant is a Catholic state Czechoslovakia is primarily a Catholic state Hungary is significantly a Catholic state Romania is only a small part one now these are all communist countries and then of course you have the question of the role of East Germany and then you clearly have the question of the role of Yugoslavia which is a communist country west of the Iron Curtain what I perceive is the probability in 1979 and hereafter that the communist parties in Eastern Europe will ultimately be able to retain their political power because there is no true political opposition inside there is opposition but they will probably be able to hold their power and as a block I'm not talking about Bulgaria which has no Catholics to speak of as a block they will most likely link up with the common market but keeping their separate political entity it will be what we have always seen the common market is a capitalist socialist state that will develop with five prominent voting powers and more nations in all probability and the eastern block or the other part of the restoration of the Roman Empire will be the Comicon states essentially retaining a socialist communist form of government that is now entrenched but in this case linking up with the west seeing that their cultural heritage is western much as Yugoslavia has been thinking of it and certainly the Poles are rethinking this would mean that what we have is a possibility of five nations there may be more nations but five voting nations five powers that determine policy in the eastern block and each one will demand equal power five in the west, five in the east not six and four like their five toes on each foot we used to picture that there would be only one empire with ten states with maybe a Poland coming in on its own and Czechoslovakia and Hungary and Yugoslavia and it would only be one restoration of the Roman Empire but there has never been a time where there has only been one restoration of the Roman Empire in the west and nothing in the east there's always been more than one part of the system this would indicate that the communist parties will be shifting in the foreseeable future from a position in which they now have that position is that they have freedom of religion and freedom of anti-religious propaganda freedom of religion means that you can make up your own mind religiously after you're eighteen prior to that time you must be indoctrinated by atheism and that you cannot as a parent indoctrinate your children without coming afoul of the law of course in Poland this is flowered all the time the Poles are an independent people even though the jokes would imply they don't know very much the Poles are a lot more intelligent than most people would give them credit for one view of the Slav Pope should tell that there's

coming a time when this Slav Pope is going to be able to influence the nations of Eastern Europe so instead of having only freedom of religion it really means nothing until you're eighteen there is not only going to be freedom of religion but most certainly the church is going to demand and get freedom of religious propaganda as the second step so there are really three steps one, freedom of religion in a workable sense so that parents may teach children that freedom of religious propaganda they write to in a sense speak out and convert others as there will be freedom of anti-religious propaganda and the final step will undoubtedly be a demand that the Catholic Church be the only officially recognized church in Eastern Europe as it will make the same demand in the West the implications then are that we should not expect a unified common market only on which there will be a political power established called the beast but that there will be a part of it that is western, capitalistic, socialistic oriented and another part that will ultimately be linked to the West for economic reasons primarily and ultimately political it is probable that the political move will in some way be based on the following premise that if Europe is a kind of neutral zone it won't be very neutral but that's what is being spoken of today in which western Europe and eastern Europe will be a part of the western world but no longer associated so directly with the United States and the Soviet Union and a kind of counterbalance against the United States not necessarily in opposition at first like China is a counterweight to the Soviet Union I can foresee ultimately this part of Europe coming together coalescing making an unexpected deal with Russia so that Europe finally and the Soviet Union come to a secret agreement in which the United States and China are delivered to their mutual neighbors as an inevitable political development Russia cannot forever allow China to continue and prophecy implies that Europe will ultimately become very upset at this country and its dollars and our religious views that keep church and state separate but when that comes it will probably be as big a surprise as the Hitler Russian or von Riemann Trump in Moscow in August of 1939 and within a few weeks by the very beginning of September the Second World War broke out it is just such a possible ultimate conclusion but you see how much must be done along the way now I would point out one other thing as we have just a few minutes before 9 and I'll take those minutes in Daniel chapter 11 you note in verse 31 the story of Antiochus Epiphanes coming to the temple area in Palestine in 167 from the spring of 167 to 164 in the autumn you have a three and a half year period very terrible period Jesus in Matthew 24 spoke of the time when Jerusalem would be surrounded with armies and an abomination that would make desolate etc. etc. is there he says in Matthew 24 to take note to read what Daniel says about it and let the reader understand now this man described in verse 31 really comes on the scene in verse 21 and the same person beginning with verse 21 of Daniel 11 has described all the way through verse 31 and all now his story really ends in verse 31 all the way to the bottom of it he shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant and the people who know their God the Maccabees ultimately put an end to him they stand firm and take action so that in a sense the story of Antiochus Epiphanes may be thought to end in verse 32 but look at this man in verse 21 he's described clearly in the place of the predecessor that's the story of Nicanor and others in his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has been given now Hitler was very similar to this but he was not the ultimate fulfillment he was a corporal he was not normal in his mind demon possessed on many occasions satanic possessed perhaps on rare occasions a contemptible person out of Hampstead we've talked about as a possible leader of Europe Franzose Schraus I would like to just mention that we should not get locked in to things that we take for granted the Catholic Church has traditions that there's going to be one more pope after the present one I personally think the present one is a very important leader but I do not think that he himself is going to be the final religious leader of Europe the Catholic traditions would imply one more is yet to come their traditions are their own prophecies but nevertheless it may well be true this man is laying the foundation for the link up in my judgment of Comic Con with the Common Market to break the division in the heart of Europe and to create one realm of two parts under a

leader now it is quite clear to me that this leader could hardly be somebody from Germany at this stage I cannot imagine the Italians accepting Schraus I cannot imagine the French accepting Schraus and many Germans cannot imagine it and the Poles would never, never accept it the Czechs and the Slovaks would have strong misgivings Schraus is playing a very important role in creating the prominence of Germany in a sense mooning western Europe in a certain direction but he is Germany's most brilliant and intelligent and able politician even though he may be right in some of his views perhaps extreme as others would view him but it would be very difficult for me or for Mr. Armstrong who has talked to him as I have he has been a guest at Mr. Armstrong's home it would be difficult for Mr. Armstrong to describe that man as contemptible I would just say that it would be in my estimation unthinkable to describe Otto Habsburg as contemptible both of these men are extremely important in the formation that is going to take place but this contemptible person through whom the royal majesty has not been given that is it was not one of those things you would have thought to have deferred on him he comes in without warning and obtains the kingdom by flatteries and suddenly armies will be utterly swept away before him and broken we won't go on any further he acts deceitfully you just mentioned that with a small people and without warning verse 24 he comes into the richest parts of the province meaning Palestine in that day and the original fulfillment but Jesus said the final beast who enters into Palestine is like this person now all that I want to say is that there are three primary figures on the sea creating a new Europe which if it were left into the hands of the present politicians would perhaps be a very stable Europe but what I perceive is the fact that neither east nor west is likely to agree on somebody who absolutely represents one side or the other but that there is coming a pope who will encourage both sides to accept some neutral somewhere in the middle Austria is in the middle Austria has the history, you see, of a royal family this may not be true, I'm just commenting but I would suspect that somebody who now is not one that would be thought of Otto Habsburg is now a German citizen he's not an Austrian citizen as long as he was he's a German citizen and he wanted to do this in order to get into the European Parliament to set the stage and to set policies there over a period of time I doubt that you and I yet know who the final contemptible man is who comes to prominence without warning who will be not, let us say, one who will represent either the east or the west but will be somebody to hold it together along with a religious leader in order to hold the two parts together he almost has to be some neutral in the middle I do not perceive yet that in 1979, October, the Feast of Tabernacles that we can be sure that we have pinpointed the name but we are clear in having pinpointed the office and have a responsibility to Europeans to point out to them to grave consequences if what they are creating should fall into the hands of a contemptible person, someone who doesn't normally merit the dignity that you would attribute to the great political figures of the ten nations as a nine in the common market or any of the figures in Eastern Europe I think it is wise to keep our judgment open and not to draw hasty conclusions that might be premature but to watch what the great minds that are now at work are doing and what they are creating is a system with one terrible flaw that flaw is the fact that it is government of supreme power that could fall in the hands of a mortal man who will end up not a noble character but deceptive and contemptible I don't think we have ever explained it as I have this evening we are seeing here not only what the church has taught but what we are adding is what we have perceived all along that another part of the story is there and in telling the other half of the story