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abomination of desolation, “spoken of by Daniel the prophet” (Matt. 24:15 [cf. Dan. 9:27; 12:11]).

I believe the explanation for the first death of the final Beast-King who was “wounded by the sword” (Rev. 13:14) is in Daniel. As the King of the North (Gog of Russia) sweeps through “the Glorious Land” (Dan. 11:41-45) on his way to the Middle East, he kills the Beast. (See the brochure Overview of Revelation 3 of 3 ARMAGEDDON CAMPAIGN). But as Revelation 13:3 tells us, he suddenly comes back to life, duplicating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, something no one has ever done. Thus this leaves the Beast-King as the eight and final oppressor of Israel, with no further challengers to come from any earthly kingdoms (Rev. 13:4-13).



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THE FUTURE ROMAN EMPIRE

The Old Testament prophets saw six great empires which, under the control of Satan, oppressed God's chosen people, Israel. Two of these empires preceded the time of Daniel—Egypt and Assyria (see Isa. 10:14; 27:13; 52:4).

In his visions, Daniel saw four additional oppressive empires. In Daniel 8, the second and third of these empires are identified as Media-Persia and the Greek Empire, established under Alexander the Great. Since Daniel identifies the first empire as Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonia in Daniel 2:38, there can be no doubt that the fourth empire is Rome. Daniel could have known this only by supernatural revelation, because Rome's conquest of Jerusalem (63 B.C.) occurred long after the time of this prophecy.

The New Testament book of Revelation, however adds two more oppressive empires, for a total of eight. The apostle John, writing about A.D. 90, saw the Beast with seven "heads" (Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 9). These "heads" or "mountains" (or empires) are represented as seven successive "kings" (Rev. 17:10). This would be number six, namely, the great Roman Empire of New Testament times.

Significantly, however, the seventh and last of these kings "has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time" (Rev. 17:10). **THIS will be the REVIVED ROMAN**

EMPIRE, (in the form of a ten-nation confederation), the final phase of the great image of Daniel 2 (the ten toes), and the Beast in Daniel 7 (the ten horns), and the eleventh "little horn" who will arise "among them" (Dan. 7:8). (In both visions, the message of the ten horns, the ten toes, and the four beasts is one and the same from different vantage points—and all picture a world dictator governing ten nations at the time of the end!)

Revelation 17:8 says this Beast with seven heads suddenly "is not" (cf Rev. 17:11). Then the Beast reappears as "the **eighth**" empire, though it is actually "of the seven". The wounding of the Beast is mentioned 3 times in Rev. 13. (verse 3, 12, and 14). The wound produces death, but restoration to life follows. Some commentators think that this statement represents the fall of the old Roman Empire and its restoration through the ten-nation confederacy. Others believe that it speaks of the resurrection of Judas Iscariot, for he and the Antichrist are the only ones ever called the "son of perdition". (John 17:12 and 2 Thess. 2:3). God alone knows. A third possibility would be that the Beast-king (Antichrist), is assassinated midway through the Tribulation hour, perhaps in retaliation for overthrowing three members of the original ten nations federation. Such an event would give the great counter-feiter, Satan, the opportunity to perform a resurrection. This would prove invaluable to the prestige of the Antichrist, since the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ was affirmed by His resurrection 2000 years before

(Matt. 12:39-40). Remember the Antichrist proclaims himself God and even sits in the Temple in Jerusalem during the Tribulation (2 Thess. 2:4 and Matt. 24:15). Thus a **counter-feit** resurrection would assure the world that he is all that he claims to be. (Remember he wants their worship). Thus this kingdom of the Beast is the last and greatest oppressor of Israel. (last 42 months of tribulation).

Daniel foresaw the beginning of this forty-two month dominion in Daniel 7:25 (note the contrast with the first phase of the career of "the little horn" in 7:24.), and also in Daniel 9:27 (after the breaking of the seven-year covenant), and in Daniel 11:36-39 (the world-wide dominion of the king who will do "according to his own will".) The Lord Jesus described this latter part of the seven-year Tribulation period as the "great tribulation" (Matt. 24:21, 29) that would follow the setting up of the



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