

27. What are the ten horns in Daniel 7:7-28?

The most common interpretation in evangelical Christianity today is that the horns of Daniel 7 and Revelation 12, 13 and 17 represent ten countries of the European Union, but Scripture does not actually support this.

Both Daniel and John had a vision of a beast with ten horns. The beast is associated with the end-time false religion coming through Islam and the pagan rule of Mystery Babylon and the antichrist. Why Islam? Because in Daniel 7, the beasts follow one after another in a succession of power, and Islam is the power base that followed Rome in the region in 630 AD.

The horns are identified for us in the Psalms. They are ten regional people groups that are enemies of Israel, as seen in Psalm 83. The ten “kingdoms” are; Edom, Ishmaelites, Moab, Hagrites, Gebal, Ammon, Amalek, Philistia, Tyre and Assyria. This chapter tells us that they will form a confederacy to try to wipe out Israel as a nation, and Islam fits this narrative perfectly. This is a prophecy that has not happened yet. Today, these ten “kings” represent the rule of radical religious factions across territories (Isis, Al-Qaeda, The Muslim Brotherhood, etc.). Scripture tells us that the antichrist will originate from a group such as these, and experience a division among them as he takes control (Daniel 7:24). (See illustrations #21a-c: The Pagan Beasts of Daniel, and #35a-e: The Beasts of Revelation)