

Many have a wrong understanding that the EU is evil - a confederacy of nations and see it as a fulfillment of Dan 2

	2016	
USSR	USA Russia EU	Trump Putin

True understanding

- End of the world is going to look so normal
- People won't realize anything is happening
- Trump Election and Brexit are not isolated events
- Cambridge Analytica

2016 shift began in US - and it should be able to be seen as fulfillment in prophecy

US transitioning from Democratic Republic to Dictatorship

It's been going on for years — final events are happening
Changes will be rapid and permanent

1989 SU collapsed - the west thought it to be the end of Russian dominance but Russia has only gotten stronger

Fragmentation of Europe should be seen as a warning to us - USA is rising to power
USA will put Russia out of the way

Paul II

Francis - (no #) there will be no more popes; 1st Jesuit pope - many Catholics not happy with him

Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints--with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ. {TM 38.2}

Rev 12, 13, 17, Dan 2 - the kingdoms of this world

Satan = Dragon

D gives B "his" power = military strength

D gives B "his" seat = dictator "throne"

D gives B authority = religious power (not his to give)

Power and seat belong to the dragon

Authority is not his to give

No legal right to do so

He doesn't own that authority

He has no right to give religious authority

Power	496
Seat	330
Authority	533/4

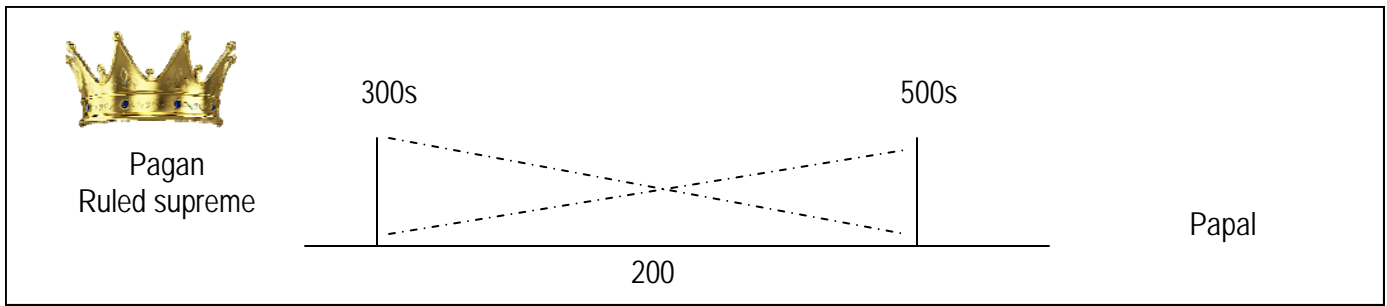
Dan 2 image made of various materials

of kingdoms:

Vs 37	given kingdom, power, strength, glory			
Vs 38	head of gold	Babylon		
Vs 39	another = M/P	Medo/Persia		
	Another = Greece	Greece		
Vs 40	4th strong as iron	Rome	in two phases	
			a iron	pagan
Vs 41			b feet/toes	iron/clay
Vs 42	divided: partly strong/partly broken			pagan

4th kingdom = part a	part b
Imperial Rome (pagan)	Papal Rome

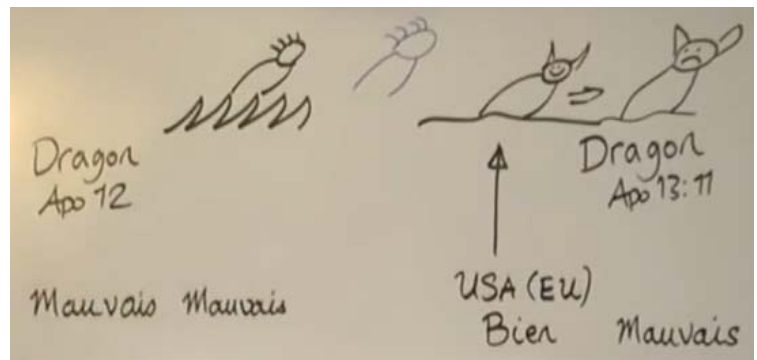
Transition from pagan to papal took about 200 years 310 - 538



Constintine initiates demise of Pagan Roman Empire

Transfer of power of Rev 13 P S A
 Dan 2 legs to feet
 Rev 13 P S A to beast

Rev 13 Story of SL history (transition)
 Beast and his image
 Rev 14:9 receive the mark and drink God's wrath
 Beast and image of beast
 Rev 13:16 everyone receives mark
 :17 can't buy or sell



Rev 14 & 13

Don't have
 Punished
 Rev 13 Sabbath

MB

SL

have
 punishment
 Rev 14 Sunday

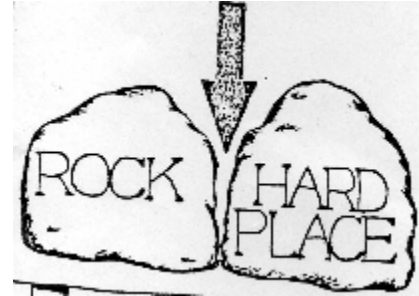
A no win situation—no one escapes punishment

Who are you most afraid of?

Sabbath

Who will punish you?

- "he" 13:15 have power
- "he" :16 makes you get MB
- "he" :14 power
- "he" :13 great wonders
- "he" :12 power



Rev 13:11 beast becomes dragon = "he"
 If you don't obey, he will punish you
 The beast will punish us
 Or God will punish us

Who do you fear?
 Man or God

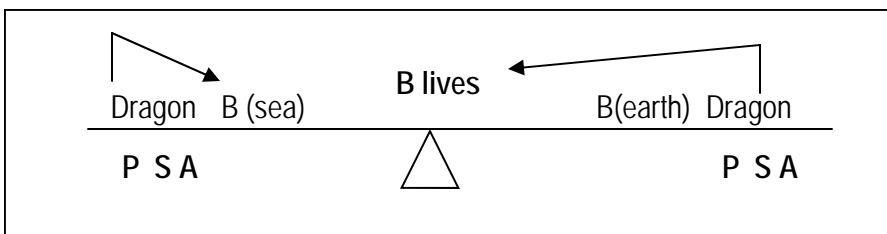
Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.



Soul = heart

We have special duties resting upon us. **We should be acquainted with our physical structure** and the laws controlling natural life. While Greek and Latin, which are seldom of any advantage, are made a study by many, physiology and hygiene are barely touched upon. The study to which to give thought is that which concerns natural life, a knowledge of oneself. . . . **It is the house in which we live that we need to preserve**, that we may do honor to God who has redeemed us. ... {HL 13.5}

We're promised a new body: Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.



13:3 sea beast dies/comes alive
 :2 P S A
 Military dictator religious
 Takes time

Babylon

Medo/Persia

Greece

Rome a pagan 200 years transition from Republic to dictatorship
b papal

Nero = dictator Rome started as a republic Became a dictatorship

Dragon = satan = devil He uses human powers, governments to do his will

Give the dragon your heart: thoughts/feelings - a battle for the mind
You will choose barrabas/SL

Satan will excite indignation against the humble minority who conscientiously refuse to accept popular customs and traditions. Men of position and reputation will join with the lawless and the vile to take counsel against the people of God. Wealth, genius, education, will combine to cover them with contempt. Persecuting rulers, ministers, and church members will conspire against them. With voice and pen, by boasts, threats, and ridicule, they will seek to overthrow their faith. By false representations and angry appeals, they will stir up the passions of the people. Not having a "Thus saith the Scriptures" to bring against the advocates of the Bible Sabbath, they will resort to oppressive enactments to supply the lack. To secure popularity and patronage, **legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. . . . On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error.**-- Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 450, 451. {ChS 158.3}

Persecution Essential

When they were scattered by persecution, they went forth filled with missionary zeal. They realized the responsibility of their mission. They knew that they held in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world; and they were constrained by the love of Christ to break this bread to all who were in need.--The Acts of the Apostles, p. 106. {ChS 159.1}

God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front, and become a subject of examination and discussion, **even if it is through the contempt placed upon it.** The minds of the people must be agitated. **Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry, and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber.** --Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 453. {ChS 159.2}

Why Persecution Slumbers

The apostle Paul declares that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Why is it, then, that persecution seems in a great degree to slumber? The only reason is, that the church has conformed to the world's standard, and therefore awakens no opposition. The religion which is current in our day is not of the pure and holy character that marked the Christian faith in the days of Christ and His apostles. It is only because of the spirit of compromise with sin, because the great truths of the Word of God are so indifferently regarded, because there is so little vital godliness in the church, that Christianity is apparently so popular with the world. Let there be a revival of faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be rekindled.--The Great Controversy, p. 48. {ChS 159.3}