334 - Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me ever to adore Thee, May I still Thy goodness prove, While the hope of endless glory, Fills my heart with joy and love.

334 - Come Thou Fount

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

334 - Come Thou Fount

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind me closer still to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Study of Prophecy: "Daniel Chapter Seven"

Presenter: Bro. Samuel Lee

Venue: Crane SDA Church

Service: Evangelistic Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 6 2014.

Opening Scripture

Daniel 12:4

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Prophets and Kings by E.G. White (pg. 170) Chap. 13 – "What Doest Thou Here?"

These need the personal help of those who have learned to know God and the power of His word. In such a time as this, every child of God should be actively engaged in helping others. As those who have an understanding of Bible truth try to seek out the men and women who are longing for light, angels of God will attend them. And where angels go, none need fear to move forward. As a result of the faithful efforts of consecrated workers, many will be turned from idolatry to the worship of the living God. Many will cease to pay homage to man-made institutions and will take their stand fearlessly on the side of God and His law.

Much depends on the unceasing activity of those who are true and loyal, and for this reason Satan puts forth every possible effort to thwart the divine purpose to be wrought out through the obedient.

SESSION 16:

THELLIEHORN **OVERTHROWS** THREE ARIAN POWERS



Daniel 7:23, 24.

❖ 23) Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24) And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.



- **Daniel 7:25, 26.**
- ❖ 25) And he shall speak great words against the most High, 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. 26) But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

Biblical Definition of Prophetic Symbols Little Horn = The Papacy

❖ See Daniel 7:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4,7.

Arianism – Main heresy denying the divinity of Christ

- ❖ See Daniel John 1:1; Philippians 2:6.
- Arius (A.D. 250 336) = Christian priest (Alexandria)

Three (3) Horns Plucked Up = Three (3) Arian Kingdoms Daniel 7:8,24.

Daniel and The Revelation by Uriah Smith (pg. 121) Chap. 7 – The Struggle for World Dominion

Little Horn Overthrows Three Arian Powers.--Some difference of opinion has existed in regard to the particular powers which were overthrown by the papacy in its rise to power. In this connection the remarks of Albert Barnes seem pertinent: "In the confusion that existed on the breaking up of the Roman Empire, and the imperfect accounts of the transactions which occurred in the rise of the papal power, it would not be wonderful if it should be difficult to find events distinctly recorded that would be in all respects an accurate and absolute fulfillment of the vision. Yet it is possible to make out the fulfillment of this with a good degree of certainty in the history of the papacy."

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The position is here confidently taken that the three powers, or horns, plucked up by the roots were the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths; and this position rests upon reliable historical data. Odoacer, the leader of the Heruli, was the first of the barbarians who reigned over the Romans. He took the throne of Italy, A.D. 476. Of his religious belief Gibbon says: "Like the rest of the barbarians he had been instructed in the Arian heresy; but he revered the monastic and episcopal characters; and the silence of the Catholics attests the toleration which they enjoyed."

Philip's World History Encyclopedia – 2000 (pg. 304) Odoacer (c.433-93)

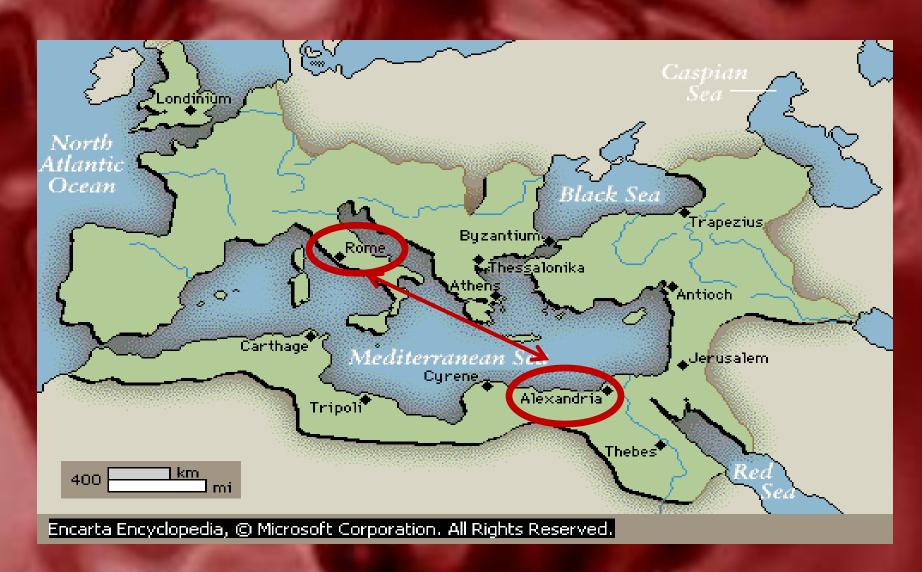
Chief of the Germanic Heruli people, conqueror of the Western Roman Empire, king of Italy (476-93). The Heruli were Roman mercenaries until 476, when they deposed the last Western Roman emperor, Romulus Augustus, and declared Odoacer king of Italy. In 489 the Ostrogoths invaded Italy, encouraged by the Eastern Roman emperor Zeno. Their leader, Theodoric, soon captured all Odoacer's territory except his capital, Ravenna. After Revenna fell in 493, Odoacer was forced to accept a power-sharing agreement. He was murdered at a banquet given by Theodoric.



Heruli Division of the Western Roman Empire. 15

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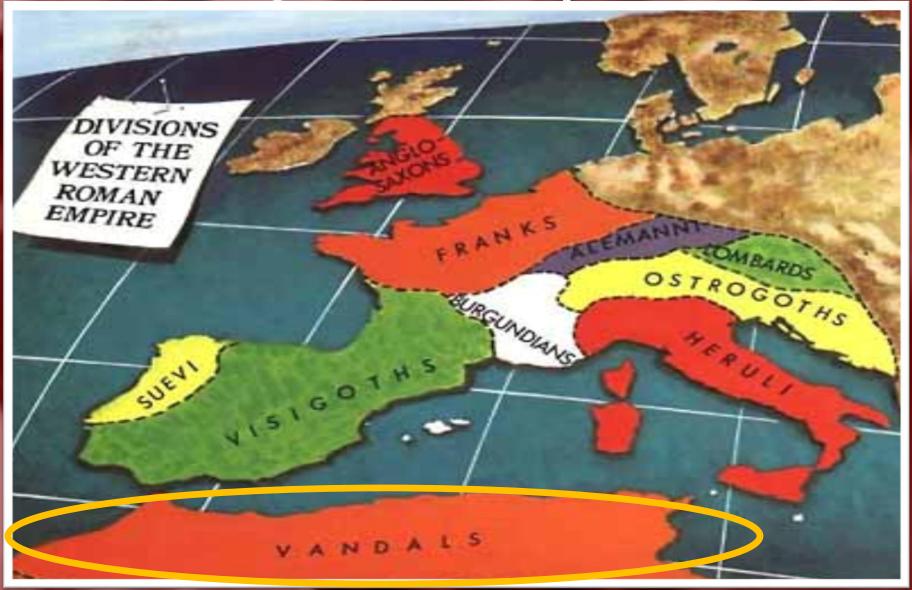
Meanwhile, Zeno, the emperor of the East, and friend of the pope, was anxious to drive Odoacer out of Italy, a movement which he soon had the satisfaction of seeing accomplished without trouble to himself. Theodoric had come to the throne of the Ostrogothic kingdom in Moesia and Pannonia. Being on friendly terms with Zeno, he wrote him, stating that it was impossible for him to restrain his Goths within the impoverished province of Pannonia, and asking his permission to lead them to some more favorable region which they might conquer and posses. Zeno gave him permission to march against Odoacer and take possession of Italy. Accordingly, after a five years war, the Herulian kingdom in Italy was overthrown, Odoacer was treacherously slain, and Theodoric established his Ostrogoths in the Italian peninsula. As already stated, he was an Arian, and the law of Odoacer subjecting the election of the pope to the approval of the king, was still retained.



<u>Philip's World History Encyclopedia – 2000 (pg. 425)</u> Vandals

Germanic tribe who attacked the Roman Empire in the 5th century AD. The Vandals are thought to have originated in the Baltic region. In the 3rd century AD there were Vandals living in the Roman provinces of Dacia and Pannonia. In the 4th century they were forced west by the Huns. In the 5th century they looted Roman Gaul, but were defeated by the Franks. They invaded Spain in 409. Conflict with the Romans and Visigoths forced the Vandals to move south to Andalusia. In 429, under Gaiseric, they invaded North Africa, defeating the forces of the Roman Empire and establishing a kingdom. In 439, following the capture of Carthage, the Vandal kingdom was at the height of its power. Expanding through the Mediterranean region, they sacked Rome in 455. After the death of Gaiseric (477), the kingdom declined and was finally destroyed (533-34) when Byzantine general Belisarius captured Carthage.

2nd Trumpet – Invasion by the Vandals



Vandals Dominion of the Western Roman Empire.

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The feelings of the papal party toward Theodoric may be accurately estimated, according to a quotation already given, by the vengeance which they took on his memory. They tore from his tomb the vase in which his Arian subjects had enshrined his ashes. These feelings are put into language by Baronius, who inveighs "against Theodoric as a cruel barbarian, as a barbarous tyrant, as an impious Arian.' While the Catholics were thus feeling the restraining power of an Arian king in Italy, they were suffering a violent persecution from the Arian Vandals in Africa. Elliot says: " The Vandal kings were not only Arians, but persecutors of the Catholics; in Sardinia and Corsica under the Roman Episcopate, we may presume, as well as in Africa."

Philip's World History Encyclopedia – 2000 (pg. 308) Ostrogoths

Eastern division of the Goths. After AD 370 the Ostrogoths settled in what is now Ukraine and Belarus, while the Visigoths moved further west. From c.374 to the death of Attila (453) the Ostrogoths were subject to the Huns. In 493 the Ostrogoths, led by Theodoric (The Great), encouraged by Byzantine Emperor Zeno, assassinated Odoacer and established a kingdom in Italy, based at Ravenna. In 535 the Byzantine general Belisarius was sent by Justinian I (The Great) to reconquer Italy; fighting continued for c.20 years, until Narses, finally triumphed. The Ostrogoths no longer had a kingdom and were gradually absorbed into other tribes.



Rome Sacked by Barbarians.

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Such was the position of affairs, when, A.D. 533, Justinian entered upon his Vandal and Gothic wars. Wishing to obtain the influence of the pope and the Catholic party, he issued that memorable decree which was to constitute the pope of all the churches, and from the carrying out of which A.D. 538, the period of papal supremacy is to be dated. And whoever will read the history of the African campaign, 533-534, and the Italian campaign, 534-538, will notice that the Catholics everywhere hailed as deliverers the army of Belisarius, the general of Justinian.



Roman Empire soon to be divided.





The Little Horn of Daniel 7 and the Beast of Revelation 13.

