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WHO ARE THEY TODAY?

In our last article (The Four Empires) we shared that the two feet of the image pictured in Daniel 2:41 referred to the Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire after they divided. You may obtain a copy of the article from the newspaper office. The Roman Empire was never defeated by any other world empire. At the high point of the empire they controlled or influenced every nation around the Mediterranean Sea including countries in Europe, Asia Minor, many Arab nations, Israel and northern Africa.

I am listing the modern names of those countries because they are relevant to our study. Their modern names include the United Kingdom, Portugal, Spain Andorra, France, Monaco, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Italy, San Marino, Vatican City, Malta, Austria, probably part of the Czech Republic, probably part of Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Albania, Greece, FYR Macedonia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, probably part of Georgia, Armenia, probably part of Azerbaijan, Syria, Iraq, probably part of Kuwait, Cyprus, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, probably part of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, probably part of Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. Isn't it amazing how many of those countries have been in the news lately?

According to Daniel 7:7-22 and Revelation 17:12-18, ten nations whose territory had been part of the Roman Empire will provide a power base for the Anti-Christ to use as he attempts to dominate the people who are still alive during the Tribulation.

"12 The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. 13 They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings-and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers. 15 Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages." Revelation 17:12-15 NIV