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TEN TOES

Ten nations will provide a power base for the Anti-Christ to use as he attempts to dominate the people who are still alive on this earth during the Tribulation (Revelation 17:12-17). The territory of those ten nations will have been part of the old Roman Empire. 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. In our last article 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 the division. You may obtain a copy of the article from the newspaper office. Basically the Western Roman Empire included the countries of Europe and the Eastern Roman Empire included the countries in Asia Minor, Israel, many of the Arab countries and northern Africa.

“40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron--for iron breaks and smashes everything--and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. 41 Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. 42 As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. 43 And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.” Daniel 2:40-44 New International Version

There were five toes on each foot. God is telling us that five of the nations that will provide a power base for the Anti-Christ will have been a part of the Western Roman Empire. The other five nations will have been a part of the Eastern Roman Empire.