

# GLEANINGS

Article GE- 88

## WHO ARE THE THREE?

*“24 The ten horns shall be ten kings rising out of that kingdom; another shall rise up after them, Different from those before him, who shall lay low three kings. 25 He shall speak against the Most High and oppress the holy ones of the Most High, thinking to change the feast days and the law. They shall be handed over to him for a year, two years, and a half-year.” Daniel 7:24-25 The New American Bible*

In the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of Daniel we have two references to the fact that the Anti-Christ will lay low or subdue three kingdoms (verses 8 & 24). Who are the three nations that the Anti-Christ will subdue? They will be part of a confederation of ten nations spoken of in Daniel 2:40-44; Daniel 7:19-22 and Revelation 17:12-18.

Where are they now? If five of the nations had been part of the Western Roman Empire (please re-read “Ten Toes”) and the other five nations had been part of the Eastern Roman Empire, that confederation of ten nations has not been formed as of the year 2009. Please note that the European Union is composed of nations that were a part of the Western Roman Empire. In Daniels’ vision there were not ten toes on one foot and no toes on the other foot. *“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.” Daniel 2:40-44 New International Version*

Sometime in the future five nations from Europe will form a confederation with five nations from either Asia Minor, Israel, the Arab countries or northern Africa. They will provide the Anti-Christ a power base as he attempts to dominate the people who are still alive during the Tribulation.