



THE TEN KINGDOMS

THE MOST REVEREND
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The writings of The Kingdom Scribe are addressed to and divided among ten regions of the earth, which are believed to be the ten kingdoms spoken of in the Book of the Prophet Daniel and in the Book of Revelation.¹

The Bishop addresses the churches of these regions, all together or one region at a time, as he is led by the Holy Spirit. A writing addressed to all the churches of Christ is listed under every region. Each region's page names the nations in which its churches are found and lists the writings addressed to them. Every writing may be read in every language of this site and downloaded as a PDF.

TO ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

AFRICA SOUTH OF SAHARA

CHINA

EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

EUROPE

LATIN AMERICA

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

PACIFIC

SOUTH ASIA

SOUTHEAST ASIA

UNITED STATES



ENDNOTES

Scripture is quoted from the King James Version. ANF = Ante-Nicene Fathers; NPNF2 = Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Second Series.

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The ten kingdoms are set forth in the following passages of Holy Scripture, and in the Fathers of the Church who read them as a division of the world among ten kings in the last days.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Daniel 2:40–44 (KJV) “And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

Daniel 7:7–8 (KJV) “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.”

Daniel 7:19–27 (KJV) “Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. 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. 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. 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. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”

Revelation 12:3 (KJV) “And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”

Revelation 13:1 (KJV) “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”

Revelation 17:3 (KJV) “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.”

Revelation 17:7 (KJV) “And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”

Revelation 17:12–14 (KJV) “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

Revelation 17:16–17 (KJV) “And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.”

THE FATHERS OF THE CHURCH

Epistle of Barnabas 4.4–6 (Michael W. Holmes, ed. and trans., *The Apostolic Fathers: Greek Texts and English Translations*, 3rd ed. [Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007], 387–89) “And so also says the prophet: ‘Ten kingdoms will reign over the earth, and after them a little king will arise, who will subdue three of the kings with a single blow.’ Similarly Daniel says, concerning the same one: ‘And I saw the fourth beast, wicked and powerful

and more dangerous than all the beasts of the earth, and how ten horns sprang up from it, and from these a little offshoot of a horn, and how it subdued three of the large horns with a single blow.’ You ought, therefore, to understand.”

Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 5.25.3 (ANF 1:553–54) “Daniel too, looking forward to the end of the last kingdom, i.e., the ten last kings, amongst whom the kingdom of those men shall be partitioned, and upon whom the son of perdition shall come, declares that ten horns shall spring from the beast, and that another little horn shall arise in the midst of them, and that three of the former shall be rooted up before his face. ... And its ten horns are ten kings which shall arise; and after them shall arise another, who shall surpass in evil deeds all that were before him, and shall overthrow three kings ...”

Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 5.26.1 (ANF 1:554–55) “In a still clearer light has John, in the Apocalypse, indicated to the Lord’s disciples what shall happen in the last times, and concerning the ten kings who shall then arise, among whom the empire which now rules [the earth] shall be partitioned. ... It must be, therefore, that the kingdom, the city, and the house be divided into ten; and for this reason He has already foreshadowed the partition and division [which shall take place]. ... The ten toes, therefore, are these ten kings, among whom the kingdom shall be partitioned, of whom some indeed shall be strong and active, or energetic; others, again, shall be sluggish and useless, and shall not agree ...”

Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 5.30.2 (ANF 1:559) “But, knowing the sure number declared by Scripture, that is, six hundred sixty and six, let them await, in the first place, the division of the kingdom into ten; then, in the next place, when these kings are reigning, and beginning to set their affairs in order, and advance their kingdom, [let them learn] to acknowledge that he who shall come claiming the kingdom for himself ... is truly the abomination of desolation.”

Hippolytus, *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 25 (ANF 5:209) “‘A fourth beast, dreadful and terrible; it had iron teeth and claws of brass.’ And who are these but the Romans? ... And mystically by the toes of the feet he meant the kings who are to arise from among them; as Daniel also says (in the words), ‘I considered the beast, and lo there were ten horns behind it, among which shall rise another (horn), an offshoot, and shall pluck up by the roots the three (that were) before it.’ And under this was signified none other than Antichrist ...”

Hippolytus, *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 27–28 (ANF 5:209–10) “As these things, then, are in the future, and as the ten toes of the image are equivalent to (so many) democracies, and the ten horns of the fourth beast are distributed over ten kingdoms, let us look at the subject a little more closely ... the legs of iron, and the beast dreadful and terrible, expressed the Romans, who hold the sovereignty at present; the toes of the feet which were part clay and part iron, and the ten horns, were emblems of the kingdoms that are yet to rise; the other little horn that grows up among them meant the Antichrist in their midst ...”

Hippolytus, *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 52 (ANF 5:215) “And when he has overmastered three horns out of the ten in the array of war, and has rooted these out, viz., Egypt, and Libya, and Ethiopia, and has got their spoils and trappings, and has brought the remaining horns which suffer into subjection, he will begin to be lifted up in heart, and to exalt himself against God as master of the whole world.”

Hippolytus, *Fragments on Daniel* 2.7 (ANF 5:179) “When the times are fulfilled, and the ten horns spring from the beast in the last (times), then Antichrist will appear among them.”

Hippolytus, *Scholia on Daniel*, on Daniel 7:7 (ANF 5:189) “‘And it had ten horns.’ For as the prophet said already of the leopard, that the beast had four heads, and that was fulfilled, and Alexander’s kingdom was divided into four principalities, so also now we ought to look for the ten horns which are to spring from it, when the time of the beast shall be fulfilled, and the little horn, which is Antichrist, shall appear suddenly in their midst ...”

Tertullian, *On the Resurrection of the Flesh* 24 (ANF 3:563) “What obstacle is there but the Roman state, the falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce Antichrist upon (its own ruins)?”

Lactantius, *Divine Institutes* 7.16 (ANF 7:213) “First, the kingdom will be enlarged, and the chief power, dispersed among many and divided, will be diminished. Then civil discords will perpetually be sown; nor will there be any rest from deadly wars, until ten kings arise at the same time, who will divide the world, not to govern, but to consume it.”

Lactantius, *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 71 (ANF 7:253) “Kingly power will be multiplied, and ten men will occupy, portion out, and devour the world.”

Victorinus of Pettau, *Commentary on the Apocalypse*, on chapter 12 (ANF 7:355) “‘And ten horns.’] He says that the ten kings in the latest times are the same as these, as we shall more fully set forth there.”

Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechetical Lectures* 15.12 (NPNF2 7:107) “But this aforesaid Antichrist is to come when the times of the Roman empire shall have been fulfilled, and the end of the world is now drawing near. There shall rise up together ten kings of the Romans, reigning in different parts perhaps, but all about the same time; and after these an eleventh, the Antichrist, who by his magical craft shall seize upon the Roman power; and of the kings who reigned before him, *three he shall humble*, and the remaining seven he shall keep in subjection to himself.”