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3. What was peculiar about the fourth beast? Dan. 7:7, 8.
4. What did the ten horns represent? Verses 23, 24.
5. Name the kingdoms represented by the ten horns, as given in history. Note 2.
6. What came up in the midst of these ten? Verse 8.
7. How did it look? Verse 20.
8. In what way was this power “diverse” from the others? Verse 24.
 - Ans.*—It was an ecclesiastical power; the others were political.
9. What would it do to make a place for itself? Verse 24.
10. What three kingdoms were plucked up?—Herull, A. D. 493; Vandals, A. D. 534; Ostrogoths, A. D. 538. These three Arian powers would not recognize the Bishop of Rome as the head of the church.
11. After this little horn was established, what words did he speak? Dan. 7:25. Note 3.
12. What else would this power do? Verse 25. Note 4.
13. What change has this power attempted to make in the law of God? Dan. 7:25. Note 5.
14. What time is mentioned in God’s law?—The seventh-day Sabbath.
15. What change does Rome claim to have made in the Sabbath?—From the seventh day to the first day.
16. Has it really made any changes in God’s law?—No, it could only *think* to change it. Dan. 7:25. Note 5.
17. For how long would this power sway the world? Verse 25. (A “time” in symbolic language represents a year. See Dan. 11:13, margin; Eze. 4:6; Num. 14:34.)
18. When did it end?—1798. Adding 538 to 1260 years brings us to 1798.
19. What happened this year to break its dominion completely?—Berthier, general of the French army, entered Rome and took the pope captive.
20. What great work was to follow 1798? Dan. 7:26, 9, 10, 11.
21. Who will have a part in the kingdom of God? Dan. 7:13, 14, 18, 27.
22. Which power will you obey, the little-horn power or the God of heaven?

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NOTE 2.—The nations represented by the ten horns are as follows: Franks (French), Alemanni (Germans), Bergundians (Swiss), Suevi (Portuguese), Vandals (in Northern Africa), Visigoths (Spanish), Anglo-Saxons (English), Ostrogoths (Austrians), Lombards (in part of Italy), and Heruli (also in a portion of Italy).

NOTE 3.—*Blasphemous Titles*.—"The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were *God*, and the *vicar of God*."

"The Pope by reason of the excellence of his supreme dignity is called *bishop of bishops*. He is also called *ordinary of ordinaries*. He is likewise *bishop of the universal church*. He is likewise the *divine monarch and supreme emperor*, and *king of kings*. Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as *king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions*."

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"Thou art the shepherd, thou art the physician, thou art the director, thou art the husbandman; finally, thou art *another God on earth*."

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NOTE 5.—*Ques*.—Has the church power to make any alteration in the commandments of God?

Ans.— . . . Instead of the seventh day, and other festivals appointed by the old law, the church has prescribed the Sundays and holy days to be set apart for God's worship; and these we are now obliged to keep in consequence of God's commandment, instead of the ancient Sabbath."—*The Catholic Christian Instructed*, p. 211.

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