

The European Union– History

Revelation 13:1-2 Introduction

The Roman Empire- Began in 68 B.C. with Julius Caesar. In 31 B.C. Octavius Augustus becomes Caesar and expands empire. In 284 A.D. Gaius Aurelius Valerius Diocletianuis divided empire into two (East/West or Two legs). In 312 Constantine moves capital east to Byzantium (Constantinople, now Istanbul). In 455 Germanic tribes sack Rome and the western empire is finally broken by internal and external pressures in 476 A.D. The eastern branch was finally over-run by the Ottoman empire in 1453 A.D.

The Revived Roman Empire (Phase 2)- How do we know that Rome will return? Daniel 9:27 answers this. Some key dates:

1951– Treaty of Paris: European Coal and Steel Com becomes Multi-national

1957– Treat of Rome: European Economic Com and Euro Atomic Established

1958– European Parliament Established

1959– Belgium, Luxembourg, and Netherlands form single entity

1967– Commissions of EEC, ECSC & EURATOM merge into “European Com”

1973– Denmark, Ireland, UK join.

1981– Greece joins

1986– Portugal and Spain join

1991– Germany joins

1995– Austria, Finland, Sweden join

2004- Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia join.

2007– Bulgaria, Romania join.

Future Candidates include: Croatia Macedonia Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia.

