

# JUSTINIAN & HIS SETTING UP of THE PAPACY:

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- JUSTINIAN = 714 hits in the pioneer writings - Born 482 A.D.; Died 565 A.D.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justinian\\_I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Justinian_I)
- Referred to as → “Greek Emperor”; “Emperor of the East” - started ruling in 527 A.D.
- May be found in Daniel 11:31 (arms of Justinian = 10 hits) (and Revelation 13:1-2)

**“CONSTANTINE AND JUSTINIAN WERE THE TWO MEN INSTRUMENTAL ABOVE ALL OTHERS IN FORMING THE PAPACY, AND GIVING IT CIVIL POWER. THE CONTEST BETWEEN ARIANISM AND THE ORTHODOX CATHOLICISM WAS THE MEANS OF ENTHRONING THE PAPACY...”** {1901 SNH, SDP 234.1}

**“PAGANISM AND CHRISTIANITY MET ON THE BATTLEFIELD WHEN CONSTANTINE CONTENDED FOR THE THRONE OF ROME; PAGANISM AND CHRISTIANITY MET IN MORE DEADLY CONFLICT IN ALEXANDRIA, WHERE CHRISTIAN AND PAGAN SCHOOLS STOOD SIDE BY SIDE. HERE IT WAS THAT SUCH MEN AS ORIGEN AND CLEMENT, RECOGNIZED FATHERS OF THE CHURCH, ADOPTED THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE GREEKS, AND APPLIED TO THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE THE SAME METHODS WHICH WERE COMMON IN THE STUDY OF HOMER AND OTHER GREEK WRITERS. HIGHER CRITICISM HAD ITS BIRTH IN ALEXANDRIA. IT WAS THE RESULT OF A MINGLING OF THE TRUTHS TAUGHT BY CHRIST AND THE FALSE PHILOSOPHY OF THE GREEKS. IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO INTERPRET DIVINE WRITINGS BY THE HUMAN INTELLECT, A REVIVAL OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF PLATO. THESE TEACHERS, BY INTRODUCING GREEK PHILOSOPHY INTO THE SCHOOLS WHICH WERE NOMINALLY CHRISTIAN, OPENED THE AVENUE FOR THE THEOLOGICAL CONTROVERSIES WHICH SHOOK THE ROMAN WORLD, AND FINALLY ESTABLISHED THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY.** {1901 SNH, SDP 229.2}

**SO FROM THIS FALSE TEACHING OF THE WORD IN ALEXANDRIA CAME TWO LEADERS-ATHANASIUS AND ARIUS. EACH HAD HIS FOLLOWING, AND YET NO MAN COULD CLEARLY DEFINE THE DISPUTED POINT OVER WHICH THEY WRANGLLED. SO GREAT WAS THE CONTROVERSY THAT THE COUNCIL OF NICEA(325 A.D.) WAS CALLED TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE, AND DELIVER TO THE CHURCH AN ORTHODOX CREED. THE EMPEROR CONSTANTINE CALLED THE COUNCIL, AND WAS PRESENT IN PERSON. AT THIS COUNCIL THE CREED OF ATHANASIUS WAS RECOGNIZED AS ORTHODOX, AND ARIUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS WERE PRONOUNCED HERETICS.** {1901 SNH, SDP 229.3}

**BUT ANNOUNCING A CREED IS ONE THING, AND HAVING IT ADOPTED IS ANOTHER. The orthodox creed was published to the world, and then began the fight. In this strife armies fought and much blood was shed. But IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT ARIANISM WAS HERESY, THE DOCTRINE SPREAD. IT WAS POPULAR AMONG THE BARBARIAN TRIBES WHO INVADDED THE WESTERN DIVISION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE. THE VANDALS, WHO SETTLED IN AFRICA, WERE AMONG THE FOLLOWERS OF ARIUS, AND SO ALSO WERE THE HERULI AND OSTROGOTHS WHO SETTLED IN ITALY(Ostrogoths settled in Mysia first). BUT WHILE ARIANISM SPREAD THROUGH AFRICA, SARDINIA, AND SPAIN, AND WAS PRESENT AT TIMES IN ITALY, THE RECOGNIZED RELIGION OF THE ROMAN EMPEROR AND THE EMPIRE ITSELF, THE NORTHERN KINGDOM, WHICH NOW HAD ITS SEAT AT CONSTANTINOPLE, WAS THE CATHOLIC FAITH, AS PROCLAIMED AT NICE. AS CONSTANTINOPLE WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS NORTHERN DIVISION IN HIS DAY, SO LATER, BETWEEN 527 AND 565, JUSTINIAN BECAME CHAMPION OF THE CATHOLIC CAUSE.** {1901 SNH, SDP 230.1}

**“IN 330 A. D. CONSTANTINE REMOVED HIS CAPITAL FROM ROME TO CONSTANTINOPLE. THE ANCIENT CITY WAS LEFT TO THE PAPAL POWER AND THE POPE OCCUPIED IN ROME A THRONE HIGHER THAN ANY OCCUPIED BY THE CÆSARS. CONSTANTINE LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE PAPACY; BUT IT REMAINED FOR JUSTINIAN TO COMPLETE THE EDIFICE IN 533 A. D., BY DECLARING THAT MEMORABLE DECREE WHICH CONSTITUTED THE POPE THE HEAD OF ALL THE CHURCHES. THE HERULI, THE VANDALS, AND THE OSTROGOTHS WERE OF THE ARIAN FAITH AND OPPOSED TO THE BISHOP OF ROME. THE DECREE COULD NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL 538 A. D., WHEN THE LAST OF THE OPPOSING POWERS WAS OVERTHROWN BY THE ARMIES OF JUSTINIAN.** {1905 SNH, SSP 229.1}

"...THE CITY OF ROME WAS THE DRAGON'S SEAT, BUT IN A.D. 330 CONSTANTINE TRANSFERRED THE SEAT OF EMPIRE FROM ROME TO CONSTANTINOPLE; AND ROME WAS GIVEN UP - TO WHAT? TO DECAY, DESOLATION, AND RUIN? - NO; BUT TO A POWER WHICH WOULD RENDER IT FAR MORE CELEBRATED THAN IT HAD EVER BEFORE BEEN, NOT AS THE SEAT OF PAGAN EMPERORS, BUT AS THE CITY OF ST. PETER'S PRETENDED SUCCESSORS, THE SEAT OF A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM WHICH WAS NOT ONLY TO BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY SECULAR GOVERNMENT, BUT WHICH, THROUGH THE MAGIC OF ITS FATAL SORCERY, WAS TO EXERCISE DOMINION OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. THUS WAS ROME - THE SEAT OF THE DRAGON - GIVEN TO THE PAPACY BY THE TRANSFER OF THE THRONE OF THE EMPERORS TO CONSTANTINOPLE BY CONSTANTINE IN A.D. 330; AND THE DECREE OF JUSTINIAN, ISSUED IN 533, AND CARRIED INTO EFFECT IN 538, CONSTITUTING THE POPE THE HEAD OF ALL THE CHURCHES AND THE CORRECTOR OF HERETICS, WAS THE INVESTING OF THE PAPACY WITH THAT POWER AND AUTHORITY WHICH THE PROPHET FORESAW..." {1887 UrS, MANA 99.1} {1887 UrS, MANA 99.1}

"ACCORDING TO REV. 13:2, THE DRAGON GAVE THE BEAST HIS POWER AND HIS SEAT AND GREAT AUTHORITY. THE WORK OF CONSTANTINE AND JUSTINIAN IN GAINING POWER FOR THIS NEW ORGANIZATION WAS PARALLEL TO THE CONQUESTS OF CYRUS, ALEXANDER, AND CÆSAR in their conquests for their respective nations. THE SEAT OF THE PAGAN ROMAN GOVERNMENT WAS REMOVED TO CONSTANTINOPLE, THEREBY GIVING ROOM FOR THE PAPACY TO BE SEATED ON THE THRONE IN THE CITY on the Tiber. As territory and a capital were gained gradually, SO THE AUTHORITY OF THE PAPACY WAS A GRADUAL ACQUISITION..." {1901 SNH, SDP 235.2}

"...VERSE 2: "AND THE DRAGON GAVE HIM HIS POWER, HIS SEAT, AND GREAT AUTHORITY." {1842 JoL, PREX1 97.5} THE POWER OF THE DRAGON WAS TRANSFERRED. THE DRAGON, THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT, FROM THE DAYS OF CONSTANTINE TO THE TIME OF JUSTINIAN, HAD BEEN SUPREME HEAD OF THE CHURCH. THE COUNCILS AND BISHOPS HAD BEEN UNDER THEIR CONTROL. THE GREEK OR EASTERN EMPERORS HAD THE SUPREMACY IN THE EASTERN THIRD OR DIVISION OF THE EMPIRE...WHAT, THEN, I ASK, DID JUSTINIAN, THE GREEK EMPEROR, DO, BUT GIVE HIS POWER TO THE BEAST...WHEN, IN 533, HE "HASTENED TO SUBJECT AND UNITE TO [HIS] HOLINESS (the bishop of Rome in the West, later being named Pope or "papa", for Father) ALL THE PRIESTS OF THE WHOLE EAST." AND ALSO WHEN HE DETERMINED NOT TO "SUFFER ANYTHING WHICH BELONGED TO THE STATE OF THE CHURCH, HOWEVER MANIFEST AND UNDOUBTED, THAT [WAS] AGITATED, TO PASS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF [HIS] HOLINESS, [WHOM HE DECLARED] THE HEAD OF ALL THE HOLY CHURCHES?" ALSO, WHEN IN HIS LETTER TO THE BISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE, HE DECLARED THAT THE POPE OF ROME "IS THE HEAD OF ALL BISHOPS," AND THAT BY DECISIONS AND RIGHT JUDGMENT OF HIS VENERABLE SEE, HERETICS ARE CORRECTED." LIKEWISE, WHEN HE DECREED THAT "THE MOST BLESSED BISHOP OF THE ELDER ROME IS THE FIRST OF ALL THE PRIESTHOOD."-[See Justinian's Letters and Decree, pp. 86-7.] {1842 JoL, PREX1 97.6}

"JUSTIN WAS EMPEROR OF THE EAST A. D. 518-527. HE WAS VIOLENTLY ORTHODOX, AND WAS SUPPORTED BY HIS NEPHEW, THE MORE VIOLENTLY ORTHODOX JUSTINIAN. IT WAS THE AMBITION OF BOTH, TOGETHER AND IN SUCCESSION, TO MAKE THE CATHOLIC RELIGION ALONE PREVALENT EVERYWHERE..." {1901 ATJ, ECE 195.2}

"JUSTINIAN'S REIGN WAS THE MOST BRILLIANT PERIOD OF BYZANTINE HISTORY AFTER THE DEATH OF CONSTANTINE...THE SUCCESS OF JUSTINIAN WAS DUE TO THE SERVICES, THROUGHOUT THE GREATER PART OF HIS REIGN, OF THE CELEBRATED GENERAL BELISARIUS. HE WAS THE TOOL IN THE HANDS OF THE EMPEROR FOR CRUSHING OUT HERESY. {1901 SNH, SDP 230.2}

THE VANDALS WERE ARIANS, BUT HILDERIS, THE GRANDSON OF THEIR CHIEF WARRIOR, THE NOTED GENSERIC, FAVORED THE CATHOLIC FAITH...THE EMPEROR JUSTINIAN PREPARED FOR A WAR IN AFRICA...THE HOLY WAR FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF ARIANISM WAS UNDERTAKEN. {1901 SNH, SDP 231.1}

". IN THE YEAR 532/533, JUSTINIAN ISSUED AN EDICT DECLARING HIS INTENTION "TO UNITE ALL MEN IN ONE FAITH." WHETHER THEY WERE JEWS, GENTILES, OR CHRISTIANS, ALL WHO DID NOT WITHIN THREE MONTHS PROFESS AND EMBRACE THE CATHOLIC FAITH, WERE BY THE EDICT "DECLARED INFAMOUS, and as such excluded from all employments both civil and military..." (and this is the reason for our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) {1901 ATJ, ECE 199.2}

"...BETWEEN 527 AND 565, JUSTINIAN BECAME CHAMPION OF THE CATHOLIC CAUSE." {1901 SNH, SDP 230.1}

"...THE PAPACY AROSE BY THE AID OF JUSTINIAN..." . {February 21, 1865 UrSe, ARSH 98.3}

HOW?

"...THE DRAGON, PAGAN ROME, GAVE TO THE BEAST, PAPAL ROME, HIS SEAT, THE CITY OF ROME." {1897 UrS, DAR 176.6}

"JUSTINIAN, EMPEROR OF CONSTANTINOPLE, (CALLED THE DRAGON,) GAVE THE POPE OF ROME "HIS POWER," - MEANING A CODE OF LAWS, ON WHICH HIS POWER WAS ESTABLISHED, AND WHICH WERE CONTINUED UNTIL THE FRENCH ABOLISHED THEM, WHEN ITALY WAS MADE A REPUBLIC, IN 1798, - "AND HIS SEAT," - THE CITY OF ROME, THE CAPITAL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, - "AND GREAT AUTHORITY:" HE MADE THE BISHOP, OR POPE, HEAD OVER ALL OTHERS, BOTH IN THE GREEK AS WELL AS IN THE LATIN CHURCHES. (Latin churches were in the West){1842 WiM, DTIS 36.2}

"A. D. 533, THE POPE WAS DECLARED HEAD OF ALL THE CHURCHES, BY THE EMPEROR JUSTINIAN. {1843 ApH, TSAM 85.6}

"...IN 533 THE GREEK EMPEROR DECLARED THE BISHOP OF ROME HEAD OF ALL THE HOLY CHURCHES; THE HEAD OF ALL BISHOPS AND "THE TRUE AND EFFECTIVE CORRECTOR OF HERETICS." IN 538, HE CAME IN POSSESSION OF THE CITY OF ROME, THE OLD SEAT OF THE DRAGON, AND GAVE IT TO THE BEAST OR POPE...MARCH, 538. AT THE COMMAND OF THE EMPEROR, JUSTINIAN..." {1842 JoL, PREX2 210.1}

"THE KINGDOM OF THE VANDALS IN AFRICA, WHO WERE ALSO ARIANS, FELL A. D. 533 BEFORE THE ARMS(armies) OF JUSTINIAN, EMPEROR OF THE EAST; A WAR WHICH WAS FROM BEGINNING TO END AVOWEDLY A CATHOLIC WAR. {1843 ApH, TSAM 85.1} NOTE: → "arms of Justinian" mentioned 10 x in pioneer section of EG White CD Rom

"...WHEN JUSTINIAN FIRST MEDITATED THE CONQUEST OF ITALY, HE SENT AMBASSADORS TO THE KINGS OF THE FRANKS, and adjured them, by the common ties of alliance and religion, TO JOIN IN THE HOLY ENTERPRISE AGAINST THE ARIANS." {1843 ApH, TSAM 89.2}

"...THE DECREE OF JUSTINIAN, EMPEROR OF THE EAST, DECLARING THE POPE THE HEAD OF ALL THE CHURCHES, WAS ISSUED IN 533; BUT BEFORE IT COULD BE CARRIED OUT, THREE ARIAN POWERS WHO STOOD OPPOSED TO PAPAL DOCTRINES AND ASSUMPTIONS HAD TO BE REMOVED OUT OF THE WAY, NAMELY, THE HERULI, VANDALS AND OSTROGOTHS. THE OSTROGOTHS WERE FORCED INTO A FINAL RETREAT FROM ROME IN MARCH 538, AND JUSTINIAN'S DECREE WAS CARRIED INTO EFFECT. {1878 UrS, TBI 42.2}

"JUSTINIAN being about to commence the Vandal war, an enterprise of great difficulty, WAS ANXIOUS PREVIOUSLY TO SETTLE THE RELIGIOUS DISPUTES OF HIS CAPITAL..." {1843 ApH, TSAM 85.8}

JUSTINIAN...DECIDED THE PRECEDENCY WHICH HAD BEEN CONTESTED BY THE BISHOPS OF CONSTANTINOPLE FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE CITY(which was in 330 A.D.), and in the fullest and most unequivocal form DECLARED THE BISHOP OF ROME THE CHIEF OF THE WHOLE ECCLESIASTICAL BODY OF THE EMPIRE. {1843 ApH, TSAM 86.1}

THE WAR AGAINST THE OSTROGOTHS, IN ITALY, COMMENCED A. D. 534, BY THE SAME ARMY WHICH HAD CONQUERED THE VANDALS, AND IN MARCH, A. D. 538, THE POPE WAS PLACED IN QUIET POSSESSION OF THE CAPITAL-ROME." {1843 ApH, TSAM 85.2}

"JUST BEFORE AD. 538, THE KINGDOMS OF THE HERULI, VANDALS, AND OSTROGOTHS, THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF THE CATHOLICS, WERE UPROOTED, AND IN THAT YEAR JUSTINIAN, EMPEROR OF EASTERN ROME, RULING IN CONSTANTINOPLE, PROCLAIMED THE POPE HEAD OVER ALL THE CHURCHES. {1904 GIB, CHS 168.2}

"THE FACTS IN THE CASE ARE, THEN, THAT JUSTINIAN, A GREEK EMPEROR OF THE PAGAN ROMAN KINGDOM, GAVE THE PAPAL CHURCH HIS SEAT, AND AUTHORITY OVER HIS KINGDOM..." {1854 JNL, THB 5.1}

"...THE VANDALS WERE DRIVEN OUT OF AFRICA, AND THE GOTHs OUT OF ITALY, BY THE ARMS OF JUSTINIAN..."  
(DAR 153 – top of pg.)

"THE THREE DIVISIONS WHICH WERE PLUCKED UP WERE THE HERULI IN 493, THE VANDALS IN 534, AND THE OSTROGOTHs IN 538 A. D. JUSTINIAN, THE EMPEROR, WHOSE SEAT WAS AT CONSTANTINOPLE, WORKING THROUGH THE GENERAL BELISARIUS, WAS THE POWER WHICH OVERTHREW THE THREE KINGDOMS REPRESENTED BY THE THREE HORNS, AND THE REASON FOR THEIR OVERTHROW WAS THEIR ADHERENCE TO ARIANISM IN OPPOSITION TO THE ORTHODOX CATHOLIC FAITH..." {1901 SNH, SDP 94.2}

"THESE PROVISIONS OF THE JUSTINIAN CODE COULD NOT GO INTO EFFECT IN FAVOR OF THE BISHOP OF ROME AT THE TIME THEY WERE ISSUED, BECAUSE ROME AND ITALY WERE THEN IN POSSESSION OF THE OSTROGOTHs, WHO, BEING STRONGLY ATTACHED TO THE ARIAN FAITH, WERE AS VIOLENTLY OPPOSED TO THE RELIGION OF JUSTINIAN...IT WAS NOT TILL THE CONQUEST OF ROME, IN MARCH, 538, THAT THE CATHOLIC BISHOP COULD EXERCISE THE POWER WITH WHICH HE HAD BEEN CLOTHED BY THE EMPEROR. THE VANDAL WAR, WHICH COMMENCED IN 533, AND THE ITALIAN WAR, THE RESULT OF WHICH WAS THE CONQUEST OF ROME IN 538...GAVE EXISTENCE TO THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE..." {1843 ApH, TSAM 89.1}

"THREE ARIAN POWERS WHO STOOD OPPOSED TO PAPAL DOCTRINES AND ASSUMPTIONS HAD TO BE REMOVED OUT OF THE WAY, NAMELY, THE HERULI, VANDALS AND OSTROGOTHs. THE OSTROGOTHs WERE FORCED INTO A FINAL RETREAT FROM ROME IN MARCH 538, AND JUSTINIAN'S DECREE WAS CARRIED INTO EFFECT. {1878 UrS, TBI 42.2/SYNPT 14.1}

"I BELIEVE THAT THE HERULIAN, THE VANDALIAN, AND THE OSTROGOTHIC, THREE OF THE ORIGINAL ROMAN KINGDOMS, WERE SUBVERTED, AND THAT THEN, BY DECREE OF JUSTINIAN, THE BISHOP OF ROME BECAME HEAD OF ALL THE CHURCHES, IN THE YEAR 538. THIS WAS THE COMMENCEMENT OF PAPAL POWER...FROM 538, WHEN THE POWER OF THE POPE COMMENCED BY DECREE OF JUSTINIAN, 1260 YEARS WOULD TERMINATE IN 1798..." {1841 CF, LIL 34.2}

"...THE GREEKS TOOK THE CITY FROM THE OSTROGOTHs...MARCH, 538. AT THE COMMAND OF THE EMPEROR, JUSTINIAN..." {1842 JoL, PREX2 209.1}

"...IN 538, ROME WAS TAKEN BY JUSTINIAN AND GIVEN TO THE POPE AS THE HEAD OF ALL THE CHURCHES..."  
{1842 JoL, PREX2 122.2}

"...THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAPAL SUPREMACY IN A. D. 538. IN 533 THE GREEK EMPEROR DECLARED THE BISHOP OF ROME HEAD OF ALL THE HOLY CHURCHES; THE HEAD OF ALL BISHOPS AND "THE TRUE AND EFFECTIVE CORRECTOR OF HERETICS." IN 538, HE CAME IN POSSESSION OF THE CITY OF ROME, THE OLD SEAT OF THE DRAGON, AND GAVE IT TO THE BEAST OR POPE. VIGILIUS WAS THE FIRST POPE WHO WAS SEATED IN ST. PETER'S CHAIR, AS THE MASTER OF ROME..." {1842 JoL, PREX2 209.1}

"...BETWEEN A. D. 533, when JUSTINIAN PUBLISHED HIS DECREE, RECOGNIZING THE HEAD OF THE ROMAN DIOCESE AS HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROME, AND A. D. 538, WHEN THE LAST OBSTACLE IN THE FORM OF A RIVAL POWER WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY IN ITALY, THE WOMAN MOUNTED THE BEAST. HENCEFORTH LORDLY ROME, WHICH, LIKE BABYLON OF OLD, HAD PRIDED ITSELF UPON THE FACT THAT IT WAS THE MASTER OF THE WORLD, WAS GUIDED AND CONTROLLED BY A PROSTITUTE WOMAN." (SSP 296.2)

**PRIOR TO 533/538, THE BEAST MOUNTED THE WOMAN:**

"THE RELIGION OF ROME WAS SECONDARY TO ITS GOVERNMENT. THAT IS, THE STATE WAS THE ONE ALL-ABSORBING INSTITUTION..."{1901 SNH, SDP 208.1}

ALTHOUGH RELIGION WAS SUBSERVIENT TO THE STATE... (1901 SNH, SDP 208.2)



"THE BALANCES DENOTED THAT RELIGION AND CIVIL POWER WOULD BE UNITED IN THE PERSON WHO WOULD ADMINISTER THE EXECUTIVE POWER IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT HE WOULD CLAIM THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY BOTH IN CHURCH AND STATE. THIS WAS TRUE AMONG THE ROMAN EMPERORS FROM THE DAYS OF CONSTANTINE UNTIL THE REIGN OF JUSTINIAN, WHEN HE GAVE THE SAME JUDICIAL POWER TO THE BISHOP OF ROME." - Miller's Lectures, p. 181. {1897 UrS, DAR 437.2}

**NOW THE POWER OF THE EMPERORS ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE POPES, MAKING THE CHURCH HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT:**

"IMPERIAL ROME FELL ABOUT A. D. 475 (476/some say 483), AND WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE BARBARIANS. THUS IT CONTINUED TILL THE CONQUEST OF ROME BY BELISARIUS, JUSTINIAN'S GENERAL, 536 TO 538, WHEN THE OSTROGOTHS LEFT IT IN POSSESSION OF THE GREEK EMPEROR, MARCH, 538. THUS THE WAY WAS OPEN FOR THE DRAGON TO GIVE THE BEAST HIS POWER, AND HIS SEAT, AND GREAT AUTHORITY. Rev.xiii,2. - This fact, from Revelation, also, settles the point that THE POPE DID NOT RECEIVE HIS POWER FROM CLOVIS, KING OF FRANCE. IT WAS THE DRAGON THAT GAVE HIM HIS SEAT, ROME, HIS POWER, AS HEAD OF THE CHURCHES. THE ROMAN EMPERORS HAD STOOD AT THE HEAD OF THE CHURCHES WITH POWER TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS FOR THE CHURCH - IT IS NOW TRANSFERRED TO THE POPE: AND HE HAS GIVEN HIM, ALSO, GREAT AUTHORITY, UNDER THE JUSTINIAN CODE OF LAWS, TO JUDGE AND PUNISH HERETICS." {February 17, 1853 JWe, ARSH 153.19}

**THUS, THE WAY FOR THE PAPACY'S 1260 YEARS WAS FORMED**

"...1 THE WESTERN ROMAN EMPIRE HAD BEEN BROKEN UP INTO TEN KINGDOMS, AND THE WAY WAS NOW PREPARED FOR THE WORK OF THE LITTLE HORN. 2 IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS CENTURY, THE BISHOP OF ROME WAS MADE HEAD OVER THE ENTIRE CHURCH BY THE EMPEROR OF THE EAST, JUSTINIAN. 3 THE DRAGON GAVE UNTO THE BEAST HIS POWER, AND HIS SEAT, AND GREAT AUTHORITY. FROM THIS ACCESSION TO SUPREMACY BY THE ROMAN PONTIFF, DATE THE "TIME, TIMES, AND DIVIDING OF TIME," OR TWELVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY YEARS OF THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND JOHN. {1873 JNA, HSFD 369.1}

"THE RISE OF THE PAPACY - THE LITTLE HORN OF DAN. 7TH. - MR. MILLER CLAIMED THAT THE ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY YEARS OF THE PAPACY WERE TO BE RECKONED FROM A. D. 538, BY VIRTUE OF THE DECREE OF JUSTINIAN. THIS DECREE, THOUGH ISSUED A. D. 533, DID NOT GO INTO FULL EFFECT UNTIL 538, WHEN THE ENEMIES OF THE CATHOLICS IN ROME WERE SUBJUGATED BY BELISARIUS, A GENERAL OF JUSTINIAN..." {1853 SB, MWM 197.4}

**FROM 538 to 1798, WHEN THE BEAST RECEIVED ITS DEADLY WOUND:**

"ROME RULED BY THE POPES RECEIVED ITS POWER, SEAT (THE CITY OF ROME), AND GREAT AUTHORITY FROM THE PRECEDING SYMBOLIC FORM, THE DRAGON, WHEN JUSTINIAN, THE IMPERIAL RULER LOCATED IN CONSTANTINOPLE, PROCLAIMED THE POPE HEAD OVER ALL THE CHURCHES, AD. 538. {1904 GIB, CHS 179.3}

THIS BEAST RECEIVED A "DEADLY WOUND" IN 1798, JUST 42 MONTHS OR 1260 DAYS (prophetic) afterward, when the soldiers of the French Republic removed the head, the pope, and carried him into exile, where he died..." {1904 GIB, CHS 180.1}

"THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE YEAR 1798, ARE STRONG EVIDENCE THAT MY CALCULATIONS OF THESE NUMBERS ARE CORRECT. PAPACY THEN LOST THE POWER TO PUNISH HERETICS WITH DEATH, AND TO REIGN OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. ALL MUST AGREE THAT PAPACY HAS NO TEMPORAL POWER OVER ANY KINGDOM, EXCEPT THE LITTLE KINGDOM OF ITALY, ONE OF THE HORNS OF WHICH THE TEN ARE COMPOSED. IT IS VERY EVIDENT, TOO, THAT THE CHURCH IS NOT NOW IN THE WILDERNESS, AND THE TIME, TIMES AND A HALF OF THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS WERE FULFILLED WHEN FREE TOLERATION WAS GIVEN TO ALL RELIGIONS IN ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL...THE 1260 YEARS ARE FULFILLED...AFTER THE ORTHODOX PUT DOWN THE ARIAN HERESY IN ITALY AND THE WEST, BY BELLISARIUS, THE GENERAL OF JUSTINIAN'S TROOPS, SENT INTO AFRICA AND ITALY FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SUPPRESSING THE ARIAN POWER, AND GIVING THE CHURCH OF ROME THE PRE-EMINENCE OVER ALL SCHISMATICS. THEN WAS THE BIBLE TAKEN FROM THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND REMAINED IN A SACKCLOTH STATE FROM A.D. 538 UNTIL A.D. 1798, DURING 1260 YEARS..." {1842 WiM, MWV1 50.2}