

The Time That Remains

**Watch the evolving Beast out of the Sea ...
It is an indicator of the time remaining.**

By watching the European Economic Area (EEA), which is the infamous beast out of the sea, it is possible to approximate how much time remains before Antichrist takes control of Europe. This Roman beast, with seven heads and ten horns, began with eighteen nations. Then just as a caterpillar undergoes change to become a butterfly, this beast undergoes transformation to become the ultimate final Roman Empire, ready for the reign of Antichrist. (Revelation 17:10-13)

At the formation of the EEA-beast, ten nations of the European Community (EC) forfeited their authority to govern to the EC; these nations are the beast's ten horns. (Revelation 17:12-13) The seven "head" nations on the beast are seven countries that were not subordinate to the EC; the six European Free Trade Association (EFTA) nations joining the EEA-beast did not forfeit self-government. The seventh head of the beast is Germany.

There is strong historical precedent that allows the identification of Germany as the primary head of the EEA-beast. Between 800 and 1800 AD, the title for the ruler of the Holy Roman Empire was the "King of Germany." During World War I, Germany went without a significant ally while attempting to conquer Europe. World War II events reunited the beast's body (Rome/Italy) with its primary head (Germany) as allies.

The forfeiture of governmental power of ten nations to the beast occurred during the watch of ten national leaders, called kings. The following describes their transfer of authority to the EC: *The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.* (Revelation 17:12-13) The ten horns were the twelve nations of the EC, minus two nations. The two subtracted nations are Germany (the seventh head) and Italy (the body).

THE ROMAN BEAST MORPHS

	Active Heads	Fallen Heads	Horns	Body	Total Nations	Situation
European Economic Community	Started with six nations— in the 6 + 6 + 6 = 18 nation group				6	6 + 6 + 6
European Community	1	0	10	1	12	10 horns formed
European Economic Area	7	0	10	1	18	7 + 10 + 1
Expanded European Community	4	3	10	1	18 +	Additional European Union members ... as heads begin to fall
European Union						
FUTURE EVENTS (Revelation 17:10, 11)						
Expanded European Community	2	5	10	1	18 +	Five heads are fallen (Rev 17:10)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of these two final active heads, one is the final ruler of that nation. The seventh and last ruler of Europe to fall still has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while. This sole ruler is to rule for a period of time, will remain in power for a little while. 					Six heads have fallen – with one sole <i>king</i> left in Europe.
European Union						
Antichrist Rules Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finally, this seventh head is made subordinate to the eighth king – Antichrist. Antichrist is the eighth king. 					All seven heads fall under Antichrist
	0	7	10	1	18 +	

SEVEN HEADS: Seven nations retained decision-making authority, the right to self-govern, at the birth of the European Economic Area. These nations retained the ability to “think” for themselves; each such nation is a “head.”

TEN HORNS: Nations entered the European Economic Area as centers of powers. These nations forfeited ultimate sovereignty and authority to the Roman beast. Each gave up its right, ability, and authority to fully rule and reason. As only a center of power, each such nation is depicted as a “horn.”

ONE BODY: The body of this beast is an implied anatomical part – it is where Babylon sits. The “seven hills” further describe the body of the beast.

The Fatal Wound

There was a fatal wound, a splitting of one head, of the beast. *One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed.* (Revelation 13:3) The wounded *head* was Germany, which was split in half immediately after World War II. It became two separate nations, West Germany (Federal Republic of Germany) and East Germany (German Democratic Republic).

A head split in half normally becomes a fatal wound. However, this wound healed as the Berlin Wall came down. As the Soviet Union released East Germany, Germany became a unified nation once again. Germany was *healed* as a nation on November 9, 1989. It is critical to note that *one of the heads of the beast* was wounded; one of the seven heads. Therefore, this fatal wound cannot refer to a man, as a man cannot have seven heads.

Falling Heads

Heads will fall so that just one person, Antichrist, rules over Europe. The EEA-beast’s seven heads correspond to seven kings, who are the leaders of seven nations. (Revelation 17:9-10) The following is a description of heads falling: *They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while.* (Revelation 17:10) At a specific point, the following will describe the seven “head” nations: five of the seven governments (kings) will have fallen. One could conclude that this refers to five EFTA nations joining the EC. However in 1993 the EC became the European Union (EU). Accordingly, the five EFTA nations will forfeit authority to the EU.

This change is already underway. In 1995, three heads of the EEA-beast became members of the EU, as the EU grew from twelve to fifteen nations. The three “head” nations that have fallen are Austria, Finland, and Sweden. Two more EFTA nations that were charter members of the EEA-beast will one day abandon its EFTA membership to join the EU. Only three charter nations meet that criterion: Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.

Tracking the political movement of these three EFTA nations in relation to EU membership serves to monitor for the approaching time when *five heads* will have fallen. For Iceland and Norway, fishing rights are a critical sovereignty issue, particularly Iceland. Norway has substantial oil and gas reserves that increase national sentiment to retain sovereignty. Norway enjoys one of the highest per-capita incomes in the world. Should these natural resource issues be resolved, both nations could join. This would change the nature of the beast from three to five fallen heads. (1, 2)

This same verse also describes what must happen after these five heads have fallen: *one (king) is, the other (king) has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while*. In other words, one (of the remaining kings) is still in power, and the other (one last king to rule in Europe before the Antichrist) is yet to come; and when he does come into power, he will remain in power for a while. Accordingly, this seventh king will rule for several years.

Antichrist will rule after the preceding seven kings have lost authority. Antichrist is the eighth and final ruler. *The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.* (Revelation 17:11)

Notes:

1. European Commission. *The EU's relationship with Norway*. April 22, 2009. http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/norway/intro/index.htm
2. European Commission. *The EU's relationship with Iceland*. April 22, 2009. http://ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/iceland/intro/index.htm