

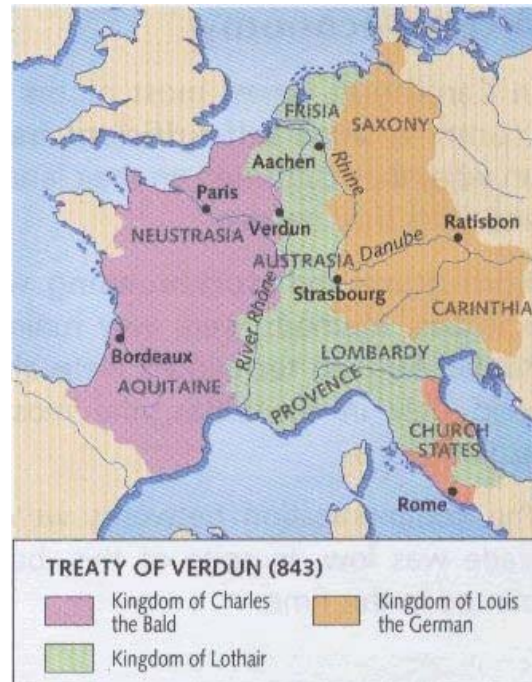
## #57 The Legs of Iron – The Double Split

**Key Understanding: *The Double Split*.** There were *two splits*, or a **Double Split**, in the unfolding history of the Roman Empire.

The *first Split*, which we will refer to as **Diocletian's Split**, was the Division of the Roman Empire between East and West, officially implemented in 395, and which created the Greek Byzantine Empire.

The *second Split*, which we will refer to as **Charlemagne's Split**, was the Division of the Holy Roman Empire of the West, in 843, in the years after Charlemagne's death. This split eventually created what became the nations of France and Germany.

The Treaty of Verdun was reached in 843 between the three surviving sons of the Carolingian emperor Louis I (the Pious), who had died in 840. The treaty ended a struggle among the brothers for possession of the Frankish empire consolidated by their grandfather Charlemagne.



**#57–Doc 1** is a **map of Europe** after the time of both Diocletian's Split and then Charlemagne's Split. Note that the result of the two splits was the sandwiching of Germany between what became two of its historical rivals, Russia to the East (a result of Diocletian's Split), and France to the West (a result of Charlemagne's Split). [This situation of 'sandwiched Germany' manifested itself fully in World War I and World War II. But that is for later, and the other 'whys' as to the Lord's prophetic purposes for the Double Split will soon be examined.]

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**Daniel 2:40 (KJV) And THE FOURTH KINGDOM SHALL BE STRONG AS IRON** [the Legs of Iron Roman Empire, extending through the Western Roman Empire, which ended in 476 A.D., and the Eastern Roman Empire, which ended in 1453 A.D. **The Leg of Iron of the Western Roman Empire was extended to include the life of the Holy Roman Empire, begun by Charlemagne in 800 A.D. Its political power was generally German-based in the earlier centuries, and Austrian-based in the later centuries through the Habsburg Dynasty.** In the meantime, the Leg of Iron of the *Eastern Roman Empire* was further extended to include the life of the Russian Empire]: *forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces*

*and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

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