

## #208 The Ten Horns of Daniel 7:7 – The Cause of the Seven Years’ War

*Daniel 7:7 (KJV) After this I saw in the night visions, and **BEHOLD A FOURTH BEAST [Roman Empire]**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and **IT HAD TEN HORNS**.*

**Key Understanding: The cause of the Seven Years’ War. The major cause of the Seven Years’ War was a dispute between Austria and Prussia over the land of Silesia.** [We are slightly ahead of ourselves, but the fact that the seat of the Holy Roman Empire was a major cause of the quarrel in the Seven Years’ War – a major result of which would be the rise of a new Rome, the ‘Fourth Rome’, also known prophetically as the ‘Little Horn’ Fifth Beast – is significant.]

**The Seven Years’ War.** The Seven Years’ War, which began in 1756, initially resulted from the ruler of the Austrian Empire, Maria Theresa, desiring to recover lost territory (the province of Silesia) from the King of Prussia, Frederick the Great.

[Silesia was a region located mostly in what is today’s southwestern Poland. Austria had taken over Silesia in 1526, but Prussia seized northern Silesia from Austria in 1742, shortly after Maria Theresa had taken the throne in 1740. She was the only female to rule during the 650-year-long Habsburg Dynasty.]



Maria Theresa of Austria

Here is **#208–Doc 1**, which includes a map showing the modern day location (mostly in Poland) of where Silesia was located.

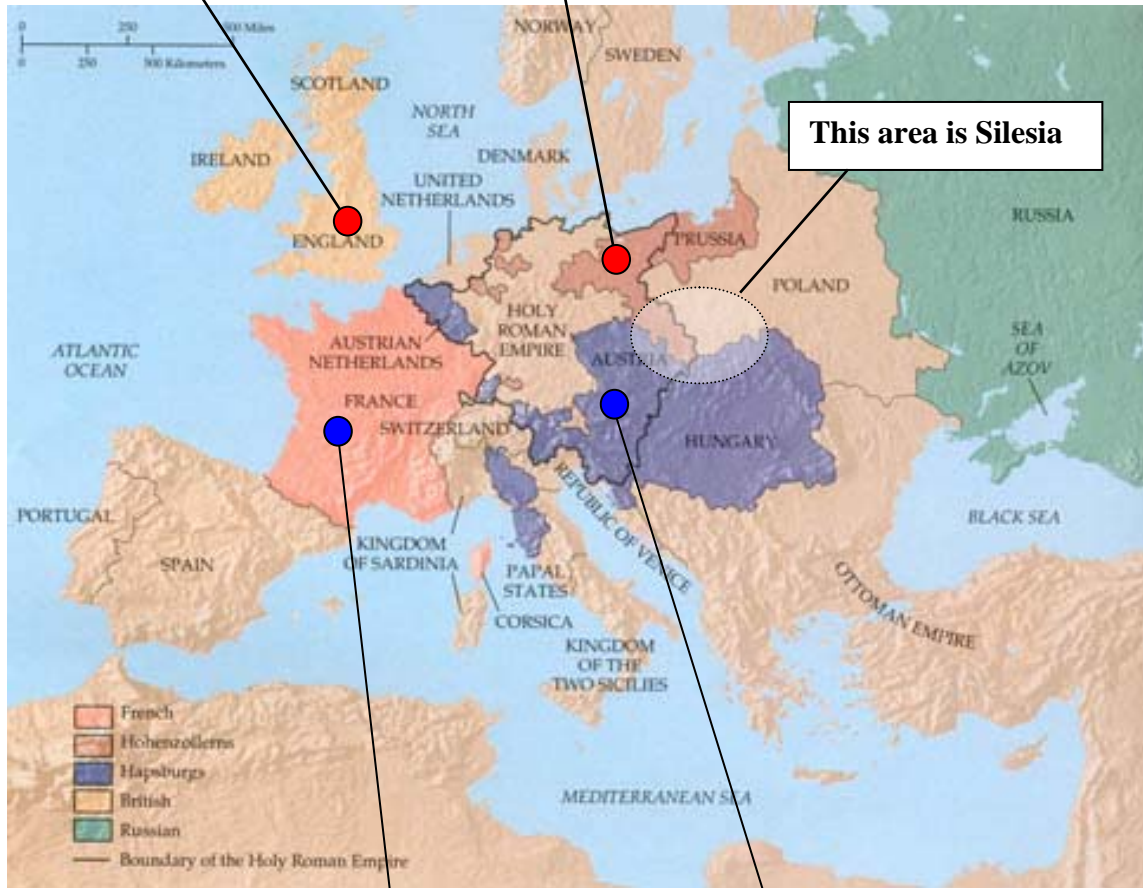
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In the Seven Years’ War, it was Austria vs. Prussia, two kingdoms that were or would be entirely associated with the ‘First Reich’ Holy Roman Empire (which within a half a century would be officially ended on August 6, 1806, because of the conquests by Napoleon). However, the Seven Years’ War was much larger than just Austria vs. Prussia.

France and Britain had already been at war, called the French and Indian War in North America. Now it spilled over into Europe. **France allied with Austria**, and **Britain allied with Prussia**. Almost all of the major powers of Europe would be involved in the Seven Years’ War. See the map *below*.

**England** was allied with **Prussia**



**France** was allied with **Austria**

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