

#755 Constantine the Great and Woodrow Wilson, II – Constantine and Revelation 6:2: The Father’s Throne, part 1, Constantius captures Boulogne

Key Understanding: His father’s throne. The story of the enthronement of Constantine in the west was entirely wrapped around his father’s throne.

Constantius, Constantine’s father, had been created Caesar of the west in March 293, and the sphere of activity destined for him was composed of Britain and Gaul (modern day France). Italy, northern Africa, and Spain remained in the hands of the Augustus of the west, Maximian.

Here is a map showing the division of the Roman Empire into the original Tetrarchy.



The Roman Empire had lost control of Britain. The Roman Empire had recently lost Britain to a man named Carausius, though Carausius showed good sense by claiming he was a Roman Emperor and testified to the unity of the Roman Empire. Carausius increased his power by

gaining profits from the tin trade out of Britain. Carausius not only held Britain, but retained Boulogne as well as a continental bridgehead through which he could, at will, pour troops into Gaul (France). (Today, Boulogne is known as Boulogne-sur-Mer, France. It is located just west of Calais and Dunkirk.)



Here is #755–Doc 1, showing the location of Boulogne-sur-Mer in France, on the English Channel, west of Calais and Dunkirk.

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Capturing Boulogne. Constantius's first step as Caesar was to capture Carausius's bridgehead at Boulogne. Great preparations were made, even before he took over his command. During the summer of 293, Constantius took control of Boulogne. What remained was the recovery of Britain.

Toward recovering Britain. Carausius was assassinated by a conspiracy headed by one of his ministers, Allectus, who now took control of Britain. In the next three years, Constantius built a fleet to war against Allectus. Constantius stationed his Roman fleet at Boulogne. Allectus had his fleet stationed at the Isle of Wight, but had his land forces positioned at London as a mobile striking force, so as to move them in any direction by military road to wherever Constantius might land his forces. [The story is continued in the next Unsealing.]

Revelation 6:2 (KJV) *And I saw, and behold **A WHITE HORSE**: and **HE** [Constantine the Great] **THAT SAT ON HIM HAD A BOW**; and **A CROWN WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM**: and **HE WENT FORTH CONQUERING, AND TO CONQUER.***



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