## **#771** Constantine the Great and Woodrow Wilson, II – The last direct ruling descendant (the Emperor Julian) of Constantius Chlorus, and the Council of Laodicea

**Connecting the Church of Laodicea with Constantine.** We have been understanding the thread of "the Father's throne" that connects Revelation 3:21 and the <u>Church of Laodicea</u> with <u>Constantine</u> in Revelation 6:2.

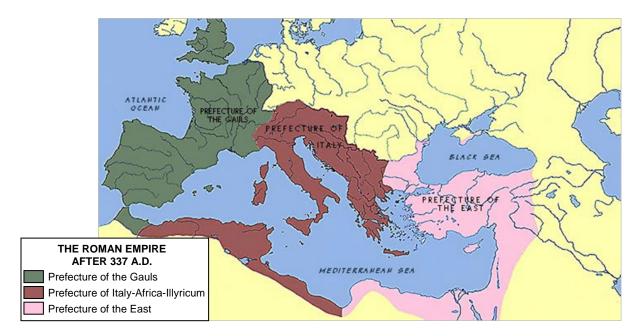
**The purpose of the next several Unsealings.** Our purpose in the next several Unsealings is to *further connect the <u>Church of Laodicea</u> with <u>Constantine</u>, which will further verify and explain why Constantine is the prototype Antichrist White Horse Rider of Revelation 6:2. The primary subject matter will surround what is known as the Council of Laodicea.* 

Key Understanding: The purpose of this Unsealing and the next two is to understand that the death of the Emperor Julian – the last direct ruling descendant of Constantius Chlorus, and the last direct ruling descendant of what is known as the Constantinian dynasty – stimulated the Council of Laodicea. That seems to exhibit a fairly close link between <u>Constantine</u> and <u>Laodicea</u>, does it not?

In this Unsealing, let's list the line of Constantinian emperors from Constantius through Julian, who is called "Julian the Apostate."

**Constantius Chlorus, 293-306 A.D.** – He became Augustus of the entire west in 305. His son Constantine I (Constantine the Great) assumed his throne after his death in 306.

**Constantine the Great, 306-337 A.D.** – Son of Constantius Chlorus. Constantine the Great moved his capital to Byzantium in 330, renaming it Constantinople, and laying the foundations of the Eastern Roman Empire. He left the empire to his three sons, Constantine II (the oldest), Constantius II, and Constans (the youngest).



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Upon Constantine the Great's death, Constantius II led a massacre of his relatives descended from the second marriage of his grandfather Constantius Chlorus (to Theodora), with the exception of his cousin Julian and Julian's half-brother Gallus. Thus Constantius II, his older brother Constantine II, his younger brother Constans, and Julian and Gallus became the only surviving males related to Constantine. The three brothers divided the Roman Empire among them, according to their father's will. Constantine II received Britannia, Gaul, and Hispania; Constans ruled Italia, Africa, and Illyricum; and Constantius II ruled the East.

**Constantius II, 337-361 A.D.** – Of the three brothers, Constantine II (the oldest) ended up dying in 340 while trying to overthrow Constans (the youngest) in Italy. Constants then died in battle in 350. Of the three brothers, this left only Constantius II to rule the empire. Constantius II eventually put his cousin Gallus to death. However, he could not handle the military affairs of both the Eastern and German frontiers by himself, so in 355 he elevated his last remaining relative, Julian, to the position of junior emperor, or Caesar.

Julian the Apostate, 361-**363 A.D.** – As you might have guessed, Julian wasn't satisfied with just being Caesar. Julian was hailed as Augustus by his army in Gaul in 361, and Constantius II saw no alternative but to face the usurping Julian with violent force. As the two armies sought engagement, Constantius II died from a fever near Tarsus on November 3, 361. Julian the Apostate was proclaimed Augustus throughout the empire. He would become



Julian the Apostate presiding at a conference of sectarians by Edward Armitage, 1875

the last of the line of <u>Constantius Chlorus/Constantine the Great</u> to rule the Roman Empire. His death in 363 would stimulate the <u>Council of Laodicea</u> in 364.

**Revelation 6:2** (KJV) And I saw, and behold <u>A WHITE HORSE</u>: and <u>HE</u> [Constantine the Great] <u>THAT SAT ON HIM HAD A BOW</u>; and <u>A CROWN</u> [of his father's (Constantius's) throne] <u>WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM</u> [at York]: and <u>HE WENT FORTH CONQUERING, AND</u> <u>TO CONQUER</u>. [Constantine sat on his earthly father's throne through the *Sword*. He conquered the entire Roman Empire and reigned on the earth in the name of the Heavenly Father.]

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