



1. The Prophecies of Anti-christ

Today, it seems like many people are very confused when it comes to Bible prophecy. Perhaps one of the reasons is because the books of Daniel and Revelation are different from the other books in the Bible. They are filled with all kinds of strange beasts, symbols, and imagery, and people aren't quite sure what to do with them.



2. As a result, over the centuries, people have come up with some very strange and even some weird interpretations. In fact, many people say that you can't understand the book of Revelation, so don't bother studying it. There have even been people who have said their church, and even their pastor, says don't pay attention to Revelation because it is too confusing.



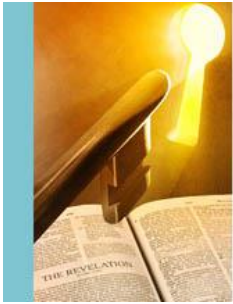
3. But friends, God has put those books in the Bible for an important reason. God would not put them there then make them impossible to understand. In fact, God pronounces a special blessing on those who study the book of Revelation. Let's take a look at the first chapter of Revelation and notice the blessing.



REVELATION 1:3

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- Now friends, did you notice that God pronounces a threefold blessing on those who study the book of Revelation? He says, *"Blessed is the one who reads it, blessed is the one who hears it, and blessed is the one who keeps it."* In other words, pay attention to the things that are written in it! Therefore, you and I can have the assurance that through the Holy Spirit, we can understand this book and the prophecies of Revelation can be made very, very clear.

DEFINITION

an·ti "in the place of" or "in the stead of"
 /an(t)ē, an/tē/
 preposition
 opposed to; against.

- As we go into our subject of antichrist tonight, there is one thing we need to cover first—the actual word “anti-christ.” Many times, we think of the prefix “anti” as meaning “against something.” For example, someone who is anti-abortion is against abortion, or someone who is anti-war is against war. But we have to remember that the prefix “anti” can also means “in the place of,” or “in the stead of.” So, when it comes to antichrist, we are not necessarily looking for some evil, atheistic power that is totally against God.



- We are looking for *something that seeks to take the place of God on earth and usurp His divine authority.* It's a power that is in the place of Christ or in the stead of Christ. That is going to be something important to keep in mind as we go through this.



- Now, in the book of Revelation, the anti-christ is also called "the beast." So, this leads to an important question in people's minds. Who is the beast? Is the beast a person? During World War II, some people thought that Adolf Hitler might be the beast because he murdered six million Jews. In addition, the three names that he had-- first name, middle name, last name-- each of them had six letters. "Is this 666?" some wondered. Of course, that turned out not to be the case. Others thought that maybe Saddam Hussein might be the antichrist during those Persian Gulf Wars, because he was a powerful leader in the Middle East.



9. Others thought maybe it would be Osama bin Laden, and even others have conjectured whether certain US presidents could be the antichrist. Back in the 80s, I remember hearing some people thinking the antichrist might be Ronald Reagan, because all three of his names, Ronald Wilson Reagan, were made of six letters—666. Of course, all of that turned out to not be true either.



10. Others wondered, is the beast an organization? Is it a political power or a religious power? Some think it might be the United Nations or a secret society like the Illuminati.



11. Then there are others who, when it comes to the number 666, are suspicious of anything that might resemble that number. So, my friends, we need to go into the Bible now and put away traditions and human speculation and even Hollywood movies, and find out what the Scriptures actually say.



12. You'll find the books of Daniel and Revelation give us enough clues to make this subject very simple to understand. The two main chapters we will cover tonight are Daniel chapter seven in the Old Testament and Revelation chapter 13 in the New Testament. Let's begin by going to the main chapter in Revelation about the beast, and that's Revelation 13. You want to turn there in your Bibles, and I'm going to begin by reading the first nine verses all the way through, then we'll go back and look at the details. Try to picture in your mind what John is describing in vision.

REVELATION 13:1-9

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Now, my friends, that is quite a vivid description. So, I suppose the first question we ought to ask is, what does this represent? Does this mean that when the antichrist comes it's going to look like this horrible animal that's got the body of a leopard, the feet of a bear, and the mouth of a lion? Of course not. That is simply a symbol to represent something.



WHAT DOES A BEAST REPRESENT IN BIBLE PROPHECY?

22. What we have to ask is, "*What does a beast represent in Bible prophecy?*" The answer to that is actually in the book of Daniel. So, keep your finger there in Revelation 13, we're going to take a short detour to the book of Daniel. In Daniel chapter 7, Daniel sees four beasts coming up out of the sea. We'll talk about this a little later in the message. But the angel of the vision tells him what a beast represents.



DANIEL 7:23

"The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth."

23. Daniel 7:23, the Bible says, "*The fourth beast shall be a fourth. . .*" what? "*. . . kingdom on earth.*"



24. Right there, we have our answer. Bible prophecy is telling us that a beast represents a kingdom or nation on earth, or some type of political or religious power that seeks to usurp Christ's divine authority. Right at the outset, then, we can throw away one of the traditions that says antichrist is one man who rises only at the end of time. Bible prophecy says a beast represents a kingdom. So, the antichrist power is a kingdom on earth, not one man, and that's really important for us to understand.



25. With that understanding, let's go back to Revelation 13. You'll see on the screen a summary of what John has described in that chapter. He gives us some important clues as to who or what antichrist may be.



- Beast Rises From the Sea (Rev. 17:15)
- Has 7 Heads & 10 Horns
- Dragon Give It Power
- Deadly Wound That Is Healed
- People Worship the Beast
- Blasphemes God
- Has Power 42 Months
- Persecutes God's People

26. First, he says, it's a beast that rises up from the sea. We already know a beast represents a kingdom, but it's significant that this beast rises up out of the sea or the waters, because waters represent something in Bible prophecy. What do waters represent? To find out we need to go to Revelation 17:15 for just a moment. The angel gives John the definition of what waters represent.



REVELATION 17:15

"... the waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."

27. The Bible says, "... the waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."

In other words, waters in Bible prophecy symbolize people-- multitudes of people. So, when it says that the beast rises up out of the sea, it is telling us that the beast is a kingdom that rises up in an area of the world where there are multitudes of people, and where there is a great population. That's an important clue.



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28. The prophecy goes on to say that the beast has seven heads and ten horns. It is made of different animal parts. The dragon gives it its power, which means that Satan is responsible for the worldwide influence and dominance that it will receive for a time. It has a deadly wound that is healed, which means that at some point this kingdom loses its power, but then regains it. People also worship the beast, Revelation tells us. That lets us know, it's not only a political power, it's also a religious kingdom too because people worship it.



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29. The Bible goes on to say this power blasphemes God in some way. You say, “*What does that mean?*” In other words, this kingdom seeks to take the place of God on earth and tries to usurp His divine authority. It puts its laws or traditions above God’s Word. John goes on to say, it has power for 42 months. What do these 42 months mean? We learned the other night that in Bible prophecy, there is the principle of prophetic interpretation that a day symbolizes a year. So, we have to do a little calculation here.

42 PROPHETIC MONTHS

42 Prophetic Months
 x 30 Days/Month

 1260 Prophetic Days or Literal Years

30. The Bible prophecy calendar always assumes 30 days to a month. If I want to find out how many days are in 42 months, I simply multiply 42 by 30, and that equals 1,260. If I apply the day for a year principle, that would be 1,260 years.

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31. In other words, the antichrist kingdom, or power, has dominance in the world for 1,260 years. Right there, we see that it cannot be a person because one man does not live that long. Twelve hundred and sixty is a significant number that is mentioned multiple times in the book of Revelation. You see that figure alluded to in the book of Daniel as well.



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32. So, let’s go back to our list of clues. It has power for 42 months and persecutes God’s people. Those may be enough clues from the book of Revelation that those who know their history can probably figure out already who or what it is.



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33. But does Revelation 13 come right out and tell us who or what the beast is? It does not, but it certainly gives us important clues. Before we talk about who or what it is, we need to go a step farther. We need to go to another book of the Bible and that is the book of Daniel. Daniel and Revelation are companion books. If you see something in Revelation you don't understand, chances are Daniel gives more clues and has the answer. If you see something in Daniel you don't understand, chances are Revelation gives more clues and has some more answers.



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34. We're going to add to the identifying points now by turning in our Bibles to Daniel chapter seven. We're going to take a look at a vision where Daniel sees four beasts rising out of the sea. Now we've already seen that a beast represents a kingdom. So, the four kingdoms we're about to read in Daniel seven parallel what Daniel saw in chapter two.



- BABYLON**
HEAD OF GOLD
- MEDO-PERSIA**
CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER
- GREECE**
THIGHS OF BRONZE
- ROME**
LEGS OF IRON
- DIVIDED EUROPE**
FEET OF IRON & CLAY

35. Remember Nebuchadnezzar's image—head of gold, chest of silver, belly of bronze, legs of iron? Remember the four nations they all represented—Babylon was the head gold, Medo-Persia was the chest of silver, Greece was the belly and thighs of bronze, and Rome was the legs of iron?



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36. What we're going to see, here in Daniel chapter seven, is a repeat of that vision with greater detail. When it comes to the fourth beast, it's going to give much more detail because out of the fourth beast comes a little horn and, in the book of Daniel, the little horn is antichrist. So, let's spend a few moments looking at the first three beasts, but most of the time we'll be examining the fourth beast.

DANIEL 7:2-3

"Daniel spoke, saying, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.



- 37.** Let's go to Daniel chapter seven, and I'm going to start reading in verse two. The Bible says, *"Daniel spoke, saying, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.*

DANIEL 7:2-3

And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other."



- 38.** *And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other."*
We now know Daniel sees four beasts coming up out of the sea. Four kingdoms rising from a populated area of the earth. Now, Daniel is going to describe each of these beasts.



DANIEL 7:4

"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted

- 39.** Verse four. The Bible says, *"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted*



DANIEL 7:4

up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it."

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- 41.** So, in vision, Daniel sees a winged lion. Remember that a beast represents a kingdom. And we'll find that this winged lion represents the nation of Babylon. You ask, how do you know that represents Babylon? The Bible doesn't come right out and say that. There are a few reasons. In Jeremiah 4:7, God actually uses a lion to symbolize Babylon. God warned Jerusalem that if they don't start being faithful, the lion will come out of the thicket to destroy them, and the nation that destroyed Jerusalem was Babylon.
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- 42.** The other clue that we have is archeology. When archeologists have excavated the ruins of Babylon, do you know what they discovered written all over the walls of that great city? Winged lions. It was the symbol of Babylon. So, both from the Bible and from the road of archeology, a winged lion represents Babylon.
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DANIEL 7:5

"And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had

- 43.** But now Daniel describes the second beast. Verse five. The Bible says, "*And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had*
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three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: "Arise, devour much flesh!"

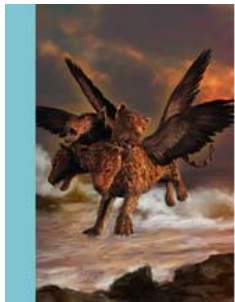
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45. Here Daniel looks and sees a second beast coming out of the Great Sea. It is a bear raised up on one side with three ribs in its mouth. You ask, what does that represent? Well, who is the nation that conquered Babylon and then dominated the world scene? It was the Medo-Persian empire. We read about that in Daniel chapter two.



46. Why is it raised up on one side? This is a kingdom made of two people groups, the Medes and the Persians. The Persians were stronger than the Medes—that's why many history books just call it the Persian Empire. And those three ribs? When an animal has something in its mouth, that means it has conquered its prey. No doubt, those three ribs would have been the three main powers that Medo-Persia conquered to gain world dominance-- Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt.



DANIEL 7:6

"After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings

47. But now comes the third beast that Daniel describes. Verse six. *"After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings*



DANIEL 7:6

of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it."

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49. Daniel sees a beast that is like a leopard and it has four wings of a bird on its back, and four heads. Who does that represent? Well, which is the nation that conquered Persia, and then dominated the world scene? That would have been the empire of Greece, with Alexander the Great.



50. Why is Greece represented as a leopard? One of the fastest land mammals on earth is a leopard. No doubt, those wings on the back represent speed. Alexander the Great was probably in his early 30s when Greece was in its prime. Very swiftly he gained world dominance. Concerning the four heads, history tells us that when Alexander the Great died, his great Grecian Empire was divided between his four generals: Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus. See how accurate Bible prophecy is?



51. But our focus really isn't those first three beasts. Our focus is now the fourth beast because out of the fourth beast rises a little horn that got Daniel's attention. Here is how Daniel describes it.



DANIEL 7:7

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong.

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DANIEL 7:7

It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet.

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DANIEL 7:7

It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had 10 horns.'

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- 55.** Here is Daniel describing a dreadful beast. He says it was terrible. It was devouring everything in its path. It had huge iron teeth and it was different from the other beasts. You ask, what kingdom is that? Well, what kingdom conquered Greece and came on the scene next to dominate world history? We already know it is Rome because they were also represented by the legs of iron in Daniel chapter two.
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- 56.** So, in Bible prophecy, Rome has always been represented as a beast with iron teeth and of course 10 horns. But now, Daniel slows down in the vision at this point. He begins to see a little horn rise that really got his attention and Daniel describes it in detail. Let's pick it up in verse eight.



DANIEL 7:8

"I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were

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plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words"

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- 59.** As Daniel watches this fourth beast, he spends more time on this one than any of the others. He notices that a little horn rises up among the 10 horns. When that little horn rises, it uproots three of the other horns completely. Then this little horn develops eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke pompous or blasphemous words against God. Now, you can imagine why that little horn must have really gotten Daniel's attention. He didn't quite understand what it was, but he knew that it must be significant. What we'll discover is that little horn is antichrist.



- 60.** Revelation represents antichrist as a beast and Daniel represents it as a little horn. Now Daniel didn't quite understand what he was seeing, so later in the chapter the angel in the vision explains a few things to Daniel. The angel's explanation is important because it is going to give us a few more clues as to who or what antichrist is. So, we want to skip ahead now to verses 23 to 25 and notice the extra clues that the Bible gives us.



DANIEL 7:23-25

"Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole

- 61.** In verse 23, the Bible says—and this is the angel speaking—"*Thus he said: The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole*



DANIEL 7:23-25

earth, trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be

- 62.** *earth, trample it and break it in pieces.*" We already know that's Rome. Verse 24 continues, "*The ten horns are ten kings* [or we could also say kingdoms, because every king has a kingdom],

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DANIEL 7:23-25

High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time."

- 64.** *High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time."*



- Fourth Beast is a Kingdom v. 23
- Ten Horns Represent Ten Kingdoms That Would Come Out of Rome v. 24
- Little Horn is a Kingdom That Will Arise And Defeat 3 of the Other Kingdoms (Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths) v.25
- Little Horn Would Speak Great Words Against God v.25

65. There are many additional clues in those three verses. Let's take a look at them on the screen. The angel said the fourth beast is a fourth kingdom—we know that is Rome. The 10 horns that were in the head of that fourth beast represent the 10 kingdoms that came out of the Roman empire when Rome fell.



66. These were the people groups that came out of Rome when the pagan Roman Empire collapsed. Eventually they developed the nations of Western Europe that we have today.



67. What's interesting is that three of those kingdoms no longer exist—the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths. Why? Because they were exterminated. What did the Bible say about the little horn? When it rose up, it uprooted three of those existing horns or kingdoms.



- Little Horn Would Persecute God's People v. 25
- Little Horn Would Think to Change God's Times & Law v. 25
- Little Horn Would Rule for a Time, Times, and Half a Time. (Or 1260 Days, See Revelation 12:6, 14) v. 25

68. Other clues state that this little horn would speak great words against God. It would persecute God's people, the saints. The little horn would think to change God's times and God's law. Then lastly, it said the little horn would rule a "time and times and half a time." What in the world is that? Well, if you read Revelation 12, verses 6 and 14, those verses use that phrase "time and times and half a time" interchangeably with 1,260 days. That phrase is simply representing the 1,260 days we read about in Revelation 13.

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69. But let's look a little closer at that phrase. In Bible prophecy, a "time" represents one year and with the Bible prophecy calendar of 30 days to a month, that's 360 days in a year. "Times" means two years, that's 720 days. "Half a time" means half a year, that's 180 days. You add them up, you come to 1,260 days.

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70. Apply the day for a year principle and that becomes 1,260 years. The beast of Revelation 13 ruled 42 months. We did the calculations. 42×30 days to a month equals 1,260 days or years. The little horn's "time and times and half a time" is also 1,260 days or years. So, the little horn of Daniel seven is the same thing as the beast of Revelation 13.



13 CLUES OR IDENTIFYING POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST

FROM DANIEL & REVELATION

71. Daniel and Revelation have given us 13 clues or identifying points of anti-christ. Let us briefly go through all 13 and make sure they came from the Bible. Then we'll let Scripture identify who or what the beast is. So, we're going to rapidly go through these 13 points.

IDENTIFYING POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST



1. The little horn rises out of the fourth beast which is Rome.

DANIEL 7:8

72. Point number one, Daniel said that the little horn rises out of the fourth beast, which is Rome. So, we already know this kingdom rises in Western Europe. We know its geographical location because it comes out of pagan Rome.

IDENTIFYING
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ANTI-CHRIST



2. The little horn would rise to power after 476 A.D.
DANIEL 7:8, 24

- 73.** Point number two, the little horn rises out of the ruins of the pagan Roman empire. History says Rome fell around 476 A.D., so the little horn would rise to power sometime after 476.
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IDENTIFYING
POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



3. This kingdom is represented by a little horn. It will be a little kingdom, not large in geographical size.
DANIEL 7:8

- 74.** Point number three, Daniel said this kingdom is represented by a little horn. In other words, the antichrist kingdom will be a little kingdom—not large in size geographically—powerful, yes, geographically large, no.
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IDENTIFYING
POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



4. The little horn conquered three kingdoms that came out of Rome.
DANIEL 7:8, 24

- 75.** Point number four, Daniel also said the little horn would uproot three of the 10 horns. This little kingdom would conquer three of the kingdoms which came out of Rome. We've already seen the three kingdoms that disappeared were the Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths.
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5. The little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that would speak for it.
DANIEL 7:8

- 76.** Point number five, Daniel said the little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that would speak for it. In other words, this kingdom would have a man at its head who represents it to the world.

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6. The little horn would be different from the other horns.

DANIEL 7:24

77. Point number six, Daniel said the little horn would be different from the other horns. In other words, there would be something unique about the antichrist kingdom.

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POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



7. The little horn would speak great words against the Most High.

DANIEL 7:8, 25

78. Point number seven, the little horn would speak great words against the Most High. The Bible defines “great words” as blasphemy. So, in other words, this kingdom would speak words of blasphemy against God, and would seek to usurp His divine authority by putting its laws above the truth of God’s Word.

DEFINITION

blasphemy

blas-phe-my | \ blas-fa-mē \

noun

Assuming any rights or powers that belong to God alone.

SEE JOHN 10:31-33, LUKE 5:21

79. In fact, to get more specific, the Bible defines blasphemy as assuming any rights or powers that belong to God alone—and there are two examples of that in Scripture. Now we don’t have the time to look up the Scriptures, but I want you to write them down. In John 10:31-33, when a man claims to be God on earth, that’s blasphemy. Jesus claimed to be God and the Jews wanted to stone Him for that. Of course, Jesus could say that because He is God, but the Jews didn’t believe that.

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80. The other definition is in Luke 5:21 when a man claims to be able to forgive sin and wipe it off the books of heaven. You will remember, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Thy sins be forgiven thee”, and the people said, “He can’t say that. That’s blasphemy.” Jesus could say that, because He is God, but they didn’t believe that. So, the two definitions of blasphemy in the Bible is when a man claims to be God or claims to be able to forgive sins and wipe them off the books of heaven. Those are rights that belong to God alone. Somehow, the little horn, anti-christ, would claim to do that.

IDENTIFYING
POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



8. The little horn would make war against the saints.
DANIEL 7:25

- 81.** Point number eight, the little horn would make war against the saints. It would be a persecuting power or kingdom, Daniel said.
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IDENTIFYING
POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



9. The little horn would seek to change God's times and God's law.
DANIEL 7:25

- 82.** Point number nine, the little horn would seek to change God's times and God's law. That's an important point. We'll look more at that later.
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IDENTIFYING
POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



10. The little horn would rule for a time and times and half a time.
DANIEL 7:25

- 83.** Point number 10, the little horn would rule for a time and times and half a time. In other words, the antichrist kingdom would have power for 1,260 years.
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IDENTIFYING
POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



11. The beast receives a deadly wound that would be healed.
REVELATION 13:3

- 84.** Point number 11, the beast receives a deadly wound, but it would be healed. So, in other words, this kingdom loses power for a time but eventually regains it.

IDENTIFYING
POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST



12. People follow and worship the beast.
REVELATION 13:4

85. Point number 12, people follow and worship the beast, Revelation said. So now we know it's not only a political kingdom, it is also a religious kingdom.

REVELATION 13:17-18

"...or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."



86. Now, for point number 13 we have to look up Revelation 13:17-18. The Bible says, "... or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; His number is 666."

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13. The beast is represented by the number 666. It will be the number of a man and the number of his name.
REVELATION 13:17-18

87. Finally, point number 13, Revelation said this kingdom is represented by the number 666. It will be the number of a man and the number of his name.
Now friends, I want to ask an honest question at this point, and it may seem like an obvious one, but because this is such an essential topic, we need to be sure of something. Did all these points come straight from the Bible and the Bible alone? Did I make any of them up? They all came from Daniel 7 and Revelation 13.

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88. My friends, the truth is there is only one power in all of human history that has fulfilled all 13 of those points. There have been some that may have fulfilled a few of these points, but only one power fulfills all 13. Just before I say what it is—and those of you who are familiar with history probably already know—I want you to hear me carefully. What I say after I identify the kingdom is more important than what I say before that. So, after I say the name of the kingdom, please listen to me carefully so that you don't misunderstand.



89. The only power in all of human history that fulfills all those points is the power known as the Papacy, or Vatican City, the head of Roman Catholicism. Now friends, please hear me on this. God does not say this to hurt or offend anybody and neither do I. We need to realize God is not speaking of individual Catholic people today. God is speaking of a religious-political kingdom that would rise to power in the Middle Ages, where church and state would unite and do some unfortunate things.



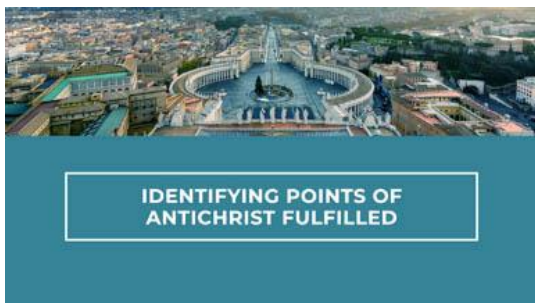
90. You see, in the Middle Ages the church/state union of the Papacy would take the Bible from the people, would close the Word of God, and would persecute those who want to follow truth. It is an unfortunate fact of history. So, we need to understand very clearly Catholic people today had nothing to do with what happened a thousand years ago in the Middle Ages, so we need not point fingers. I have met many wonderful Catholic individuals who love Jesus. They seek to serve God with all their heart, doing works of mercy towards humanity.



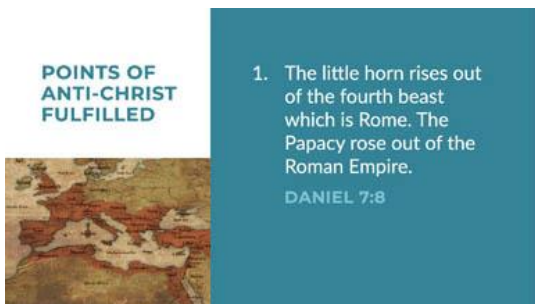
91. We need to understand God is not seeking to point fingers at individual people. We're talking about a political kingdom, a religious kingdom in the Middle Ages where God was trying to warn His church and His people about something that was going to happen to them in the future.



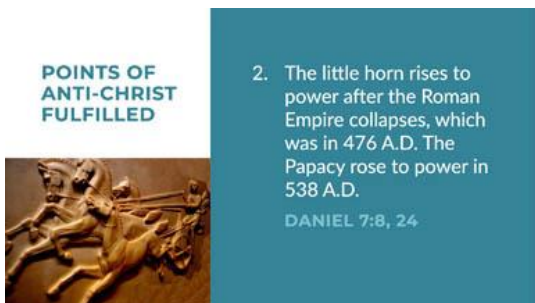
92. That is essential for us to understand, my friends. God never lets His church go through difficult times or persecution without warning them what will come ahead, and so He warned them of a beast that would rise. He warned them of a little horn where church and state would unite for 1260 years, where persecution would take place and people would have to choose whether they will follow man's voice or whether they will follow God's voice. They had to decide, will they worship and follow what Rome says, or what God says?



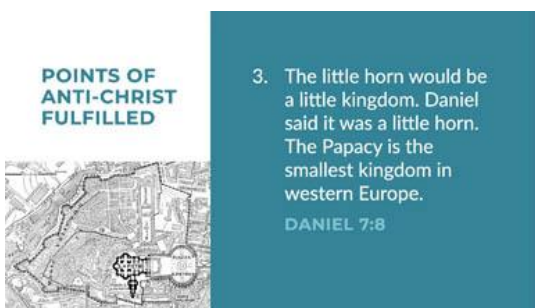
93. Now friends, since this is such a sensitive topic, we need to be sure of what we are saying. Does the Papacy, Vatican City, fulfill all 13 of those points? So, let's go back and look at it again, because as we do, we will also learn some very important lessons.



94. Point number one, Daniel said the little horn rises out of the fourth beast which is Rome. The Papacy rose out of the pagan Roman empire in Western Europe. Every history book tells us that, so that point is fulfilled.



95. Point number two, Daniel said the little horn rises to power after the Roman empire collapses, which was in 476 A.D. The papacy rose to power in 538 A.D. when the Emperor Justinian handed political power over to the Pope. Church and state united at that point, and the papacy had power not only of the church but of the civil government.



96. Point number three, the little horn would be a little kingdom. The Papacy, or Vatican City, is the smallest kingdom in western Europe. It encompasses only 121 acres, but it is also the richest and most powerful kingdom in western Europe, and perhaps the world.

POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST
FULFILLED



4. The little horn would uproot three of the kingdoms that came out of Rome. The Papacy conquered three kingdoms that came out of Rome—the Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths.
DANIEL 7:8, 24

97. Point number four, the little horn would uproot three of the 10 kingdoms that came out of Rome. The Papacy conquered three kingdoms that came out of Rome. They were the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths. Those kingdoms no longer exist. So that point is fulfilled.

POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST
FULFILLED



5. The little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that speaks. The Papacy has the Pope as its head who speaks for it.
DANIEL 7:8

98. Point number five, Daniel said the little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that speaks. The Papacy has the Pope as its head who speaks for it and represents it to the world.

POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST
FULFILLED



6. The little horn would be different from the other kingdoms. The Papacy is a different kingdom. It is a religious system where a church rules.
DANIEL 7:24

99. Point number six, the little horn would be different the other kingdoms. The Papacy is a different kingdom. It is not just a political kingdom. It is a religious system where a church rules. That makes it unique from all the other kingdoms in western Europe.

POINTS OF
ANTI-CHRIST
FULFILLED



7. The little horn would speak words of blasphemy.
DANIEL 7:8, 25

100. Point number seven, Daniel said the little horn would speak words of blasphemy. Now friends, we have to stop here and go into a little more detail because it's about to bring up some very sensitive things. Please understand, I don't do this to be offensive towards anyone, but simply to show how Bible prophecy has been fulfilled.

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noun


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101. Has the Papacy spoken words of blasphemy towards God? Let's go back to our Biblical definition of blasphemy which is when a person assumes any rights or powers that belong to God alone. Remember we saw two examples from Scripture: when a man claims to be God or claims to be able to forgive sin and wipe it off the books of heaven. Did the Papacy claim that power in the Middle Ages?

102. The unfortunate answer is yes. I want to read to you a description of the office of Pope from a book called *Prompta Bibliotheca*, written by Franciscan canonist, Lucius Ferraris.

“The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a man, but as it were, God and the Vicar of God. . . The Pope is called most holy because he is rightfully presumed to be such. . . Hence




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PROMPTA BIBLIOTHECA, PAPA, ARTICLE 2

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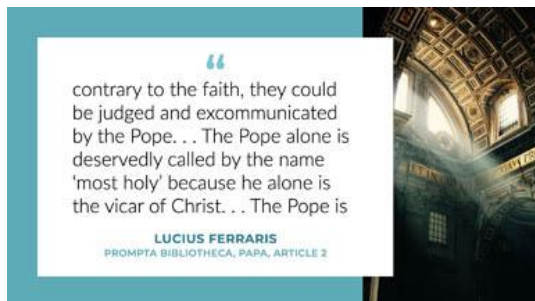
104. heavenly things, to earthly things, and to things under the earth, but are even over angels, than whom he is greater. . . So that if it were possible that the angels might err in the faith, or might think



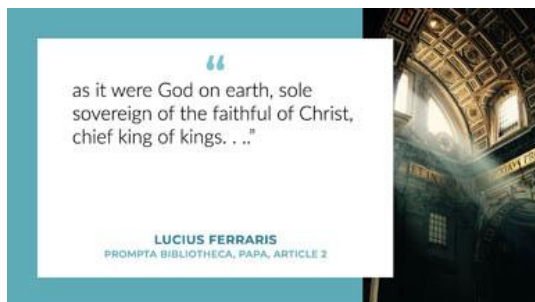
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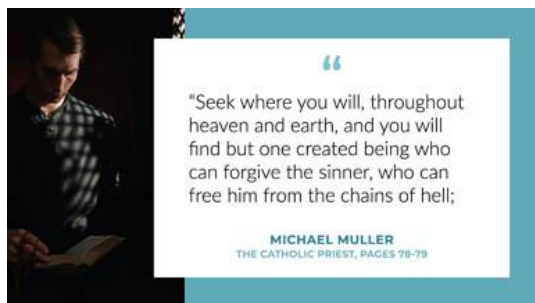


105. contrary to the faith, they could be judged and excommunicated by the Pope. . The Pope alone is deservedly called by the name 'most holy' because he alone is the vicar of Christ. . . The Pope is



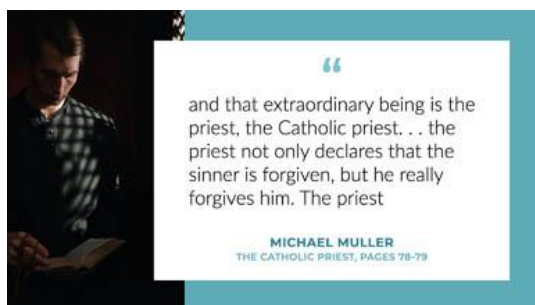
106. as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief king of kings. . ."

Now understand, Bible prophecy is not calling the Pope antichrist because antichrist is not one person. Antichrist is the whole political-religious kingdom that would do some unfortunate things. But the office at the head of that kingdom claims to take the place of God on earth.




107. What about the part of forgiving sin? From the book The Catholic Priest, Michael Muller makes this statement,

"Seek where you will, throughout heaven and earth, and you will find but one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell;



108. and that extraordinary being is the priest, the Catholic priest. . . the priest not only declares that the sinner is forgiven, but he really forgives him. The priest




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My friends, those are great words and unfortunately the Bible defines that as blasphemy. So, the Papacy fulfilled that point in the Middle Ages.

POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED




8. The little horn would make war against the saints. History attests to the millions of people who were martyred by the Papacy during the Dark Ages and the Reformation.

DANIEL 7:25

111. Point number eight, the little horn would make war against the saints. History attests to the millions of people who were martyred by the Papacy during the Dark Ages and the Reformation. That is just one of those sad facts of history.

POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED



9. The little horn would think to change God's times and law.

DANIEL 7:25

112. Point number nine, Daniel said the little horn would think to change God's times and law. Now, we've got to pause here, because we had already started studying a little bit of this a few nights ago. Did that happen? Did Rome do that in the Middle Ages? Did they change God's times and God's law?

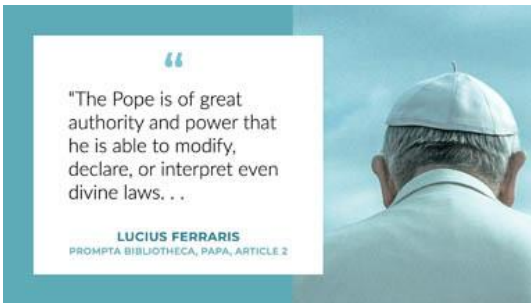
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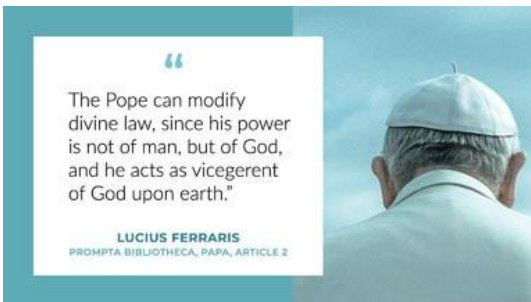
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113. Now again, my friends, this is a sensitive subject. It's not meant to be insulting to anyone, but to simply show how Bible prophecy has been fulfilled. If we're going to study prophecy, we need to see how it was fulfilled in history. So, let's use a few quotes to show how this was fulfilled.

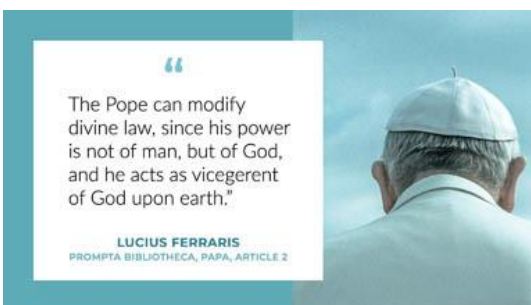


114. The first quote comes from the same book we looked at in point seven, *Prompta Bibliotheca*, by Lucius Ferraris. It reads, *"The Pope is of great authority and power that he is able to modify, declare, or interpret even divine laws. . ."*

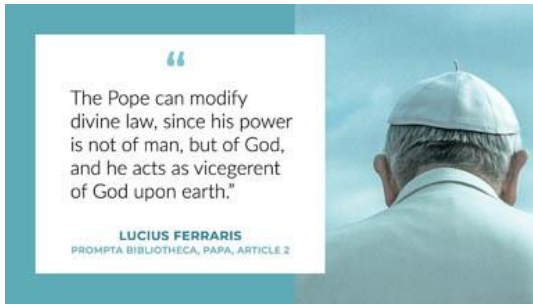


115. *The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth."*

So, understand, in the Middle Ages, the Papacy claimed to have a forum to change, modify or interpret divine laws—those would be God's laws.



116. That is why the Reformers were uncomfortable during the Middle Ages. They saw a union of church and state where one man became the head of the church and the head of the government and had all-consuming power. Martin Luther and many of the reformers were very distressed with that because it was starting to look too much like Revelation 13.



117. What is very eye-opening is this: did you know Rome changed the Ten Commandments? Did you know that Rome’s version of the Ten Commandments is different from that which is recorded in the Bible in Exodus 20?

ROME'S VERSION OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.	V. Thou shalt not kill.
II. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.	VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
III. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.	VII. Thou shalt not steal.
IV. Honor thy father and thy mother.	VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
	IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
	X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

(See The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, by Peter Geiermann)

118. Let me show you Rome’s version of the Ten Commandments that you can find in many catechisms today. You will notice that the second commandment is completely blotted out. In the Bible, the second commandment is about not having graven images and bowing and worshiping to them. During the Middle Ages, Rome began bringing in some of the pagan practices of the old pagan religions and they started bringing images and statues into the church, praying to saints, et cetera.

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119. That is hard to justify when there’s a commandment that speaks about not using graven images. So, to deal with that Rome just blotted that second commandment out. That’s why here on the list it mentions the second commandment as not taking the Lord God’s name in vain. But in the Bible, that’s the third commandment. So, the second commandment about images is blotted out and the 10th commandment about coveting is split into two so that they can keep the number 10. It is a hard fact of history, God's law was changed, but that’s not all.

THE CONVERT'S CATECHISM OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE
REV. PETER GEIERMANN C.S.S.R., PAGE 50

QUESTION
Which is the Sabbath day?

ANSWER
Saturday is the Sabbath day.

120. Reading from *The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, it says: “Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath Day.”



QUESTION

Why do we observe Sunday instead of Sabbath?

ANSWER

Because the Catholic church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

121. Question: *Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Answer: . . . because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.* So, Rome claims to have changed the holy Sabbath, God's special time.



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"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday.

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FAITH OF OUR FATHERS, P. 72-73

122. To dig just a little deeper into this, let's take a look at a statement from Cardinal James Gibbon in the classic book *Faith of Our Fathers*. He said, *"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday.*



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The scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify."

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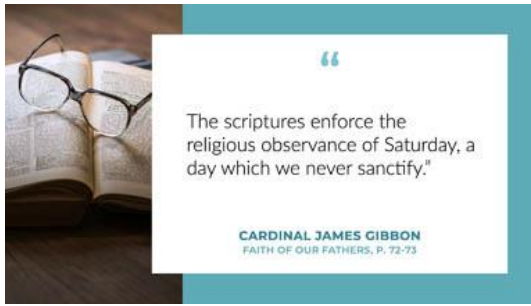


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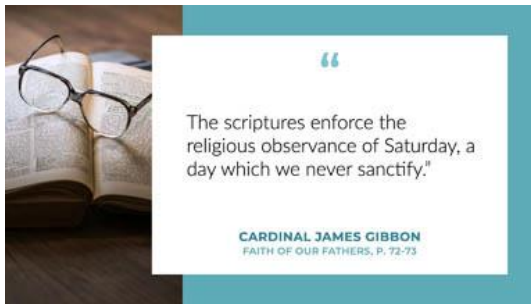
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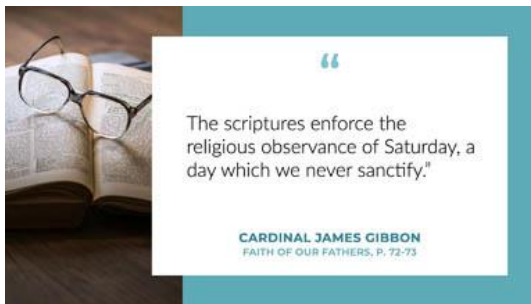
124. Why is Cardinal James Gibbons admitting that? He is being very honest, and I appreciate that. He is using this to challenge Protestants because Protestants broke away from Rome saying, *"Sola Scriptura, the Bible and the Bible alone."* Protestants said, *"You can't put your laws above the Bible. You can't change God's words. You can't change God's law. We don't agree with that, so we are protesting."* And eventually they pulled away and began the Protestant Reformation Movement.



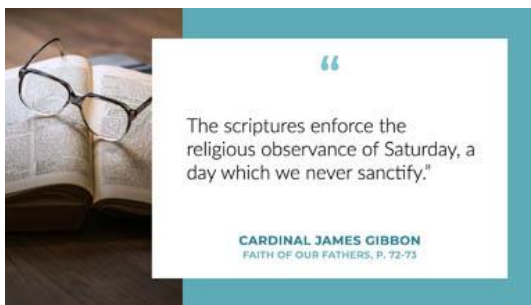
125. So now hundreds of years later, Cardinal James Gibbons is saying to them, *“You claim to follow the Bible, but when it comes to the Sabbath, you’re following our traditions. If you were following the Bible, it’s the seventh day Sabbath of the Bible that is Saturday. So, the fact that you are following our tradition of Sunday instead of the Bible shows that you don’t believe in the Bible alone. So you might as well just come back to Rome, as the long-lost child.”*



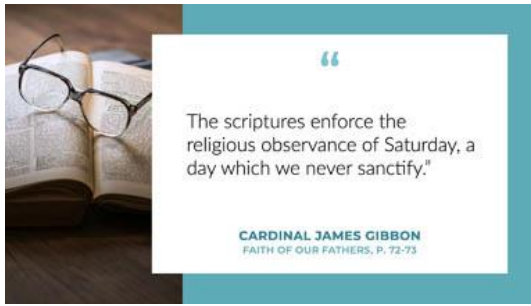
126. He’s challenging Protestants—and I have to admit, he makes a very good point. If I’m going to follow the Bible and the Bible alone, that path leads me back to God’s original seventh day Sabbath, a memorial of creation from the beginning of time. I have to decide, am I okay with man’s authority being put above God’s authority? Am I okay with the commandments of men replacing the commandments of God?



127. Daniel said antichrist would think to change God’s times and God’s law—and that’s exactly what happened. The Sabbath is God’s special time found in the very heart of God’s law and it deals with worship.



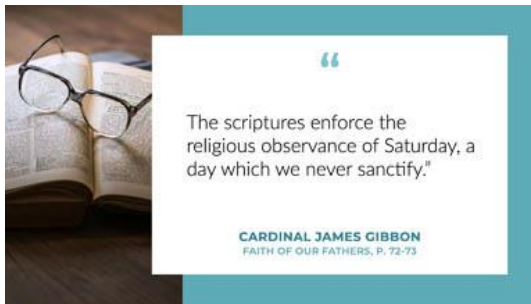
128. Sometimes people ask, “Pastor, why do you keep bringing up the Sabbath?” Well, it keeps coming up in Daniel and Revelation. God doesn’t allow me the option to just skip it because either I don’t like it or it’s uncomfortable. If the Sabbath is the sign of God’s creative power, a memorial of creation, that He is the Creator of heaven and earth, I am very uncomfortable with the idea knowing that Sunday is a tradition that comes from the commandments of men. It’s even more disturbing to know that it comes from the very power that Bible prophecy identifies as antichrist.



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129. Revelation tells us not to worship or follow the beast. Now, we may not physically bow down, but the truth is whoever I obey, whoever I surrender my heart to, that is who I worship. So, you'll find that the Sabbath-Sunday issue is much more than just deciding between two days. It's the deeper issue. God's law or man's law? Do I follow what Jesus Christ says or do I follow what antichrist says?



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130. Knowing where Sunday comes from ought to raise a big red flag in our mind and help us to understand why God's Seventh day Sabbath is eternal and why it comes up again and again in Bible prophecy. That's why Revelation 14:7 directs people back to the Sabbath commandment.

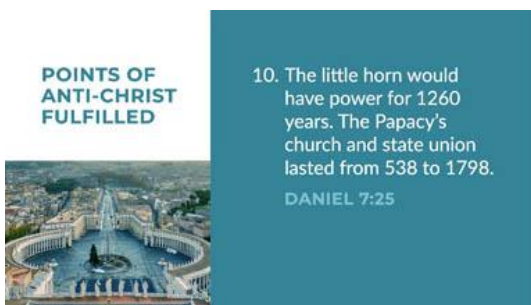


POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED

9. The little horn would seek to change God's times and law. The Papacy has blotted out the second commandment and tried to change God's Sabbath to Sunday.

DANIEL 7:25

131. So, the Papacy has changed God's times and law by blotting out the second commandment and changing God's Sabbath.



POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED

10. The little horn would have power for 1260 years. The Papacy's church and state union lasted from 538 to 1798.

DANIEL 7:25

132. Point number 10, the little horn would have power for 1,260 years. History tells us that the Papacy's church and state union lasted from 538 to 1798, which is exactly 1260 years. In 538 A.D. the Emperor Justinian handed civil power over to the pope and that power lasted all the way to 1798 when, during in the French Revolution, Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the Pope of that time off the throne where he died in exile. The church and state union was ended, and the papal kingdom received that deadly wound.

1260 YEARS

Napoleon's general, Berthier, broke the Roman Church's political power in the year 1798 A.D.



- 133.** If you do the math, 538 to 1798 is exactly 1,260 years—that's the same number that both Daniel and Revelation talked about so long ago.

POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED



11. The beast would receive a deadly wound that would be healed. In 1798, the Papacy lost its power for a short time during the French Revolution.

DANIEL 7:25

- 134.** Point number 11, Revelation said the beast would receive a deadly wound, but it would be healed. We just touched on that. In 1798, the papacy lost its power for a time during the French Revolution. But if you look at the world today, it has obviously regained its power. After World War I, during the time of the Lateran Treaty, Mussolini restored power to the Papacy, and it became a kingdom once again.

POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED



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- 135.** I just want to read to you an article that was written in the 1929 *San Francisco Chronicle* about how Italy and the Vatican made peace, because the wording in this newspaper is ironic.

THE NEXT

I AND GAS RIC ROMAN

These Are the
Race Terms

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SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE
FEBRUARY 11, 1929

- 136.** Here's what the article said: *“The Roman question tonight was a thing of the past and the Vatican was at peace with Italy. In affixing the autographs to the memorable document healing the wound extreme cordiality was displayed on both sides.”* You see, when Italy and the Papacy signed that document to give a kingdom back to the Papacy, to the Vatican City, notice what it says about the document. It “healed the wound.” Isn't it interesting that a secular newspaper writer uses the very language that we find in Revelation from 2,000 years ago?

POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED



12. The beast would be a religious power that is followed and worshipped. The Papacy is a worldwide religious power with great political influence.
REVELATION 13:4

137. Point number 12, the beast would be a religious power that would be followed and worshiped according to Revelation. The Papacy is a worldwide religious power with great political influence.

POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST FULFILLED



13. The beast would have the number 666. It would be the number of a man and the number of his name.
REVELATION 13:17-18

138. Lastly, point number 13, Revelation said the beast would have the number 666. It would be the number of a man. It would be the number of his name.

THE PAPACY'S TITLE "VICARIUS FILII DEI"

V = 5	F = 0	D = 500	
I = 1	I = 1	E = 0	
C = 100	L = 50	I = 1	
A = 0	I = 1	501	
R = 0	I = 1		112
I = 1	53		53
U = 5			501
S = 0			TOTAL 666
112			

139. The official title of the Pope in Latin has been Vicarius Filii Dei, which means “vicar of the son of God”. When you add up the Roman numerals of that name, it equals 666. You’ll see it there on the screen. Remember, Roman letters have numerical values. So, when you add it up it totals 666, the number of a man, and the number of his name. There are many people’s names that equal 666. The point is, there is no power except the papacy that has fulfilled all 13 of those points. So, as we look at Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, we see that the Bible is very, very clear.



140. You may think to yourself, “I’ve never heard that before.” Please understand this is not my personal interpretation. This is not some church’s individual interpretation. What we studied tonight is what the reformer believed in the Middle Ages. They taught and preached this because they saw what was happening in Rome. They saw the church and state union. They saw how one man was given power over church and state.



141. They saw how one man had political and religious influence and began to persecute those who disagreed. They saw how the Bible was kept from the people. They saw how it was forbidden to have God's Word translated. They saw how anyone who wanted to follow the Bible or share it was considered a heretic. They saw how such believers were tortured or burned at the stake or executed in some other way. As they saw all of this, that's where the Reformers came to Revelation 13 and realized, "*It's happening! Rome is the beast and the little horn!*"



142. So, what I'm sharing tonight is not something new. It goes all the way back 500 years to the Reformation. Friends, the truth is if you're part of a Protestant church, that's why you exist today. The very foundation of every Protestant church believed exactly that. It doesn't matter if you are Baptist or Methodist, Lutheran or Episcopalian, the very reason for the existence of Protestant churches today is because they saw Revelation 13 being fulfilled in Rome and they felt the conviction to break away. Therefore, the Reformation began, and many churches came out of Rome.



143. But many churches today have forgotten their heritage. They are grasping on to a more popular theology that says the antichrist is one man who rises only at the end of time. Do know where that interpretation comes from? It started to gain steam about 200 years ago, but originally that theology came from Rome. When Rome realized what Luther and the other Reformers were preaching, and that they were starting to gain a large influence, Rome thought to themselves, "*They are preaching that we are the beast! We need to come up with a different interpretation!*"



144. So, they came up with an interpretation that would become known as futurism. This is the idea that antichrist is one man who only rises at the end of time. By teaching that in the Middle Ages, they were able to take the heat off themselves and say, "*We are not the beast because antichrist arises in the future.*" The fact that many Protestant churches go along with that idea today and connect this one-man antichrist to a secret rapture and a seven-year tribulation, shows that we are leaving behind our heritage from the Protestant Reformation.



145. God was warning His church what would happen in the Middle Ages. He loved His people. He wanted them to know. I know that people can often get a negative attitude and say, “*What those Catholics did in the Middle Ages was terrible!*” But I need you to understand something. Number one, God is not honored when we speak negatively of our brothers and sisters. That accomplishes very little. Number two, every church in the world has, at some point, made a mistake that they have had to repent for. Number three, who started the Reformation?



146. I want you to think about that question. Who started the Reformation? Catholics started the Reformation! All of those Reformers were Catholics, individuals who wanted to reform a church that they loved. And even though the church wouldn’t be reformed, they chose to step away. But those who began the Reformation were Catholics. Individuals who loved God with all their heart and all their soul. Individuals who wanted to put truth above tradition.



147. Friends, that’s who God is looking for today. People who follow Jesus above everyone else and follow His Word above everything else.



WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO
WITH MY LIFE TODAY?

148. So, now comes a really important question. You might be thinking, “*It makes sense to me. I see it from the Bible. I see it from history. But, so what? This happened over a thousand years ago in the Middle Ages. What does this have to do with my life today?*”



GOD IS GIVING US A PICTURE FROM THE MIDDLE AGES OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE END TIMES.

149. That is a great question and the answer is this. What God is doing here is giving us a picture from the Middle Ages of what will happen again in the end times. Revelation's final events tell us that history is going to repeat itself. The time will come when the beast will rise again. When church and state will unite, and you and I will have to do as the people of the Middle Ages did.



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150. We will have to make a choice. Am I going to follow the commandments of men or am I going to follow the commandments of God? Am I going to follow the authority of man or am I going to follow the authority of God and His Word? God was giving us a picture in the Middle Ages of what will happen once more before Jesus comes. And we'll study about that final crisis more on a future night.



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151. Friends, the truth is, if I'm going to stand for Jesus in the end times, then I need to start standing for Jesus in these times. If I'm going to stand for Jesus when the pressure is on, I need to start standing for Jesus while I still have freedom. Because the decisions I make today are paving the way for the decisions that I make in the final events of earth's history.



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152. So, if we're going to apply this to our day, we should look at it this way. What are the *principles that came from the beast in the Middle Ages? What principles came from Rome?*

WHAT PRINCIPLES CAME FROM ROME?

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2. Tradition was placed above truth.
3. Human authority was placed above God's authority.

153. They boil down to basically three. One, the commandments of men were placed above the commandments of God. Two, tradition was placed above truth. And three, human authority was placed above God's authority.

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154. Let's apply this to my life in the 21st century. Any time I choose to put the commandments of men above God, I'm following the principles of the beast. Any time I choose to put tradition above truth, I am following the principles of the beast. Any time I choose to surrender to human authority instead of God's authority, I am following the principles of the beast. It doesn't matter whether I'm Baptist or Catholic, Hindu or Muslim, atheist or agnostic, or Adventist.

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155. This is an issue that faces the whole world. If I listen to man instead of God, then I'm doing what Rome did in the Middle Ages. I'm following the principles of the beast. I'm following the principles of the little horn. God encourages His people today to follow the principles of Jesus Christ, not the principles that came from antichrist.

AM I FOLLOWING JESUS?

1. Am I following Jesus above everyone else today?
2. Am I following His Word above everything else today?
3. Am I giving my allegiance to the commandments of God today?

156. So, friends, it would do us well to ask these questions. Am I following Jesus above everyone else today? Am I following His Word above everything else today? Am I giving my allegiance to the commandments of God today? Because what I'm doing today is creating the pattern of what I may do tomorrow.

**IF YOU NEED TO SHORTEN THE MESSAGE, SKIP STRAIGHT TO THE APPEAL
"TONIGHT, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO MAKE A COMMITMENT WITH ME?"**

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157. I don't want to end this presentation with antichrist. I want to end with Jesus Christ. In the book of Daniel, the vision about the little horn actually ends with a picture of Jesus. I want to look at a few verses there before we end our time this evening.



DANIEL 7:9-10

"I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like

158. In Daniel chapter seven, at the end of the vision, this is what Daniel describes. Daniel 7:9, the Bible says,

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DANIEL 7:9-10

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Here Daniel gives us a heavenly courtroom scene. It shows the Ancient of Days, God the Father, sitting on His throne. He is surrounded by millions, 10,000 times 10,000, of His angelic beings. The Bible says that books were open. It's showing us the scene of the judgment, the time when God looks through the record of our lives just before Jesus comes. The little horn is about to be judged here.



DANIEL 7:9-10

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- 161.** But before I worry about the little horn, I need to be concerned about myself. When God looks through the record of my life, sees all those sins and all those mistakes, the question I must ask myself is: do I have Jesus Christ as my Savior? Is His righteous life covering my life? Because that’s the only way I can make it through the judgment. You see, the focus here at the end of Daniel’s vision isn’t on anti-christ, it’s on Jesus Christ.



DANIEL 7:13

“I was watching in the night visions, and behold One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.”

- 162.** In that courtroom scene, as this vision ends, then comes verse 13:
“I was watching in the night visions, and behold One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.”



- 163.** Now the Son of Man enters the courtroom. Jesus—the One who is the Mediator between God and man—enters the scene. While God is looking at the record of my life and your life, *Jesus stands up! Jesus says, “Yes, this person made a mistake. Yes, their sins may be many. But they have accepted Me as their Savior. I have died on Calvary’s cross for them. I have given them My robe of righteousness, My perfect life.”*



- 164.** The Ancient of Days looks at your life and He sees that you’re covered by Jesus. He pronounces that you are perfect in His sight, because you have Jesus Christ as your Savior!



165. You see, my friends, when you accept Jesus as your Savior, His perfect righteous life covers yours. You can be saved, not because you are good, but because Jesus is good! Not because of what you did, but because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross of Calvary!



166. In those Middle Ages, it was the little horn that hid Jesus from the people. It was the little horn that said salvation can be bought with indulgences. It was the little horn that said that salvation can be earned through works of penance. The cross was hidden from the people. They were taught to look at human religious leaders—human authority—and they lost sight of Jesus.



167. But in these last days, it's time to turn our eyes upon Jesus. Because Jesus is the only One who can save us—Jesus is the only One we should worship—Jesus is the only One who can make us clean, and His commandments are the only ones that we should obey.



168. Tonight, would you be willing to make a commitment with me? Will you join me in saying, *“Lord, help me to always keep my eyes on Jesus? Help me to keep my eyes turned on Christ, the One mediator between God and man.”* If it's your desire to turn your eyes upon Jesus, if it's your desire to choose to follow Him, would you raise your hands with me as we pray?



169. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Scriptures and these powerful prophecies. Lord, though they might cut us to the heart, help us not to be offended by Your Word. But help us to see a picture of Jesus. Thank you for all He has done for us. We ask now, Lord, that you would help us make a decision. Give us the courage, through your Spirit, to follow Jesus with all our heart and all our soul. Thank you for bringing these things to light, the past, the present, and the future. We ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.



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