

# *Bible Study and Notes*

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# THE ANTICHRIST AND 666 (LESSON 11)

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## ***Bible Study***

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1. What type of deceptions would occur in the last days?  
**Mark 13:22**
2. When does or did the Antichrist lay its roots? **1 John 2:18-22, 1 John 4:3-6, 2 Thessalonians 2:7**
3. What is the common issue regarding the Antichrist? **1 John 2:21, 1 John 4:6, 2 John 1:9**
4. How are we to treat the contents of the book of Revelation (literal, symbolic, etc.)? **Revelation 1:1**
5. What does water in Bible prophecy represent?  
**Revelation 17:15**
6. What does a beast represent in Bible prophecy? **Daniel 7:17, Daniel 7:23**
7. What can horns represent in Bible prophecy? **Daniel 7:24**
8. What is one Biblical definition of blasphemy?  
**John 10:32-33, 2 Thessalonians 2:4**
9. What is a second Biblical definition of blasphemy?  
**Mark 2:7**
10. What is the reaction of many in regards to this topic?  
**2 Thessalonians 2:10**

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## ***Why Is This Lesson Important?***

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The mysterious entity known as the antichrist has perplexed many for centuries. As we will see in a moment, it was known of even before Jesus came the first time. Some have pinned it on people such as Napoleon, Hitler, Ronald Reagan, Bill Gates, and others, even Donald Trump. Some are looking in the Middle East while others look toward Asia. But remember, we are to have the "sure word of prophecy" according to the Bible in 2 Peter 1:19-21. The

preceding sounds like a lot of guesswork, and that is exactly what it has been. These have been private interpretations, which go against the promise that the Bible is its own interpreter. It is time to rely on the sure Word. It is time to adhere to the principle laid out in Isaiah 28:9-10 where we are to search from Genesis to Revelation for the definitions and explanations of symbolism.

Before we get started, we must ask, "Why should we know who the antichrist is?" Revelation 14:8 tells us, "*And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*" Before Jesus returns "*upon the cloud*" (Revelation 14:14), Babylon will have grown influentially to the point that it influences the whole world, but by then, God raises up a voice to identify "*the great city*" symbolically known as "*Babylon*" (Revelation 14:8). The question comes down to us is -- will we be part of this movement?

Shortly thereafter, we see a second reason to be aware of the Antichrist. Revelation 14:9 tells us, "*And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast...*". God's people are going to create a stir in revealing who the beast is. This message will not be popular because Satan has been confusing the issue and even threatening the speakers of the messages.

How has Satan been doing this? Mark 13:22 tells us, "*For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were]*

*possible, even the elect.*" Knowing who is the antichrist is part of being ready and watching or we will be deceived. Here Jesus tells us to be aware of "*False Christs*" and that they will arise for the purpose of deception. Now, Jesus would not allow us to be in the dark on this so serious of a subject. He always reveals these things through the prophets (Amos 3:7). In fact, between all the prophets of the Bible, there are over fifty points to clearly identify the antichrist.

However, many are being lulled to sleep on this subject. They make up excuses such as "No one really knows who the Antichrist is," "It doesn't matter, I won't be deceived," "As long as I'm a good person, it doesn't matter if I follow the antichrist or not," "It doesn't matter, I won't be here," "We all have a bit of Antichrist in us," "We are all children of God," and so on. It is time to wake up and stop taking this subject so lightly. Eternal life depends upon choices regarding this subject.

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### **How Does the Bible Use the Word Antichrist?**

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The word ANTICHRIST appears four times in the Bible. The first and second use of the word appear together in 1 John 2:18-22, which says, "*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would [no doubt] have*

*continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*" Satan has brought in the notion that the Antichrist is a single anti-Christian leader who has a powerful military force, which will be used to exterminate God's people, even specifically those deemed no longer God's people -- modern day Israel. That is not the Antichrist that John brings out. Notice that the issue is over spiritual matters -- lying versus truth.

As for Israel, remember, Jesus Himself told us regarding Israel in general and Jerusalem specifically, "*Behold, your house is left unto you desolate*" (Matthew 23:38) and "*The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof*" (Matthew 21:43).

So, from 1 John 2:18-22, we are given an identifying point of who the antichrist is.

1. The antichrist is not one single person but rather a group of people ("*even now are there many antichrists*").

Onwards to our second point in which we ask, "How does one deny the Father and the Son?" Does it mean that the antichrist will not acknowledge God's existence or Jesus' existence? Titus 1:16 "*They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being*

*abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.*” So, the antichrist may say many things in the name of Christ or even the Father, even pretend to worship them, but their actions will deny God.

2. The antichrist will deny the Father and the Son in their actions (“*He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son*”).

Is there an example of denying the Son in action but acknowledging Him in word? Luke 4:41 tells us, “*And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking [them] suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.*” The devils acknowledged Jesus to be the “*Son of God*” but never submitted to obeying in action.

The third occurrence of the word ANTICHRIST is in 1 John 4:3-6, which says, “*And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”*

Again, notice the importance of this issue. It is a matter of discerning between truth and error. Also notice that it was a

common discussion and that they knew that the antichrist was to come, meaning they heard because of another source, which we will discover later.

From these verses, we find:

3. The root of the antichrist began in apostolic times (“*even now already is it in the world*”)

Another witness on the fact that the antichrist roots are in the apostolic age, Paul records in 2 Thessalonians 2:7, “*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.*”

To understand what is meant by denying Jesus coming in the flesh, we must ask, “What was the purpose of Jesus coming in the flesh anyways?” According to Romans 8:3, the Bible says, “*For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.*” How would the antichrist deny this? Hebrews 9:28 gives us the answer by saying, “*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*” They would deny the fact that the one sacrifice by Jesus paid the price to save sinners.

4. The antichrist would deny that Jesus came in the flesh to condemn sin by the one sacrifice of Himself (“*confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*”).

Here is the fourth occurrence of the word ANTICHRIST it is in 2 John 1:7-9, which states, “*For many deceivers are entered into*

*the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.*

*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.* Notice that one is following the antichrist when they accept doctrines that Jesus did not teach. This is certainly the desire of the antichrist.

A persecutor of Christians in general will not deceive Christians, but a sower of false doctrine that is not supported by a “*Thus Saith the Lord*” or is in complete contrast to the Word of God is able to deceive many. We must abide by the doctrines of Christ only. Amen?

5. The antichrist would teach doctrines different from Jesus Christ (“*abideth not in the doctrine of Christ*”).

In addition to these four verses containing the word ANTICHRIST, there are other words used throughout the Bible that also identify the Antichrist. As we look at the remaining identifying marks, these verses will be grouped into various categories making this study a bit more organized.

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### **What Are the Geological Aspects of the Antichrist?**

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Revelation 13:1-3 says, “*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads*

*and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.”* Have you seen anything like this at your zoo? Of course not. This beast is symbolic, meaning it signifies the real. In fact, all three verses are not literal.

Does the Bible say that such verses are not literal? We get the answer from Revelation 1:1, which says, “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John.”*

What do the symbols mean? Well, let us begin with one of the easier items. The beast comes up out of the sea. In Bible prophecy, what does WATER symbolically mean? With no guessing or speculating, the Bible says in Revelation 17:15, “*And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*”

Therefore, in Bible prophecy, whenever a beast rises out of water, it signifies rising from a populated place on earth where there are many different languages spoken, nations represented, and many people reside.

6. The antichrist would arise

in a populated area of the world (“*a beast rise up out of the sea*” which means, “*are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*”)

Does the Bible reveal the LEOPARD, BEAR, LION, and TEN HORNS? Again, without guessing or speculating, the Bible does tell us. For the answer, we must look in Daniel 7:1-7, which says, “*In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, [and] told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first [was] like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and [it had] three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, 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.”* It is not by coincidence that Daniel sees the

exact same four beasts that John sees as a single conglomerate beast. Further, it is not a coincidence that John sees the beasts in the exact reverse order of Daniel. That is because Daniel is seeing mostly future events while John is seeing mostly past events. We see a ten-horn beast, a leopard, a bear, and a lion each coming up out of the water, which means a populated area of the earth.

What does a beast represent? The straight answer from the Bible is in Daniel 7:17, which says, “*These great beasts, which are four, [are] four kings, [which] shall arise out of the earth.*” And we are told the same in Daniel 7:23 as well: “*Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.”* So, a beast in Bible prophecy represents a king and their kingdom.

7. The antichrist is a kingdom (“*a beast rise up out of the sea*” which means “*beasts are kingdoms.*”)

It is interesting that the more people try to deny that God exists, the more they follow His principles. Take for instance beasts representing nations. People do that today. The eagle represents the United States. There is the Russian bear and the Chinese dragon. And there are many other symbols. It is even in politics. There is the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

Now to establish the next geological point, we must continue on with an event that

occurs after these four beasts (kingdoms). Daniel 7:13-14 tells us, *"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed."* Praise the Lord! This just described events leading up to the second coming. I am longing for it. How about you? But wait! Did you notice something? We have four beasts representing four kingdoms. We have the last beast containing ten divisions. We then have the second coming and Gods everlasting kingdom following in sequence. Where have we heard of this before? That was in *The New World Order* lesson. Daniel 7 is a retelling of Daniel 2 with added details.

The head of gold in Daniel 2 is an exact match for the lion. What did the head of gold represent? Babylon. As a side note, the ruins of Babylon contain statues of lions. In fact, God even compares Babylon to lions in Jeremiah 50:17, which says, *"Israel [is] a scattered sheep; the lions have driven [him] away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones."*

What does the heart of the lion represent? After reading Daniel 4, you will find that King Nebuchadnezzar gave his heart

to God. It is symbolic of his conversion.

Remember, Babylon ruled from 606 to 538 BC. We again have a timeline.

The arms of silver from Daniel 2 and the bear of Daniel 7 are describing the same kingdom. What kingdom is that? The answer is Medo-Persia, where the Medes joined forces with Persia to conquer Babylon. This is why the bear arises on one side first (the strength) and then brings up the other (the brains or ruling knowledge). Does the Bible confirm this? Daniel 5:25-28 tells us, *"And this [is] the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This [is] the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."*

What do the three ribs represent? They are the three territories that were conquered. They were Lydia, Egypt, and Babylonia. The Medo-Persian Empire ruled from 538 to 331 BC.

The thighs of brass of Daniel 2 and the four-headed leopard of Daniel 7 represent the same kingdom as well. What did the brass represent? Greece. This is told to us in Daniel 8:20-21: *"The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king."* They ruled from 331 to 168 BC.

What do the wings of the

leopard represent? Speed, according to the Bible: *"The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, [as swift] as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand"* (Deuteronomy 28:49), and *"Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle [that] hasteth to eat"* (Habakkuk 1:8).

What do the four heads of the leopard represent? Well, the first ruler in Greece was Alexander. When he conquered the whole then known world at age 30, he drank himself to death. This placed the kingdom into the hands of the four top generals. Cassander took the west, Lysimachus took the north, Ptolemy took the south, and Seleucus took the east. Of course, a divided kingdom cannot stand. And it did not.

The iron legs of Daniel 2 and the unnamed beast with iron teeth of Daniel 7 are not by chance linked with the symbolism of iron. This is God confirming that we are right on track. What did the iron legs represent? Rome. It was the most feared even at the time that Jesus walked this earth. John 11:47-48 tells us, *"Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all [men] will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation."* It ruled from 168 BC to 476 AD.

Before we ask what the ten toes

represent, let us make sure that the ten horns match the ten toes as being kingdoms. Daniel 7:24 tells us, “*And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*” Sure enough! Now notice that the horns are attached to the fourth beast. Just like the feet were attached to the legs signifying that the ten kingdoms would immediately arise after the fourth kingdom, the ten horns immediately come out of the fall of Rome. What did the ten toes represent? Europe.

As Rome fell, they represented:

1. The Alamani, which are today’s Germans.
2. The Burgundians are today’s Swiss.
3. The Franks are today’s French.
4. Lombards are today’s Italians.
5. Saxons or Anglo Saxons are the English.
6. Suevi are the Portuguese.
7. Visigoths are the Spanish.
8. Heruli no longer exist.
9. Vandals no longer exist.
10. Ostrogoths no longer exist.

[In this lesson, we are going to find out why the last three do not exist any longer.]

Now here is the added detail that Daniel chapter 7 has over chapter 2. We pick up in Daniel 7:8, which says, “*I considered the horns, and, behold, there*

*came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.*” Daniel sees another kingdom arising among the other ten and this is not a nice kingdom. It speaks great things and removes three of the previous kingdoms. In fact, this horn is the same antichrist power that John says the people in his day were anticipating. This is how they knew to expect such a power because Daniel prophesied it.

From this history, four more points were identified:

8. The antichrist is a small kingdom (“*little horn*”).
9. The antichrist kingdom would be recognized as a kingdom after 476 AD which is the fall of Rome and when Europe existed (“*there came up among them another little horn*” and “*another shall rise after them*”).
10. The antichrist is located in Europe (“*And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise*” and “*there came up among them another little horn*”).
11. The antichrist will not be a normal, political kingdom but be different (“*he shall be diverse from the first*”).

Another point follows these and is brought out in Daniel 7:20, which says, “*And of the ten horns that [were] in his head, and [of] the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even [of] that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake*

*very great things, whose look [was] more stout than his fellows.*”

12. The antichrist will remove three of the original ten kingdoms (“*there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots*” and “*he shall subdue three kings*”)

This also brings out another point. Since we are examining the Antichrist, it would be a logical deduction that being stout is not necessarily a good attribute in this case. In fact, we have a Biblical example in Isaiah 10:12 of the use of the word:

“*Wherefore it shall come to pass, [that] when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.*” Another reference defining the word STOUT appears in Malachi 3:13-15: “*Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken [so much] against thee? Ye have said, It [is] vain to serve God: and what profit [is it] that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, [they that] tempt God are even delivered.*” Being STOUT in the wrong sense is punishable and notice the words “*high looks*”, “*proud*”, and “*set up*” are associated with the word.

13. The antichrist kingdom that would appear pompous as compared to the other kingdoms (“*whose look [was] more stout than his fellows*”).

The location is more specific in

Revelation 17:3, which says, "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns." And Revelation 17:9, tells us, "And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

Focusing upon the word "woman", according to Jeremiah 6:2, the Bible says, "I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate [woman]," God represents Zion by a symbolic use of the word "woman".

What is Zion? According to Isaiah 51:16, the Bible says, "And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou [art] my people." From these verses, we see that God compares His people (the church) to a comely and delicate woman. When people apostatize, God compares them to a harlot woman instead. This is evident in Isaiah 51:6: "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: [there is] no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet [thee as] a man." And specifically, it is identified in Jeremiah 3:8, which

says, "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also."

And notice that the word "harlot" was applied to God's religious bodies of Israel and Judah. That means, a harlot woman in the Bible is a religious body that turns from obedience to God and chooses to mingle with the ways of the world instead.

From this, the next two points are:

14. The antichrist would use an apostate or fallen group of people in contrast to God's people ("a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy").

15. The antichrist kingdom is located on seven mountains ("seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth").

The antichrist is further described geologically in 2 Thessalonians 2:4, which says, "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

16. The antichrist would display himself as being a religious power ("shewing himself that he is God.")

What about the temple? 1 Corinthians 3:17 tells us, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are." The temple is simply a reference to a

declared holy place on earth.

17. The antichrist would sit in what is considered one of the holiest places on earth ("so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God").

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### **What Does the Antichrist Do That Denies Christ?**

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Remember that in 1 John 2:22, it stated "He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." Now let us see what the Bible specifically identifies regarding this.

Daniel 8:11 tells us, "Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down." From this verse, we may draw two more points.

First, what does "the daily [sacrifice] was taken away" mean? Hebrews 9:11 says, "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building." Christ is our high priest and our only "mediator between God and men" (1 Timothy 2:5) and is in the heavenly sanctuary. Daily He applies His blood upon all confessed sins.

18. The antichrist would set up a counterfeit service to Christ's true service ("by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away").

The second point from Daniel 8:11 is that Christ's "sanctuary was cast down" or in other

words, for those that follow the Antichrist, the heavenly sanctuary or tabernacle would be replaced with an earthly one.

19. The antichrist would set up a counterfeit sanctuary (*"the place of his sanctuary was cast down"*).

Another reference to the counterfeit sanctuary is in Revelation 13:6, which says, *"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."* The Antichrist would blaspheme God's tabernacle.

The next point is referenced in several places. Daniel 7:8 tells us, *"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."* Daniel 7:20 says, *"And of the ten horns that [were] in his head, and [of] the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even [of] that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look [was] more stout than his fellows."* Daniel 7:25 states, *"And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."* Revelation 13:5-6 reveals, *"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty [and] two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy*

*against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."*

20. The antichrist would speak blasphemously (*"a mouth speaking great things," "a mouth that spake very great things," "And he shall speak [great] words against the most High," "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies," and "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God"*).

Looking at some of the blasphemy that comes from the antichrist, we discover two more points. The first is revealed in John 10:32-33, which says, *"Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God."* And we already read in 2 Thessalonians 2:4 the words, *"...shewing himself that he is God"* as well as what we read in Daniel 8:11, which said, *"Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host."*

21. The antichrist would declare himself to be God or as God (*"for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God," "...shewing himself that he is God," and "Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host."*).

The second blasphemous act is brought out in Mark 2:7, stating, *"Why doth this [man] thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?"*

22. The antichrist would declare himself to be able to forgive sins (*"who can forgive sins but God only"*).

Now let us go back to 2 Thessalonians and pick up a couple more points that apply to this category. In 2 Thessalonians 2:4, the Bible says, *"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."*

What does it mean to be *"above all that is called God"*? Psalms 99:9 tells us, *"Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God [is] holy."*

23. The antichrist would think to have power greater than all that is called holy (*"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped"*).

2 Thessalonians 2:3 states, *"Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."* What is sin? 1 John 3:4 gives us the answer: *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."*

24. The antichrist would cause people to break the commandments (*"man of sin" and "sin is the transgression of the law"*).

The next point is found in Daniel 7:8 *"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the*



first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." What does it mean to have "eyes of man"? In contrast, we find the proper eyes that should lead us. Psalms 32:8 tells us, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." The ways of man would be exalted, which Jesus defined as: "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye" (Mark 7:13).

25. The antichrist would cause people to follow traditions above a "Thus Saith the Lord..." ("eyes like the eyes of man").

Looking at Daniel 8:12, the next point of identification is: "And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered." Looking at "cast down the truth", we find truth in three distinct areas. John 17:17 tells us, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Psalms 119:142 states, "Thy righteousness [is] an everlasting righteousness, and thy law [is] the truth." John 14:6 reveals, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

26. The antichrist would make of none effect the word, Jesus' teachings, and the commandments ("cast down the truth").

Back in Daniel 7:25, we read, "And he shall speak [great] words against the most High,

and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." This is just a specific example of the Antichrist claiming to be above what God has declared to be holy. Romans 7:12 tells us, "Wherefore the law [is] holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."

27. The antichrist would think to change God's Ten Commandments ("think to change times and laws").

Two more points come from Daniel 7:25. The Antichrist would think he could change God's "times". Seeing the word is plural, we must seek more than one time that God has put in place and yet the Antichrist would think to change them.

One of them is how to keep time on a daily basis. God said that "the evening and the morning were the first day" and not mid-night to mid-night. For secular purposes, it does not matter how people keep time, but in regards to a religious duty, it makes a difference in following Antichrist or Jesus Christ.

Now, how could keeping track of days be linked to Jesus Christ? In describing Jesus Christ, John records, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). That means He is the one that created the cycle of a day.

28. The antichrist would think to change God's reckoning of time for when a day begins and ends ("think to change times and laws").

The second time the Jesus

created, instituted, and is called holy is the day of worship of which the Antichrist would consider himself above. Genesis 2:3 tells us, "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." To sanctify something is to make it holy for instance people are made holy by God's sanctifying power: 1 Corinthians 7:14 teaches, "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy."

29. The antichrist would think to change God's time for worship ("think to change times and laws").

Remember when God's day of worship is? Exodus 20:8-11 specifically states, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Moving on to Revelation 13:6, we pick up two more identifying marks. "And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

30. The antichrist would have doctrines regarding the

activity of heaven, which are not true (*"blaspheme... them that dwell in heaven"*).

31. The antichrist would take on titles belonging to God only (*"blaspheme his name"*).

Along similar lines, we pick up another aspect in Revelation 18:2, which says, *"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."* Notice what foul spirits do: Mark 9:25 says, *"When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, [Thou] dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him."* Foul spirits possess people. Also remember the council given regarding spiritualism: Leviticus 19:31 commands, *"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I [am] the LORD your God."*

32. The antichrist would practice spiritualism (*"is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird"*).

We pick up two more points in 1 Timothy 4:1-3, which says, *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to*

*abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."*

33. The antichrist would forbid marriages, which God ordained (*"Forbidding to marry"*).

34. The antichrist would command the abstinence from eating meats (*"abstain from meats"*).

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### **How Long Does the Antichrist Reign?**

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Daniel 7:21-22 tells us, *"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."*

35. The antichrist would exist until the second coming (*"Until the Ancient of days came"*).

But God gets more specific. Daniel 7:25 states, *"And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."* Now how long is *"a time and times and the dividing of time"*? Well, let us compare it to Revelation 12:14, which says, *"And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."* Here we see a very similar

phrase. It is actually the same with slightly different wording. If one would take a whole time and divide it, then you would have two halves, so *"dividing of time"* and *"half a time"* are one in the same.

The reason we looked at this verse is because back in verse 6 of the same chapter, the period of time is easily understandable: *"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days."* The understanding then is that a TIME is a year, TIMES is two years, and DIVIDING OF TIME or HALF A TIME is half a year. This equates to three and a half years. But there is better support for this calculation in Revelation 13:5, which says, *"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty [and] two months."* Forty-two months identified here is exactly three and a half years or one thousand, two hundred and sixty days (42 months x 30 days/month = 1,260 days).

What does a day signify in Bible prophecy? Numbers 14:34 tells us, *"After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, [even] forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, [even] forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."* Ezekiel 4:6 repeats the pattern by stating, *"And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year."* Therefore,

God has a day for a year principal, which is applied consistently whenever God speaks prophetically.

36. The rein of the antichrist is for one thousand, two hundred and sixty years. (“a time and times and the dividing of time” and “continue forty [and] two months” when compared with “each day for a year”).

Two interesting points are brought out in Revelation 13:3, which says, “*And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*”

37. The antichrist would cease to exist. (“*And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death*”).

38. The antichrist would come back to life (“*and his deadly wound was healed*”).

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### **Where and How Does the Antichrist Derive Its Power?**

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Revelation 13:2 reveals, “*And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*” From earlier in this lesson, we learned that each of the beast parts represent the four world pagan governments of Babylon, Medes and Persians, Greece, and Rome. Further, we know that Satan is the one giving the power by looking at Revelation 12:9, which says, “*And the great dragon was cast out, that old*

*serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*”

39. The antichrist would be based upon paganism (“*the dragon gave him his power*”).

Revelation 13:17 tells us, “*And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*”

40. The antichrist would have a mark of allegiance (“*the mark*”).

The Antichrist or at least its teachings are promulgated by another agency identified in Revelation 13:11-12, which states, “*And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*”

41. The antichrist would be promulgated by another nation having great power (“*another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon*”).

Of course, what the Antichrist cannot get by enticement, it will try by other means. Revelation 13:7, shows, “*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*” Revelation 17:6 follows up with, “*And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the*

*saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*” Daniel 7:21 tells us, “*I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them.*” Daniel 7:25 reinforces with, “*And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*”

42. The antichrist would torture and put God’s people to death (“*to make war with the saints*”, “*the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus*”, “*the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them*”, and “*and shall wear out the saints of the most High*”).

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### **What Is the Physical Appearance of the Antichrist?**

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Revelation 17:4 tells us, “*And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.*”

43. The antichrist kingdom would have purple and scarlet as its official colors (“*the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour*”).

44. The antichrist would be a rich kingdom (“*decked with gold and precious stones*

and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand").

Revelation 17:5 states, "And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

45. The antichrist would be the mother of harlot daughters ("MOTHER OF HARLOTS").

Revelation 13:18 tells us, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six."

46. The antichrist would have a leader whose name or title would add up to 666 ("count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six").

2 Thessalonians 2:9 "[Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

47. The antichrist would use signs and wonders ("with all power and signs and lying wonders").

2 Thessalonians 2:3 says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Looking up the phrase "son of perdition" which appears only twice, we find the other in John 17:12, telling us, "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I

have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled." Judas is an example of the antichrist, and Judas was part of the original fold.

48. The antichrist would be part of the Christian fold ("son of perdition" as compared to Judas).

2 Corinthians 11:13-14 states, "For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

49. The antichrist ministers would appear very religious ("transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ").

Matthew 7:21-23 tells us, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

50. The antichrist kingdom and even the followers will do great religious works thinking they have right to the kingdom of God but in fact are lost because they willfully did not follow God's will ("Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven").

What is God's will? Psalms 40:8 reveals, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is]

within my heart."

What is the reaction to many in regards to this topic? 2 Thessalonians 2:10 states, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." The revelation of the antichrist will result in willful denial "because they received not the love of the truth".

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### **Who or What Is the Antichrist?**

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Now, before the answer is given, remember the attitude of Jesus. That would be the attitude of love. He is not against sincere people. He is against error, and He never points out truth to hurt people, rather he points it out so people can repent and follow Him instead of error.

Just because there are people today that are associated with this kingdom that does not make them bad people. Take for instance the United States. I love this country, but this country practiced slavery, which is against the Word of God. Does that make me a bad American today? No.

How about Hitler? He got a country to exterminate six million Jews just because they were Jews. That is wrong. But does that make all Germans today bad people? No. Of course not!

Now who is it? It is none other than the Vatican.

Before we go on. I feel it important again to say that God is not against Catholics. There are many sincere Catholics that love Jesus with all their hearts

and who will be in heaven. We must separate the system from the people.

I myself am a former Catholic who loves his Catholic family very much. I have no animosity towards my former church nor am I just a fallen away Catholic. I was taught in Catholic school from first grade through high school. I was an altar boy through college and was being well prepped for the priesthood. While at college, I was mixed in with Protestants of whom I hated with a passion. I thought that Protestants were in desperate need of correction for they seemed to me to be a bunch of rebellious people and were responsible for the mess that we call Christianity but is splintered so many ways. But as I spent time with them, I found that they loved Jesus more than I did. One day though, I decided to prove Protestants wrong. I was going to be one of the few Catholics to read a Bible from cover to cover. So, I did and boy was I confused. I read that there is only one mediator between man and God and that you should not call another person "father" in religious respect. Consequently, I began to study and study. And when God revealed this truth and much more, I just had to tell others.

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### ***Where Is the Proof?***

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1. THE ANTICHRIST IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE ("*even now are there many antichrists*").

The Vatican consists of a Pope and a body of Cardinals and over the life of the Vatican, 266 popes have been elected along

with countless Cardinals.

2. THE ANTICHRIST WILL DENY THE FATHER AND THE SON ("*He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son*").

The following is a sample of works that deny God: Forgiveness of sins, the sacrifice of Christ during the mass, taking on God's titles, declaring to have the ability to make things holy such as water and religious objects, and much more will be revealed as these lessons unfold.

3. THE ROOT OF THE ANTICHRIST BEGAN IN APOSTOLIC TIMES ("*even now already is it in the world*").

The Vatican claims that the successor of popes begin with Peter followed by Linus (67-79 AD), Anacletus (79-92 AD), Clement I (92-101 AD), etc. (*The Robinson Research World of Knowledge*.)

4. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD DENY THAT JESUS CAME IN THE FLESH TO CONDEMN SIN IN THE FLESH BY THE ONE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF ("*confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*").

The prayer during the church service, called "the mass", while holding hands over the bread and wine at the start of the "Liturgy of the Eucharist" contains:

**"Priest:** Pray, brethren that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**Congregation:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all

his church."

And then the priest takes the bread, which to them is Christ's body and breaks it. (*Today's Missal*, Sept. 6 – Nov. 28, 1992, page 48, 53, 55, 57, 58)

5. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD TEACH DOCTRINES DIFFERENT FROM JESUS CHRIST ("*abideth not in the doctrine of Christ*").

Continue in these lessons to find out many of the false doctrines.

6. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD ARISE IN A POPULATED AREA OF THE WORLD ("*a beast rise up out of the sea*" which means, "*are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*")

Rome is located on the Tiber River. The population in 1990 was 2,775,250. *Encarta* 1997. According to the 1995 census, 728 million live in Europe. *United Nations Release*.

7. THE ANTICHRIST IS A KINGDOM ("*a beast rise up out of the sea*" which means "*beasts are kingdoms.*")

"Vatican City is an independent state" *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, 1996.

8. THE ANTICHRIST IS A SMALL KINGDOM ("*little horn*").

"Vatican City is an independent state occupying 0.44 sq. km (0.17 sq. mi.)." *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, 1995.

9. THE ANTICHRIST KINGDOM WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A KINGDOM AFTER 476 AD WHICH IS THE FALL OF ROME AND WHEN EUROPE EXISTED ("*there came up among them another little horn*" and "*another shall rise after them*").

“Justinian advocated caesaropapism, i.e., the supremacy of emperor even over church.”

*Columbia Encyclopedia, Columbia University Press.*

“Justinian’s aim was the restoration of the earlier Roman Empire by reconquest of areas lost to the Germanic tribes.”

*Grolier Multimedia*

*Encyclopedia, 1996.* “The Justinian Code was part of a collection of ROMAN LAW, known as the Corpus Juris Civilis (‘Body of Civil Law’), prepared during the reign of the Byzantine emperor Justinian I (r. 527-65).” *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, 1996.* In an attempt to rebuild the Roman Empire, Emperor Justinian made a decree in 531 AD to transfer all political power to the Bishop of Rome. The Ostrogoths however, prevented its immediate enactment. Justinian’s troops removed them from Rome in **538** AD which was followed by the official ceremony signifying the transfer of power that began the political supremacy for the Bishop of Rome.

10. THE ANTICHRIST IS LOCATED IN EUROPE (“*And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise*” and “*there came up among them another little horn*”).

“Vatican City is an independent state occupying 0.44 sq. km (0.17 sq. mi.) on the west bank of the Tiber River, lying within the Italian capital city of Rome and almost completely surrounded by walls.” *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, 1996.*

11. THE ANTICHRIST WILL NOT BE A NORMAL, POLITICAL KINGDOM BUT BE DIFFERENT (“*he shall be*

*diverse from the first*”).

“Out of the ruins of the Roman Empire there gradually arose a new order of states whose central point was the Papal See. Therefore, inevitably resulted a position, not only new, but very different from the former.” *The Church and Churches*, pp. 42, 43. “The transfer of the Emperor’s residence to Constantinople was a sad blow to the prestige of Rome, and at the time one might have predicted her speedy decline. But the development of the Church, and the growing authority of the Bishop of Rome, or the pope, gave her a new lease on life, and made her again the capital - this time the religious capital - of the civilized world.” *Abbot’s Roman History*, p. 236. “Under the Roman Empire the popes had no temporal power. But when the Roman Empire had disintegrated and its place had been taken by a number of rude barbarous kingdoms, the Roman Catholic Church not only became independent of the states in religious affairs but dominated secular affairs as well.” *The Papacy and World Affairs*.

12. THE ANTICHRIST WILL REMOVE THREE OF THE ORIGINAL TEN KINGDOMS (“*there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots*” and “*he shall subdue three kings*”).

“Political Events, 493: **Herulian** leader Odovacar surrenders Ravenna March 3 after a 3-year siege to Theodoric, who invites Odovacar to dinner and has him murdered.” *The People’s Chronology, Henry Holt and Company, Inc.* “Belisarius

c.505–565, Byzantine general under JUSTINIAN I. He suppressed (532) the Nika riot caused by internal political strife, and defeated (533–34) the **Vandals**, a Germanic tribe. In command (535) of the war against the **Ostrogoths** in Italy, he took Naples and Rome (536), as well as Milan and Ravenna (540).” *The People’s Chronology, Henry Holt and Company, Inc.*

13. THE ANTICHRIST KINGDOM WOULD APPEAR POMPOUS AS COMPARED TO THE OTHER KINGDOMS (“*whose look [was] more stout than his fellows*”).

According to *Time Magazine*, the most welcomed leader is that of the Pope who has visited more countries than any other leader in history. In March 1999, when Iran wanted to re-establish western ties, the highest official of the country was sent to the Vatican as the first point of contact according to *ABC News*, March 1999.

14. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD USE AN APOSTATE OR FALLEN GROUP OF PEOPLE IN CONTRAST TO GOD’S PEOPLE (“*a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy*”).

The Vatican is in partnership with the Catholic Church system. Remember that God does not condemn honest and sincere people even those who make up the body of the Catholic Church. In fact, the vast majority probably do not know that they are living contrary to the Word of God but are living up to all the light they have and that is what God will judge (Acts 17:30).

15. THE ANTICHRIST GROUP IS LOCATED ON SEVEN MOUNTAINS (“*seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth*”).

Where are the seven mountains? “Continuous settlements probably began about 1000 BC on Rome’s future site--around the fording point of the Tiber and in the surrounding hills that (unlike other low-lying areas of Latium) were free of malaria. Probably by the 6th century BC several separate tribal settlements, including those of the LATINS and SABINES, had coalesced to form a single city. This early city was built on seven hills; Capitoline Hill and the **Palatine Hill** (nearest the east bank of the Tiber) were the first site of the city, and between them was the Roman Forum. Farther out, the **Aventine, Caelian, Esquiline, Viminal,** and **Quirinal** hills provided vital protection to the city. The city eventually became the capital of the Roman Empire (see ROME, ANCIENT).” *The Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, 1995.

16. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD DISPLAY HIMSELF AS BEING A RELIGIOUS POWER (“*shewing himself that he is God.*”)

“Incorporated into the Church by Baptism, the faithful are appointed by their baptismal character to Christian religious worship” *DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH LUMEN GENTIUM*, Proclaimed by His Holiness, Pope Paul VI on November 21, 1964.

17. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD SIT IN WHAT IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE HOLIEST PLACE

ON EARTH (“*so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God*”).

“Bishop of Rome, or the pope, gave her a new lease on life, and made her again the capital - this time the religious capital - of the civilized world.” Abbot’s Roman History, p. 236.

18. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD SET UP A COUNTERFEIT SERVICE TO CHRIST’S TRUE SERVICE (“*by him the daily [sacrifice] was taken away*”).

It is confession as well as the mass.

19. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD SET UP A COUNTERFEIT SANCTUARY (“*the place of his sanctuary was cast down*”).

“Sanctuary signified in the Middle Ages sometimes a ciborium-altar, a structure resting on pillars and covered with a baldachino that was set over an altar, sometimes an ostensory or monstrance, a tower-shaped vessel for preserving and exhibiting relics and the Blessed Sacrament, sometimes, lastly, like to-day, it was the name of the vessel holding the pyx. That is, at the present time in ecclesiastical usage it is only the name for the receptacle or case placed upon the table of the high altar or of another altar in which the vessels containing the Blessed Sacrament, as the ciborium, monstrance, custodia, are kept.” *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. In plain language, in each Catholic Church, usually towards the front, there is a place known as the holy place where is stored the unused communion wafers but more important to them is a larger wafer contained in a special casing. This is taken out at special times of the year and

placed on the altar, which is also a counterfeit sanctuary item seeing altars were done away with at the cross.

20. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD SPEAK BLASPHEMOUSLY (“*a mouth speaking great things,*” “*a mouth that spake very great things,*” “*And he shall speak [great] words against the most High,*” “*And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies,*” and “*And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God*”).

This is revealed in the next two points.

21. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD DECLARE HIMSELF TO BE GOD OR AS GOD (“*for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God,*” “*...shewing himself that he is God,*” and “*Yea, he magnified [himself] even to the prince of the host.*”).

“The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God.” *Ferraris Ecclesiastical Dictionary*. “The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ himself, hidden under the veil of flesh.” *The Catholic National*, July, 1895. “We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.” Pope Leo XIII.

22. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD DECLARE HIMSELF TO BE ABLE TO FORGIVE SINS (“*who can forgive sins but God only*”).

“Seek where you will, through heaven and earth, and you will find one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell. That extraordinary being is the priest, the Roman Catholic priest.” *The*

*Catholic Priest* p. 78. "To pardon a single sin requires all the OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD ... But what only God can do by His omnipotence, the priest also can do." *Dignity and Duties of the priests*, Vol. 12 p. 34.

23. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD THINK TO HAVE POWER GREATER THAN GOD AND ITEMS OF GOD ESPECIALLY PERTAINING TO WORSHIP ("Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped").

"The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God." *Ferraris Ecclesiastical Dictionary*. In addition, we will see the supposed change of God's holy, worship day.

24. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO STRAY FROM THE COMMANDMENTS ("man of sin" and "sin is the transgression of the law").

"The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws. ... The Pope can modify law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts in the place of God upon earth." *Lucius Ferraris*, "Papa," article 2 in his *Prompta Bibliotheca*, Vol. 6, p. 29.

25. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO FOLLOW TRADITIONS ABOVE A "THUS SAITH THE LORD..." ("eyes like the eyes of man").

113. "2. Read the Scripture within 'the living tradition of the whole Church'. According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the

Church carries in her tradition the living memorial of God's Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ('... according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church' [Origen, Hom. in Lev. 5, 5: PG 12, 454D.])." [*Catholic Catechism*, 1995]

"The church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath to Sunday is proof of that fact." *The Catholic Record*.

26. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD MAKE OF NONE EFFECT THE WORD, JESUS' TEACHINGS, AND THE COMMANDMENTS ("cast down the truth").

This is revealed by the collection of other points where they deny Christ in their works, claim to alter God's commandments, and go by tradition.

27. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD THINK TO CHANGE GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS ("think to change times and laws").

It removed the second ("Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image."), and it split the tenth ("Thou shalt not covet"). Their ninth is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife", and their tenth is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods." They even changed Sabbath into Sunday worship. From *Daniel Ferris, Manual of Christian Doctrine or Catholic Belief and Practice*, pp. 67-68

28. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD THINK TO CHANGE GOD'S RECKONING OF WHEN A DAY BEGINS AND ENDS ("think to change times and laws").

From the Question and Answer Catechism:

**Question**--How do you prove that the (Catholic) Church has power to command Feasts and Holy days?

**Answer**--By this very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which is admitted by Protestants, and therefore they contradict themselves by keeping Sunday so strictly, and breaking most other Feasts commanded by the same church.

The Sabbath is God's period of time, which begins sundown Friday and ends sundown Saturday. Their substitution is not just simply adopting the first day of the week but rather the acceptance of a time period that begins and ends at midnight named Sunday.

29. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD THINK TO CHANGE GOD'S DAY OF WORSHIP ("think to change times and laws").

From *Daniel Ferris, Manual of Christian Doctrine or Catholic Belief and Practice*, pp. 67-68:

**Q.** What is the Third Commandment? [Note that their third Commandment is our fourth because they threw the second one out.]

**A.** The Third Commandment is: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Q.** Which is the Sabbath day?

**A.** Saturday is the Sabbath day.

**Q.** Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

**A.** We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

**Q.** Why did the Catholic Church



substitute Sunday for Saturday?

**A.** The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday, because Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, and the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles on a Sunday.

**Q.** What does the Third Commandment command?

**A.** The Third Commandment commands us to sanctify Sunday as the Lord's Day.

**30. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD HAVE DOCTRINES REGARDING THE ACTIVITY OF HEAVEN WHICH ARE NOT TRUE** (*"them that dwell in heaven"*).

There is no Biblical reference to PURGATORY (where people go to have their sins purged for a long time before entering into heaven) or LIMBO (where unbaptized babies go).

**31. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD TAKE ON TITLES BELONGING TO GOD ONLY** (*"blaspheme his name"*).

What are some of the titles that the antichrist would take on? Matthew 23:8 tells us, *"But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, [even] Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no [man] your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, [even] Christ."* Psalms 111:9 states, *"He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend [is] his name."*

**32. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD PRACTICE SPIRITUALISM** (*"is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean*

*and hateful bird"*).

This will be revealed during the *Ye Shall Not Surely Die* lesson.

**33. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD FORBID MARRIAGES** (*"Forbidding to marry"*).

The celibacy of the priesthood was required by Pope Gregory II in the year 1090.

"§18. The evangelical counsel of chastity embraced for the Kingdom of heaven is a sign of the future life and a source of abundant fruitfulness in an undivided heart. It carries with it the obligation of perfect continence in celibacy (can. 599)." (*Magisterium On Religious Life* 1983)

**34. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD COMMAND THE ABSTAINENCE FROM EATING MEATS** (*"abstain from meats"*).

"All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat." (Diocese of Charleston, Saint Anthony Parish)

**35. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD EXIST UNTIL THE SECOND COMING** (*"Until the Ancient of days came"*).

The Vatican still exists and Christ is about to return.

**36. THE REIN OF THE ANTICHRIST IS FOR ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY YEARS.** (*"a time and times and the dividing of time"* and *"continue forty [and] two months"* when compared with *"each day for a year"*).

"Vigilius ... ascended the papal chair (538 AD) under the military protection of Belisarius." *History of the Christian Church*, Vol. 3, p. 327. "In 1796 a French army occupied the Papal States, and in 1798, Rome was occupied

and declared a republic. Pius was taken as a prisoner to Valence, France, where he died." *The Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, 1995.

Please note that 1798 minus 538 is 1,260 years.

**37. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD CEASE TO EXIST.** (*"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death"*).

"Although in the wake of the Napoleonic Wars the Congress of Vienna restored the Papal States, they were forcibly annexed to the new Kingdom of Italy." *The Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, 1995.

**38. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD COME BACK TO LIFE** (*"and his deadly wound was healed"*).

"... not until 1929 with the LATERAN TREATY was the 'Roman Question' – the problem of nonnational status for the pope - solved. The treaty, which created in the heart of Rome a tiny, sovereign Vatican state, restored to the papacy a measure of temporal independence but left it with political influence rather than actual political power." *The Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, 1995.

"In affixing the autographs to the memorable document, healing the wound which has festered since 1870, extreme cordiality was displayed on both sides." *Los Angeles Times*, February 12, 1929.

**39. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD BE BASED UPON PAGANISM** (*"the dragon gave him his power"*).

"Long ago, when Rome through the neglect of the Western emperors was left to the mercy

of barbarous hordes, Romans turned to one figure for aid and protection and asked him to rule them; and thus in this simple manner, the best title of all to kingly right, commenced the temporal sovereignty of the Popes. And, meekly stepping to the throne of Caesar, the Vicar of Christ took up the scepter to which the emperors and kings of Europe were to bow in reverence through so many ages." *Rev. James P. Conry, American Catholic Quarterly Review, April 1911.* "Under him was very nearly made good the papal claim that all earthly sovereigns were merely vassals of the Roman pontiff. Almost all the kings and princes of Europe swore fealty to him as their overlord. Rome was once more the mistress of the world." *Myer's General History, p. 455.*

Holding onto Sunday worship, which comes right out of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Pagan Rome is one example. Another is the many holy days.

Now there is nothing wrong with remembering the birth of Jesus, but how did we end up getting December 25 as the birth date? It is not found anywhere in the Bible. In fact, most scholars put it in September or October. Babylon and the whole pagan system are based on worshipping the sun. In December, the days grew shorter and shorter to the point that it scared the Babylonians to believe that life as they knew it would end. They thought that their sun god was leaving them especially on December 22, which is the shortest day of the year. They quickly offered sacrifices to appease the god,

but December 23 came and no real difference was noticed. So, they offered more sacrifices, but noticed no significant change. December 24 is when they became really desperate, and they offered what is called the sacred bleeding heart. A live man had his heart cut out while still beating and offered it up to the sun god. Well, on December 25 they noticed the sun began to come back, so they threw a big celebration. Medes and Persians liked that concept and continued the practice, which passed it on to Greece, which passed it on to Pagan Rome, and then Papal Rome Christianized it and passed it to the whole world.

How about Easter? Where do chocolate bunnies and eggs come from? Babylon: "**Ishtar** was the principal goddess of the Babylonians and Assyrians. Worshipped by the Sumerians as Inanna and by the Phoenicians as Astarte, she was both the compassionate mother of all life, who brought fertility and relief from sickness, and the lustful goddess of sexual love and war. The best-known legend about her is that of her imprisonment by Ereshkigal, queen of the underworld, where Ishtar had gone to visit her lover Tammuz (Dumuzi), the god of vegetation. The union of Ishtar and Tammuz represented the reawakening of life in the spring." *1993 Grolier Electronic Publishing, Inc.* Of course, the egg is the symbol of fertility while the rabbit is the most prolific reproducer.

Well, the Babylonians passed it to the Medes and Persians who passed it to Greece: "Expressed as invocations, incantations,

prayers, hymns, processions, dances, and sacred dramas, these ritual activities were believed to be closely connected with the processes of nature. Symbolizing death and the return of vegetation and life, this myth was recorded as early as 3000 BC in the Babylonian cult of Ishtar and Tammuz. Another example, recorded by 700 BC, is the death and resurrection of the Phoenician-Greek deity of Adonis, beloved Aphrodite. The Greek myth of Demeter and Persephone (Kore) represents the same theme." *1993 Grolier Electronic Publishing, Inc.*

Greece then passed it to Pagan Rome: "Cybele, like her Semitic counterpart Ishtar, she was associated in myth and rite with a young consort, Attis (Tammuz in Babylonia). It is chiefly from Cybele's cult in Rome, dating from the late 3d century BC and reaching a peak of popularity throughout the empire in the 4th century AD, that the mysteries of the Anatolian goddess are known. The spring festival honoring her commemorated Attis's death and culminated in a joyful celebration of resurrection." *1993 Grolier Electronic Publishing, Inc.*

Pagan Rome passed it onto Papal Rome. Constantine professed to be a convert to Christianity, but really, he was the tool that brought many pagan beliefs into the church. He tried to unify the Roman Empire. He had the pagans worshipping the goddess of Cybele in the springtime. He figured the way to get the pagans over to Christianity was to get the Christians to hold some type of spring festival as well. He then remembered that

Jesus rose some time in the spring and thought, "Why not have a resurrection celebration?" So, the whole world follows Easter which is set by the constellations and not on the Biblical Passover time frame.

**40. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD HAVE A MARK OF ALLEGIANCE ("the mark").**

This will be revealed during the *Mark of the Beast* lesson.

**41. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD BE PROMULGATED BY ANOTHER NATION HAVING GREAT POWER ("another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon").**

This will be revealed during *The Dragon With Lamb-like Horns* lesson.

**42. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD TORTURE AND PUT GOD'S PEOPLE TO DEATH ("to make war with the saints", "the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus", "the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them", and "and shall wear out the saints of the most High").**

"The church has persecuted. Only a tyro in church history will deny that.... Protestants were persecuted in France and Spain with the full approval of the church authorities. We have always defended the persecution of the Huguenots, and the Spanish Inquisition.... When she thinks it good to use physical force, she will use it." *The Western Watchman*, Dec. 24, 1908. "SPANISH INQUISITION with sentencing occurring on the left, awaiting

punishment in the center, and the stake on the right. A procession, mass, and sermon occurred and if the subject did not recant, the punishment of death was carried out." *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*. "In the space of scarce thirty years the inquisition destroyed, by various kinds of torture, a hundred and fifty thousand." *Clarke's Commentary*, 1840, Vol. 4, p. 1019. "St. Dominic witnessing the burning of heretic books such as Bible manuscripts opposing the Catholic authority." *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*.

**43. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD HAVE PURPLE AND SCARLET AS THEIR OFFICIAL COLORS ("the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour").**

Cappa Magna: "A cloak with a long train and a hooded shoulder cape...[it] was purple wool for bishops; for cardinals, it was scarlet watered silk (for Advent, Lent, Good Friday, and the conclave, purple wool); and rose watered silk for Gaudete and Laetare Sundays; and for the pope, it was red velvet for Christmas Matins, red serge at other times." Cassock (also Soutand): "The close-fitting, ankle-length robe worn by the Catholic clergy as their official garb. ...The color for bishops and other prelates is purple, for cardinals scarlet" (Ibid., pp. 175, 178).

**44. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD BE A RICH KINGDOM ("decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand").**

The "golden cup [chalice] in her hand" again identifies the woman with the Roman Catholic Church. Broderick's edition of

The Catholic Encyclopedia declared of the chalice: "[It is] the most important of the sacred vessels...[It] may be of gold or silver, and if the latter, then the inside must be surfaced with gold" (Robert Broderick, ed., *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, Thomas Nelson, 1976, pp. 103-4). The *Catholic Encyclopedia* says: "The pectoral cross [suspended by a chain around the neck and worn over the breast by abbots, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, and the pope] should be made of gold and ... decorated with gems..." (Ibid., p. 466).

**45. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD BE THE MOTHER OF HARLOT DAUGHTERS ("MOTHER OF HARLOTS").**

ARTICLE 3 – "The Church, Mother And Teacher" (*Catechism Of The Catholic Church*, 1995)

MSNBC News, Sept. 5, 2000: "The pope has spent his papacy crisscrossing the globe preaching religious tolerance by reaching out to Jewish and Muslim faiths. But the document released Tuesday stated that the Catholic faith was the mother of all beliefs."

**46. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD HAVE A LEADER WHOSE NAME OR TITLE WOULD ADD UP TO 666 ("count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six").**

How does one add up a name? In various languages, the alphabet and numerical systems are intertwined, such as Latin, Greek, etc. Other languages separate the two such as English, German, etc. The

significance is that all American names are thrown out along with names in British, German, Spanish, etc. because the value of those names are zero unlike Latin where the letters of one's name matches values from the associated numeric system which is Roman. Letters include I, V, X, etc. The point that is being made is that one cannot take an American name and use Roman Numerals. An American name using the English alphabet must use the English numerals. The languages are not interchangeable. God never said that the number of a man would add up to 666 using the Roman numeral system. He said that the name would simply add up to 666. So, look at languages that use alphabet letters to represent numbers. Below is a list of various languages that do incorporate the numerical system inside their alphabet.

"What are the letters inscribed on the Pope's crown, and what do they signify if anything? The letters inscribed in the Pope's mitre are these: VICARIUS FILII DEI, which is the Latin for Vicar of the Son of God." *Our Sunday Visitor, April 18, 1915.*

Now in Latin the letters have numerical value which is better known as Roman numerals. An example is that an "I" means 1. A "V" means 5 and an "X" means 10. What does a "U" equate to? "U" is the same as "V" because the original Latin did not distinguish between vowels and constants. With that background, let us look at the value of the entire name: V - 5, I - 1, C - 100, A - 0, R - 0, I - 1, U - 5, S - 0 = 112. Then the second part is F - 0, I - 1, L - 50, I - 1, I - 1 = 53. And the third part

is D - 500, E - 0, I - 1 = 501. Add the numbers together 112 + 53 + 501 = 666. That is not by chance or coincidence. But wait, there is more.

Other official titles of the Pope in various languages include: Greek, the name Lateinos means Latin Man or Church (L-30, A-1, T-300, E-5, I-10, N-50, O-70, S-200 = 666). In Hebron, the name is Romiith which means Roman Kingdom (R-200, O-6, M-40, I-10, I-10, T-400, H-0 = 666). The Roman names of Duxcleri and Ludo Vicus mean Captain of the Clergy and Chief Vicar of the Court of Rome respectively. (D-500, U-5, X-10, C-100, L-50, E-0, R-0, I-1 = 666) (L-50, U-5, D-500, O-0, V-5, I-1, C-100, U-5, S-0 = 666).

47. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD USE SIGNS AND WONDERS ("with all power and signs and lying wonders").

Apparitions, bleeding statues, humans bleeding where Jesus had nails, rosaries turning colors, the sun dancing, and much more has the world in its grip. *Signs and Wonders* is a Catholic right arm magazine focusing on the signs and wonders associated with the Catholic Church. (*Signs and Wonders Online*).

48. THE ANTICHRIST WOULD BE PART OF THE CHRISTIAN FOLD ("son of perdition" as compared to Judas).

"Incorporated into the Church by Baptism, the faithful are appointed by their baptismal character to Christian religious worship" (*Dogmatic Constitution On The Church Lumen Gentium*, Proclaimed By His Holiness, Pope Paul VI on November 21, 1964).

49. THE ANTICHRIST MINISTERS WOULD APPEAR VERY RELIGIOUS ("transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ").

Nuns and priests practice celibacy, and monks take various vows just to name a couple appearances of a religious garb also their dress.

50. THE ANTICHRIST FOLLOWERS WILL DO GREAT RELIGIOUS WORKS THINKING THEY HAVE RIGHT TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD BUT ARE LOST BECAUSE THEY DID NOT FOLLOW GOD'S WILL ("Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven").

Faithful Catholics are encouraged to say the rosary and many other repetitive prayers for their own souls as well as the early release of those in purgatory. And there are many other non-Biblical penitent works.

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### **What Biblical Confirmation Is There for This Application?**

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Mark 13:24-25 tells us, "*But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.*" After the Antichrist tribulations, these things would occur.

Did the sun ever darken? "As the most mysterious and yet unexplained phenomenon of its kind in nature's diversified range of events, during the last century, stands the dark day of

May 19, 1780 -- a most unaccountable darkening of the whole visible heavens." *Our First Century*, pp. 89, 90. "Timothy Dwight, president of Yale, remembered that 'a very general opinion prevailed, that the day of judgment was at hand. The (Connecticut) House of Representatives, being unable to transact business, adjourned, but the Council lighted candles, preferring as a member said, to be found at work if the judgment were approaching.'" -- *John W. Barber, Connecticut Historical Collections, (2nd edition, 1836), p. 403.*

Did the moon ever become as blood? Following the darkening of the sun, there appeared "the moon, which was at its full, had the APPEARANCE OF BLOOD. The alarm that it caused and the frequent talk about it impressed it deeply on my mind." *Stone's History of Beverly, Mass.*

Did the stars fall from heaven as if it were shaken? "Meteoric Shower of Nov. 13, 1833: ...not until about the beginning of the 19th century was the extraterrestrial origin of meteors and meteorites generally accepted. Serious study of the subject was really initiated by the great meteor shower of Nov. 13, 1833, which was seen all over eastern North America. Hundreds of thousands of shooting stars were observed in one night, some leaving persistent trains, but none reaching the earth." *Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 15, page 332. 1962 edition.* "We pronounce the raining of fire which we saw on Wednesday morning last an awful type, a sure forerunner, a merciful sign, of the great and

dreadful day which the inhabitants of the earth will witness when the sixth seal shall be opened. That time is just at hand." *Connecticut Observer, Nov. 25, 1833.* "The most sublime phenomenon of shooting stars (Nov. 13, 1833) ... COVERED NO INCONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE... covering the entire vault of heaven with myriads of fire balls resembling skyrocket." *Geography of the Heavens, p. 157.*

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### ***What Other Significance Is to the Seven Heads?***

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Revelation 17:10 tells us, "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space." Did you know that Revelation refers to the seven beasts? Revelation 13:1-2 identifies four: Lion, Bear, Leopard, and a 10 Horn beast. As a conglomerate beast, it is the antichrist. The other two beasts are found in Revelation 13:11, "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." And another beast is in Revelation 11:7, which says, "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them."

Who are the five that are fallen? The lion represents Babylon (606 to 538 BC). The bear represents the Medo-Persian

Empire (538 to 331 BC). The leopard represents Greece (331 to 168 BC). The ten horned beast represents Pagan Rome (168 BC to 476 AD) and the European countries (476 AD to 538 AD). The conglomerate beast represents Papal Rome (538 to 1798).

Who is the one that "is"? That is our next lesson. Who is the one that "is yet to come"? That is the lesson following.

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### ***What Is the Most Important Issue?***

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John 8:31-32 tells us, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

May God bless you and guide you into all truth.