

up from among them (Europe).

Professor Labianca, a well-known historian from the University of Rome said, "To the succession of the Caesars came the succession of the Pontiffs in Rome. When Constantine left Rome, He gave his seat to the Pontiff."

### 3. Uproots three kingdoms. Daniel 7:8, 24

"...there came up among them another little horn coming up among them, before whom **three of the first horns were plucked out** by the roots." How did this power pluck out three kingdoms by the roots?

Horn 1. The Heruli were defeated in 493 AD.

Horn 2. Emperor Justinian who ruled half of the Roman Empire in Constantinople, saw that Vandals were vanquished in 534 A.D.

Horn 3. Justinian's General Belisarius began his 20-year war against Ostrogoths in Italy. Their (Ostrogoths) withdraw from Rome in 538 A.D. marked the end of the Ostrogothic power.

### 4. Man at the head. Daniel 7:8

"And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of **a man...**"

Stanley's History p. 40 "The popes filled the place of the vacant emperors of Rome, inheriting their powers, prestige, and titles from paganism (Pontifex Maximus)..."

### 5. Is "diverse" Daniel 7:24, Revelation 13:4, 8

"...And another shall rise after them; he shall be **different** from the first ones..." All of the other horns or kings were just political powers, but this kingdom is both political & religious.

The Church and the Churches pp. 42-43 by: Catholic historian Johann Joseph Ignaz von Döllinger, "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 new, but **very different** from the former."

The Roman Catholic Church is the only religious/political system to have established diplomatic relations with most countries of the world.

MY CHOICE: We are only about half way through identifying the end-time impostor or antichrist. I wish to continue studying part b. of this lesson.



## Lesson #13a. Who is the Impostor?

In our last lesson we discovered that the antichrist power is not a violent opposer, but a subtle impostor. We learned that this power or system began inside the Christian church and is associated with religious or spiritual things and slowly left the body of believers. We saw that Satan seeks to gain worship, blur the lines between truth and error, and mimic Jesus Christ through this power. Now we are ready to let God's word reveal who this great impostor is. Pray for an open heart to the truth.

1. What did Daniel see in vision coming out of the sea? Daniel 7:1-3

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2. What does a beast/horn represent in Bible prophecy? Daniel 7:23-24

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3. What does water represent in Bible prophecy? Revelation 17:15

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*Note: When you put these symbols together God showed Daniel four kingdoms (four beasts) coming up in a populated body of land (water). Here we see the prophetic symbols in action.*

4. How are these four great beasts described? Daniel 7:4-7

1<sup>st</sup> beast \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> beast \_\_\_\_\_



3<sup>rd</sup> beast \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> beast \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. How do these beasts correspond to the statue in Daniel 2?

**LION:** The four beasts of Daniel 7 repeats much of the imagery of Daniel 2. Archaeology has revealed that **lion-eagle** creatures were common symbols in ancient **Babylon**, which was the head of gold on the statue in chapter 2.

**BEAR:** The second beast, a **bear** with three ribs in its mouth corresponds with the chest and arms of silver, which is a fitting symbol for **Persia**. Between 547 and 525 B.C. Persia conquered Lydia, Egypt, and Babylon. The three conquered kingdoms explain the three ribs in the bear's mouth. The bear was raised up on one side because two kingdoms teamed up for purposes of war, Darius of the Medes and Cyrus of the Persians. The Persians were stronger; therefore this bear was raised up on one side because Cyrus's Persia was more powerful.

**LEOPARD:** The third beast, a **four headed leopard** with four wings signifies **Greece**, led by Alexander the Great. It parallels the belly & thighs of brass. The four heads represent Alexander's four generals: Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy, and Selucus. The wings represent speed. Greece conquered the world faster than anyone.

**DREADFUL BEAST:** The fourth kingdom, a **dreadful beast** with iron teeth. This animal parallels the legs of iron in the statue, which is represented by the iron empire of **Rome**.

**10 HORNS:** This beast has **ten horns**, which corresponds to the ten toes on the feet made of iron and clay, which symbolizes modern day **Europe**. The ten divisions of Europe after Rome fell in 476 A.D. are: Anglo Saxons = England; Franks = French; Alamanni = Germans; Lombards = Italians; Suevi = Portuguese; Bugundians = Swiss; Visigoths = Spain; Ostrogoths = Extinct; Heruli = Extinct; Vandals = Extinct. You might be thinking, what does four beasts have to do with the Antichrist? We are coming to that right now.

1<sup>st</sup> beast = \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> beast = \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> beast = \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> beast = \_\_\_\_\_ 10 horns = \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. What came up among the ten horns? Daniel 7:8

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*Note: This is the beginning of the beast or antichrist power. It also brings us up to the point in history when the Sabbath was slowly changed from Saturday to Sunday. History follows prophecy like a divine blue print.*

## 7. How did John describe the same power? Revelation 13:1-2, 4

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*Note: This beast/kingdom receives worship. Worship is a word pertaining to religion. So this is a political as well as a religious power.*

## 8. What else would this little horn power do? Daniel 7:24-25

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*Note: So who is this power that would be able to do all these things? The Bible already described 10 points of identification, let's go over them.*

1. Comes to power after 476 A.D. Daniel 7:8
2. Comes up from the ten horns. Daniel 7:8
3. Uproots three kingdoms. Daniel 7:8, 24
4. Man at the head. Daniel 7:8
5. Is "diverse" Daniel 7:24, Revelation 13:4, 8
6. Persecutes the saints. Daniel 7:25
7. Blasphemes God. Daniel 7:25, Rev 13:5
8. Changes God's law. Daniel 7:25
9. Rules for a time, times, and half a time. Daniel 7:25
10. Receives a deadly wound which was healed. Revelation 13:3

*There is only one institution that fits the description the Bible lays out as the antichrist power and that is the Roman Catholic Church. It is not the purpose of this series to bad mouth people or to hurt anyone's feelings. God loves everyone in all religions and denominations, but He (God) is revealing the plans of the great arch-deceiver (Satan) in these last days. Let's go through the ten points one by one to see if this description fits.*

### 1. Comes to power after 476 A.D. Daniel 7:8

*"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up **among them** another little horn..." Rome fell in 476 AD and was divided into ten divisions. That means that the little horn or antichrist power must come up after 476 AD.*

*History of the Christian Church Vol. 3 p. 327 "The Papacy's power became supreme in Christendom in **538 A.D.** Due to a letter of the Emperor Justinian known as Justinian's Decree, which set up and acknowledged the Bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. It gave the Papacy political power, civil power, as well as ecclesiastical power.*

### 2. Came up from the ten horns. Daniel 7:8

*"I considered the **horns**, and, behold, there came up among them **another***