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# A Bible Prophecy Series

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## Who is the Antichrist?

### Lesson #11

#### *Introduction:*

What are the four beasts and who is the little horn of Daniel chapter 7? Let's pray before we begin.

1. **What did Daniel see in his dream?** - Daniel 7:1-3  
Four beasts different from one another.
2. **What do the beasts symbolize?** – Daniel 7:15-17,23  
The Four beasts represent four kings or kingdoms. This is “repeat and enlarge”. These beasts represent the same four kingdoms as the metals did in Daniel 2.

\***Babylon** – 7:4 - Winged lion = symbol of Babylon. See tiles from palace in Istanbul museum.

\***Media-Persia** – 7:5 - Bear raised on one side with 3 ribs in its mouth = The Persians were a higher power than the Medes. 3 Ribs = Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt, conquered by Medes and Persians as they came to power.

\***Greece** – 7:6 – Four headed, four winged leopard = Wings represent speed, Alexander the Great conquered the world in ten short years. 4 heads = the four generals that divided the kingdom after Alexander died.

\***Rome** – 7:7 – Dreadful and terrible = Rome was a cruel merciless power.

\***Divided Western Europe** – 7:7,24 – Ten horns = divided Europe

3. **What new details are given that were not in Dan. 2?** - Daniel 7:8-10  
The little horn and the judgment.
4. **What does the little horn do?** – Daniel 7:19-22  
It uproots three other horns and made war with the saints.

5. **What are the ten specifications given?**

**A** – 7:7,8 – The little horn rises out of the fourth beat – Rome

**B** – 7:8a – The little horn will rise “AMONG” the 10 horns, divided Europe

**C** – 7:8,24 – The little horn will subdue 3 of the 10 horns (kings) in order to come to power. NOTE only 7 of the 10 nations still exist today. Anglo-Saxons (English), Lombards (Italy), Burgundians (Swiss), Visigoths (Spanish), Suevi (Portuguese), Alemanni (Germans), Franks (French); Vandals, Heruli, and Ostrogoths don't exist today.

**D** – 7:8 – A man will be at the head of the little horn who sees and speak for it

**E** – 7:24 – He is diverse or different from the other nations of Europe.

**F** – 7:21,25 – He will make war with God's true followers and overpower them

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**G** – 7:25 – He will speak great words against the Most High, reign for a time, times, and half a time, and think to change times and laws.

Time = year, Times = 2 years, Half a time = half a year = 3 1/2 years

6. **What is different about this beast?** – Rev. 13:1,2  
The beasts are mentioned with the same number of heads and horns except the little horn.
7. **What work will he do and for how long?** – Revelation 13:4-7  
He will make war with the saints and overcome them and will be in power for 42 months. The similarities are astounding. The beast in Revelation is the same as the little horn of Daniel 7.
8. **What do the time periods mean?**  
Rev. 12:14,6, 11:2,3, Ezekiel 4:6, Numbers 14:34  
42 months, 1,260 days, 3 ½ years all equal the same 1,260 days. In bible prophecy a day equals a year. 1,260 days is symbolic for 1,260 literal years.  
This power would rule for 1,260 years and lose its world power (deadly wound).  
According to Rev. 13:3 the deadly wound is healed.
- H**- 9. **What type of power is this?** - Revelation 13:4,8  
This is a religious power that receives worship. This is why, according to Daniel 7:24, it is different from the other nations of Europe.
- I**- 10. **How far will this power reach?** - Rev. 13:3, 7-8  
This power will have world-wide scope. Another way it differs.
- J**- 11. **What is the final characteristic?** - Revelation 13:5, Dan. 7:25  
It blasphemes he name of God (Jn. 10:33, Luke 5:21).  
Blasphemy = Claiming to be God and have power to forgive sins.

*Summary: The issue is with the system not the people. There are good people in every church. Unfortunately sincere people have been led astray.*

1 – The Roman Church came out of Rome itself.

2 – It gained power over Europe in A.D. 538, after Rome fell.

3 – It came up in Europe.

4 – The three kingdoms, that were overthrown, held different religious beliefs than the papacy and were removed.

5 – The papacy ruled from A.D. 538 to 1798 when the French General Berthier took the pope captive and led him back to France. It looked, to the world, that the papacy had died. Bible scholars predicted the fall of the papacy in 1798 based on this prophecy.

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6 – The papacy was responsible for martyring millions of faithful Christians during the Dark Ages because they would not follow the unbiblical teachings of the church.

7 – The pope is the head of the church and sees and speaks for it.

8 – The papacy claims to have the power of God, to forgive sins, and to be God's representative. Pope Leo XIII said, "We hold, upon this earth, the power of God almighty" (The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo, XIII, p.304). "Does the priest merely pray that your sins will be forgiven? No, acting as God's instrument and ordained minister, he truly forgives the sins" [Reverend William J. Cogan, *A Catechism for Adults*, (Chicago, IL: Adult Teaching Aids Foundation, 1975), p. 78]

9 – Vatican City is the center for a church and an independent state. The church is the only denomination that is also a political empire.

10 – The Roman Church is universal and worldwide.