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DANIEL'S LITTLE HORN

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In Lesson 7, we discovered that the book of Revelation predicted the rise of a modern spiritual Babylon that would do some of the same things that ancient Babylon did. Spiritual Babylon would mix paganism with the worship of God and would persecute God's people, who would refuse to accept this combination of paganism and Christianity. Since the Bible has foretold that a false religious system would arise, every sincere Christian should make certain that he tests every religious movement by the Bible and the Bible only. We cannot afford to trust what religious leaders may say, what well-meaning individuals may say, but we can trust the Word of God only. Remember that Revelation indicates that there are many God-fearing people in Babylon. To them, God sends a message, "Come out of her, My people" (Revelation 18:4). It is God's people who are called out of Babylon.

In this lesson, we will be dealing with a very sensitive, yet important and crucial subject. We will let the Bible identify for us this great apostate system that has mixed paganism and Christianity together. Some who study this lesson may be hurt by learning this identity. Please remember, there is no malice intended to anyone belonging to any religious system. God is not speaking about individuals, but this system itself. God loves every individual who may have become entangled in false teachings. In love, He sends them the message to come out of Babylon. It is only because of God's great love and concern for us that He has warned us so explicitly about religious systems. God does not want us to be deceived. Truth can be painful at times, but deception is even more painful in the end. With eternity at stake, our only safety is to rely, not on what man says, but on what God says in His Holy Word, the Bible.

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1. How many beasts did Daniel see coming up out of the sea? Daniel 7:1-3

2. What does the sea represent? Revelation 17:15

3. What do the four beasts represent? Daniel 7:17, 23

NOTE: In Daniel 2, four kingdoms are represented by the various metals of a great image: the head of gold, Babylon; the breast and arms of silver, Medo-Persia; the belly and thighs of brass, Greece; the legs of iron, Rome; the feet part of iron and part of clay, the ten divisions of the Roman Empire. Daniel 7 builds on what Daniel 2 has revealed, using different symbols to portray the same four world empires and adding details about the behaviour of each of these powers. A new power, the little horn, is introduced in Daniel 7.

NOTE: This power reigns the same time that Daniel's little horn reigns - 1260 years.

g. He would "make _____ with the saints". Vs. 7.

NOTE: Notice again the similarity to Daniel 7:25: "He ... shall persecute the saints."

h. The whole world _____ him. Vs. 8

i. His number equals _____. Vs. 18

NOTE: Just a quick glance at these identifying marks makes it very clear that Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 are talking about exactly the same power.

14. What will ultimately happen to the little horn power? Daniel 7:26

"But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to _____ and _____ it forever."

NOTE: This modern spiritual Babylon will ultimately come under the judgment of God and will be destroyed. Daniel is very clear that this power will ultimately come to its end at the second coming of Christ. How important, then, that we not be deceived by this power.

15. How did Daniel feel about this revelation? Daniel 7:28(866) [865].

"My thoughts greatly _____ me."

NOTE: Daniel was deeply disturbed by this revelation. Likewise, you might be disturbed by the things revealed in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13. Remember that everything written here has been written in love. God does not want anyone to be deceived by this great delusion that has taken the whole world captive. That's why, in mercy, He has sent the warnings of Revelation 13 and Daniel 7. Disturbing and shocking as this revelation may be, God sends it to us because He loves us so much.

16. What message does Jesus send to those He loves? Revelation 3:19

"As many as I _____, I rebuke and _____."

NOTE: All of God's messages come with love. Jesus has only given the message of Daniel 7 because He loves you.

17. Do you desire to respond to Jesus' loving appeal and heed the warning about the little horn power?

ILLUSTRATION

1260 Days =	42 Months =	Time/Times/Half A Time
	42	360
	<u>x30</u>	720
	1260 Days	<u>180</u>
		1260 Days

THE LITTLE HORN AND THE BEAST OF REVELATION 13

The book of Revelation also reveals the little horn power under different symbolism. In fact, the beast of Revelation 13 and the little horn of Daniel 7 refer to the same power.

13. List the Identifying marks of the beast of Revelation 13

- a. "The _____ gave him his power, his throne, and great authority". Vs. 2.

NOTE: The dragon represents the devil (Revelation 12:9) (1182) [1223]. No matter what this power claims, the source of its authority and power is none other than Satan himself.

- b. One of his heads is "as if it had been mortally _____. Vs. 3.

- c. The "deadly wound was _____. And all the world marvelled and followed the beast". Vs. 3.

NOTE: This power would receive a deadly wound but, amazingly, it would recover and all the world would then follow this power.

- d. "They _____ the beast". Vs. 4.

NOTE: This power is a power that receives worship of men. It is, therefore, a religious power and not a secular power.

- e. He speaks "great things and _____. Vs. 5, 6.

NOTE: Like Daniel's little horn, this power blasphemes God.

- f. He continues forty-two _____. Vs. 5.

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4. What beast did God choose to represent the kingdom of Babylon? Daniel 7:4

NOTE: Just as gold, the choicest of metals, was chosen to represent Babylon, so the king of the beasts, the lion, represents Babylon in Daniel 7. The prophecy begins where the prophet is living. Since Daniel lived in ancient Babylon, it is logical to begin the prophecy with Babylon.

5. What animal represents the second world empire of Medo-Persia? Daniel 7:5

The _____

6. What animal represents the third kingdom, Greece? Daniel 7:6

The _____

7. How many heads did the leopard have? Daniel 7:6

NOTE: The four heads of the leopard represent the four divisions of the Grecian Empire at the death of Alexander the Great. Rather than one power taking over, the kingdom was divided among his four generals: Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus, who ruled over the kingdoms of Macedonia, Thrace, Egypt and Syria.

8. The fourth beast, representing pagan Rome, is identified by having what kind of teeth? Daniel 7:7

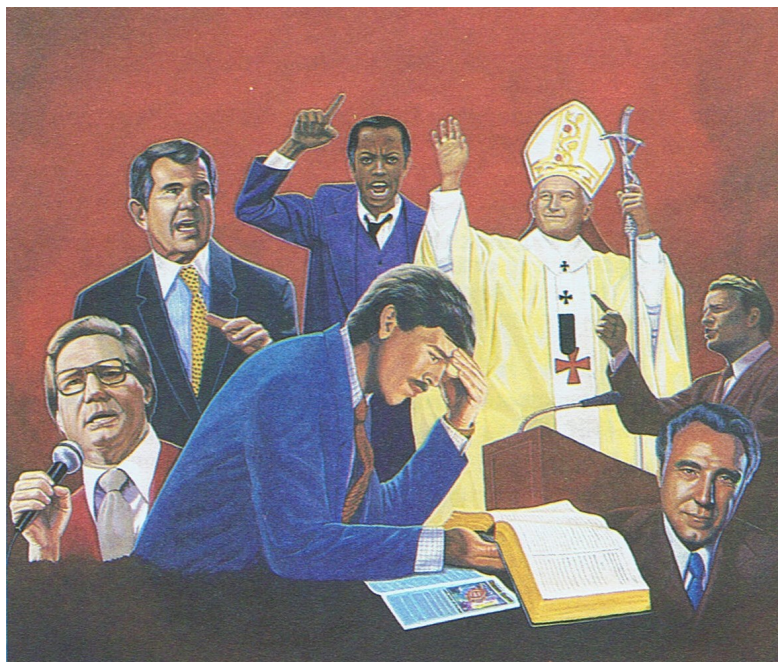
NOTE: Note the similarity between the legs of iron in Daniel 2 and the iron teeth in Daniel 7, indicating that both the beast and the legs represent the iron monarchy of Rome.

9. How many horns did the fourth beast have? Daniel 7:7

NOTE: The ten horns represent the ten divisions of the Roman Empire (for their identity, see Lesson 4).

10. What did Daniel see arising in the midst of the ten horns? Daniel 7:8

A _____ horn.



NOTE: Here is a power not mentioned in Daniel 2. Daniel's description of the work of the little horn is a new area not mentioned before. Let us now discover the identifying marks of the little horn.

IDENTIFICATION MARKS OF THE LITTLE HORN

11. List the identifying marks of the little horn as they appear throughout Chapter 7

- a. He came up _____ the ten horns. Vs. 8

NOTE: The Roman Empire divided into ten parts by A.D. 476. Since the little horn emerges to greatness among these ten divisions, he would have to become a major power after the break-up of the Roman Empire. Thus we should look for the rise of the little horn in Western Europe after A.D. 476.

- b. The little horn "plucked out" _____ of the horns. Vs. 8, 20, 24.

NOTE: Since only seven of the original ten divisions of the Roman Empire are still in existence in Europe today, obviously the little horn power has already arisen in Western Europe.

- c. He had " _____ like the eyes of a _____ ". Vs. 8.

NOTE: There is a man at the head of this power.

- d. He had a mouth speaking " _____ words against the Most High". Vs. 8, 25.

NOTE: This power would blaspheme God. Remember, Belshazzar blasphemed God when he mixed paganism with the worship of God. Obviously, this power would likewise blaspheme God by mixing paganism with the worship of God.

- e. He "was making _____ against the saints". Vs. 21, 25.

NOTE: Just like ancient Babylon, the little horn would persecute those who disagreed with its presumptuous claims. It would attempt to destroy the saints of God.

- f. He "shall intend to _____ times and law". Vs. 25.

NOTE: Changing God's law is unthinkable, and yet this great power would think that it could actually change God's law.

- g. "... shall be given into his hand for a _____ and _____ and _____ a time." Vs. 25.

12. What other Biblical expressions are used to describe the time of the reign of the little horn?

- a. Revelation 12:14 Time, times and _____ a time.
b. Revelation 13:5 _____ months.
c. Revelation 12:6 _____ days.

NOTE: This period is referred to in the Scriptures as a time, times and dividing of time; time, times and half a time; forty-two months; and 1260 days. Obviously, they all should equal the same time period. Forty-two months times 30 days in a month would equal 1260 days. A time would equal 360 days (the Jewish year), two times, 720 days (two years), and half a time, 180 days (half a year), which totals 1260 days. Thus the little horn power would rule over the minds of men for 1260 days. Remember, in Bible time prophecy, a day equals one literal year (Ezekiel 4:6) (see Lesson 1). Thus the little horn power is to rule for 1260 literal years.