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**DANIEL'S LITTLE HORN**

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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.

**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

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thousands of individuals.

**E. It spoke great words and blasphemy**

**F. It was to reign for 42 months**

**G. It made war with the saints**

**H. All the world worships it today**

For fulfilment of the above four marks of identification, see points D, E and G under Daniel 7 in this exhibit.

**I. It has a number that adds up to 666.**

Notice that Revelation 13:18 does not say the number 666 is written out. Rather it says that to discover the number of the beast, one must count the number of the beast, or add it up. An ancient custom was to use the Roman numeral system on people's names, adding up the various totals of the letters. That would then be the person's number. The Bible says the beast has a number, and the numbers add up to 666. One of the official titles of the head of the Roman Church in Latin is Vicarius Filii Dei, meaning "Vicar of the Son of God." Please notice below that the numerical value of the letters of his name add up to the Biblical 666:

|              |              |              |            |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| V - 5        | F - 0        | D - 500      | 112        |
| I - 1        | I - 1        | E - 0        | 53         |
| I - 100      | L - 50       | I - <u>1</u> | <u>501</u> |
| A - 0        | I - 1        | 501          | 666        |
| R - 0        | I - <u>1</u> |              |            |
| I - 1        | 53           |              |            |
| U - 5        |              |              |            |
| S - <u>0</u> |              |              |            |
| 112          |              |              |            |

So the Papacy fits the sixth point. . .

**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**

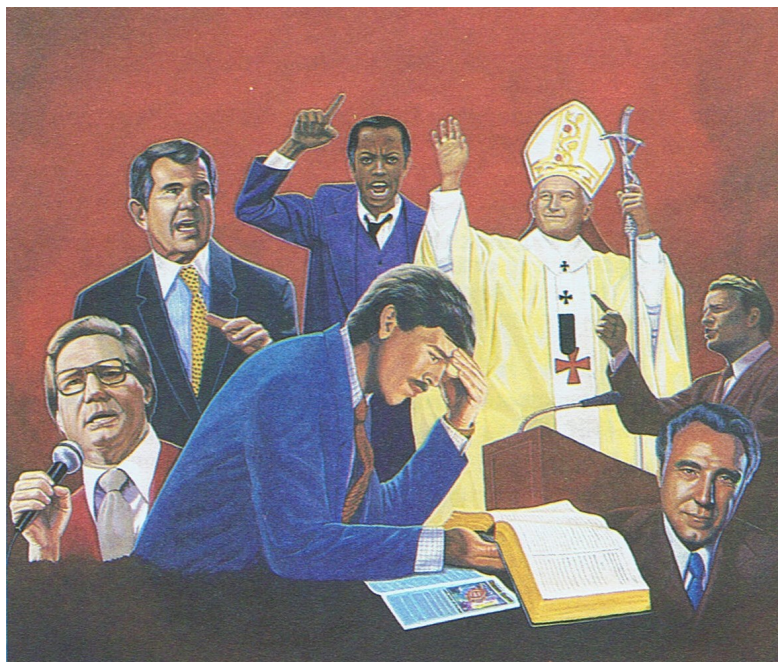
NOTE: Note the similarity between the legs of iron in Daniel 2 and the iron teeth in Daniel 7, indicating that both the beast and the legs represent the iron monarchy of Rome.

**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.

having full supremacy. Exactly 1260 years later, in 1798, Berthier, the French general under Napoleon invaded the Vatican and took the pope prisoner ending the temporal sovereignty of the Pope. His long reign lasted exactly 1260 years.

## IDENTIFICATION MARKS FROM REVELATION

### A. It received its power, seat and great authority from the Dragon

The dragon primarily represents Satan (Revelation 12:9). However, the devil works through various agencies, in this case, pagan Rome. The Roman emperors moved the capital of the Roman Empire from Rome to Constantinople, thereby leaving the Pope the chief power in the West. They put the power of the Caesars behind the Bishop of Rome, thereby elevating him above all the other bishops in Christianity. Truly Pagan Rome gave the Papacy his power, seat, and great authority.

### B. It received a deadly wound

When Berthier, the French general, took the Pope prisoner in 1798, he inflicted the deadly wound. Many thought the Papacy had come to its end and could never recover. Indeed it had received a deadly wound.

### C. The deadly wound was healed

In 1929 Mussolini once again restored the Vatican to the Pope, making him again a secular as well as a religious ruler. Today the Vatican is recognized by many governments on earth. Even the United States of America sends an ambassador to the Vatican, recognizing the Vatican State as a secular as well as a religious state. As one observes the developing Papacy today, one sees indeed the whole world wondering after this power.

### D. People worshipped this power

One only has to watch the acts of obeisance that people pay to the head of the papacy to know that this power is an object of reverence and worship. During his 1260 year reign, few earthly governments dared defy this power. He held the keys to life and death for

b. "Thus the priest may, in a certain manner be called the creator of his Creator, since by saying the words of consecration, he creates as it were, Jesus in the sacrament." Ibid.

c. "All names which in the Scripture are applied to Christ, by virtue of which it is established that he is over the church, all the same names are applied to the Pope." On the Authority of Councils, 1619 ed., book 2, ch. 17.

d. "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo, XIII, page 304.

e. "Thou art the shepherd, thou art the physician, thou art the director, thou art the husbandman; finally, thou art another god on earth." Christopher Marcellus Oration in the Fifth Lateran Council, Session IV (1512) in Mansi SC, Vol. 32, Col. 761 (Latin).

When one examines the Roman Catholic quotations cited, there can be no question that the papacy has spoken great words against the Most High, blasphemed God, and combined paganism with Christianity.

#### **E. Makes war with the saints**

More people were killed by the papacy during the Dark Ages than by Hitler in World War II:

"That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history." History of the Rise and Influence of Rationalism in Europe. Vol. 2. page 32, W.E.H. Lecky, author.

#### **F. Think to change times and laws**

The next two lessons will detail how the Roman Church has accomplished this.

#### **G. To reign for 1260 years**

The Papacy had established its power in A.D. 538 when the last of the three powers was subdued. The decree of Justinian making the popes head of the church and corrector of heretics, issued in A.D. 533, took effect in 538, when no power stood in the way of the Pope

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.

## 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.

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### 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.

that Rome Christianised during this period.

"We are told in various ways by Eusebius, that Constantine, in order to recommend the new religion to the heathen, transferred into it the outward ornaments to which they had been accustomed in their own. It is not necessary to go into a subject which the diligence of Protestant writers has made familiar to most of us. The use of temples, and these dedicated to particular saints, and ornamented on occasions with branches of trees, incense, lamps, and candles; votive offerings on recovery from illness, holy water; asylums; holydays and seasons, use of calendars, processions, blessings on the fields; sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure, the ring in marriage, turning to the East, images at a later date, perhaps the ecclesiastical chant, and the Kyrie Eleisen, are all of pagan origin, and sanctified by their adoption into the Church."

John Henry Cardinal Newman, An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, Longmans, Green & Company, London, 1920. P. 373.

### 2. Blasphemy is for a man to claim that he can forgive sins. Mark 2:7.

Notice the claim of the papacy to be able to forgive men of their sins:

- a. "And God himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of his priest and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse to give absolution, provided the penitent is capable of it." Duties and Dignities of the Priest by Liguori, p. 27.

- b. "Were the Redeemer to descend into a church, and sit in a confessional to administer the sacrament of penance, and a priest to sit in a confessional, Jesus would say over each penitent: 'Ego te absolvo', the priest would likewise say over each of his penitents, 'Ego te absolvo', and the penitents of each would be equally absolved." Ibid., p. 34

- c. "The priest holds the place of the Saviour himself, when, by saying 'Ego te absolvo', he absolves from sin." Ibid.

### 3. Blasphemy is to claim the prerogatives of God. (John 10:33)

- a. "Hence priests are called the parents of Jesus Christ: such is the title that St. Bernard gives them, for they are the active cause by which he is made to exist really in the consecrated Host."-Ibid., p.32.

## DANIEL'S MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

### A. It arose among the ten divisions

As the Roman Empire divided into ten divisions, another power emerged as the unifying power among all the ten divisions of the Roman Empire. That power was the papacy. No other such power arose among the ten divisions of the Roman Empire at that time.

### B. It plucks up three horns

As the Papal power emerged among the ten divisions of the Roman Empire, there were three powers that refused to submit to the bishop of Rome. They were the Heruli, the Vandals, and the Ostrogoths. To achieve full unity, the papacy encouraged armies to destroy these three powers. Indeed three horns were plucked up. The last of those powers was destroyed in A.D. 538.

### C. Eyes like the eyes of a man

At the head of the papacy sits a man, making the decisions that affect the lives and souls of thousands of people.

### D. It had a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies

He committed blasphemy. According to Scripture, blasphemy consists of three things:

1. Daniel 5 indicated that it is blasphemy to mix together paganism and Christianity. As pagans came flooding into the church in those early centuries, the papacy changed the pure doctrines of early Christianity. It tried to make it easier for the pagans to adjust to Christianity by incorporating pagan practices into the Christian faith. For example, the pagans were use to worshipping gods and goddesses, whereas Christians worshipped only one God. Therefore, the church introduced the practice of praying to the saints. This took the place of the household gods of paganism, making it easier for these unconverted pagans who had entered the church to adjust to Christianity. In addition, Christianity had no female deity, so the papacy elevated Mary to take the place of Jesus Christ as the only mediator between God and man (I Timothy 2:5). There were many other pagan practices

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?

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## EXHIBIT 1 For Daniel Lesson 9

### IDENTITY OF THE LITTLE HORN

The points of identification examined in this lesson (from Daniel 7 and Revelation 13) make it clear that this little horn power would arise in Western Europe after the ten divisions of the Roman Empire.

1. It would mix paganism with Christianity.
2. It would command people to worship it (therefore it would be a religious power).
3. It would persecute those who disagreed with it.
4. It would blaspheme the God of heaven.
5. It would reign for 1260 years.
6. It would receive a deadly wound, recover from it, and have all the world worship it once again.
7. Its boldest claim would be that it had changed the times and the law.

We can take these marks of identification, go to any encyclopaedia or history book, examine the history of the Dark Ages when the Bible said this power would arise, and we would discover that there is only one power that meets every one of these identifying marks. That power is the papacy. Please remember that we are not talking about people who belong to this system. We are talking about a system that has arisen in opposition to God. There are many good, sincere people in the papacy who love and serve Jesus. God loves them, and in mercy He has sent them this warning so that they might not be deceived by this power.

Let's re-examine the identifying marks of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and see how clearly the papacy has met every one of these marks of identification.