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Identity of the Antichrist

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The prophet Daniel sees four beasts coming up out of a stormy sea. Read in **(Daniel 7:1-3)**. Water in prophecy represents people, multitudes, nations, tongues. Read in **(Revelation 17:15)**. A beast in prophecy represents a king or kingdom. Read in **(Daniel 7:17,23)**. Daniel 2, four kingdoms

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in one beast, but John names these beasts in reverse order. Daniel was looking forward in time while John was looking back at what had already been fulfilled.

Little horn arises among the ten horns or the ten divisions of Europe. Read in **(Daniel 7:7,24)**. The Roman Empire divided into ten parts by 476 A.D. Therefore the little horn (Roman Catholic Church) would rise to power sometime after 476 A.D.

The dragon gives him his power. Read in **(Revelation 13:2; Daniel 8:24)**. The dragon represents Satan; you can see that in **(Revelation 12:9)**. Satan has always worked through earthly governments to accomplish his evil. We see him working through pagan Rome to destroy Jesus at His birth in Bethlehem. Look at **(Revelation 12:4-5, Matthew 2:16)** and at His crucifixion.

In 533 A.D., the Roman Emperor Justinian, in order to save the Roman empire, issued a decree which transferred civil authority from pagan Rome to papal Rome. This decree went into effect in 538 A.D., when the papacy began its reign, fulfilling the prophecy in Revelation 13:2 "the dragon (pagan Rome) gave him (papal Rome) his power..." He is a universal religious power. Read in **(Rev. 13:3-4)**. He is a strong political power.

Read in **(Rev. 13:7)**. He blasphemes God. Read in **(Revelation 13:6; Daniel 7:8,25)**. The Bible defines blasphemy as a man claiming to forgive sins, as in **(Mark 2:5-7)**

and a man making himself God, as **(John 10:33)** says. Following are statements from the papacy: Quote: "God Himself is obliged

to abide by the judgment of His priest, and either not to pardon or to pardon." *Dignity and Duties of the Priest, Vol. 12, p.2*. Quote: "The pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself..." *Catholic National July 1895*.

He persecutes God's people. Read in **(Rev. 13:7; Daniel 7:21,25)**. Quote: "The Roman Catholic Church has persecuted." *Western Watchman, December 24, 1908*.

He reigns a time, times and half a time.

Read in **(Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:6,14; Revelation 13:5)**. A time in Bible prophecy equals one year; 3 and ½ times would equal 3 and ½ years or 42 months (30 days to a month) or 1260 days. A day = literal year. Read in **(Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6)**. The 1,260 years of papal supremacy ended in 1798 A.D. The French emperor Napoleon defeated the papal troops in 1796. But Pope Pius VI refused to leave the Vatican. So General Berthier marched into the Vatican and arrested Pope Pius VI on Feb. 10, 1798. He was taken to Valence, France, where he died in prison in 1799. Amen and amen



(Daniel 7:1-3) In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. (2) Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. (3) And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

(Revelation 17:15) Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues.

(Daniel 7:17, 23) Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. (23) Thus he said: The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.

(Daniel 7:4) The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

(Jeremiah 4:7) The lion has come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of nations is on his way. He has gone forth from his place to make your land desolate. Your cities will be laid waste, without inhabitant.

(Jeremiah 50:17, 44) Israel is like scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away. First the king of Assyria devoured him; now at last this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones. (44) "Behold he shall come up like a lion from the floodplain of the Jordan against the dwelling place of the strong; but I will make them suddenly run away from her. And who is a chosen man that I may appoint over her? For who is like Me? Who will arraign Me? And who is that shepherd who will withstand Me?"

(Lamentations 4:19) Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens. They pursued us on the mountains and lay in wait for us in the wilderness.

(Daniel 7:5) And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: Arise, devour much flesh!

(Daniel 7:6) After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

(Daniel 8:21-22) And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. (22) As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

(Daniel 7:7) After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the other beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

(Daniel 7:24) The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the ones, and shall subdue three kings.

(Revelation 13:2) Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

(Daniel 7:7, 7:24, Revelation 13:2) see above

(Daniel 8:24) His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

(Revelation 12:9) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

(Revelation 12:4-5) His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. (5) She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

(Matthew 2:16) Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

(Revelation 13:3-4) And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. (4) So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

(Revelation 13:7) It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

(Revelation 13:6) Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

(Daniel 7:8, 25) I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. (25) He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

(Mark 2:5-7) When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." (6) And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, (7) "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

(John 10:33) The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

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(Daniel 7:21, 25) I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them. (25) (see above)

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(Revelation 12:6, 14) Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. (14) But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

(Revelation 13:5) And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

(Numbers 14:34) According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection.

(Ezekiel 4:6) And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.