

We start with one of the most fearful and awesome warnings in the entire Bible; it is a warning God sends to His people in the last days;

*Revelation 14:9 <sup>9</sup>A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, <sup>10</sup>he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."*

This subject is one of the most important in Scripture. This text clearly says that anyone who worships the beast will be lost. Clearly this is something we need to understand! The Bible is clear, the devil wants to deceive you. We will see this in greater detail in our next presentation, but the devil wants to deceive you. In fact there are already a lot of people deceived about this subject.

1. There are a lot of people that believe they are going to be raptured before the antichrist rises to power, so they don't need to worry about it. Later in our seminar we will study about the rapture. But the Bible makes it absolutely clear the rapture will NOT happen before the antichrist rises to power.

*2 Thessalonians 2:1 <sup>1</sup>Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. <sup>3</sup>**Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. <sup>4</sup>He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.***

2. People have this idea that antichrist is something secular and will appear to be evil. But is it possible that you could be following after the beast and not even know it? If you have a Greek lexicon and you looked up the word antichrist (antichristos) you would find the word anti means, "in place of", "in behalf of," "instead of".

Let's look again at that passage in 2 Thessalonians 2:3

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Clearly an issue of worship. There will be people following after and worshipping the beast thinking they are worshipping God.

**We can clearly see this in Revelation 14:6** *<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. **Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."***

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So we see, that in the time just prior to Christ's return there are two groups...those who worship Jesus Christ and those who worship the Antichrist beast. That is why God sends to us this warning...now let's ask the question...who was the book of Revelation written to? Seven times in the first three chapters it says.. (eg. Rev 2:7) *<sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.* So the message of Revelation was written to the church – to believers. And it is in Rev 13 that the beast and the central issue of worship is revealed.

But now for another important question. If God in His word says not to accept the mark of the beast, not to follow the beast and not to worship the beast so that we will not be lost, isn't it logical to conclude that He wants you to know who the beast is? We know that God loves us, and if He has sent such a serious message, Wouldn't He also made it abundantly clear who and what this beast represents? **Clearly it is God's will for believers to know who this beast is and what it represents.**

*Revelation 1:1 <sup>1</sup>The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known (NKJV **signified**) by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

This important book was written for us to understand what must soon take place – but as we're going to find, much of Bible prophecy is given to us through the use of symbols. Why did God do this?

Two reasons—

First, God was often revealing things that would be difficult for John to understand. How could anyone living in the first century begin to understand or even recognize things in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Second, He was revealing things that are to warn His people living at the end of time – Through the symbols and code that He has used, He leaves us in no doubt

as to who He is referring to. The Book of Revelation demands more than just a casual reading to understand it – In fact, it takes an understanding of other parts in the Bible. For example, of the 404 verses in Revelation, 276 contains words, phrases, imagery, from other books in the Bible = mostly the Old Testament– in order to understand the book of Revelation we are going to need the rest of the Bible to lead us in our understanding. Can we really know for sure what prophecy is saying to us?

*2 Peter 1:19 <sup>19</sup>And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation.*

Prophecy is given for our understanding and certainty. But we must let the Bible be its own interpreter. Let's go to Revelation 13 and read about this Beast power God has warned us about.

*Revelation 13: 1-3 <sup>1</sup>And the dragon (NKJV "I") stood on the shore of the sea. **The Beast out of the Sea***

*And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup>The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast.*

Let me ask you an intelligent question. Is this beast with seven heads and ten horns a literal animal? No, it's symbolic, which means it represents something. The Bible tells us what it is. Let's get the Bible interpretation of each part.

First it comes from the water or sea. What does water symbolise? *Revelation 17:15 <sup>15</sup>Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.*

Now what about those other strange parts? The body of the *leopard*, feet of a *bear*, the head of a *lion*, and the *10 horns*? God knew that those who would be reading about this symbolic beast would be familiar with what other Bible writers had written. Particularly, another apocalyptic book in the OT—the book of Daniel. In fact, we cannot understand the prophecies of Revelation without studying the prophecies of Daniel. A simple comparison reveals there is a strong link between Daniel 7 and Revelation 13. As we seek to understand this prophecy, we must find the keys that unlock the symbols. When we go to Daniel, we will discover some more keys.

In Daniel 7, we have another prophetic vision.

Daniel 7: 2, 3 <sup>2</sup> *Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. <sup>3</sup> Four great beasts, each*

*different from the others, came up out of the sea. <sup>13</sup> Four great **beasts**, each different from the others, came up out of the sea."*

What do beasts represent in prophecy? The answer is in **verse 17**, <sup>17</sup> *'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth.*

Then **verse 23** says, <sup>23</sup> *"He gave me this explanation: 'The fourth beast is **A fourth kingdom** that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. <sup>2</sup>*

That means the first four beasts represents the first four kings and their kingdoms. We still follow this practice today - animals representing kingdoms. Eg. US – Eagle, Canada – Beaver, France – Rooster, China – Dragon, Australia – Kangaroo, New Zealand – Kiwi etc. God says then that four kingdoms will come up. And it's a fact today that since the days of Babylon when Daniel penned his book (6<sup>th</sup> Century BC) there have been four and only four world kingdoms.

**First kingdom:** Daniel 7:4, <sup>4</sup> *"The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it.*

Who does this Lion represent?

In order to find that out, we have to go to the book of Jeremiah. Now it is important to realize that Daniel studied the writings for the prophet Jeremiah. In fact, Daniel 9:2 says that Daniel studied the book of Jeremiah.

So Daniel knew very well who the Lion was, because Jeremiah had already spoken it.

*Jeremiah 25:38 Like a **lion** He will leave his lair.*

*Jeremiah 4:7 A **lion** has come out of his lair, a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to lay waste your land.*

*Jeremiah 25:9 I will summon the people of the North and my servant **Nebuchadnezzar** king of **Babylon** declares the Lord and I will bring them against this land.*

*Jeremiah 52:4 In the 9th year of Zedekiah's reign, on the 10th day of the 10th month, **Nebuchadnezzar** marched against Jerusalem with his whole army*

*Jeremiah 50:17 Israel is a scattered flock that **lions** have chased away*

In fact if you read through the book of Jeremiah kingdom of Babylon is very clearly linked to the symbol of a lion. So we can see that this prophecy begins right where the prophecy of Dan 2 began—the kingdom of Babylon—the very time in which Daniel lived. Now let's continue on in the prophecy to the second beast with Daniel 7:5

**Second Kingdom: Daniel 7:5,** <sup>5</sup> *"And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'"*

Now what does this bear represent? It lifts itself up on one side, it has three ribs in its mouth and it is the kingdom that followed Babylon. From those things alone, from your memory of lesson 1, you should be able to figure it out. As we studied that great image of Daniel 2. The head of gold, the arms and breast of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, the legs of iron and the ten toes of iron and clay, you will notice a direct parallel between Dan 2 and Dan 7.

In Bible prophecy we find God uses a principle we could call Repetition and Enlargement. That is that God repeats himself and provides more detail in successive prophecies – much like zooming in on what He has already revealed. What was the kingdom that followed Babylon? Again, we don't have to guess.

*Daniel 5:28* <sup>28</sup> **Peres** : *Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."*

It was the Media-Persian empire that defeated Babylon in 539BC. The bear was lifted up on one side to represent the fact that Medo-Persia was an uneven kingdom in power – in fact we know that in time the Persians become greater than the Medes. As for the three ribs in the mouth of the bear, there is reason to believe these represent the three provinces Medo-Persia had to conquer to become this world empire— thus they would represent Babylonia, Egypt and Lydia. Media-Persia conquered Babylon in 539BC and ruled the world until 331BC. Then Daniel 7 goes on.

Daniel 7:6, <sup>6</sup> *"After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule."*

**Third kingdom.** This one is like a leopard that had four wings, and four heads and dominion was given to it. Who does it represent? This kingdom would conquer Medo-Persia. Again, we don't have to guess, we turn to Dan 8:20 <sup>20</sup> *The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia.* Now in this chapter God is symbolizing the kingdom of Medo-Persia as a ram with two horns. Now who is it who follows the ram which is Medo-Persia, notice vs 21? <sup>21</sup> *The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king.* So here God tells us clearly, the third kingdom is Greece. Greece conquered Medo-Persia in 331BC. In fact history tells us the in 331BC, Alexander the Great, conquered the then known world and became the third world empire. Notice back in Daniel 7:6 the leopard had four heads, the beast in Dan 8:21 had one great horn, but look what happens to it in Daniel 8:22 <sup>22</sup> *The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power.* When Alexander the Great died, not having a successor, the kingdom

was divided into four parts, one part for each of his four generals. *Ptolemy, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Cassander*. Those four kingdoms continued to rule until 168BC, when a fourth kingdom would arise.

**Fourth Kingdom: Daniel 7:7,** <sup>7</sup> *"After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.*

By now it is obvious that what we are studying here in Daniel 7 is an enlargement of the same prophecy that we studied in Daniel 2. Remember the great metal image that Nebuchadnezzar dreamed; Head of gold—Babylon, Arms and breast of silver—Medo Persia, Belly and thighs of brass—Greece, Legs of iron—Rome. This is the same prophecy, just different representation.

There can be no doubt that this fourth beast is the fourth kingdom to rule the world, the same kingdom that overthrew Greece and that kingdom was Rome. Rome rose to power in 168BC and ruled until 476AD.

Using the principle of Repetition and Enlargement, we are able to 'zoom in' and read what God said would happen to the kingdom of Rome. You remember the legs of iron in Daniel 2—representing the kingdom of Rome. We learned together that as Rome fell, it was divided into 10 different divisions—represented by the 10 toes on the statue. History tells us that Rome did not fall to a single power, but was overthrown by those 10 Germanic tribes that eventually became Western Europe. Notice here in Daniel 7:7 this fourth beast had 10 horns. These represent the same breakup of the Roman Empire. In fact the Bible confirms this ...**Daniel 7:24,** <sup>24</sup> *The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom.*

The ALAMANNI (German), VISIGOTHS (Spanish), FRANKS (French), SUEVI (Portuguese), BURGUNDIANS (Swiss-Austrian), ANGLO SAXONS (English), LOMBARDS (Italian) and the HERULI, VANDALS, and OSTRO-GOTHS. (These last three no longer exist, and we will see why in just a few moments.)

Let's go back and look at Daniel 7:8

<sup>8</sup> *"While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.*

**A unique fingerprint:** Now, here is where God begins to amplify and provide greater detail. In fact, **it is this little horn that is the same power as the beast of Revelation 13, the antichrist power.** God gives ten identifying marks that apply to this power, in fact these are so specific that they provide a unique fingerprint to help us identify this beast power. So let's list these points one by one. **Daniel 7:8,** <sup>8</sup> *"While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little*

*one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully.*

**1. Daniel 7:8. This power comes up "among them."**

This phrase **locates this power geographically for us**. The other 10 horns, or kingdoms, were in Western Europe. So if it comes up "among them" it would have to be a kingdom that comes up somewhere in Western Europe. Makes sense?

**2. If it came up "among them" it had to come after them.**

**Daniel 7:24 says** <sup>24</sup> *The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.*

Ok, now if we know that the 10 kings rose to power after Rome fell, in 476AD and this horn did not rise to power until AFTER that—we now have not only located this power geographically, we now also have pinpointed the time frame—**sometime after 476AD**.

**3. It would be a "LITTLE HORN" verse 8** or a "little kingdom." Not a big empire like the others, but a little one.

**4. Daniel 7:8 says that it will subdue 3 of the first kings.** Daniel 7:24 says "he shall subdue three kings". We already established from history that the Ostrogoths, Vandals, and Heruli were these three kingdoms. Now all we have to do is to find out what kingdom destroyed them. In fact, we could, at this point simply go to the library and read about who destroyed these kingdoms!

**5. Daniel 7:8. (last part).**

<sup>8</sup> *"...This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully."* It has a MAN AT ITS HEAD and this man SPEAKS FOR IT. Unlike the other horns that sometimes have kings and sometimes have queens. This kingdom will ALWAYS have a man at its head.

**6. Daniel 7: 24. It was "DIVERSE" or different.** How? He would not only be a government like the others, but different from any systems ever before. In what way?

**Dan 7:25** <sup>25</sup> *He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.*

**7. he speaks proud words and blasphemies against the Most High.**

**Revelation 13:5** says "proud words and blasphemies." What is blasphemy? Again, let's not guess, let get the Bible definition of blasphemy. Lets go to John 10:23

<sup>23</sup>and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup>The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one." <sup>31</sup>Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup>but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" <sup>33</sup>"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

John 10:31-33 says **blasphemy is when a man claims to be God.**

Let's get one more...In Mark Chapter 2...Jesus was again teaching and some friends brought a paralyzed man to Jesus to be healed. Let's pick up the story in verse 5...Mark 2:5 <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Mark 2:5-7 says **blasphemy is when a man claims to have the power to forgive sins like God.** So this "man" at the head of this kingdom would claim to have the power to forgive sins. So according to what we just learned, this kingdom will have a man at its head and this man will claim to be God and claim the power to forgive sins. Alright, let's continue with our list...Daniel 7:25

**8. Daniel 7:25. He would " Shall persecute the saints of the Most High."** This power would fight against God, against God's people, and be a persecuting power. God's people would be martyred and slain by it.

**9. Daniel 7:25. He would "TRY TO CHANGE SET TIMES AND LAWS."** This power would think and try to do away with God's holy times and laws. That can't be done, but this power would "try" to change them.

**10. Daniel 7:25 tells us how long it would rule. It would rule for a "TIME, TIMES, AND DIVIDING OF TIME."**

Time is an old English word that means year. A TIME is ONE year, TIMES is TWO YEARS and HALF A TIME is a HALF A YEAR, the total is three and a half years. How many days are in three and a half years using the Bible calendar of 30 days to a month? Twelve hundred and sixty days. We can confirm that by noticing Rev 13:5 which gives us a similar time period when it says...<sup>5</sup>The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. If we multiple 42 months by 30 days you come up with the same 1260 day time period.

Now here's another key of prophecy. Remember in prophecy we are dealing with symbolisms. A "day" is also symbolic. It is symbolic of a year (**Ezekiel 4:6, Number 14:34**).

Whenever God spoke prophetically as in these texts, the day for a year principle was followed. This is *ONLY* in prophetic Scripture. So this power will rule 1260 days or years.

Now we have ten points. Did we make up any of these? No. Did all these come directly from the Bible? Yes! Now the fact is that there is one and *only* one power that meets these ten requirements. God is precise. However, **God also wants us to realize He is talking about a system, a kingdom, not sincere people who may be a part of the system.** To illustrate this important point:

Take Germany for example; their treatment of Jews, they caused a world war...but let me ask you; does that make all Germans bad people? No.

God does not intend to hurt anyone. He loves us and gives these ten points so we will not be deceived.

**It is indisputably clear that these points apply to one power only in the history of the world, and that is the Holy Roman Empire, or Vatican City.**

Now we need to make something very clear. God is not speaking of the people of the Catholic Church in a derogatory way. There are many priests, nuns, and Catholic people, who love the Lord with all their hearts, and have dedicated their lives in service to humanity. There are God-fearing, good sincere people in all churches. Let's go through these just to make the application – to make sure that this power fits all 10.

#### **REVIEW OF IDENTIFYING POINTS**

1, 2. **Daniel 7:8**, It "came up among" the other 10 horns or kingdoms, after 476 A.D. There is only one kingdom that fits this description and that's the Vatican City and the Holy Roman empire. We find that Vatican City is right in the heart of those 10 kingdoms. Pagan Rome gave way to papal Rome which was established in 538AD.

3. **Daniel 7:8**, It's still to this day a "little kingdom." The Vatican is only 109 acres in size, but it is a powerful kingdom and the wealthiest kingdom in the world. It is a little kingdom.

4. **Daniel 7:8**, It "uproots three kingdoms." Clearly documented in history is the eradication of the Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths by the armies of Papal Rome. The last to go were the Ostrogoths in 538 A. D.

5. **Daniel 7:8** (last part), It would have the eyes of a man (NKJV "A man at its head.") To this day the Vatican City is the only kingdom that has always had a visible man at its head, the Pope.

6. **Daniel 7: 24**, "It was different from all the others" All the preceding kingdoms were normal political governments. Papal Rome, however, was and still is unique and different because it is a CHURCH that rules. Policies are dictated by the Bishops and Popes.

7. **Daniel 7: 25**, It "speaks great words and blasphemy." The Bible definition of blasphemy is composed of two things. 1. When a man claims to be God. 2. When a man claims the power to forgive sins. There is only one power today that fits that description. The papal power.

PROMTA, BIBLIOTHICA Vol. 6 – Article, "Pope"

*"The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God. The Pope is called most holy because he is rightfully presumed to be such. He is likewise the divine monarch and supreme emperor, and king of kings. Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions..."*

*"More over the superiority and the power of the Roman Pontiff by no means pertain only to heavenly things, to earthly things, and to things under the earth, but are even over angels, than whom he is greater. So that if it were possible that the angels might err in the faith, or might think contrary to the faith, they could be judged and excommunicated by the pope..."*

*"The pope is as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief king of kings, having plenitude of power..."*

LA CIVILA CATTILICA March 18, 1871

*"The Pope is the supreme judge of the law of the land ...He is the vicegerent of Christ, and is not only a priest forever, but also king of kings and Lord of lords."*

CATHOLIC NATIONAL, July Edition, 1895

*"The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh."*

Los Angeles Times, "No Forgiveness 'Directly from God'

*"VATICAN CITY – Rebutting a belief widely shared by Protestants and a growing number of Catholics, Pope John Paul II on Tuesday dismissed the "wide-spread idea that one can obtain forgiveness directly from God" and exhorted Catholics to confess more often to their priests."*

8. **Daniel 7:25**, "He would war against God's people and persecute them." Although this is now past, all people of the earth are aware of the millions of martyrs put to death during the Dark Ages by the Papal armies.

Historians estimate between 50 and 150 million were persecuted, tortured and put to death. People were thrown into the lion's dens, they were in the catacombs, they were burned at the stake – there were all kinds of persecution that took place during the time of the Dark Ages. One only needs to read the pages of hundreds of history books available to document this. Pope Innocent III, (1198-1216 AD) was responsible for thousands of martyrs. The Spanish Inquisition, the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, and the history of the Waldenses are a few examples.

9. **Daniel 7:25**, *"He would try to change the set times and laws."*

Where is God's law found in the Bible? Exodus 20. There we find the 10 commandments that God gave. Compare this with the "Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine", used when joining the Catholic church, and we see that the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment has been removed. The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment has been made into two.

CATHOLIC FERRARIS' ECCLESIASTICAL DICTIONARY – 'the pope'

*"The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, change, or interpret even divine laws. The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth with most ample power of binding and loosing his sheep."*

Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel, May 21, 1995

*Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the church ever did happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday, not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power... people who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become Seventh-day Adventists and keep Saturday holy.*

10. **Daniel 7: 25**, It would rule 1260 years. This is a most dramatic prophecy!

Beginning in 538 A.D. Papal Rome finally destroyed the Ostrogoths. Emperor Justinian gave the kingdom over to the Bishop of Rome that year. Add 1260 years to that and you come to 1798. The year of the French Revolution. In 1798 Napoleon's armies overthrew the Papal power, confiscated all the property of the kingdom, declared it a republic, and took the Pope off the throne where in France he died in exile. Exactly 1260 years as prophesied!

In our next session, we are going to link this little horn power of Daniel 7 and the beast of Revelation 13. In our next presentation we will discuss just how this affects all of us.

**APPLICATION:** Psalm 119:105 says "Your Word is a lamp to my path and a light to my feet." **Will you trust His Word unconditionally?**

*Next lesson #4 "Identifying the Antichrist – part 2"*