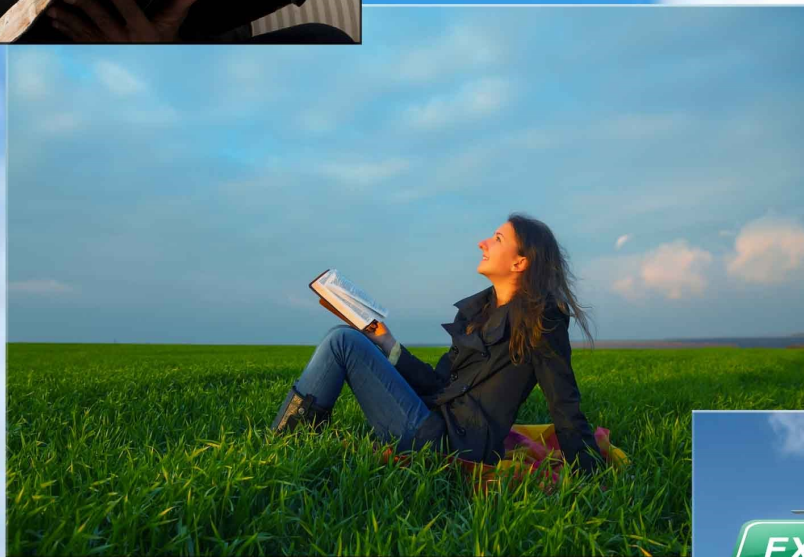
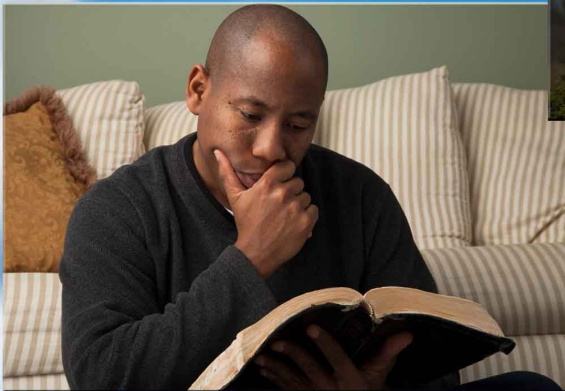
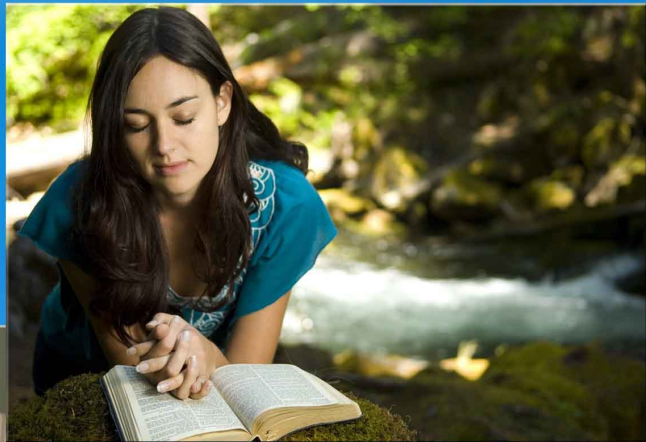


# UNDERSTANDING PROPHETIC SYMBOLS & IDENTIFYING THE LITTLE HORN (ANTI-CHRIST POWER)



WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

# God's Truth Today

## The Quick Study Prophecy Series

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# God's Truth Today – The Quick Study Prophecy Series

## “Understanding Prophecy & Identifying the Little Horn” (Anti-Christ power)

### Introduction: What you'll learn!

Hello, I'm Eric Garloff, president of Sapphire Throne Media. I'd like to welcome you to this introduction of the “God's Truth Today, Quick Study Prophecy Course”. It's been designed as a resource for accurate Biblical information you can trust. This course will teach you the greatest prophecies found in God's Holy Word. It's not the watered down politically correct doctrine that permeates Christianity today. You'll learn beyond a doubt, who the Anti-Christ is, what the Mark of the Beast is, and more importantly, how to avoid receiving his mark. You'll be given the keys to understand Prophetic Time, enabling you to decode the Bible's own prophetic messages. Within the larger work of this series you'll also understand amazing prophecies predicting the exact time Jesus would start His ministry, and when He'd be crucified. You'll learn how prophecy proves Jesus is the Messiah. You'll understand the Seven Trumpets, the Seven Seals and the Seven Last Plagues. You will also learn the identity of the harlot of Babylon, and how the United States fits into Bible Prophecy. Yes, by reading each study in this series you'll finally understand the major prophecies in the books of Daniel and Revelation.

I encourage you to lookup each Bible reference in your own Bible, and by the way, we'll be using the King James Version. This is very important when it comes to decoding and understanding prophetic Bible symbols, so please obtain a King James Bible, or locate an online version you can use to follow along in these chapters. I know the old English language is unique, and it may take a bit more effort on your part to understand certain words, but the King James translation was made by faithful men of God, men who wanted to maintain truth, while most newer translations, using modern words or terms, don't preserve the same meanings behind the prophetic words in the King James version. This obviously makes it more difficult to understand the specific meaning intended for those prophetic words.

Jesus said in **John 8:32** that knowing the truth will set you free. Therefore, if you'd like to hear God's voice today, if you desire to know God's Truth Today, if you want to be set free from the lies perpetuated in main stream Christianity today. Then this Quick Study Prophecy Course is what you're looking for. I've been a follower of Jesus Christ, and a student of the Bible for over 25 years, and I make you 3 promises. Promise #1, each chapter will first and foremost be the Truth of God's Holy Word. Promise #2, each chapter will be as short and to the point as possible, which means I'm not going to defend the truth against the many twisted and polluted beliefs found in Christianity today, the truth of God's word stands on its own, and if you're sincere, the Holy Spirit will impress this upon your heart and mind. Promise #3, If you dedicated yourself to God and to knowing and practicing the truth of His word, and you commit yourself to learning these truths, then I promise that you'll have more true Biblical knowledge of the material covered here, and a clearer understanding of prophetic history and prophetic future world events, than is taught by 95% of churches today.

This course will prepare you to stand in the final days when Satan pulls off his final deceptions while impersonating Jesus, causing Millions of professed Christians to be eternally lost. Many of the things we discuss may be brand new for you, and some may surprise you, or even shock you, but it's better to know the truth than to willingly be deceived. Therefore I ask you to diligently read each chapter with an open mind, and more importantly, an open heart towards God, and His Holy word.

In order for you to understand each chapter, and to learn the principles of Bible interpretation, it's important that you don't jump ahead. Please start with chapter #1 and progress your way through the course, chapter by chapter, without jumping around. I say this because the keys to interpret the Prophecies are not all revealed in one chapter, and you'll need these keys to understand each prophecy. Also, a great many of these chapters build upon the foundation of interpretation established in a prior chapter, so reading them one at a

time, in sequential order, will give you the greatest opportunity to understand them all. Finally, I encourage you to pray before each chapter and ask God to make His truths clear to your mind. It's my prayer that God's blessing rests upon you as He reveals to you, the awesome truths of His Holy Word. It's time now for chapter #1, titled, Past, Present & Future. In that chapter you'll learn how the Bible accurately predicted over 2600 years of world events. Do your very best to understand each chapter, even if you don't see how a particular chapter could possibly be important, I promise you, each chapter is one piece in the big puzzle, and the pieces of the puzzle will come together for you by the time you finish each section.

Finally, I recommend you obtain the best book I have ever read on Prophecy, that book is "The Great Controversy". I'll send you a FREE copy if you simply **email [STMedia.co@gmail.com](mailto:STMedia.co@gmail.com) and request the FREE book, in English or Spanish.** We only mail to addresses within the continental United States. If you live outside the continental US, we will email you the book in PDF format. Please do not request the book if you already have a copy of the Great Controversy, and please do not request a book to be sent to someone other than yourself. Thank you.

## **Past, Present & Future - Daniel 2** Quick Study Prophecy Series Chapter #1

It's appropriate that we begin with the understanding that the Bible is trustworthy. Nothing does this more dramatically than the accuracy of Bible Prophecy. In this chapter, Past, Present & Future, you'll learn that God is in control of world events. The prophecies of **Daniel chapter 2** accurately depict the rise and fall of nations from 605B.C. until the second coming of Jesus. These prophecies were written in the second year of king Nebuchadnezzar's reign in Babylon, and they have been fulfilled in every detail from then until now. That's a 2,600 year track record, clearly proving the Divine inspiration of the Bible, as you're about to see! Daniel 2 begins with king Nebuchadnezzar receiving a dream from God. He forgets his dream and commands his wise men, not only to tell him what he dreamed, but to also give Him the interpretation of the dream. If they're not able to do so, it was commanded that they be put to death. Daniel, one of the king's wise men in training, who was an Israelite captive from Babylon's destruction of Jerusalem, goes before the king and asks for time to pray, that God would reveal the dream to the king.

**Daniel 2:19** records God answering Daniel's prayer by revealing to him the secret of the King's dream, and the verses which follow, records Daniel's prayer of thanks, which is an acknowledgment of God's power to reveal secrets and to establish kingdoms. Here's what **Daniel 2:20-23** says, "Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter." Fortified with the knowledge of the king's dream and its interpretation, Daniel goes to the king, and in **verses 27 and 28** Daniel tells the king that there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets to the king, and will now reveal the future to him through his dream.

In five short verses Daniel tells the king what he dreamed, it's located in **Daniel 2:31-35**. Daniel tells the king he dreamed of a great statue who's head was made of Gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs were brass, its legs were iron and its feet were part iron and part clay. Then a stone smashed the statue on the feet and broke the statue into pieces. After this the stone grew into a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel then explains what the king's dream means, and it's found in **verses 37 through 45** of Daniel chapter 2. He tells king Nebuchadnezzar that he, or his kingdom, is represented by the head of gold, and that other, inferior kingdoms, would follow his kingdom. These were represented by the silver, the brass, and the iron, be-

cause each of these metals are inferior to gold. Then Daniel said the iron kingdom will be divided. These divisions are represented by the feet and toes of the statue, which were made of iron and clay. This divided kingdom would be partly strong and partly broken, just as iron does not mix with, or adhere to clay.

Now I'd like to share with you some of the historical details concerning these four kingdoms. Babylon, represented by the head of gold, ruled from 605 BC to 539 BC, at which time the joint forces of the Medes and Persian's, under command of Cyrus the Great, destroyed Babylon. The Medo-Persian kingdom ruled from 539 BC to 331 BC. The Medes and Persians were represented by the chest and arms of silver, one arm representing the Medes and the other the Persians, both powers uniting for the destruction of Babylon. Then the Grecian army under Alexander the Great destroyed the Medo-Persian kingdom and ruled from 331 BC to 168 BC. Greece was represented by the belly and thighs of brass. Rome was the kingdom of iron which came next, and destroyed Greece. Rome ruled with its cruel iron weapons, from 168 BC to 476 AD. The Roman imperial capital, or its center of power, was originally located in Rome itself that is, until Emperor Constantine re-located and re-founded Rome's capital in Constantinople, holding its dedication on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, in the year 330AD. Thus the two legs of iron on the statue represent the two governing regions of the Roman Empire, the one being in Rome, and the other being in Constantinople.

When Rome fell, it was divided by 10 separate barbaric nations, which would never again combine forces into one kingdom and rule the world as the prior nations did. These 10 nations are represented by the 10 toes of iron and clay. They eventually became the nations of Europe as we know them today. We are now living in the time period of the toes within this prophecy of Daniel chapter 2. It's during this time period of the feet and toes that the world experiences the mingling of church and state, which is represented by the mingling of the iron and clay. Please note that the strength of the iron continues from the legs into the feet and toes. The iron kingdom of Rome was a cruel persecuting power. The mingling of the church represented by the clay, with the state represented by the iron, will bring persecution upon God's people as the church uses the power of the state to enforce it's decrees. This is exactly what happened during the dark ages that followed the fall of the Roman empire.

## Each symbol has a meaning

Head of Gold

Chest & Arms of Silver

Belly & Thighs of Brass

Legs of Iron

Feet of Iron & Clay



Babylon

Medo-Persia

Greece

Rome

Roman Church & State  
Union w/ 10 Divisions

Now read what the Bible says will happen next from **Daniel 2:44-45**, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." Here we clearly see the stone which smashed the image on its feet, represents the coming kingdom of God. The prophecy

says, that in the days of these kings, which are the days we are now living in, God will return to set up His kingdom, isn't that exciting!

This means the next great event to happen within the prophecy of Daniel 2, is the second coming of Jesus. Since the Bible has accurately predicted these events over the course of 2600 years, then you can be sure it's a book that can be trusted! In closing, please remember this information, because many of the prophecies we'll share in future chapters use this prophecy as their foundation. Daniel chapter 2 forms the foundation, or the framework of time which many other prophecies build on. I encourage you to draw closer to Jesus every day, through your own personal prayer time and Bible study. Our next chapter is titled, "4 Beasts that Ruled the World".

### 4 Beasts that Ruled the World - Daniel 7

#### Quick Study Prophecy Series Chapter #2

This prophetic chapter is titled, "Four Beasts that Ruled the World", and it's based on the prophecy of Daniel chapter 7. This prophecy builds on the truths we just learned from king Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great statue. This is a clear example of how God uses the process of Repetition and Expansion in prophecy. Therefore, in this chapter, God expands on the information given about the kingdoms of Daniel 2, however, He uses different symbols to represent those kingdoms. None the less, they are the same kingdoms we've already covered, but with the additional information God wants us to know, and understand. Here's a quick overview of this chapter.

In Daniel 2 we found 4 different metals in the statue, then we saw the feet of iron and clay, with their 10 toes. In Daniel 7 we find 4 different beasts. Coming out of the 4th beast we see 10 horns. The 4 metals of Daniel 2 and the 4 beasts of Daniel 7 are the same. The 10 toes of Daniel 2 and the 10 horns of Daniel 7 are the same. After the toes in Daniel 2, and after the horns in Daniel 7, both passages speak of God setting up His everlasting kingdom. Now that we've had that quick overview of the repetition, let's look at the 4 Beasts which ruled the World in Daniel chapter 7, and see if we can find the additional information given in the Expansion of this prophecy, which will largely be towards the end of the prophecy.

**Daniel 7:3-4** describes the first beast as a Lion with eagle's wings. This prophecy was given to Daniel in the days of king Nebuchadnezzar, and just as the head of gold in Daniel 2 represented Babylon, so this great lion with eagle's wings also represents Babylon. By the way, Archeologists have found the image of a lion with eagle's wings on the walls within the ruins of Babylon. This is simply another case of archeology vindicating the Scriptures. The second beast found in **Daniel 7 and verse 5** is a bear that's raised up on one side. This bear has three ribs in its mouth. The bear represents the Medo-Persian kingdom. Because the bear was raised up on one side indicates that one half, or one side, was stronger than the other. You will remember from our first lesson, that the combined forces of the Medes and the Persians destroyed Babylon. The ribs in the bear's mouth are symbolic of the three kingdoms conquered by the Medo-Persian Empire, those kingdoms were Lydia, Babylon and Egypt.

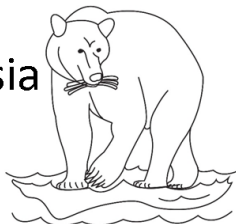


Babylon



605 B.C.  
to  
539 B.C.

Medo-Persia



539 B.C.  
to  
331 B.C.

The third beast in **verse 6 of Daniel chapter 7** is a Leopard with four wings and four heads. This leopard beast represents Greece, led by Alexander the Great. The wings represent the speed which young Alexander conquered the world. The four heads on the leopard represent Alexander's four generals, Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy. Isn't it amazing how accurate Bible prophecy is? After Alexander's death, these four generals divided the kingdom and fought amongst themselves for control of Alexander's empire. The fourth beast, which is found in **Daniel 7, verses 7-8** was a dreadful, terrible, and exceedingly strong beast with great iron teeth. This beast is the same as the iron legs on the statute of Daniel chapter 2. Those legs represented the Roman Empire, as does this 4th beast. I'd like to show you these two verses of **Daniel 7:7-8** because they're extremely important to understand. They're important because it's here that God begins to reveal the identity of a most cruel and deceptive power rising on the landscape having great prophetic importance for God's people. God depicts this power as the little horn power in Daniel chapter 7, and in other chapters, this little horn power is known as the Anti-Christ power.

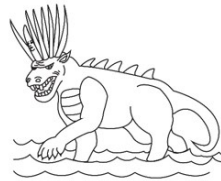


Greece



331 B.C.  
to  
168 B.C.

Rome



168 B.C.  
to  
476 A.D.

Roman Church & State  
Union w/ 10 Divisions



476 A.D.  
To Present

**Daniel 7:7-8** says, “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.”

As we noted a few moments ago, the fourth beast with its great iron teeth, is none other than the Roman Empire, and it's the same as the legs of iron found in Daniel chapter 2. Both of these prophecies literally track historical events, which is very important for you to understand and to remember. In our last chapter we learned the 10 toes were 10 barbaric nations, or kingdoms that came out of pagan Rome's destruction. Those toes are the same as the 10 horns on this fourth beast of Daniel chapter 7. History tells us the following 10 barbaric tribes were the ones that divided up the Roman Empire when it fell in 476 A.D. These are the 10 horns coming out of the fourth beast, they were the tribes or kingdoms known as the Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Suevi, Alamanni, Anglo-Saxons, Heruli, Lombards and the Burgundians.

Here's where it gets interesting. God has given us additional information in this passage that was not given in **Daniel chapter 2**. Here, God reveals the little horn power, coming up among the ten horns. It's very important to understand who this little horn power is, and the only way we can do this, is to examine the identifying marks given to us by God Himself. These identifying marks will expose who the little horn power is, and these identifying marks will be the focus of our next chapter titled, “Identifying the Little Horn of **Daniel**

7". You don't want to miss that chapter, because the Little Horn of Daniel 7 is the most powerful enemy of God's truth, and of God's people on earth today. From this point on, our chapters are going to increase in intensity and excitement, as anticipation builds to the identification of the Little Horn power.

## Identifying the Little Horn of Daniel 7

### Quick Study Prophecy Series Chapter #3

Just in case you are not aware of it, the Little Horn is also known as the Anti-Christ power. Over the next few chapters you'll learn who the Anti-Christ is, as we uncover the information in Scripture, which God has given us to identify who this little horn represents. Since these studies build upon each other, it's very important that you've first read the information before this chapter. Therefore, if you've not read chapter 1 and 2, please read them now. Identifying the Little Horn is extremely important for Christians today, because the little horn is at war with true Christianity in a big way, and the little horn will continue waging his war until Jesus returns for His people.

Let's examine what **Daniel chapter 7, verses 19 through 26** has to say. <sup>19</sup> "Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of iron*, and his nails *of brass*; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; <sup>20</sup> And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows. <sup>21</sup> I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; <sup>22</sup> Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

<sup>23</sup> Thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. <sup>24</sup> And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. <sup>25</sup> And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. <sup>26</sup> But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end."



Pictured here is the 4th beast of Daniel 7, after the Little horn rose and plucked up 3 of the original 10 horns.

Combining what we've already learned from **Daniel chapter 7, verses 7 and 8**, with what we've just read, let's begin extracting the identifying marks of the Little Horn from the information God has given us here. Identifying mark **Number 1**, since **Daniel 7:24** says a horn is a king, or kingdom, and this particular horn is called a little horn, thus the kingdom it represents must be a little kingdom. **Number 2**, history tells us Rome fell in 476 A.D. to 10 barbaric kingdoms, represented by the 10 horns. Since the little horn comes up among the existing 10 horns, or kingdoms, this means it comes up after the 10 kingdoms were established. Therefore it must come to power after 476 A.D. Identifier **Number 3**, the Bible says this kingdom is diverse, or different from the other kingdoms. As you will see, this kingdom is both political, and religious, while the other 10 are only political kingdoms. Identifier **Number 4**, since the little horn power comes up among the other 10 horns, this means it must arise in Europe, because that's where the 10 are located. **Number 5** is found in **Daniel 7**,



**verses 8, 20 & 24**, which states this power was behind the destruction of three of the original 10 kingdoms that rose up after pagan Rome's fall. The Bible says these horns were plucked up by the roots. History tells us the kingdoms that were destroyed were those of the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths. **Number 6** is found in **Daniel 7, verses 8 & 20**, which says, in this little horn were eyes like the eyes of man. In other words, it will have the spiritual discernment of a man. Having eyes like a man can also indicate man's intelligence, or a man's vision, which means a man would be at the head of this power.

**Number 7** is found in **Daniel 7, verses 8, 20 and 25**, which says he shall speak great words against the most High. Since the great words being spoken here are against the Most High God, we know these are not great words of things which are good, but rather they are great words of blasphemy because they are against God. Therefore the little horn speaks blasphemy. Identifying mark **Number 8** is found in **Daniel 7, verses 21 & 25** which says this little horn made war with the saints, and he wears out the saints of the Most High. This makes the little horn a persecuting power against God's people, who are called, the saints of God. **Number 9** is found in **Daniel 7, verse 25**, which says this little horn power will think to change times and laws. This is a reference to changing the times and laws of God, and we'll look closely at this point in a future chapter. **Number 10** is also in **Daniel 7:25**, and it says the saints of God will be given into the hand of the little horn power, for a time, and times and the dividing of time. This is a phrase which represents a very important time period, which will be the focus of our next chapter. It's important to understand what this phrase means, because it plays a big role in the persecution of God's people by the little horn. This time period is spoken of in seven different passages of the Bible, and you'll learn where they are and what they mean. Let's quickly review what we've learned, then as we progress through the next two chapters, we'll apply what we've learned, and you'll know who the little horn power is.

#### Identifying marks of "The Little Horn's Kingdom" summarized:

- 1) The Little Horn is a Little kingdom
- 2) The Little Horn Rises after 476 A.D.
- 3) The Little Horn differs from the other 10 kingdoms (it's Religious & Political)
- 4) The Little Horn rises among the 10 kingdoms in Europe
- 5) The Little Horn destroys 3 of the 10 kingdoms (Heruli, Vandals & Ostrogoths)
- 6) The Little Horn has a man at the head
- 7) The Little Horn speaks blasphemy against God
- 8) The Little Horn wages war against the saints of God
- 9) The Little Horn thinks to change the times and laws of God
- 10) The Little Horn persecutes the saints of God for a time, and times and the dividing of time.

Now I'd like to point out, that in the end, God judges the little horn, and His judgment is in favor of the people who worship God and keep His commandments, Amen! You can read about this in **Daniel 7 verses 9 to 11**, and also in **verse 22**, and finally in **verses 26 and 27**. Our next chapter is titled, "Secrets of Prophetic Time". This chapter is a must to understand who the Little Horn (or Anti-Christ) is.

### [Secrets of Prophetic Time](#)

Quick Study Prophecy Series Chapter #4

(The Day for a Year Principle, and the 1260 year Prophecy)

Here are the keys, or secrets, for calculating prophetic time. Without these keys, the prophecies don't make sense, but when you apply these keys, the prophecies come alive with amazing accuracy! This is another piece of the puzzle that will allow us to positively identify the Little Horn, or the Anti-Christ power.

Every Christian on earth should know who the Anti-Christ power is. Every Christian should also know how to protect themselves from his influence and false teachings. In the last chapter we didn't fully explain two of the identifying marks of the Little Horn power. In this chapter we're going to explain identifying mark Number

10, which says the saints of God are given into the Little Horn's hand for a time, times and the dividing of time. I can't begin to tell you how important it is to understand this cryptic time period, so please stay with me, everything you're learning is going to tie together over the next two chapters. It's a small investment of your time, which in the end will reap eternal rewards for you.

The first thing we need to know, is that each of the 12 Biblical months contained 30 days. If you pull out your calculator, or launch your cell phone calculator app, you can easily multiply 12 times 30, and you'll learn that a Biblical year contained 360 days. Not 365 days as we have in our calendar today. This knowledge is absolutely necessary to correctly calculate prophetic time. Now, if I asked you how many days are in three and a half Biblical years, you would enter on your calculator, 360 for the number of days in a Biblical year, times 3.5 years, and your answer would be 1260 days are in three and a half Biblical years. If I then asked you to tell me how many months are in three and a half years, you would enter on your calculator, 12 for the number of months in a year, times 3.5 for the number of years, and your answer would be, 42 months are in three and a half years.

So, 3 ½ Biblical years contains 42 months or 1260 days. These are simply 3 different ways to express the same amount of time. This means that whenever you see 1260 days, or 3 ½ years or 42 months in Bible prophecy, you can know that God is talking about the same time period, because they all equal, or add up to, the same amount of time. Moving on, the next key to unlock prophetic time is found in **Numbers 14:34**, as well as in **Ezekiel 4:6**. Both of these verses demonstrate the day for a year principle. In other words, when God uses a day in Bible prophecy, each day equals one literal year. Therefore, when dealing with prophetic time, each day represents 1 year. As an example, **Revelation 12:6** speaks of a time period of "one thousand two hundred and sixty days". In prophetic time, 1260 days is actually 1260 literal years. If this is clear, then we're going to talk about how the cryptic phrase "a time, times and half a time" applies to this 1260 day prophecy of **Revelation 12:6**. If it's not clear, please pray, and ask God to help you understand, then go over the information in the last two paragraphs again, and take notes as you go.

Here's the key for understanding the phrase "a time, times and half a time". It's really pretty simple to grasp once you realize the word "time", as it's used here in prophecy, means a period of time. In this case the period of time represented is equal to one Biblical year. When you make the word time, plural, by adding an "s", you now have the word "times", which means by default, two years, unless a specific number is indicated otherwise. The final portion of this phrase mentions a "half of time". In another Bible passage it's referred to as the dividing of time. This phrase, "half a time", is the same as saying half a year. So let's add it all up! A "time" is one year, the word "times", which is plural, is 2 years, and "half a time" is half a year. That's 1 year, plus 2 years, plus ½ a year, which equals 3 ½ years. It's the same period of time we have been talking about! So 3 ½ Biblical years contains 42 months or 1260 days. This 3 ½ year time period can also be referred to as "a time, times and half a time". All of these terms represent the exact same time period.

Now here's why it's so important for you to understand these periods of time. In the Bible, God mentions these time periods on seven different occasions, and in each instance, God is telling us something about the Little Horn power found in Daniel chapter 7. This time period refers to the amount of time the Little Horn power would reign upon the earth, during which time it would persecute, and wage war against God, and God's people, or His church. This happened during the period known as the dark ages. The 1260 years of the dark ages began in 538 AD and ended in 1798 when the French General Berthier marched into Rome with an army, took the Pope prisoner, and proclaimed the political rule of the papacy at an end. The pope later died in exile. This was foretold in scripture as the dead wound inflicted upon one of the heads of the beast. We will explain this in another future document within this series.

As examples of each phrases, here are three passages covering the 1260 year time period.

**Daniel 7:24-25** <sup>24</sup>“And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. <sup>25</sup> And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time”.

**Revelation 13:4-6** <sup>4</sup>“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, who *is* like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? <sup>5</sup> And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. <sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.”

**Revelation 12:6** “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days”.

The Little Horn  
538 A.D. - 1798  
(1260 yrs.)



Dan. 7:24-25  
Rev. 13:4-6  
Rev. 12:6  
(1260 yrs.)

So there you have a sample of how God uses each of these time periods. By the way, **Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address of November 19, 1863** starts out with these words. “Four score and seven years ago ... I point this out because Revelation 12:6 uses this same term when it says “a thousand two hundred and threescore days”. A score means twenty. So three score is 20 times 3, which equals 60. This means the phrase “a thousand two hundred and threescore days”, is the same as 1260 days. Our next chapter is titled, “According to God, who is the Anti-Christ?” This is the chapter pulling everything together that we’ve studied so far. Please pray before you read the next chapter, and ask God to reveal the truth to you about who the Anti-Christ is. Ask God to prepare your heart, because what you are about to learn may shock you. If it does, please remember that God is showing you the truth that you may know the truth, and be set free by it! God loves you, and He wants you to be with Him in heaven! It’s my prayer that your heart remains open to Him, and to the truths found in His holy word!

### Who is the Anti-Christ?

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Before we go any farther, if you’ve not read chapters 1 through 4, I strongly encourage you to stop right here and go back to read those chapters in sequential order before reading this one. If you don’t understand the first four chapters, chances are you won’t see the importance of the truths found in this chapter.

A quick review of Daniel chapters 2 and 7 is necessary at this point. In these chapters God outlines the passage of time from Babylon to the setting up of His kingdom. This is what we learned in these two parallel chapters. The head of Gold that represented Babylon in Daniel 2, is represented by a Lion with Eagle’s wings in Daniel 7. The chest and arms of Silver representing the Medo-Persian Empire is also represented by a Bear with 3 ribs in its mouth. The belly and thighs of Brass representing Greece, are also portrayed by a 4 headed Leopard with 4 wings. Following this, the Legs of Iron representing pagan Rome are represented by a terrible beast having great Iron teeth and 10 horns upon his head. These 10 horns represent the same kingdoms as those portrayed by the 10 toes of the statute. Following the 10 horns, which arose in 476 A.D., God then intro-

duces the Little Horn power. All of this clearly identifies when and where in the landscape of time, the little horn appears. If you need a re-fresh on all this, please go back and review chapters #1 and #2. In chapter #3 titled “Identifying the Little Horn of Daniel 7”, we examined the information God provided for us to identify the little horn power. Here, God clearly tells us everything we need to identify the little horn. All a person needs to learn his identity, is to locate a power which matches the identifying marks God has given us. Let’s review them now. Number 1, since a horn is a king, or a kingdom, and since this horn is called a little horn, the kingdom it represents must be a little one. Number 2, the little horn’s kingdom rises to power after 476 A.D. Number 3, The Bible says this kingdom is diverse, or different from the other kingdoms, which were all secular powers of state. Number 4, it comes up in Europe, among the 10 nations of fallen Rome. Number 5, it was behind the destruction of the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths, who were portrayed as the 3 horns being plucked up by the roots. Number 6, it has eyes like the eyes of man, indicating this power has a man at its head. Number 7, he speaks great words of blasphemy against God. Number 8, he makes war with the saints of God. Number 9, he thinks he has the power to change the times and laws of God, which we have not discussed yet. And Number 10, as we learned in chapter #4, the saints are persecuted by the little horn power for 1260 years, or as the Bible says, they were given into the hand of the little horn for a time, times and the dividing of time.

This chapter is not going to be politically correct; however, it is historically and Biblically correct. The simple fact God placed this information in the Bible tells you that God wants you to know who the little horn is. God doesn’t want you to be deceived by him. Remember, there’s only one power in the whole world that can match the identifying marks given by God. Once you learn who the Little Horn is, I can’t even begin to encourage you enough to read the chapters which follow this one. You owe it to yourself to know the truth, so please stay with this course and continue learning the truths of God’s Word. There is so much more to learn!

You can search the world over, but in the entire world, there is only one small kingdom which arose in Europe after 476 AD, and which came up among the divided nations of Rome, and who was behind the destruction of the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths. This same power has a prominent man at its head which speaks blasphemy against God, and has made war with the saints of God, persecuting them to the death during the 1260 year period of the Little Horn’s reign from 538 A.D. to 1798. This same kingdom also thinks it has the power to change the times and laws of God, which we’ll look at in our next chapter. This power, which the Bible declares is at war against God, because it does not keep God’s laws, is a deceptive power that mixes God’s truth, with its own false teachings. All of these points can only apply to one power and one power alone, and that power is the Roman Catholic Church. Now even though God’s Holy Bible clearly teaches this fact, in order for me to make such a claim as this, I must prove it.

Now please understand, God is not speaking about the honest hearted, sincere people within the Catholic Church. People who are serving Him to the best of their knowledge. Let me say it again, God is not speaking about the individual people of the Catholic Church. He’s speaking about the Religious, Political system, that church-state system, which forms the Catholic church, and implements her man-made policies and traditions, in direct contradiction too, and in place of, God’s Holy Word, the Holy Bible. God knows there are many sincere Catholics around the world. If you’re currently among this group of people and you truly love God, I would say this to you. Keep your heart and mind open to God, and surrender your service and obedience to Him, and to the Holy Bible, which is God’s voice to your soul. If you do this, He’ll surely lead you into His true church, because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him in His kingdom.

Identifying the papacy as the Little Horn power is not something new. In fact, the early protestant churches understood, and taught, that the little horn power is identified by God as that corrupt church-state papal system. Let’s see how the Roman church fulfills 9 of God’s 10 Identifying marks. We’ll see how it fulfills the remaining one in our next chapter. **Number 1**, Vatican City is a little country, in fact, it’s only 44 hectares, or 110 acres. Its population is approximately 842 and it’s the smallest internationally recognized independent state in the world, both by area and population. **Number 2**, the papacy’s legally confirmed power did not

begin until 538 AD, after it was freed from the domination of the Arian kingdoms, even though Emperor Justinian issued the decree 5 years earlier. Thus the papacy did rise after 476 AD, after the other 10 kingdoms. **Number 3**, the Bible says this kingdom is diverse, or different from the other kingdoms. All the other kingdoms were political kingdoms, but the papal state is not only political, it's also religious; it's a union of church and state. **Number 4**, the Papacy came up in Europe, among the 10 nations of fallen Rome. **Number 5**, the rise of Papal Rome to political power necessitated the demise of the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths, the 3 horns that were plucked out by the roots. All 3 were supporters of Arianism, which was the most formidable rival of Catholicism. The papacy used the powers of the state to defeat the Heruli in 493 AD. Under the direction of the Papacy, Emperor Justinian vanquished the Vandals in 534 AD, and Justinian's general, Belisarius ousted the Ostrogoths from Italy. Their defeat and withdrawal from Rome in 538 AD marked the end of the Ostrogothic power in Europe. **Number 6**, the Bible says it has eyes like the eyes of man, indicating this power has a man at its head. Obviously this is fulfilled by the papal pontiff, or the pope.

**Number 7**, the Bible says he speaks great words of blasphemy against God. What is Blasphemy? Jesus was accused of Blasphemy when He claimed to be God. Of Course Jesus' claim was true, because He is God! However, on many occasions the papacy has claimed that the pope is Jesus, hidden behind the veil of the flesh. This is truly Blasphemy because Jesus is in the Heavenly sanctuary, where he'll remain until He comes to take His people home. Here are just two of the many papal claims. **Pope Leo XIII in an Encyclical letter dated June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1894** said, "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty" Friends, for any man to claim he is God, is Blasphemy. Consider what was written in "**The Catholic National**", in its **July 1895** publication which states, "The pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh."

**Number 8**, the Bible says the little horn makes war with the saints of God. Has the papacy every put to death God's people? Historians estimate more than 50 million were put to death for their beliefs during the dark ages. Anyone with a competent knowledge of history knows this. Perhaps the most famous incident was the **St. Bartholomew's Day massacre in 1572**, just google it and find out for yourself. **Number 9**, the Bible says he thinks he has the power to change the times and laws of God. This one is so important we need to deal with it all by itself. The papal deceptions on this one identifying mark will cause almost the whole world to be lost, and we'll look at it in our next chapter.

Finally, for identifying mark **Number 10**, the Bible says the saints were given into the hands of the little horn for a time, times and the dividing of time. We learned in chapter #4 that this phrase represents 1260 years of papal dominance and persecution. Does the papal power fulfil this last identifying mark? Yes it does! As noted earlier, the papal rule went into effect after the Ostrogoths were removed from Rome in 538 AD. From that point on the papacy persecuted God's people until 1798, exactly 1260 years. That's when the French general Berthier, along with a French army, marched into Rome and proclaimed the political rule of the Papacy at an end. He took the pope captive and removed him to France, where he later died in exile. Thus the 1260 year rule of the papacy, along with her persecutions towards the saints of God, came to an end.



The Roman Catholic system with the Pope as it's head is the Little Horn



However, since then the power and influence of the Roman Catholic church system is growing again, while at the same time it's working very hard to make the Protestants forget about her sins and horrid persecutions of the past. This is where we'll pick up in our next chapter as we discuss the remaining identifying mark, the one that God says, the papal power "thinks to change times and laws". Remember, Bible prophecy has predicted all of this long ago, and if you're honest with yourself, and if you're true to God, you'll want to learn as much as possible. So I invite you to continue learning with our next chapter, which explains how the papacy thinks it has changed the times and laws of God. May God bless you and your loved ones.

## **The Little Horn Thinks to Change God's Times and Laws**

### Quick Study Prophecy Series Chapter #6

In this chapter you'll learn how the papacy fulfills the prophecy of **Daniel 7:25**, that it would think to change God's times and laws. The early protestant denominations came out of the Catholic Church as they saw within the teachings and traditions of the popes, many direct contradictions with the Bible. It's a truly interesting story with life and death consequences for all of us, but the Catholic church doesn't want you to know these things, because if you knew the truth, you'd certainly run the other way. **You can learn much about this if you request our FREE book, The Great Controversy, and you can do that by simply emailing STMedia.co@gmail.com and ask for the FREE book.** We mail to addresses within the continental United States. If you live outside the continental US, we will email you the book in PDF format.

Now we're going to learn how the papacy fulfills the prophecy of **Daniel 7:25**, that it would think to change times and laws. Simply put, the Little Horn power would think to change the times and laws of God. So has the papacy ever sought to do this? Is there any evidence that the papacy has tampered with the times and laws of God? Yes there is, and by their own admission you will see how boldly they have done this. First ask yourself the question. Which of God's laws (or His 10 commandments) specifies a period of time? Only one of the 10 commandments specifies a period of time, and that is the fourth commandment, which commands a specific time for God's people to worship Him. The fourth commandment can be found in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. In Exodus 20 verses 8 to 11 it states, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord Blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Notice now what the "**Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine**" says on, **p.50** Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day. Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." That was **by Rev. Peter Geiermann, The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, p.50.** Now here's what Priest Brady said, "It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other Christians, that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church, and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church." **Priest Brady, in an address, reported in the Elizabeth, NJ 'News' on March 18, 1903.**

The Catholic Church gets away with this because they elevate tradition above the Bible. Take a look at this statement, "Tradition, not Scripture, is the rock on which the church of Jesus Christ is built." **Adrien Nampon, Catholic Doctrine as Defined by the Council of Trent, p. 157** Friend, I don't know about you, but I choose to follow Scripture, not man, nor man made traditions. Jesus says in **Matthew 15:9**, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Here is another quote, "The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine law. The pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts a vicegerent of God upon earth" Lucius Ferraris, Prompta Bibliotheca, art. Papa, II, Vol. VI, p. 29. Friend, this is blasphemy for any man to claim the pow-

er and authority of God, and that's what's being said here. The Catholic doctrine claims the pope has the power to change God's law.

Look what was printed in the **Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1950 edition of "Our Sunday Visitor"**. "Protestants ... accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change... But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that ... in observing Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the Church, the pope". **Our Sunday Visitor, February 5th, 1950**. Now if you are a protestant, are you aware that by keeping Sunday, you are accepting the authority of the pope? Well you are, because there is no Biblical authority for Sunday worship. God's seventh day Sabbath is, and always has been, Saturday. This is the day Jesus kept, and it's the day all of His disciples kept! It's the day the New Testament book of **Hebrews chapter 4** speaks of when it says the day of rest still remains today, and that passage very clearly states it's the 7<sup>th</sup> day. It also says you should labor to enter into that rest, lest you fall after the example of unbelief, or disobedience as the children of God did in the wilderness.

**Hebrews 4:1-11** says, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. <sup>2</sup>For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. <sup>3</sup>For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, as I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. <sup>5</sup>And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest. <sup>6</sup>Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: <sup>7</sup>Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. <sup>8</sup>For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. <sup>9</sup>There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. <sup>10</sup>For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. <sup>11</sup>Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief".

So there you have it from the New Testament book of Hebrews chapter 4 which says the day of rest still remains today, and it clearly states it's the 7<sup>th</sup> day, which is Saturday. It also says you should labor to enter into that rest, lest you fall after the example of unbelief, which is disobedience. It's important for you to understand the Sabbath was given in the Garden of Eden as a memorial of God's creative power. The Sabbath was given to all mankind, not to the Jewish nation. You may recall that Abraham is considered to be the father of the Jewish nation, well, Abraham was born some 2500 years after the creation of man, so the Seventh-day Sabbath predates the Jewish nation by 2500 years, and that's because it's God's Holy day for all mankind, and God never changed the day.

Look at this statement from another Catholic source, "The Catholic Church designated Sunday as the day for corporate worship and gets full credit – or blame – for the change." This **Rock, The Magazine of Catholic Apologetics and Evangelization, p.8, June 1997**. And how about this statement, "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. "The Day of the Lord" (dies Dominica) was chosen, not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power. The day of resurrection, the day of Pentecost, fifty days later, came on the first day of the week. So this would be the new Sabbath. People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7th Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy." **Sentinel, Pastor's page, Saint Catherine Catholic Church, Algonac, Michigan, May 21, 1995**. Wow, this Catholic source says if you want to follow the Bible, you will become a 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist and keep Saturday holy.

Here's two more for you to consider, and then we'll wrap up this chapter. "If Protestants would follow the Bible, they would worship God on the Sabbath Day. In keeping the Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic Church." **Albert Smith, Chancellor of the Archdioceses of Baltimore**, replying for the Cardinal, in a letter

dated February 10, 1920. "The observance of Sunday by the Protestants is homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church. "**Monsignor Louis Segur, 'Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today', p. 213.** Did you catch the word "homage" in this quote? Homage is another name for worship. In other words, if you keep Sunday, you are paying homage, or worshiping the authority of the Catholic Church.

Now ask yourself, do you want to keep Sunday and pay homage to the pope and the Catholic Church, or do you want to keep God's Holy Sabbath, and worship the living God in Heaven? The choice should be clear, and I pray you choose to follow Jesus and worship Him on His Holy Seventh-day Sabbath. In our next chapter you'll learn how the Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast are identified by God in the Bible. It's going to be an exciting topic, so please keep reading!

## God's Seal vs the Mark of the Beast

### Quick Study Prophecy Series Chapter #7

In this chapter you'll learn what the Mark of the Beast is, but more importantly, you'll also learn what the Seal of God is. Everyone alive just before Jesus returns will have one or the other, either the mark of the beast, or the seal of God. It's important that we understand what both of these are, because we not only need to know what the mark of the beast is, in order to avoid receiving it, but we also need to know what the Seal of God is, to ensure we have it!

If you've been following along closely, you've learned some amazing, and perhaps some shocking truths, especially in the last two chapters. You might even be asking yourself, how can this be? Is what I'm learning really true? If those questions are going through your mind, then my humble response to you would be this. What you're learning here is a matter of historical record. In other words, you can get history books and read about the captivity of God's people by Babylon. You can read about the Medo-Persian empire, followed by Greece, and then by Rome, and the fall of Rome to the 10 barbaric nations. You can read about the rise of the Little Horn power, or the Papal power with its mixture of church and state authority.

The Bible prophecies agree with history because God is real, He's alive, and He knows the end from the beginning. In our last chapter, we learned that the little horn power, or the papacy, thinks they have gotten away with changing God's times and laws. But no one has the power to change God's laws. It's time now for you to understand what the Seal of God is, and what the Mark of the Beast is. Remember, when Jesus returns, if you don't have the Seal of God, you will have, by default, the Mark of the Beast.

Now I ask you, what is a "Seal", and what does it contain? A seal typically contains the person's name. It contains his title or the office he holds, and it contains the territory over which he reigns. For example, Abraham Lincoln, President, of the United States of America. Abraham Lincoln (his name), President (his title), of the United States of America (his territory). In like manner, the seal of God also contains these three components. The seal of God is found in the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, within the heart of God's law, which is the foundation of His government. Let's look at the whole commandment. God used the word Remember to start the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, because this is the commandment that nearly the whole Christian world has forgotten. The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment says from **Exodus 20:8-11**, <sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days **the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is**, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it".

In **Exodus 20:11** we find God's seal containing His name, His title, and the territory He reigns over. **Exodus 20:11**, "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is". Now here are the 3 parts of God's seal. His name is "the LORD". His title is the one that "MADE", or in other words, He is the



“CREATOR”, and the territory over which He reins is “HEAVEN AND EARTH, the Sea and everything in them.” Perhaps now you can see why Satan has been attacking Creation by promoting the false theory of Evolution? In doing so, Satan is trying to destroy God’s Sabbath, which is His memorial of the Creation.

The final aspect to understand what the seal of God is, comes when you realize it is specifically tied to the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, which tells us when to Worship God. Remember, the little horn is attempting to change God’s times and laws. As pointed out earlier, God only has one law that deals with time. That law is the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, which very specifically tells us we are to worship God on the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath, which is Saturday. God rested from His work on the Sabbath, not because He was tired, but as an example for us. He then commanded us to also rest from our work and worship Him on His Holy Sabbath Day. We keep the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath holy because we love Jesus, and because we want to please Him. In doing so, we acknowledge God’s authority concerning our worship of Him as our Creator. However, if we keep the papal Sunday, we are acknowledging the Catholic Churches’ authority, as clearly stated in their own writings.

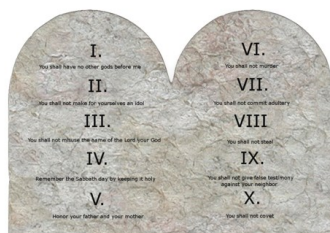
So then, if the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath is God’s seal, what’s the Mark of the Beast? The Mark of the Beast is the counterfeit Sabbath that the little horn has set up. According to the Bible, the mark of the beast is received when the enforcement of the counterfeit Sabbath is established. **This means nobody has the mark of the beast now, at the time of this writing, because the false Sunday Sabbath has not yet been enforced by law.** We will learn much more about this in future articles. The counterfeit Sabbath is Sunday. I’d like to repeat an earlier quote made by Catholic sources. Notice how the mark of the beast is tied to worship, and the commandment which tells us when to worship is the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment. Here’s the quote. "The observance of Sunday by the Protestants is homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church." **Monsignor Louis Segur**, 'Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today', p. 213. In other words, if you keep Sunday, you are worshipping the authority of the Catholic Church. I shared with you a number of quotes in chapter 6 that prove conclusively where Sunday worship has come from, but now I’d like to share one with you that you have not seen before.

It’s amazing how this statement points out what the Mark of the Beast is. Listen closely, the statement is from **C. F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons**, in answer to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath, November 11, 1895. Quoting, "Of Course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters." Did you catch that? The act is a “MARK” of the papacy’s ecclesiastical power and authority over religious matters. Wow, the Catholic Church is literally telling us their power to change God’s law from Saturday to Sunday is her MARK of authority. What is God’s seal of authority? It’s the 7<sup>th</sup> day Saturday Sabbath. I hope the picture is becoming clear to you now. I pray the six chapters leading up to this one are beginning to make sense now. If you’ve gone over each of those chapters, you should be having your “ah ha” moment right about now.

Friends, this is a serious matter, and I’m going to repeat another quote from chapter six. This quote also comes from a catholic source, the **Sentinel, Pastor’s page, Saint Catherine Catholic Church**, Algonac, Michigan, May 21, 1995. Here it is. "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. "The Day of the Lord" (dies Dominica) was chosen, not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power. The day of resurrection, the day of Pentecost, fifty days later, came on the first day of the week. So this would be the new Sabbath. People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7th Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy." Friends, this is a quote from a Catholic source, and they say if you want to follow the Bible, you should logically become a 7th Day Adventist, and keep Saturday holy, as the Bible teaches!

Once again, the Seal of God is found in the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, in keeping the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath, while the mark of the beast is found in keeping the papacy’s counterfeit Sunday Sabbath. I don’t know about you, but my life is committed to worshipping God on His holy day, the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath of creation. I choose to keep the day

our Lord commanded us to “Remember”. I will not worship the pope by keeping the papal day of worship. I will not give homage to the Catholic Church on their counterfeit day of worship. God says, remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy. The Sabbath is His sign, or seal, that He is our Creator! When we keep the true Bible Sabbath, we are proclaiming our loyalty to God. We are living in exciting times because Bible prophecy is being fulfilled right before our eyes. By the way, the Bible says we are to keep the Sabbath beginning at sundown on Friday, to Sundown on Saturday. It is a 24 period that we set aside to worship our Creator. During creation week the Bible consistently refers to the dark part of the day as coming before the daylight. It says in **Genesis 1:3**, the evening and the morning were the first day, etc... and this is how Jesus also kept the Sabbath. The Sabbath is also a sign that God is the one who sanctifies us. **Exodus 31:13** says <sup>13</sup> “Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you”.



God’s Seal is in  
His Sabbath  
Commandment



The Beast’s Mark  
is in Sunday  
Observance

Now let’s briefly consider Pope Francis’s encyclical on climate change, which is the first papal encyclical addressed to the entire world. Typically encyclicals are addressed to the church leadership, or the church body itself, but in this climate change encyclical of 2015, pope Francis is positioning the papal throne of his church – state government, not only as the world’s moral leader, but now also as a global political figure, calling on the world to follow him. In this document he takes one more calculated step to fulfill the papal plan of world dominance, as he spreads his influence into the governments of the world. In September of 2015, for the first time ever, the pope spoke to the United States Congress. Then he went on to the United Nations, and from there, the World meeting of Families in Philadelphia PA. In each location he was encouraging people in various ways to follow his encyclical to the world. Within this encyclical the pope also calls for a return to Sunday observance. You can find it in section 237 of the encyclical. Friends, prophecy is true, and the little horn is fulfilling prophecy right before our eyes. God doesn’t want anyone to be ignorant about what’s going on, that’s why He’s given us the Bible as our only source of truth. It’s the Bible, and the Bible only, that will lead us to Jesus, and safely into His kingdom. In our next chapter, you’ll learn the importance between keeping God’s law, or the Papal law. In chapter 9 you’ll learn how the name of the beast adds up to the infamous number, 666. May God bless you and your loved ones, as you commit your life to following Jesus.

### God’s Law vs Papal Law - who will you obey?

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In this chapter you’ll learn the truth about God’s Holy Law, which **Romans 7:12** says, is Holy, Just and Good! The Bible teaches Satan is going to deceive nearly the whole world, and God’s holy law will play a major role in Satan’s deception. How do you suppose He’ll do this? Is he going to appear with a sign that says, I’m Satan, and I’m here to deceive you? Obviously that wouldn’t deceive anyone! However, one of the most powerful deceptions Satan could perform, would be for him to lend his power to a man who’s perceived to be a great moral leader, one who could entice the world to follow him.

In recent years the papacy has been promoting the idea that Martin Luther's protestant reformation is now dead. They are saying if there's no protestant protest, then in theory, there are no more Protestants, because a protestant is one who protests against the false doctrines of the papacy. Therefore, if there are no more protests, we must all be spiritual Catholics, because Protestants have laid down the protest which caused them to separate from the Catholic Church in the first place. They say we're one big happy family with a common savior and we must all get along and unite in Jesus. They say we must not talk about our differences of doctrine, simply unite with each other and worship God. If this sounds familiar, it's called the ecumenical movement, and it's a satanic lie that the papacy is promoting to the world. The big question then becomes, will you worship God on His Holy Sabbath, or will you give your allegiance to the papacy by worshiping on the false Sunday Sabbath? This question will prove to be a deadly snare for all who follow the papal plan of Sunday worship.

The Bible reveals the Church of Rome is hiding behind well-meaning principles while setting her snares of deception. God knows the papal blasphemy, claiming the pope is Jesus, hidden behind the veil of the flesh. This we learned in chapter 5. In chapter 6 we learned the blasphemy of the papal claims, teaching they have the power to change the laws of God. Jesus Himself made it very clear that as long as there is a heaven above, and the earth is beneath your feet, that nothing in the law will be changed, removed, or replaced. Here's what Jesus said in **Matthew 5:18** "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

A jot and a tittle are the smallest marks you can make, like dotting an "i" or crossing a "t". Therefore since everything hasn't been fulfilled yet, the law of God still remains today. There are many well-meaning Christians that say you don't have to keep God's commandments, but the Bible does not teach this. What the Bible does teach, is the fact that we don't keep God's commandments in order to be saved, we keep them because we are saved, by God's Grace, through Faith, and a Christian who is saved will keep God's commandments because of his or her love for Jesus. Jesus Himself said in **John 14:15**, "If you Love me, keep my commandments." Therefore, when we keep God's commandments, it's our demonstration that our profession and our actions are in harmony, and together, our profession and actions show that we love God. This doctrine is consistent throughout the Bible. Some miss-apply the statements that we are free from the law, that we're not under the law, but under Grace.

What does this really mean? Is a Christian that is under the Grace of God free to covet his neighbor's wife, or his car? If God's law no longer applies, would it then be ok to bring shame to your family and dishonor your parents by stealing your neighbor's car? Running off with his wife and committing adultery with her, then murder her husband when he finds out about it? Would it be ok to stand before the judge and lie, saying your innocent? God forbid! You would say a Christian would never do these things! And I'd say, if we don't have to keep God's law, why not? And you would say, because a Christian who loves God would not do anything to hurt his neighbor. That's fair, and it also agrees with Jesus' statement, "If you Love me, keep my commandments." So through common sense we've established that a Christian would not dishonor his parents, covet, steal, commit adultery, murder or lie. These are the last 6 of God's 10 commandments. These six commandments deal with how we interact with people.

The first four commandments, deal with how we interact with God. Let's take a look at them now. The first commandment found in **Exodus 20 verse 3** simply says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Now if you're a Christian, I'm sure you would agree it's important not to have other gods. The second commandment describing our relationship with God is **Exodus 20:4-6**, which says, <sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; <sup>6</sup> And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Did you notice in this passage that those who bow down before idols, which is the same as kneeling before idols, or praying before an idol, that God considers those who do such things, as people who hate Him? Many people today don't realize this because they've been deceived by the teachings of the Roman church. I know, because that's how I was raised myself. However, when you examine the Catholic Catechism you'll notice the second commandment, as found in the Bible against idol worship, has been removed from the Catechism. The Roman church did this in order to justify their use of idols under the guise of praying to Mary and the saints. I'd like to point out that if you find yourself in a worship setting containing any kind of idols, or images of Mary and the saints, you'd do well to leave that situation, because it's clear from this passage that God does not want you breaking His commandments. Now here's the good news, the second commandment against idols ends with the encouraging words that God shows mercy unto those that love Him and keep His commandments. These are the same words we mentioned earlier which Jesus spoke in **John 14:15**, and God's commandments themselves, proclaim that the reason we keep His commandments, is because we love Him.

It's really that simple, if you love God you'll keep His commandments. Now the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment is found in **Exodus 20:7** "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Once again, we see that God expects us to reverence Him by not using His name in vain. In other words, do not use His name in cursing or swearing, or in a casual, disrespectful way. We've now established there's nothing in the first 3 commandments, nor is there anything in the last 6 commands, that a Christian who loves God, would object too. Now what about the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, the one that contains God's seal, which is His sign that He sanctifies us, should we also keep this commandment?

The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment begins with the word, "Remember". Doesn't it seem odd that God specifically asks us to remember this one? Why would He do this? The answer is simple. God used the word Remember for this commandment, because this is the commandment that nearly the whole Christian world has forgotten. The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment says in **Exodus 20:8-11**,<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."<sup>9</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:<sup>10</sup> But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:<sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Here are some interesting facts about God's 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath. The Bible says that keeping the Sabbath is the sign God uses for us to know that it's Him, who sanctifies us. (**Exodus 31:13**). It says the Sabbath was made for man, (**Mark 2:27**) it does not say it was made for the Jews. In fact, the Sabbath was made at Creation, and the first Jew, Abraham, who's known as the Father of the Jewish nation, came along some 2500 years after the creation of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the day Jesus kept, and He would have kept it approximately 1700 times during His life on earth. The Sabbath was kept by the Apostles, and it's the only day authorized by God to be kept as His holy day of worship. Hebrews chapter 4 clearly states the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Saturday) Sabbath still remains today, and **Isaiah 66:22-23** tells us that in Heaven, and on the earth made new, that God's redeemed will be keeping the Sabbath. Therefore, we've learned God's law is Holy, Just and Good, and everyone who loves God, will keep all 10 of His commandments, including His Holy 7<sup>th</sup> day (Saturday) Sabbath. If you are keeping the Pope's Sunday Sabbath, I encourage you to reject it, and begin keeping God's true Sabbath, His Seventh-day Sabbath, which is His sign between you and Him, that He is the one who sanctifies you.

Our next chapter is titled, "666 – The number of the Beast". In that chapter you'll learn how the number 666 fits into everything we talked about thus far. May God bless you and your loved ones, as you commit your life to following Jesus.

## 666 – The Number of the Beast

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In this chapter we're going to look at the infamous number of the beast, that mysterious number 666. What does it mean and how does it apply to everything we've already learned? Let's read what the Bible says about this passage, which is found in **Revelation 13:18**,<sup>18</sup> "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six."

You will remember from an earlier lesson that a "score" is equal to twenty, therefore threescore is 20 times 3, which equals 60. So the number of the beast, is the number of a man, and that number is six hundred sixty and six, or 666, and here's how it applies to the papacy. The official Latin title of the pope is "Vicarius Filii Dei", which means Vicar of the Son of God. Some have claimed for several centuries this official title appeared on the pope's tiara. It's said, due to embarrassment, in the 17<sup>th</sup> century it was removed from the tiara, but the Roman Catholic Church still continues using this phrase in their ceremonies when a new pope is ordained! Thus, "Vicarius Filii Dei" is the pope's title, and it matters not if the title was ever written on the crown or not, prophecy does not require it to be there. Likewise, even if they stopped using the title in their ceremonies from today onwards, that does not change the fact they've used it in the past!

Now what does the pope's title have to do with the number of the beast? Do you remember what **Revelation 13:18** said? It said, "Here is wisdom, let him that hath understanding "count" the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man". So let's do just that! Let's count the number found within the pope's title. Remember, within the Roman alphabet, the letter U is represented as a V, and I'll show you some examples of this in a minute. There are also letters in the Roman numeral system that do not exist, therefore they have no value.

When we apply the Roman numeral system to the letters in the pope's title, we find the word Vicarius has a value of 112. The word Filii has the value of 53 and the word Dei has the value of 501. Now when you add these numbers together, 112, plus 53, plus 501, they total 666. Of Course this should be of no surprise to you if you have read the preceding 8 chapters. Now it can be argued the number 666 can be calculated from many different names or titles. However, the beast's identification must also match the 10 identifying marks we covered earlier, and the papacy is the only one in the world that matches them all. 666 is the icing on the cake!

$$\begin{array}{r}
 V = 5 \\
 I = 1 \\
 C = 100 \\
 A = 0 \quad F = 0 \\
 R = 0 \quad I = 1 \\
 I = 1 \quad L = 50 \quad D = 500 \\
 U = 5 \quad I = 1 \quad E = 0 \\
 S = \underline{0} \quad I = \underline{1} \quad I = \underline{1} \\
 112 \quad + \quad 53 \quad + \quad 501 = 666
 \end{array}$$

If you're not sure about the U being a V in the Roman alphabet, you can look it up yourself. In fact, you can even see evidence of this from some government buildings in the United States. Pictured below is an image of the original corner stone of the Los Angeles Public Library, which was laid in 1925. Notice the U in the word public was engraved as a V. (photo by George Louis in 2012)



The next picture is that of the Jay County Court House corner stone for the building that was erected in 1916. It's located in downtown Portland, Indiana. In this photo you see the U was engraved as a V three times. If you visit this building you'll also find it engraved this way across the top of the building.



Photo: Public Domain on Wikipedia commons by Nyttend, taken Jan 7, 2012. These are just two examples of how the Roman alphabet used the letter V for the letter U, even in these modern times we live in today.

So there you have it, in these nine short Quick Study Prophecy chapters, you've been given many of the keys which unlock the secrets of Bible Prophecy. In these chapters God has shown you who the little horn power of Daniel chapter 7 is. He has shown you the great kingdoms of earth from great Babylon down to the divided nations of Europe, where the little horn has established his throne. God has given you the 10 identifying marks which, beyond all doubt, expose the little horn as the Roman Catholic Papacy. God has specifically named the number of the beast, which is the number of a man, and you have now seen how that number, 666, applies directly to the popes of the Roman Catholic Church. God has shown you how the popes would speak great words of blasphemy against Him, by claiming to be Jesus, hidden behind the veil of the flesh, and claiming to have the power to change God's law. You have also seen how prophecy declared the papacy would persecute or wear out the saints during the dark ages, and history records they did exactly that, as they killed millions who would not submit under their authority.

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