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SECRETS UNSEALED PRESENTS: "CRACKING THE GENESIS CODE"

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Review Revelation 12	Daniel 2:21
Review Daniel 2	Acts 1:7
Daniel 7:17	I Thessalonians 5:1
Sequence of Daniel 7	Daniel 7:25
Dates for Daniel 7	Daniel 7:25
Sequence of Revelation 13	Revelation 13:1, 2
Daniel 7:17, 23	Revelation 13:7
Daniel 2:38, 39	Revelation 13:6
Isaiah 17:12,13	Mark 2:5-7
Jeremiah 4:13	John 10:30-33
Daniel 7:23	Revelation 13:5
Daniel 7:24	Revelation 13:3
Daniel 7:8	Revelation 13:9,10
Daniel 7:25	Romans 13:1-5
Daniel 7:24	Revelation 13:18
Daniel 7:21, 25	Revelation 13:17
Daniel 7:25	Revelation 13:1

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The Judgment of the Little Horn

- After the little horn's period of dominion, Daniel saw a trial begin in heaven. First, thrones were put in ______. Then the Ancient of Days was ______ amidst thousands of thousands of ______ and the ______ was seated and the were opened (Daniel 7:8-10).
- The next scene sees the Son of Man coming with the ______ of _____ to the Ancient of Days. The court then gives the Son of Man a kingdom which shall not be ______ (Daniel 7:13-14).
- 3. Daniel 7:26-27 emphasizes that when the court sits, the ______ of the little horn will be taken away and will be given to the ______, the saints of the Most High.
- 4. There will finally be only two groups: Those who follow the beast or little horn and those who are described as the ______ of the Most High. To which group do you wish to belong?

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Bible prophecy offers several pictures of the Antichrist. Tonight we will study just two of these word pictures, the little horn of Daniel 7 and the first beast of Revelation 13. Let's begin by reviewing Daniel 2 and comparing it with Daniel 7.

A Comparison of Daniel 2 and 7

Daniel 2	Daniel 7	<u>Kingdom</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gold	Lion	Babylon	605-539 B.C.
Silver	Bear	Medo-Persia	539-331 B.C.
Bronze	Leopard	Greece 3	31-168 B.C.
Iron	Dragon Beast	Rome	168-476 A.D.
Iron Toes	10 Horns	Divided Rome	476-538 A.D.
Clay	Little Horn	Religious Rome	538-1798 A.D.
Stone/Mountain	Kingdom	Christ's Coming	No One Knows

NOTE: Even a quick look at Daniel 7 reveals that this chapter is repeating much of the material we encountered previously in Daniel 2. But Daniel 7 expands upon Daniel 2, adding many details which help us better comprehend the history of these nations. A careful look at chapter 7 reveals that Daniel is especially interested in the fourth empire and the everlasting kingdom. Worthy of note is the fact that prophetic history flows without gaps or interruptions.

Key Symbols in Daniel 7

- 1.
 What do the four beasts represent?

 Four ______ or _____ (Daniel 7:17, 23).
- What do the waters represent? "The waters... are ______, multitudes, ______, and tongues." (Revelation 17:15; also see *Isaiah 17:12*).

3. What is symbolized by the winds?

The military invasion of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar is described as "a dry ______ of the desolate heights... his chariots like a ______, His horses are swifter than eagles (Jeremiah 4:11, 13; also *see Daniel 11:40*). Winds represent warfare.

4. What do horns represent?

"The ten horns are ten _____ who shall arise from this ." (Daniel 7:24).

5. What does a literal day symbolize in prophecy?
"I have laid on you a ______ for each ______
(Ezekiel 4:6).

The Literary Structure of Daniel 7

- 1. Verses 1-14 describe Daniel's vision. With which kingdom does the vision begin ______ and end? ______
- 2. Verses 15-17 provides a brief ______ of the vision (see also 16).
- 3. Daniel wanted to know about the _____ beast, the ten _____, the little horn, and the everlasting _____.
 (Verses 18-22).
- 4. The angel explained the meaning of the _____ beast, the ten _____, the little _____ and the everlasting (Verses 23-27).

priesthood has the authority to forgive sins.

- 6. The Papacy was different (and still is!) than the previous ten kingdoms because it was (and still is!) an amalgamation of church state. She claims both civil and religious power. So to speak, she mixes the iron of Rome with clay of the church and has committed fornication with the kings of the earth (see Revelation 2:20-23; 17:1-2).
- 7. The Roman Catholic Papacy **did persecute** the faithful people of God during its 1260 years of supremacy. Through mechanisms such as the inquisition, it slaughtered millions whose only crime was to disagree with the teachings of the Mother Church.
- 8. The Roman Catholic Papacy did attempt to change God's prophetic calendar (the times) when two Jesuits, Luis de Alcazar and Francisco Ribera created preterism and futurism in order to arrest the Protestant Reformation. Sadly, many Protestant expositors of Bible prophecy today have imbibed the prophetic methods of these two Jesuit priests!
- **9.** The Roman Catholic Papacy does claim to have changed God's holy Law by deleting the second commandment from its catechisms and by changing the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday.
- **10.** The Roman Catholic Papacy did rule for a period of 1260 years. It rose to supremacy in 538 when the Ostrogoths were defeated and its power was removed in 1798 when Berthier, Napoleon's general, took Pope Pius VI captive; and the pope died in exile in Valence, France in 1799.
- 11. The Papacy did receive a mortal wound during the French Revolution from 1793-1798. Priests and prelates were literally decapitated with the guillotine and Pope Pius VI was taken into captivity (*see Revelation 13:10*). The mortal wound does not mean that the Papacy would cease to exist as a church but rather that it would be unable to employ the civil power to accomplish its purposes. Beginning in 1929 (we shall speak about this date in class); the wound has slowly been healing and when it is finally healed, beware!

(Revelation 13:3, 10). After a period of time, the deadly wound would be

and all the world would wonder after the beast.

NOTE: It is of critical importance to realize that the little horn/beast has two stages of existence, one past which lasted 1260 years and another in the future. In between these two periods of dominion there is a period of inactivity.

The Power Represented by the Little Horn/Beast

Before we identify the power represented by the little horn/beast we must first clarify that there are true children of God in all churches even though many of these churches have apostatized from the truth. Jesus calls His true believers to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:1-5). There were true believers among the Jews in Christ's day although the system of Judaism had become apostate. My remarks from here on are about a system, not about all individuals in that system. There is one and only one power which fits **all** the specifications of this prophecy: The Roman Catholic Papacy. Please notice the reasons why:

- 1. The Roman Catholic Papacy did arise **from the Roman Empire** and actually took its place. Its headquarters are in Rome, its language is Latin, its leader is called "Supreme Pontiff" a title claimed by the Roman emperors.
- 2. The Roman Catholic Papacy did arise to power **after** the Roman Empire had been carved up into ten kingdoms by the invading Barbarians. In fact, in the course of time, the papacy actually ruled over all these kingdoms.
- **3.** The Roman Catholic Papacy did arise **among** the ten kingdoms into which the Roman Empire was divided.
- **4.** The Roman Catholic Papacy **did uproot three** of the ten kingdoms: The Heruli (in 493), the Vandals (in 534), and the Ostrogoths (in 538). With the uprooting of the Ostrogoths, the last resistance against the Papacy was removed.
- 5. The Roman Catholic Papacy does speak **blasphemies** against God because it has claimed that the Pope is God on earth and that the

Three Stages of the Fourth Beast's Kingdom

1. According to verses 23-24, how many stages of existence does the fourth beast have?

"The fourth beast shall be a		kingdom"
"Ten	shall arise	this kingdom"
"And a	[horn] shall arise	them

[the ten]"

NOTE: It is clear that the fourth beast has three successive stages of existence. It first governs by itself, and then it sprouts ten kingdoms. Finally, a little horn arises among the ten.

2. The fourth beast represents the ______ empire so Rome must have had three distinct, consecutive stages of existence.

Identifying the Little Horn

What historical power is represented by this little horn? Many candidates have been proposed in the not too distant past, among them are, Benito Mussolini, Adolph Hitler, Henry Kissinger, the Ayatollah Khomeini, and Saddam Hussein. Obviously, none of these fits the specifications of the prophecy. Let's allow the Bible itself to give us the characteristics of the little horn and then we shall be able to find the culprit in history who fits these characteristics.

1. The little horn arose from the head of the fourth ______(Daniel 7:23-24).

NOTE: The fourth beast represents Rome so the little horn must be Roman.

2. The little horn arose ______ the ten horns (Daniel 7:8).

NOTE: The ten horns represent the nations into which the Roman Empire was divided so the little horn must have arisen in Europe.

3. The little horn arose ______ the ten horns (Daniel 7:24).

NOTE: The division of the Roman Empire was completed in the year 476 *A.D.*, when the last Roman Emperor, Romulus Augustulus was deposed, so the little horn must have arisen shortly after 476 *A.D.*

4. When the little horn arose to power, it uprooted ______ of the ten horns (Daniel 7:8, 20, 24).

NOTE: This means that the little horn must have uprooted three of the ten kingdoms into which the Roman Empire was divided.

- 5. The little horn would speak ______ words against the Most High (Daniel 7:8, 25).
- 6. The little horn would be ______ than the previous ten horns (Daniel 7:24).
- The little horn would make ______ against the saints of the Most High (Daniel 7:21, 25). In other words, it would persecute God's people.
- 8. The little horn even thought it could change God's _____ and (Daniel 7:25).

NOTE: The word "times" refer to God's calendar of prophetic events. When the disciples asked Jesus after His resurrection if He would then restore the kingdom to Israel, Jesus replied: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority" (Acts 1:7). The "law" in this verse refers to the Ten Commandments. In some way, the little horn would claim the right to change God's holy law!

9. The little horn's rulership would be limited to a time, and

and the dividing of _____ (Daniel 7:25).

NOTE: Time = one year, times = 2 years, dividing of time = half a year. The Bible year consists of 360 days (see Genesis 8:3-4; 7:11) so 3.5 years X 360 days per year = 1260 days. In prophecy one day equals one year so we have 1260 years.

The Beast and the Little Horn

A careful comparison of Daniel 7 with Revelation 13:1-10 shows that the **little horn** represents the same historical power as the **beast**. Notice the similarities:

 The order of power in Daniel 7 is important: Lion/bear/leopard/dragon beast/little horn. Now notice the order of the same powers in Revelation 13:1-2: Leopard/bear/lion/dragon beast/ten horns/beast.

NOTE: You will notice that the lion/bear/leopard beasts are in reverse order in Revelation 13:2. But the dragon/ten horns/beast are in the same order as the dragon/ten horns/little horn of Daniel 7. It is clear that the little horn in Daniel 7 is found in the same place in the sequence as the beast of Revelation 13.

- 2. The dragon gave the beast "his _____, his _____ and great _____" (Revelation 13:2).
- **3.** The beast of Revelation 13 made ______ with the saints and overcame them (**Revelation 13:7**).
- The beast of Revelation 13 "opened his mouth in _______against God" (Revelation 13:6)
- Jesus was accused of blasphemy by His enemies because he claimed to be ______ (John 10:30-33). And because he said He could forgive ______ (Mark 2:5-6).
- 6. The beast of Revelation 13 was ______ authority to rule for forty-two ______ (Revelation 13:5).
- At the end of the 42 months, the beast would be given a deadly
 _______ by the sword and would be led into ______