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g. did arise from the old Roman empire.

No other power of history could possibly fit these points. They are too specific.

7. The Papacy's power became supreme in Christendom in 538 A.D. due to the letter of Roman Emperor Justinian, which acknowledged the bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. This letter became a part of Justinian's code, the fundamental law of the empire. The Papal power was broken in 1798 A.D. when Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the Pope captive and he died in exile. Notice that the amount of years from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D. is exactly 1260, as prophecy predicted.
8. The period of Papal persecution is the same persecution as that referred to for the Thyatira church of Lesson 5 and the pale horse of Lesson 9.

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SYMBOLS FOR REVELATION 11

Revelation 11 is filled with symbols. We are identifying these symbols on this exhibit to make it easier to understand the lesson and to save time in covering the lesson itself.

VERSE 1:

TEMPLE OF GOD refers to the heavenly sanctuary or temple. The earthly temple had been destroyed in A.D. 70, Revelation 4:1, 2; 8:1-3.

ALTAR refers to the altar of burnt offerings. In the earthly sanctuary the altar was where the lambs were offered, Exodus 27:1-8. In the heavenly sanctuary instead of bringing lambs we bring ourselves as an offering, Romans 12:1.

THEM THAT WORSHIP refers to the people who worship the Lord, John 4:24.

REED. The reed is a Bible measuring device like a steel tape, Ezekiel 40:3. Here it refers to the ten commandments by which God's people are judged or measured, James 2:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

VERSES 2-4:

HOLY CITY refers to God's people, Revelation 21:9, 10.

42 MONTHS -1260 DAYS. Since in prophecy one prophetic day equals one literal year we are talking about 1260 years, Ezekiel 4:6. **See Exhibit #2** for more information regarding the 1260 years.

TWO WITNESSES refers to the Old and New Testaments of Scripture, John 5:39; Luke 24:27.

CLOTHED IN SACKCLOTH is a symbol of mourning over tragedy, II Samuel 3:31. The Bible is pictured as in deep trouble and mourning over a tragedy for 1260 years.

TWO OLIVE TREES refer to the Holy Spirit, Zechariah 4:3-6. This is very fitting since the Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments were given by the Holy Spirit, 2 Peter 1:21. And Scripture from both Old and New

Testaments is "for instruction in righteousness", 2 Timothy 3:16.

TWO CANDLESTICKS* refer to the Bible, God's word, Psalm 119:105, 130.

Note: So the two witnesses, olive trees and candlesticks all refer to the same thing: the Bible which was given by the Holy Spirit.

VERSES 5-8:

FIRE DEVOURS ENEMIES. It is true that if people "hurt" or do violence to the Scripture they will in the end be destroyed by fire, 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Revelation 22:18, 19

BE KILLED is another way of saying that those who hurt or hinder the Scripture and obey not the gospel will be destroyed. They, in effect, sign their own death warrant, II Thessalonians 1:8, 9; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 20:15.

POWER TO SHUT HEAVEN SO THAT IT RAIN NOT refers to the time of Elijah when the word of God stopped all rain for 3½ years. Read all of I Kings 17 and 18.

POWER TO TURN WATER TO BLOOD AND SMITE WITH PLAGUES refers to the power of the Word of God to send the ten plagues of Egypt; the seven last plagues and any other plagues upon its persecutors, Exodus, chapters 7-12; Revelation, chapter 16. There is power in the Word because Jesus is **IN the Word** and **IS the Word**, John 1:1-3, 14.

VERSES 7, 8:

BEAST FROM BOTTOMLESS PIT is Satan, Revelation 20:1-3

SODOM stands for licentiousness and gross immorality. Read all of Genesis, chapter 19.

EGYPT symbolizes atheism with the most high-handed hatred of and rebellion against God, Exodus 5:2

GREAT CITY refers to a nation or governing power as in Revelation 17:18

WHERE OUR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED. This refers to the killing of God's saints. When one kills them or persecutes them it is the same as doing it to Jesus, Matthew 25:40; Acts 9:5.

5. The LITTLE HORN power, verse 8, which arose out of the Roman empire, is described carefully in Daniel 7.

The LITTLE HORN power would:

- a. be different from the other kingdoms, vs. 24.
- b. make war with the saints and prevail (persecute), vs. 25.
- c. think to change God's law, vs. 25.
- d. govern for 3½ prophetic times/years (1260 literal years), vs 25.
- e. uproot three kingdoms as it rose to power, vs. 8, 20, 24.
- f. speak great words against the most high (blasphemy), vs. 25.
- g. arise from old Roman empire, vs. 24.

6. There is only one power in history that could possibly fit the specifications and that one fits them perfectly. Bible scholars from reformation days have agreed that the power is the Papacy. The Papacy:

- a. was different. It was a religious power.
- b. did persecute the saints during the Dark Ages. At least 50 million died for their faith. Papacy felt it was controlling heresy for the Lord, but the fact remains that it did persecute and destroy. Many modern Catholics strongly disapprove of these persecutions.
- c. omitted the second and changed the fourth commandment in the catechism.
- d. did govern for 1260 years (538 A.D. - 1798 AD.).
- e. uprooted three kingdoms as it arose: Vandals, Ostrogoths and Heruli. That is why no modern names were given these three in point #4.
- f. is guilty of blasphemy.
 - 1. Claims to forgive sins, Luke 5:21 and,
 - 2. Claims to be God, John 10:33.Note: 1. Joseph Devarbe's catechism says, on page 279, "The priest does really and truly forgive sins in virtue of the power given to him by Christ". 2. "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself,

2. Daniel 7 pictures four beasts coming up out of the sea, Daniel 7:2-7. The BEASTS REPRESENT KINGDOMS, Daniel 7:23, and the sea or WATER REPRESENTS PEOPLE, or a populated area, Revelation 17:15.

3. Bible commentators agree that these beasts represent the FOUR WORLD KINGDOMS. The prophecy of the image of Daniel 2 also mentions these same four kingdoms. Even a novice in history will see that these beasts do indeed fit history perfectly.
 - a. The LION, the first beast, verse 4, represents BABYLON. God uses a lion to symbolize Babylon in Jeremiah 4:7 and Jeremiah 51:38. Frescoes from Babylon, discovered by archaeologists, depict winged lions to represent the kingdom — probably the same as Daniel saw in vision.
 - b. The BEAR, the second beast, verse 5, represents MEDO-PERSIA which came up on one side because Persia was more powerful than the Medes. The three ribs, most likely, represent the three kingdoms that Medo-Persia overcame as she rose to power. Babylon, Lydia and Egypt.
 - c. The LEOPARD, the third beast, verse 6, depicts GREECE. The wings represent the speed with which Alexander the Great conquered, Habakkuk 1:6-8; Jeremiah 4:13. The FOUR HEADS are the FOUR PARTS into which Alexander's empire was divided by his generals when he died. The generals were Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus and Ptolemy.
 - d. The fourth terrible NON-DESCRIPT BEAST, verse 7, with iron teeth represents ROME. The iron teeth fit the symbol. Rome is called the iron monarchy.

4. The TEN HORNS on the non-descript beast represent the ten kingdoms into which Rome was divided by barbarian tribes which carved up the empire, Daniel 7:17, 23, 24. They are:

Anglo-Saxons (England)	Franks (France)	Vandals
Alamanni (Germany)	Lombards (Italy)	Ostrogoths
Burgundians (Switzerland)	Suevi (Portugal)	Heruli Visigoths (Spain)

VERSES 9, 10:

THREE DAYS AND AN HALF. Prophetic time would be 3½ years, Ezekiel 4:6.

TWO PROPHETS. Another name for the Old and New Testament. All prophets are moved by the Holy Ghost, II Peter 1:21. The Bible is made up of the words of the prophets, so here, the Old and New Testaments are referred to as prophets. The Holy Spirit is said to prophesy in Acts 21:11

VERSES 11, 12:

THEY ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN. This, in symbolic language, means they became great and well known, Daniel 4:22.

VERSE 13:

EARTHQUAKE means a visitation of God's anger and power, Psalm 77:14, 18; Nahum 1:3, 5-8.

TENTH PART OF THE CITY FELL. This refers to the city or worldwide government of spiritual Babylon of Revelation 17 and 18. Babylon is supported by ten kings or kingdoms, Revelation 17:12-14, and here she loses the support of one of them. Spiritual Babylon is called a city in Revelation 17:18.

** This is not to be confuse with the seven candlesticks of Revelation 1:20 which refer to the seven churches.*

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REVELATION SEMINARS

IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING THE 1260 YEARS OF PERSECUTION

URGENT NOTE:

Some of the things revealed in Revelation are shocking. Some will make us all squirm. The book says some things we almost wish that it didn't. But Jesus, our friend, is exposing Satan's snares and giving us classified information to prepare us for His kingdom and save our lives. He loves us so much that He speaks up even though He knows it may hurt us somewhat, initially.

Revelation gets into some very touchy and sensitive areas. Satan's hopes are that anger or prejudice will close your mind. If this happens, only Satan will have benefited. Revelation has some revealing things to say regarding France, the United States, the Roman Empire, Protestantism, Catholicism, sacred holy days, our dead loved ones, etc. But the messages are from Jesus. He knows what we need to hear, so let's trust Him to give us the information we must have.

Tonight's exhibit discusses certain activities of the Papacy. Hundreds of thousands of beautiful Christians are Catholic Christians. God loves them and they are His children. This exhibit in no way discredits our wonderful Catholic, Christian friends. They are precious. But, in Revelation, God does speak about the Papal system and many other delicate areas. Let's listen to His word and pray and study much so we will discover His life and death message for us today.

1. This period of terrible persecution is so important that it is mentioned seven times specifically in Scripture: Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5 and Revelation 11:2, 3. It is referred to as 42 MONTHS, 1260 YEARS and 3½ TIMES OR YEARS. They all equal 1260 prophetic days which is 1260 literal years, Ezekiel 4:6. The passage from Daniel 7 is perhaps easiest to identify so let's review the chapter. Read the chapter carefully before proceeding.