

DANIEL 7

10 Marks of Identification



PROPHECY — NO PRIVATE INTERPRETATION

- 2 Peter 1:19-21
- ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, ^[a] which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ^[b] ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God ^[c] spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.



BIBLE INTERPRETATION OF PROPHECY

▪ Revelation 13:1-2



Revelation 17:15

▪ Revelation 13:1-2

▪ **13** Then I^[a] stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns,^[b] and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

▪ Revelation 17:15

▪ ¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.



INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINES

- (1) The Book of Daniel is a part of the Holy Scriptures, and thus inspired, accurate, and trustworthy.
- (2) The prophecies of Daniel must be understood in relationship to and in light of the other prophecies of Daniel.
- (3) These prophecies must be understood in light of their historical background as provided in Daniel, in the inspired revelation provided by other portions of Scripture, and the cautious use of supplementary information by reliable historical documents or study.
- (4) Prophecies not completely fulfilled cannot be fully understood until after their fulfillment. Even those portions which we believe have been fulfilled, students of prophecy differ about the way of their fulfillment.
- (5) Above all, the prophecy in this chapter means precisely what God says it means in this text, nothing more and nothing less. How easily we turn from what is revealed to speculate about what has been concealed (see Deuteronomy 29:29). We should not spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy trying to fill in the blanks God has left. Our attention should be given to what is clearly and emphatically said. In our passage, Daniel asks for and receives an explanation. What God determined to reveal to Daniel should be enough for us.



DANIEL'S DREAM

- (1) Daniel's Dream verses 1-14
 - The Four Beasts — verses 1-8
 - The Ancient of Days — verses 9-12
 - The Son of Man — verses 13-14
- (2) The Divine Interpretation — verses 15-28
 - Daniel's distress — verse 15
 - A General Interpretation — verses 16-18
 - A Fuller Interpretation — verses 19-27
 - Daniel's Response — verse 28



THE FOUR BEASTS



DANIEL 2 & 7

Daniel Chapter 2	Daniel Chapter 7
Head of gold	The winged lion
Breast & arms of silver	The devouring bear
Belly & thighs of bronze	The winged leopard
Legs & feet of irons & clay	The indescribable beast
Similarities	
A four-part statue	Four Beasts
Statue represents kingdoms	Beasts represent kingdoms
Deterioration: Gold to iron mixed with clay	Deterioration: Nearly human to blaspheming beast
Statue destroyed	Beasts destroyed
Eternal Kingdom is established	Eternal Kingdom is established



THE ROMAN EMPIRE — ENDED IN 476 A.D.



THE 10 DIVISION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

- Alamanni
- Burgundian
- Franks
- Lombards
- Saxons
- Suevi
- Visigoths
- Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths (Now Extinct)



THE 10 DIVISION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

- The 10 Division of the Roman Empire
- Alamanni - Germans
- Burgundian - Swiss
- Franks - French
- Lombards - Italians
- Saxons - English
- Suevi - Portuguese
- Visigoths - Spanish
- Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths (Now Extinct)



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Among them
- 2. After 476 A.D.
- 3. Little Horn
- 4. Uproots Three Horns
- 5. A Man at its head
- 6. Diverse
- 7. Speak great Words and Blasphemy
- 8. Wears out and War against saints
- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws
- 10. Rules Time, Times, and Half Time (3-1/2 years OR 1260 Days/Years)



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Among them → Papal Rome (Papacy)
- 2. After 476 A.D. → 538 A.D. – 1798 A.D
- 3. Little Horn → 109 acres
- 4. Uproots Three Horns → Heruli, Vandals, Ostrogoths
- 5. A Man at its head → Pope
- 6. Diverse → Different from the other Kingdoms
- 7. Speak great Words and Blasphemy → John 10:30-33, Mark 2:4-7



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- **7. Speak great Words and Blasphemy (Same with or is God)**
- Vatican Approved Articles
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- Promta, Bibliotheca Vol. 6 - Article "Pope" (Dictionary)
- "The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the Vicar of God. The Pope is called most holy because he is rightfully resumed to be such. He is like the divine monarch and supreme emperor, and kings of kings. Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of lower regions."
- "More over the superiority and the power of the Roman Pontiff by no means pertain only to heavenly things, to earthly things, and to things under the earth, but are even over angles, than whom he is greater. So that that if were possible that the angels might err in the faith, or might think contrary to the faith, they could be judged and excommunicated by the Pope."
- "The Pope is as were God on Earth sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief of kings of kings, having plenitude of power"



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- 7. Speak great Words and Blasphemy (Same with or is God)
- La Civila Cattlica - March 18, 1871
- "The Pope is the supreme judge of the law of the land ... He is the vicegerent of Christ, and is not only a priest forever, but also king of kings and Lord of lords."
- Catholic National - July Edition. 1895
- "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, Hidden under the veil of flesh."



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- **7. Speak great Words and Blasphemy (Forgiven of Sins)**
- Joseph Devarbe's Catechism - 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, hidden under the veil of flesh", Catholic National, July, 1895.
- Michael Uller
- "The Catholic Priest" pp. 78, 79
- "Seek where you will, through heaven and earth, and you will find but one created being who can forgive the sinner, who can free him from the chains of hell, that extraordinary being is the priest, the (Roman) Catholic priest. Yes, beloved brethren, the priest raises his hand, he pronounces the word of absolution, and in an instant, quick as a flash of light the chains of hell are burst asunder, and the sinner becomes a child of God. So great is the power of the priest that the judgment of heaven itself are subject to his decision."



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- 8. Wears out and War against saints
 - 50 – 60 Million Christian Killed
 - The Catholic crusade
 - Spanish Inquisition
 - Papal Rome has shed the blood of fifty millions of Christians in Europe!
- The Roman Catholic Religion viewed in the light of Prophecy and History, New York, Charles K. Moore, 1843, page 60.

More info in → History of the Church of God



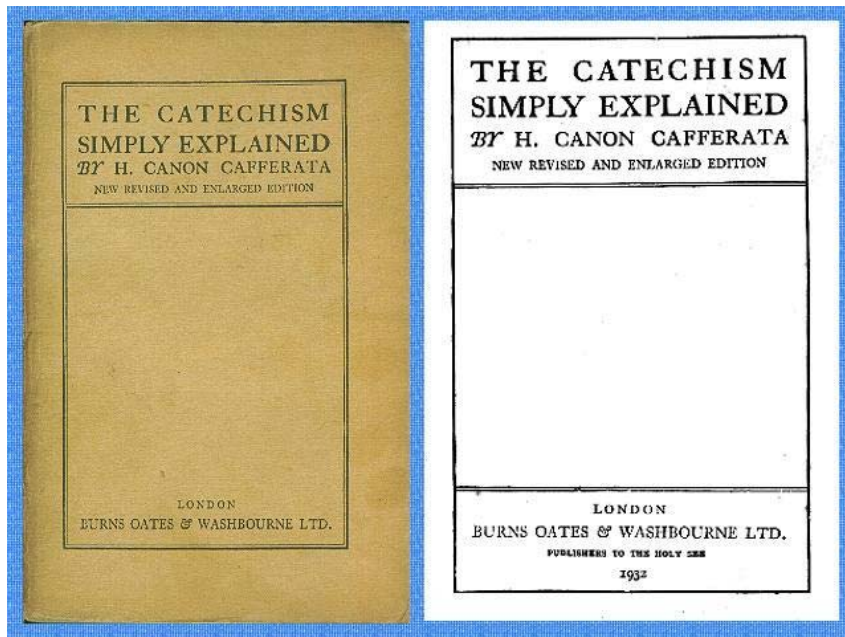
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- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws
- The Catholic Ferraris's Ecclesiastical Dictionary
- "The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, change, or interpret even divine laws. The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth with most ample power of binding and losing his sheep."
- "The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate law, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ."
- Decretal De Translat (Episcop. Cap.)



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- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws



THE CATECHISM SIMPLY EXPLAINED - PG. 89

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

192. What is the third Commandment ?

The third Commandment is, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day."

193. What are we commanded by the third Commandment ?

By the third Commandment we are commanded to keep Sunday holy.

The Jews' Sabbath Day was Saturday; we Christians keep Sunday holy. The Church, by the power our Lord gave her, changed the observance of Saturday to Sunday.

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- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws

THE CATECHISM SIMPLY EXPLAINED - PG. 89

A word about Sunday. God said, "Remember that thou keep holy the *Sabbath Day*." The Sabbath was Saturday, not Sunday; why, then, do we keep Sunday holy instead of Saturday? The Church altered the observance of the Sabbath to the observance of Sunday in commemoration of our Lord having risen from the dead on Easter Sunday, and of the Holy Ghost having descended upon the apostles on Whit Sunday. Protestants who say that they go by the Bible and the Bible only, and that they do not believe anything that is not in the Bible, must be rather puzzled by the keeping of Sunday when God distinctly said, "Keep holy the *Sabbath Day*." The word Sunday does not come anywhere in the Bible, so, without knowing it, they are obeying the authority of the Catholic Church.



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws
- Canon and Traditions, p. 263
- "The authority of the church could therefore not be bound to the authority of the Scriptures, because the Church had changed the Sabbath into Sunday, not by command of Christ but by its own authority."
- Catholic Record (Sept. 17, 1893)
- "Sunday is founded, not on Scripture, but on tradition, and is distinctly a Catholic Institution."



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- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws
- Father T. Enright, President (Redemptorist College)
- "The Bible says, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The Catholic Church says: 'No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week.' And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church."



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▪ 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws

- An Abridgement of Christian Doctrine (Page 58)

- Question

- "How can you prove that the church has power of the command feasts and the holy days?"

- Answer

- "By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of; and therefore they fondly contradict themselves by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church.:

- Question

- "Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precepts?"

- Answer

- "Had she not had such power she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority."



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- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws
- The Catholic Press (August 25, 1900 - Sidney, Australia)
- "Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles... from the beginning to the end of Scripture **THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PASSAGE** that warrants the transfer of the weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first."
- Catholic Record (Sept. 1, 1923)
- "Sunday is our mark of authority... The Church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact."



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- 9. Thinking to change Times and Laws
- The Mother Church
- The Faith of Millions, Rev, John O'Brian, pp.421, 422
- "But since Saturday, not Sunday, is specified in the Bible, isn't it curious that non-Catholics who profess to take their religion directly from the Bible and not from the Church observe Sunday instead of Saturday?
- Yes, of course, it is inconsistent, but the change was made about 15 centuries before Protestantism was born... They have continued to observe custom even though it rests upon the authority of the Catholic Church, and not upon an explicit text in the Bible. That observance remains the reminder of the Mother Church from which non-Catholic sects broke away - like a boy running away from his mother but still carrying in his pocket a picture on his mother or a lock of her hair."
- More info
- <http://biblelight.net/Sources.htm>



10 MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION

- **9. Thinking to change Times and Laws**
- Encyclopedias
- **ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA:** "It was Constantine the Great who first made a law for the proper observance of Sunday; who appointed it should be regularly celebrated throughout the Roman Empire." Article Sunday.
- **ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA:** "Constantine the Great made a law for the whole empire (AD 321) that Sunday should be kept as a day of rest."
- **CHAMBERS ENCYCLOPEDIA:** "Unquestionably the first law, either ecclesiastical or civil, by which the Sabbatical observance of Sunday is known to have been ordained, is the Sabbatical edict of Constantine, AD 321." Art. Sunday.



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- 10 Rules Time, Times, and Half Time (3-1/2 years OR 1260 Days/Years)
- 1260 days Daniel → Daniel 12:7, Daniel 7:25, Rev. 12:6, Rev. 12:13-14, Rev. 13:5-6
- The Encyclopedia Americana 1941 edition
- "In 1798 he (Berthier)... made his entrance into Rome, ABOLISHED THE PAPAL GOVERNMENT and established a secular one."
- Was until 1929 Mussolini set it as a political state, and gave it power as it was before
- The independent city-state was established in 1929 by the Lateran Treaty, signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Gasparri, on behalf of Pope Pius XI and by Prime Minister Benito Mussolini on behalf of King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy.



HAS DANIEL 7 BEEN FULFILLED?

- Daniel 2:41-44
- Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, **they will mingle with the seed of men**; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.



HAS DANIEL 7 BEEN FULFILLED?

- Revelation 13:11-17

- **¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.** ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. **¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.** ¹⁴ And he deceives those^[e] who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. **¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.** ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or^[f] the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666



HAS DANIEL 7 BEEN FULFILLED?

- Revelation 17:11-18

- ⁷ But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.^[c]
- ⁹ **“Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.**
- ¹² **“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”**
- ¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which you saw on^[d] the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸ And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”



DANIEL 7 - CONCLUSION

- Remember prophecy is of NO private interpretation - 2 Peter 1:19-21
- Daniel 7 has been explained by the Bible in Daniel 7: 15-28
- Has Daniel 7 already occurred? – Some say it has and others say it is yet to come, but we can only know by relying only on Scriptures and Historical Facts.
- Even though the numbers adds up, Rules Time, Times, and Half Time (3-1/2 years OR 1260 Days/Years) there are still certain factors that do not fit
- According to Revelation 13 &17, it is yet to come.
- Example: Revelation 11
- **11** Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, ^[a] saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months. ³ **And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.**

