

Unmasking the Antichrist

Text Guide #8

2 Pet. 1:19-21 Prophecy is sure, and there is to be no private interpretation.
Isa. 28:9-10 To know and understand the Bible, we are to compare Scriptures.
Rev. 13:1-3 The prophetic Beast of Revelation.

To understand this beast, we must study in the book of Daniel.

Dan. 7:1-3 Daniel has a dream, and sees four beast rise up out of the sea.
Dan. 7:17, 23 In prophecy, a beast represents a kingdom, or nation,
Rev. 17:1, 15 In prophecy, 'seas' or 'waters' represent peoples, multitudes, nations.
Dan. 7:4-7 The lion represents the kingdom of Babylon, the bear Medo-Persia, the leopard stands for Greece, and the 4th beast represents Rome.
Dan. 7:8 The horns are ten kings and their kingdoms which would arise. These were the Alamanni (German); Visigoths (Spain); Franks (France); Suevi (Portugal); Burgundians (Swiss); Anglo Saxon (English); Lombards (Italy); Heruli (destroyed 493); Vandals (destroyed 534); Ostrogoths (destroyed 538).
Dan. 7:8 Another little horn (kingdom) comes up among these ten nations.

Ten marks to identify this Little Horn power.

Dan. 7:8 It is a small kingdom
Dan. 7:8 It comes up "among them", somewhere in Western Europe.
Dan. 7:8 It comes up after 476AD. The others were not all established until then.
Dan. 7:8 It destroys three of the kingdoms - the Heruli, Ostrogoths and Vandals.
Dan. 7:8 It has a man at its head who speaks for it.
Dan. 7:24 It is different, or "diverse" from the other kingdoms.
Dan. 7:25 It speaks great words, or blasphemy (See Rev. 13:5). The Bible defines blasphemy as when a man makes himself God (John 10:31), or when a human being claims to forgive sin (Mark 2:5)
Dan. 7:25 It would persecute God's people.
Dan. 7:25 It would try to change God's law.
Dan. 7:25 It would rule for a time, times, dividing of time. Comp. Rev. 12:14;12:6. Time = 1 year; times = 2 years; dividing of time = half a year. Three and a half years = 1260 days (30 days per month). In Bible prophecy, a day represents a year (Ezk. 4:6; Num. 14:34). It would rule 1260 years.

Only the Vatican City (the Papacy) fits these 10 identifying marks.

Compare with the Beast of Revelation 13.

Rev 13:5 It rules the same 1260 years (it held absolute power from 538 - 1798).
Rev. 13:7 It persecutes God's people.
Rev. 13:5 In claiming the prerogatives of God it speaks blasphemy against God.
Rev. 14:9-10 Scripture warns us against worshiping the beast (the Papacy), its image, or receiving its mark.
John 14:6 Jesus assures us that truth and grace are found in Him.