

Big Picture Bible Study

No. 04: The Amazing Evidence of Prophecy

Paul and John give further clarity about this Little Horn Power

The Little Horn power will be the religious power that controls political powers and rules all the way down to the return of Jesus. This is the power that seeks to usurp the priesthood, sacrifice, and kingship of Jesus; this is the antichrist power.

Both Daniel and Revelation go into detail about this power and give abundant evidence upon which to base our faith in the identity. Besides these two books, there are at least two other passages that give important identification information by setting the context of the Little Horn within the historical timeline:

- **II Thessalonians 2:1-2** – Paul says that the Second Coming was _____ near _____
- **II Thessalonians 2:3** – that day cannot come until there is first a falling away.
 - The word “falling away” is the same word as _____.
 - There cannot be a divorce unless there was a _____ relationship.
- Names for antichrist: _____ & _____
- Who else was called this last name? _____ Why? _____
- He professed to follow God (clay) but betrayed him in secret to darkness.
- **I John 4:3** – the deceptive _____ of _____ already existed.

If the open rebellion of the Little Horn was future for Paul, then the antichrist cannot be someone way back in the past (**Pretorism**); if the secret rebellion of the Little Horn was already working for John, then the antichrist cannot be someone way out in the future (**Futurism**). It could be only one power in all of history.

The Little Horn and Miry Clay Identified

1. **Daniel 7:7** – arise out of the fourth beast: _____
2. **Daniel 7:8** – arise from among the ten horns: _____
3. **Daniel 7:24** – arise after the 10 horns: _____ A.D. (at the earliest)
4. **Daniel 7:24** – different than the other horns: _____ power
5. **Daniel 7:20** – more stout than the other horns: _____ powerful
6. **Daniel 7:20** – uproot three horns: _____
7. **Daniel 7:25** – speak words against the Most High: teach _____
8. **Daniel 7:25** – persecute the saints of God on earth: _____
9. **Daniel 7:25** – will try to change God’s law: the _____ (10C)
10. **Daniel 7:25** – will rule for time, times and half a time: _____ days (years)
11. **Daniel 7:23** – will devour the whole earth: has _____ authority
12. **Daniel 7:22** – will rule until the judgment: the _____

This power is clear in history; it is the power that ruled politically, religiously, and socially during the Middle Ages of history; it is the Roman Church State. The Papacy of the Roman Catholic Church system is the antichrist power.

The antichrist power is the Roman Church State; there is no other power that even slightly meets all the criteria.

Not all Catholics are a part of, or are even aware of, the system’s actual beliefs and workings. _____ are honest, God-fearing Christians who belong to this church and they have done incalculable good in our world. Likely more than 95% of the world’s Catholics have no idea what the top echelon believes.

That’s the point – it _____ to serve God, but secretly betrays Him.

Prophecy is great evidence upon which we can base our faith in the Bible.

Bible Prophecy Introduction

Studying Bible prophecy is a very important topic; it is arguably the greatest evidence as to the validity of Christ, salvation, and the Bible itself. When properly understood, prophecy gives such compelling evidence to support the claims of the Bible that it baffles the strictly naturalistic scientist or philosopher. But that is the point – *when properly understood*. To this end, as we begin to look at prophecy, there are a few keys of interpretation that we need to first grasp.

- **Principle #1: “Nothing New Only More Detail”**
- Two key examples: _____ & _____
- **Principle #2: A “Day” is used to symbolize a literal year**
- Two key passages: _____ & _____
- **Principle #3: A “Woman” represents a religious group (church)**
- Two key passages: _____ & _____
- **Principle #4: A “Beast” represents a political group (nation)**
- Two key passages: _____ & _____
- **Principle #5: “Waters” symbolize populated areas**
- Two key passages: _____ & _____

These keys are crucial to properly understanding Bible prophecy.

Daniel Chapter 2: Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

In 603 B.C., two years after Daniel and his three friends were taken to Babylon, king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that he could not remember. The story is an incredible demonstration of faith on Daniel’s part, and he is ultimately led before the king to tell the king what he demanded to know of his wise men.

- **Daniel 2:26** – The king demanded to know two things:
 - the _____ and the _____
- **Daniel 2:29** – Through Daniel, God reveals both and adds:
 - what the king was _____ on his bed.

The statue in Daniel 2 is a great _____ showing the transition of power in the Mediterranean world.

- Symbolism of the Head of Gold: _____
- Ruled from _____ to _____
- Symbolism of the Chest of Silver: _____
- Ruled from _____ to _____
- Symbolism of the Belly of Bronze: _____
- Ruled from _____ to _____
- Symbolism of the Legs of Iron: _____
- Ruled from _____ to _____
- Symbolism of the Feet of Iron/Clay: _____



Satan Continues His Attack on the Sanctuary

Our study together began with the war in Heaven. The war was between Michael (Jesus Christ) the Archangel, Creator of the all things, and Lucifer, the covering cherub. We studied what Lucifer was like before he became Satan and learned how he chose to sin.

- **Ezekiel 28:18** – Lucifer defiled the _____ by his sins.

When Satan saw the Israelites build the earthly Sanctuary patterned after the Heavenly Sanctuary, he recognized immediately that it was the key for mankind to know God. He knew all too well that the Sanctuary model was God's way and that it showed the plan of redemption. It was Satan's goal, therefore, to destroy the blueprint plans of salvation. So he began to work through each of the kingdoms described in Nebuchadnezzar's dream to try and wipe the pattern of the Sanctuary off the face of the earth.

- **II Chronicles 36:7** – did Satan use **BABYLON** to attack the Sanctuary?
◦ Nebuchadnezzar put the _____ in his temple.
- **Nehemiah 4:7-8** – did Satan use **PERSIA** to attack the Sanctuary?
◦ The people _____ the rebuilding for more than 80 years.
- **I Maccabees 1:31-37** – did Satan use **GREECE** to attack the Sanctuary?
◦ Antiochus Epiphanes sacrificed swine on the _____.
- **Matthew 24:1-2** – did Satan use **ROME** to attack the Sanctuary?
◦ Rome _____ the Sanctuary for good in 70 A.D.

The Earthly Sanctuary Purpose Accomplished

By the time Rome destroyed the Temple in 70 A.D., Satan was too late. Christ's death on the cross had won the war and Jesus was named Victor! There was no further argument that Satan could make in the court of the Universe. Before the court of all the created worlds, Yahweh and His Law of Self-Sacrificing Love were fully vindicated. The _____ of Jesus was complete.

- **Hebrews 8:5** – the earthly Sanctuary was but a _____ and an _____ of the lively Heavenly Sanctuary above.
- **Matthew 27:50-51** – when Jesus died, the _____ remedy for sin was no longer necessary for we now have the literal.
- **Hebrews 10:16-17** – the new covenant with Spiritual Israel puts the law now written not on tables of stone but in our _____ and _____.
- **I Corinthians 3:16** – we are the _____ and the Spirit of God can now _____ inside of us – the Shekinah glory is within us now!
- **Psalms 51:1-12** – those who put their _____ in the Lord will be defended by His angels who literally _____ the presence and law within us.

We are now the Sanctuary on earth! The law is written on our hearts, the presence of God dwells inside of us, and the angels cover those who trust in God. Because of Jesus, we do not need to fear the powers of the world.

We have a High Priest, Jesus, who stands before the throne of the Majesty in Heaven and who intercedes on our behalf. Amen!

Enter Satan's Masterpiece: The Clay Kingdom

Once Jesus died, was resurrected, and ascended into Heaven, Satan worked through Rome to destroy the remains of the Sanctuary blueprint here on earth, but still the gospel spread across the world. He had wanted to destroy what the Sanctuary stood for but now the physical building was no longer necessary. So since he could not attack the Heavenly Sanctuary physically, he developed a plan to attack mankind's _____ of the truths it represented.

- The first four materials in the statue attacked the physical earthly Sanctuary:
_____, _____, _____, _____
- The fifth material, the _____ clay is the key to this next phase of the history of the great controversy between Jesus and Satan.

- **Isaiah 64:8** – _____ clay: those who have Yahweh as their mold
- **Psalms 40:2** – _____ clay: those who do not stand on a sure foundation

Daniel Chapter 7: Daniel's Vision

If you thought Nebuchadnezzar's dream was incredibly accurate in all its details with the five powers it showed, wait until we add in these details.

Beast #1: _____ with two wings. Parallel to the head of gold: _____.

Beast #2: _____ with three ribs in its mouth. Parallel to the chest of silver: _____.

Beast #3: _____ with four heads and wings. Parallel to the belly of bronze: _____.

Beast #4: _____ with ten horns. Parallel to the legs of iron: _____.

Entity #5: _____ speaking blasphemy. Parallel to the fifth material in the statue: _____.

Secular history is very clear on the transition of power between these kingdoms. The level of detail that each beast has simply baffles the mind. The Bible is **Truth**.

What are the odds that Daniel could predict all these things (2,500 years of confirmed history)?

The Little Horn Power

Three times in Daniel chapter 7 the chronology is given:
_____, _____, _____.

The Little Horn is a parallel to the Míry Clay of chapter 2. This is a religious power that professes to serve God (clay) but is not standing sure on the foundation of truth (míry clay). This power will persecute God's people, cast down the Sanctuary truths, and seek to change the law.

