

The Beast and the New World Order

The Historical, Protestant Interpretation of Daniel 7

7:3 Four great beasts rise from the sea.

7:23 These four beasts represent four kingdoms (*as in Daniel 2*).

7:4 The Lion represents Babylon (605 - 539 B.C.).

7:5 The Bear represents Medo-Persia (539 - 331 B.C.).

7:6 The Leopard represents Greece (331 - 168 B.C.).

7:7 The Dragon represents Rome (168 B.C. - 476 A.D.).

7:7 The ten horns represent the division of the Roman Empire by the barbarian tribes in the fourth and fifth centuries: Alamanni (Germany); Anglo-Saxons (England); Visigoths (Spain); Burgundians (Switzerland); Suevi (Portugal); Franks (France); Lombards (Italy); Vandals; Ostrogoths; Heruli.

***Is it logical to insert a 1500 year gap between 7:7 and 7:8?
For over 300 years Protestant Scholars have seen the fulfillment of
the following Scriptures in the history of the Roman Church:***

7:8 The Roman Church rose out of the Roman Empire.

7:8 The Roman Church rose "among" the ten horns of Europe.

7:8 The Roman Church "uprooted" three of the ten horns.

Three of the ten tribes which resisted papal progress were destroyed:
the Heruli in 493 A.D.; the Vandals in 534 A.D.; the Ostrogoths in 538 A.D.

7:8 It has eyes "like the eyes of a man." It is led by a man (the Pope).

7:8 It has "a mouth speaking great things" and "blasphemies" (See Rev. 13:5).

"Blasphemy" involves claiming to be able to forgive sins. See Mark 2:7.

7:21 It made "war on the saints" by murdering 50 - 100 million people for being "heretics" during the Dark Ages.

7:25 It ruled for "a time, times and half a time," that is, 3 1/2 years. This period is mentioned seven times in the Bible: 3 1/2 years (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 12:14); 42 months (Rev. 11:2; 13:5); 1260 days (Rev. 11:3; 12:6).

In Bible prophecy, a day = a year (Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6). Thus the period of 3 1/2 years, or 42 months, or 1260 days = 1260 literal years. In 538 A.D. the Ostrogoths were uprooted in Italy and Emperor Justinian gave the Roman Church total power in Europe. *Exactly 1260 years later, in 1798, the armies of Napoleon, under General Berthier, took Pope Pius VI captive which ended this long period of Papal rule.*

The first beast of Revelation 13:1-10 is the same power as the little horn of Daniel 7. They both do the same things. The dragon (the fourth beast of Daniel 7 - pagan Rome) gave "his seat" of government in Italy to the beast. See Rev. 13:2. A beast represents a kingdom. Daniel 7:23. The Kingdom of the Roman Church (with over 100 Embassies on Vatican Hill) now sits on the seat of the Roman Empire! In 1798, the beast was "wounded." Yet John predicted, "his deadly wound was healed." Revelation 13:3. *The wound is now healing and Bible prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes!*

The Historical and the Futurist Methods of Interpreting Bible Prophecy

A battle is raging between two major methods of interpreting Bible prophecy. These two methods are like two different pairs of glasses through which we can look at the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Many Christians in the 1990's are unknowingly wearing the "futurist" glasses. This means that when they read the books of Daniel and Revelation, they "see" almost all of these prophecies as applying to a "future" period of time. *This "futuristic" view fails to see the prophetic significance of almost 200 years of Church history.*

It is an Amazing Fact that the majority of Protestants from the Reformation down to the early 1900's wore different glasses. With their "historical" lenses firmly in place, they 'saw' many of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation as being fulfilled *during Christian history* with a final climax at the end. They understood that they were suffering persecution from "the woman drunken with blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus." Revelation 17:6.

"The 'Historicist', or historical view sees the prophecies of Daniel, Paul and John as fully and faithfully laying out the entire course of Christian history. It recognizes the Roman Institution which claims to be the universal Church ... and identifies *'the little horn'* of Daniel 7, *'the man of sin'* of 2 Thessalonians 2 and the *'Mother of Harlots'* of Revelation 17 & 18 as the Papacy and false Church. 'There are two great truths that stand out in the preaching that brought about the Protestant Reformation,' American Bible commentator, Ralph Woodrow, reminds us; 'The just shall live by faith, not by the works of Romanism and the Papacy is the antichrist of Scripture. *The entire Reformation rest upon this twofold testimony.*' Ian Murray, in his much respected book *The Puritan Hope* describes the Reformers as 'unanimous in their belief that the Papal system is both *the man of sin* and the Babylonian whore of which scripture forewarns. Rome was the great Antichrist, and so firmly did this belief become established that it was not until the nineteenth century that it was seriously questioned by evangelicals.' ... Wycliffe, Tyndale, Luther, Calvin, Cranmer; in the seventeenth century, Bunyan, the translators of the King James Bible and the men who published the Westminster and Baptist Confessions of Faith; Sir Isaac Newton, Wesley, Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards; and more recently, Spurgeon, Bishop J.C. Ryle and Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones; these men amount countless others, all saw the office of the Papacy as a the antichrist ... The Reformers saw the system for what it was and they knew that they had to stand clearly against it. If they were right about that then, they are right about it now. Gods Word does not change." *All Roads Lead to Rome*, by Michael de Semlyen. Chapter 19, "Bible Prophecy and the Antichrist." 1991. Dorchester Hose Publications, England.

The purpose of this study is not to condemn godly Roman Catholics, but only to be faithful in the study and application of "the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

Who Originated the Futurist Method?

Christian bookstores across America sell books about Bible prophecy written by people who have been sincerely, yet unknowingly, wearing the "futurist" glasses. Many sincere Christians like Hal Lindsey, Jack Van Impe and countless others believe that the little horn of Daniel 7 and the first beast of Revelation 13 are yet to come. Who originated the futurist method?

At the famous Catholic Council of Trent (1545-1563) the Jesuit order was created to conquer Protestantism and extend the influence of the Mother Church. The brilliant Spanish Jesuit, Francisco Ribera, was commissioned to develop a counter interpretation of the prophecies which would take the blame off the Roman Church. The ideas set forth in his book, *Thoughts on Revelation* (1590), entered universities throughout Europe and England. For 300 years they were rejected by the majority of Protestants, but in the early 1900's these ideas began to enter it's seminaries. *Today Jesuit Futurism has become the common view, yet it originated with the Church of Rome!*

"So great a hold did the conviction that the Papacy was the Antichrist gain upon the minds of men, that Rome at last saw she must bestir herself, and try, by putting forth other systems of interpretation, to counteract the identification of the Papacy with the Antichrist. Accordingly, toward the close of the Reformation period ... the Jesuit Ribera tried to set aside the application of these prophecies to the papal power by bringing out the futurist system, which asserts that these prophecies refer properly, not to the career of the Papacy, but to some future supernatural individual, who is yet to appear, and continue in power for three and a half years. Thus, as Alford says, the Jesuit Ribera, about A.D. 1580, may be regarded as the founder of the futurist system of modern times ... It is a matter of deep regret that those who advocate the futurist system at the present day, Protestants as they are for the most part, *are really playing into the hands of Rome*, and helping to screen the Papacy from detection as the Antichrist." *Daniel and Revelation*, by Joseph Tanner, pp. 16,17.

"Many Protestant commentators point out that the interpretation of Biblical prophecy is now almost all 'Futurist', the system which they believe was evolved by the brilliant Jesuit theologians Ribera and Bellarmine after the Council of Trent. They see the futurist scholars as evolving eschatological theories and systems faster that the theological colleges can absorb them. The view that the antichrist is still to come, and that therefore the passages of scripture relating to him are not for today, has undermined the faith of Bible-believing Christians ... Jesuit Futurism ... set out originally to divorce the antichrist, the man of sin, the little horn and the Mother of Harlots from the here and now, and from medieval and modern history ... *(it) succeeded in excluding the entire fifteen century period of the Papacy altogether from the understanding of Bible prophecy.*" *All Roads Lead To Rome*, pp. 201, 202.

The Wound (in 1798) is Healing – Read Revelation 13:3

“Berthier [Napoleon’s general] entered Rome on the 10th of February, 1798, and proclaimed a Republic. The aged Pontiff refused to violate his oath by recognizing it, and was hurried from prison to prison in France. Broken with fatigue and sorrows, he died...[in] August 1799, in French fortress of Valence, aged 82 years.” Joseph Rickaby, “*The Modern Papacy*,” in *Lectures on the History of Religions*, Vol.3 [lecture 24, p.1].

“For fifteen hundred years and more, Rome had kept a strong a hand as possible in each local community around the world ... *until two hundred years of inactivity had been imposed on the papacy by the major secular powers of the world* ... It was the first distinguishing mark of John Paul’s career as Pontiff that he had thrown off the straitjacket of papal inactivity in major world affairs.” *The Keys of the Blood – Pope John Paul II versus Russia and the West for the control of the New World Order*, by Malachi Martin. pp. 22, 23. 1991. Published by Simon and Schuster.

The Roman Church and the New World Order

“Willing or not ready or not, we are all involved in an all-out, no-holds-barred, three-way global competition. Most of us are not competitors, however. We are the stakes. *For the competition is about who will establish the first one-world system of government that has ever existed in the society of nations.* It is about who will hold and wield the dual power of authority and control over each of us as individuals and over all of us together as a community; over the entire six billion people expected by demographers to inhabit the earth by early in the third millennium ... This Slavic Pope [John Paul II] ... [has] a new eye toward a purpose that is old as the papacy itself. With an eye that [is] not merely international, but truly global ... He insists that men have no reliable hope of creating a *viable geopolitical system unless it is on the basis of Roman Catholic Christianity.*” *The Keys of this Blood – Pope John Paul II versus Russia and the West for the controls of the New World Order*, by Malachi Martin. pp. 15, 25, 492. 1991. Published by Simon and Schuster.

“Count the number ... 666.” Revelation 13:18

One of the official names of the head of the Roman Church is Latin (Rome’s official language) is “Vicarius Filii Dei,” meaning Vicar of the Son of God. This Title was found on the papal tiara which has been placed on the heads of Popes for centuries. John Paul II referred to his title as “Vicar” in his bestselling 1994 devotional book. The Bible calls 666 “the number of his name.” Revelation 15:2.

V = 5	F = 0	D = 500	112
I = 1	I = 1	E = 0	+ 53
C = 100	L = 50	<u>I = 1</u>	<u>501</u>
A = 0	I = 1	501	= 666
R = 0	<u>I = 1</u>		
I = 1	53		
U = 5			
<u>S = 0</u>			
112			

(Note: the “U” in “Vicarius” is written out as a “V” in Latin, Thus “U” = 5)

An Examination of Roman Catholic Doctrine

(It is not wrong to examine the doctrines of the world's largest Church)

Was Peter the First Pope? No. Peter was a “fellow elder” with others. 1 Peter 5:1. Paul rebuked Peter. Galatians 2:11. James led the Jerusalem council, not Peter. Acts 15:7, 13, 19. Peter is not the Rock that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 16:18. Peter confessed that Jesus was “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16:16. Christ is “the Rock.” 1 Corinthians 10:4. “The Lord is my Rock” 2 Samuel 22:2. “He *only* is my rock.” Psalm 62:2. None of the church fathers ever applied Matthew 16:18 to Peter *or to his successors in Rome*. “Christ is head of the church.” Ephesians 5:23.

Can Mary, Priests or Saints Mediate for us? “There is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 2:5.

Should we Pray to Mary? There is no reference in the New Testament to prayers being offered to Mary. *Jesus Christ is to be worshipped, not His mother*. Revelation 5:11,12. Jesus said that anyone who does the will of God is like His mother. Mark 3:35. Mary needed a Savior as we do. Romans 3:23; Luke 1:46, 47. The Bible forbids the worship of any heavenly woman. Jeremiah 7:18, Acts 19:34. No idols are allowed. Exodus 20:3-6

Should Christians Call a Man the “Holy Father”? Jesus says, “Call *no man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.” Matthew 23:9. God is the “Holy Father.” John 17:11.

What about the Rosary or the Repetitious Prayers? Jesus says, “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do ... Be not ye therefore like unto them.” Matthew 6:7,8. See Acts 19:34.

Should Christians Confess their Sins to a Priest? We should confess our sins to Jesus Christ. “The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins.” Matthew 9:6. “If we confess our sins, *He* is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.” 1 John 1:9. David said, “I will confess my transgressions *unto the Lord*; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.” Psalm 32:5

How about Celibacy? “Marriage is honorable among all.” Hebrews 13:4. Some will “depart from the faith ... forbidding to marry.” 1 Timothy 4:1-3.

Tradition above Scripture? Jesus corrected the Pharisees who were “making the word of God of *none effect* through ... tradition.” Mark 7:13.

Can we be Saved by Doing Penance or by Good Works? “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.*” Acts 16:31.