

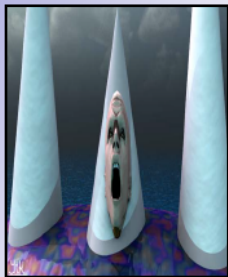


Build on the Rock

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Lesson 16:

"Christ vs. the Anti-christ"



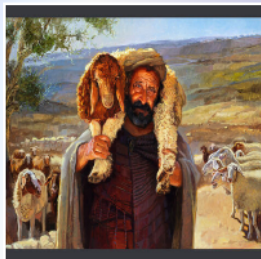
The Bible makes it very clear that Jesus Christ is the only way to make it to heaven and to receive immortality. Satan is very aware of this fact. This is why he has successfully come up with an Anti-Christ system that would, in the name of Christ, lead the masses away from the true teachings of Christ. This system, lead by a man, is prophesied many times in the Bible and you need to know about it so you are NOT lead astray by his deceptions! Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and find out who is the Anti-Christ power and how he is leading many away from Christ.

1) What 2 things does Jesus declare Himself to be? What does Jesus warn us of? -John 10:7-11

1 - Jesus declares Himself to be the "Do__r" and the "Go__d Sh__pherd."

2 - Jesus warns us against "thi__ves and r__bb__rs."

*Note: Not only is Jesus the Shepherd that guides the flock, He is also the door that give us entrance into the body of Christ and eternal salvation. We must watch out for and warn others of thieves and robbers who seek to steel the flock of Christ. Jesus was referring to the Scribes and Pharisees of His day when He warned of thieves and robbers, but there are many thieves and robbers in our present time whom we must warn the flock of Christ against lest they be deceived.



2) In whose name did Jesus say the false christs and false religious teachers will come in? -Matthew 24:5

A) They will come in the name of Allah.

B) They will come in the name of Christ.

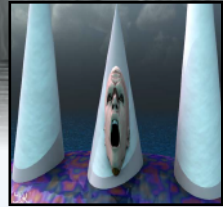
C) They will come in the name of the Moses.



3) What great deception will take place and who will arise before Jesus comes the second time? -2 Thesalonians 2:2, 3.

1 - Before Jesus comes, there will be a "fall__ng aw__y" from the Truth and the "M__n of S__n" will be "revealed."

***Note:** Before Jesus comes, the church will be shaken and many will fall away from the true faith and teachings of Christ. This great falling away will come as a result of the rise of the deceptive Man of Sin. This Man of Sin is the Anti-Christ of Bible prophecy. The Anti-Christ is prophesied to arise in several parts of the Bible, two of which will be explained in this lesson.



4) What does the Bible say the “Man of Sin” (Anti-Christ Power) will do against God? -2 Thessalonians 2:4

- 1 - He “opp__seth and ex__lteth himself ab__ve” God.
- 2 - He “as G__d sitteth in the t__mple of God” saying that he is God.

***Note:** As Lucifer sought to exalt himself above God and sit on His throne in heaven, the Anti-Christ power will do the same before Jesus comes. Through Satan’s masterful deceptions, the Man of Sin will successfully mislead billions of people to substitute God’s Word for man’s tradition and to give adoration to man instead of God.



5) How does Daniel describe the Anti-Christ power? -Daniel 7:8

- 1 - Daniel describes the Anti-Christ power as a “litt__e h__rn” that had “eyes l__ke the e__es of a m__n and a mouth sp__aking gr__at th__ngs.”



***Note:** The Little Horn power of Daniel 7 is the same power as the Man of Sin in 2 Thessalonians. Daniel gives us a little more details and characteristics of the Anti-Christ than is revealed in Paul’s letter to the Thessalonian Church, so we must study Daniel 7 to understand the Anti-Christ of prophecy.

***Note:** The Little Horn power arises out of a beast that is described as “dreadful and terrible.” (Daniel 7:7) There are also 3 other beasts described in Daniel 7. If we study to understand who each of the 4 beasts represent, this will help us unlock the mystery of Anti-Christ.



6) What did the prophet Daniel see in vision? -Daniel 7:2, 3

- 1 - Daniel saw “fo__r w__nds of the hea__en strove upon the gr__at se__.”
- 2 - Daniel also saw “f__ur be__sts” come up from the “s__a.”

***Note:** The “four winds” are symbolic of wars and commotion. (See Jer. 25:33) Each beast is symbolic of a significant political power or kingdom. (See Dan. 7:17, 23)



Read Daniel 7:4. The first beast Daniel saw was a “Li_n” that had “ea_le’s w_ngs.”

***Note:** The Lion represents the Empire of Babylon. (605 - 539 BC) The Bible likens the “King of Babylon” to a “Lion” in Jeremiah 50:43, 44. The eagle’s wings represent the swift-ness (See Jeremiah 4:13) of the nation’s rise to power. Bab-ylon gained it’s independence from the previous Empire, Assyria, in 626 BC, and it only took them approximately 20 years after to take over the world. The “man’s heart” signi-fies the pride and arrogance of Babylon.



Read Daniel 7:5. The second beast that Daniel saw was a “b_ar” that “ra_sed up itself on one s_de, and it had thr_e_r_bs in the m_uth.”

***Note:** The Bear represents the Empire that historically over-threw Babylon - Medo-Persia.(539 - 331BC) God used the Medes and the Persians to bring judgment upon and over-throw Babylon for desecrating the sacred vessels from the temple of God. (See Daniel 5:1-5, 24-31) The bear being raised on one side shows that the Persians were stronger than their partner, the Medes. The 3 ribs in the mouth repre-sent the 3 major nations that they devoured in their rise to power: Babylon, Lydia and Egypt.



Read Daniel 7:6. The third beast was a “Le_pa_d” with “fo_r w_ngs of a fo_l” and “f_ur he_ds.”

***Note:** The Leopard represents the Empire that overthrew Medo-Persia, which was Greece. (331 - 168BC) Not only does history tell of Greece’s rise to power, but it was also prophe-sied by Daniel. (See Daniel 8:3-7, 20, 21) The 4 wings repre-sent the swiftness that Alexander the Great lead Greece to world domination. He conquered the world in only 8 years, but died shortly after at age 32. The 4 heads represent 4 lead-ers. Alexander’s 4 war generals: Ptolemy, Seleucus, Cas-sander and Lysimachus, lead the Empire after his death because he left no suitable heir to the throne.

Read Daniel 7:7. The fourth beast was “dr_adful and terr_ble”, had “gre_t ir_n te_th” and “t_n h_rns.”



***Note:** The dreadful and terrible beast represents the last Empire to rule the earth - Rome. (168BC - 467AD) The Ro-man Empire was a dreadful and terrible empire as they were very cruel and oppressive. They enforced high taxes and nailed law breakers to a wooden cross. When Jesus was born through the virgin Mary, the Empire of Rome was in power. This is revealed in Luke 2:1 when Caesar Augus-tus made a decree “that all the world should be taxed.” When Rome fell in 476 AD, it divided into ten tribes, just as the Bible predicted by the ten horns on this beast.

*Note: Here is a list of the 10 tribes, 7 of which became nations of modern Europe:

1) Lombards (Italy), 2) Franks (France), 3) Burgundians (Switzerland), 4) Ostrogoths (Destroyed), 5) Visigoths (Spain), 6) Suevi (Portugal), 7) Aleman (Germany), 8) Anglo-Saxons (England), 9) Vandals (Destroyed), 10) Heruli (Destroyed).

7) What did Daniel see arise out of the fourth beast -- Rome? What would this power subdue as it arose? -Daniel 7:8, 24.

1 - Daniel saw a "litt__e horn" arise out of the dreadful fourth beast.

2 - This little horn power would "sub__ue th__ee ki__gs as it arose.

*Note: The Anti-Christ arises out of the fourth beast -- Rome. Also, three of the ten horns must cease to exist as the Anti-Christ power arises. Both of these characteristics point to rise of the Roman Catholic Church as being the fulfillment of the little horn. The Catholic Church arose during the end of the Roman Empire and their headquarter was built in the city of Rome. As they arose to power, the Heruli, Ostrogoths and Vandal tribes were all destroyed, while the other 7 tribes became modern nations of Europe.

8) What 4 other characteristics are given in Daniel that prove that the Papacy (Catholic system) is the Little Horn power and the Anti- Christ of Bible prophecy? -Daniel 7:25.

1 - He shall "sp__ak gre__t w__rds against the Most H__gh."

2 - He shall "w__ar out the s__ints of the Most High."

3 - He shall "th__nk to cha__ge t__mes and l__ws."

4 - He will reign for a "t__me, tim__s and a div__ding of times."

"Great Words" -
The Papacy speaks great words against God. Here is a Catholic quote: "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under veil of flesh." - "The Catholic National," July 1895.

"Wear out the saints" -
During the Dark Ages and Inquisition, the Catholic Church was responsible for the deaths of over 50 million people for their religious beliefs.

"Think to change times and laws" - The Catholic Church changed the 10 Commandments by removing the second commandment and changing the time of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. "We (The Catholic Church) observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." -Peter Geiermann, The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine (St. Louis, B. Herder Book Co., 1957 ed.), p.50.

Reign for a "time, times and dividing of times" - According to Rev. 12:6, 14, a time = 1 Jewish year (360 days), times = 2 years (720 days) and ½ time = ½ year (180 days). The total = 1260. One day = 1 year in prophecy. (See Num. 14:34) The Catholic church reigned for 1260 years from 538AD to 1798, which was when Pope Pius VI was put in prison.

9) The Anti-Christ, which is the Pope and Catholic hierarchy, has influenced almost the whole world to accept Sunday as a day of rest and to break the fourth commandment. Who does the Bible say will win the battle between Christ and the Anti-Christ? -Daniel 7:26, 27.

1 - Christ will "ta__e away" the "dom__nion" of the Anti-Christ and will "cons__me" and "d__stroy it into the e__d."

Appeal) Will you choose to follow the teachings of Christ instead of the Anti-Christ? ____.

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