

**“All that dwell on the earth shall worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb . . .”**



**Revelation 13:8**

*While it is true that the Bible says the antichrist is alive and well on earth today, the Bible also tells exactly who he is, what his characteristics and identifiers are, and what his crucial role will be in last day events. This lesson will address the very important issue of the antichrist from a Biblical perspective. Conjectures, opinions, and ideas about the identity of the antichrist abound. We are not interested in these. We want to know the truth; we want to know what the Bible actually teaches. In this lesson we will study 10 identifying characteristics that will help us identify the antichrist power.*

1. What do the following symbols represent in Bible prophecy?

- Seas (Water) \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 17:15  
Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Jeremiah 49:36,37  
Beast \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel 7:17,23

2. The four beasts of Daniel 7 retrace exactly the same timeline that the image of Daniel 2 did, but with more detail thrown in to confirm historical correspondence. Fill in the following beasts and the eras they represent:

- Beast 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beast 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beast 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beast 4: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the fourth beast have and what did they represent? Daniel 7:7,24

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4. According to verse 8, which beast does the little horn come up from?

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*The fact that the little horn comes up from the fourth beast tells us that the little horn would be a continuation of the old Roman Empire.*

5. What are different names for the antichrist?

1 John \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 13 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thessalonians 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Daniel 7 & 8 \_\_\_\_\_

6. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Paul refers to the antichrist power as the "son of perdition." Only one other person in the Bible is referred to by that moniker (name). Who was it?

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*Judas did not violently oppose Jesus Christ, rather he subtly betrayed Him. He came, not from the violent opposition of the Pharisees or the Romans, but from the very ranks of Christ's followers, the disciples. He looked friendly, but secretly betrayed.*

*Remember, Bible truth is never sent to discourage, overwhelm or humiliate us. It is sent to save us! Keep your eyes focused on Jesus Christ and His saving love.*

### **Identifying Marks of the Little Horn of Daniel 7**

Identifying Mark 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*This makes Vatican City the smallest independent state in the world by both area and population.*

Identifying Mark 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*Comes up among them. Among them, who's them?  
They are the ten horns and the ten horns are the nations of  
divided Rome, today what we would call Western Europe.*

Identifying Mark 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*The Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths were all destroyed  
and "up rooted" by the little horn of Daniel 7.*

Identifying Mark 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*This division took place in 476 A.D. The antichrist power  
would come to power sometime after 476 A.D.*

Identifying Mark 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*There is a prominent leader at the head of this power that  
speaks great words (blasphemy) against the Most High.*

The two identifying marks of blasphemy are:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Identifying Mark 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*Many sources estimate a hundred million people were  
killed during a period called the Dark Ages by this power.*

Identifying Mark 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*This power would be diverse in that it would be a  
civil as well as a religious power. It would wield  
the power of church and state.*

Identifying Mark 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*This power is stout in that though it is small in size, it would have great influence over the inhabitants of the earth.*

Identifying Mark 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*Through the lens of prophecy, Daniel is telling us there will be a global power that will actually tell us the law of God has been changed—and this power will claim to have the authority to change it!*

Identifying Mark 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Verse \_\_\_\_\_

*The word “time” in Daniel 7:25 implies a year. So the first “time” is a reference to one year. “Times” is literally “two times” or two years. Half a time would be half a year. So this antichrist power will persecute God’s people for a prophetic 3½ year time period. A prophetic year is 360 days, so 3½ years would be 1,260 prophetic days. Therefore, we should understand that this persecution will last 1,260 prophetic days, or 1,260 literal years. It’s interesting to note that this same time period appears a total of seven times in Bible prophecy.*

The antichrist is a subtle, religious imposter, not a violent, political opposer. He is a counterfeit more than a combatant. The final goal is for humanity to take its eyes off of Jesus.

*Every single protestant reformer from Wesley to Luther to Calvin and beyond shared this same conclusion and identified the little horn of Daniel 7 as the Roman Church State. Remember, God is not against people! He loves people, all people (John 3:16). Are you thankful that tonight’s lesson is an attack against the devil and not sincere honest people?*

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