

# Unmasking the Antichrist

my impressions



LESSON 14

## UNMASKING THE ANTICHRIST

Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

- A. Amazing   B. I didn't know that   C. That's interesting  
D. That changes my thinking   E. Scandalous   F. I doubt that  
G. That strengthens my faith   H. That challenges me  
I. That's disturbing   J. I'm thankful   K. Other \_\_\_\_\_

1. Man of Sin, Sea Beast, Little Horn, and Son of Perdition. These are all names ascribed to a kingdom power prophesied in scripture as the Antichrist. (2 Thessalonians 2:3; Revelation 31:1; Daniel 7:8<sup>4</sup>; 1 John 2:18)
2. The prophetic gift unmasks the mystic Antichrist character with 9 unmistakable identifying marks. (Daniel 7:7-25; see Antichrist Identifiers p. 2)
3. God warned His true followers this power would actually speak blasphemies, or seek to take God's place (Antichrist). (Daniel 7:25<sup>9</sup>; Revelation 13:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:4<sup>12</sup>; see In their own words: *speaking blasphemy* p. 2)
4. In an attempt to usurp the worship that belongs to the creator alone, this power seeks to change the times and laws set at the creation of the world. (Genesis 2:3; Daniel 7:25<sup>13</sup>; Exodus 20:8-11; see In their own words: *think to change times & laws* p. 3)
5. Latin, the chosen language of Rome, is not only their alphabet, it is also their numeric system! To this day the Latin "Numeric System" is called, Roman Numerals. For example, in their alphabet, the letter "I" = 1, and the letter "C" = 100. The numeric value of the self proclaimed title of the Pope, *Vicarius Filii Dei*, equals 666. (Revelation 13:18<sup>17</sup>)
6. God's purpose in warning His followers of this Little Horn power, was not to attack any individual, but to spare His people from its deceptions and its final destruction. (Revelation 18:4<sup>18</sup>; 14:9-11)
7. Jesus has defined what a love relationship entails. He said, "If you love me keep my commandments." That is why His people, the ones who make Him Lord of their lives, will heed His loving call to come out of any system of worship that does not obey Him. (John 14:15<sup>15</sup>; 15:10<sup>16</sup>; Revelation 14:12; 18:4<sup>18</sup>)

**Choices:** I want to follow Jesus in loving obedience. \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Daniel 7:2, 3** ... I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great \_\_\_\_\_ came up from the sea, diverse one from another.
2. **Daniel 7:23** ... The fourth beast shall be the fourth \_\_\_\_\_ upon earth ...
3. **Daniel 7:7** After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth \_\_\_\_\_, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.
4. **Daniel 7:8** I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another \_\_\_\_\_ horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.
5. **Daniel 7:21** I beheld, and the same horn made \_\_\_\_\_ with the saints, and prevailed against them;
6. **Daniel 7:25** ... and they shall be given into his hand until a \_\_\_\_\_ and times and the dividing of time.
7. **Daniel 7:24** And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be \_\_\_\_\_ from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.
8. **Daniel 7:8** ... behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_, and a mouth speaking great things.
9. **Daniel 7:25** And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and \_\_\_\_\_ to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
10. **Exodus 20:8-10** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the \_\_\_\_\_ day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God ...

11. **Matthew 4:8, 9** ... All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and \_\_\_\_\_ me.

**Antichrist Identifiers:**

There are nine predicted identifying marks for the Little Horn or Antichrist.

1. It would be a small kingdom
  2. It will arise sometime after 476 AD or the demise of Rome's world power status
  3. It will appear somewhere among the 10 tribes of the Mediterranean world
  4. It will take out three of these established kingdoms to solidify its Little Horn power
  5. It will persecute God's people for twelve hundred and sixty years
  6. It will be uniquely different than all the other 10 horns or kingdoms
  7. It will have a man at its head
  8. That man will speak blasphemies
  9. And it will try to change God's law
12. **2 Thessalonians 2:4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that \_\_\_\_\_ is God.

**In their own Words:** *speaking blasphemy*

Sins can be forgiven only through the Sacraments when duly administered ... *Catechism of Trent, p 115*

And God Himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priests, and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse or give absolution ... *The Dignity and Duties of the Priest (excerpt) page 27*

We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty. *Pope Leo XII*

Indeed, it is not too much to say that in view of the sublimity of their offices the priests are so many gods. *The Dignity of the Priesthood, p 36*

13. **Daniel 7:25** ... he shall ... \_\_\_\_\_ to change times and laws ...
14. **Psalms 89:34** My covenant will I not break, nor \_\_\_\_\_ the thing that is gone out of my lips.

**In their own Words:** *think to change times & laws*

The Pope is of great authority and power, that he is able to modify, declare, or interpret even divine laws. The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth ... *Lucius Ferraris in "Prompta Bibliotheca Canonica" Papa, Article 2 Volume 5*

We confess that whatever new thing the Pope ordains, rather it be in Scriptures or not in Scripture, and whatever he commands is true, divine and salvific; and therefore ought to be held by Lay People in greater esteem than the living God. *Roman Catholic Confessions for Protestants Oath, Article IV*

Q: Which is the Sabbath day?

A: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the council of Laodicea (AD 336) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. *Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*

Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her: she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day; a change for which there is no scriptural authority. *Reverend Steven Keenan's Doctrinal Catechism*

That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among man kind will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history. *The History of the rise of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe Vol. 2 p. 32*

15. **John 14:15** If ye \_\_\_\_\_ me, keep my commandments.
16. **John 15:10** If ye keep \_\_\_\_\_ commandments, ye shall abide in my love ...
17. **Revelation 13:18** Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.
18. **Revelation 18:4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her; my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.



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