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INTRO

NARRATION

After the flood. After Noah and his sons and their wives went forth from the ark. There was a man begotten by his grandson, Cush, whose name was Nimrod.

Genesis 10:9, 10

He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: Wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel,

...which means "confusion".

The name Nimrod means rebellion. Nimrod was a rebel against God and as the leader of the kingdom of Babel, Nimrod was also connected with the building of the Tower of Babel.

Genesis 11

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;

According to the historian Josephus, Nimrod "said he would be revenged on God, if He should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to reach. And that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers" (Antiquities of the Jews, Book 1, Chapter 4).

The motive for building the Tower of Babel, according to Josephus, was to protect humanity against another flood. But the reason for the first flood was due to humanity's wickedness and *rebellion*
-(Genesis 6:5–6), from which humanity refused to repent.-

Before the flood...

Genesis 6

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

When God saw that the children of men were building a tower in

rebellion against God, He wanted to put an end to it and said...

Genesis 11

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

(Picture) http://www.jrmi.org/who-is-semiramis/

Tradition says that Nimrod's wife was also his mother and granddaughter of Noah. According to various legends, Semiramis became pregnant after engaging in an adulterous affair while married to Nimrod. Around this time, Nimrod dies a violent and untimely death. In an effort to retain power and to hide her misdeeds, Semiramis makes the most audacious claim. She publicly declares that upon Nimrod's death, he had been resurrected as the God of the Sun. As the Sun god, Nimrod used his sun rays to miraculously inseminate Semiramis with a child. This child was thus considered to be divinely conceived. The child's name was Tammuz, which she claimed was the reincarnation of Nimrod. (Thus, Semiramis was both Nimrod's wife and mother.)

After the scattering that occurs at the Tower of Babel, the story of the miraculous conception of this child disseminated throughout the world and led to the rise of sun worship along with the various birth-death-and rebirth cults that are littered throughout history. These mystery religions of future generations adopted different names for Nimrod, Semiramis and their child, Tammuz.

This was the birth of paganism.

HISTORY'S TIMELINE
VLOG

The Egyptian book of the dead. Now, if you are anything like me, you probably loved to study mythology and this book might have been your introduction to false gods and goddesses. You have Isis and Horus in Egyptian mythology, which most atheists will say is an older version of Mary and Jesus Christ. And of course, you have other Mary and Christ like deities in other mystery religions, such as Norse mythology, Greek mythology, Roman mythology, and Babylonian mythology that predate Christianity.

Why is this so?

How was it that there were so many virgin birth religions around the world, way before the Christ was even born into humanity?

This was the question I've asked myself many years ago.

The thing is, the birth of pagan religions came about after the flood but the prophecy of a virgin birth was declared by God way before that time.

In Genesis 3:14 and 15, Soon after Satan had succeeded in causing Adam and Eve to sin, God declared to him his fate.

BIBLE VERSE 01

Genesis 3

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

VLOG

God told the serpent that the seed of the woman will bruise his head. Now in every case, the seed always comes from a man which enters

the woman thus the conception of a baby. The enemy knew that this was not to be an ordinary seed and that this was not to be an ordinary birth.

SLIDE SHOW 01

He knew that it would be a virgin birth. And so he devised a plan thru Semiramis and fathered these counterfeit virgin birth religions throughout the ancient world along with the worship of the sun in God's stead. This he did to put doubt in the minds of people by questioning: out of all these counterfeits, which "Jesus" story is the authentic?

VLOG

And so today we have atheists ridiculing Christians, saying we don't know what we believe because there are so many religions with a story similar to Christ's. Little did they know, these false religions were set up by Satan to promote false worship and idolatry.

So how do we know if God truly does exist? And how do we know which God is the authentic?

I believe Bible prophecy is one of the many strong evidences that God does truly exist and the God of the Bible is the one true God. To declare over 2500 years of human history, in pin point accuracy, years before it even started coming to pass is nothing ordinary.

Daniel's account is a very interesting account.

PICTURE STORY

The book of Daniel was written about 600 years before the time of Christ. The entire book was written by Daniel the Prophet himself except for chapter 4 which was written by King Nebuchadnezzar. The name Daniel comes from the juxtaposition of two words:

Elohim meaning (God) and Dan meaning (Judge). The name "Daniel" means "God is Judge."

The story of Daniel began in a tragedy. God's people have been disobedient to God's law and since they were stubborn and disobeyed, God had to send them adversity. The nation of Babylon came to destroy Jerusalem and carry away some of their finest and best young people into Babylon where they were trained in the customs, societies, government, and culture of the Babylonians. Daniel was one of those who were trained to be among the wise men or "magicians" in Babylon.

Now in Daniel 2, (You can read this for yourself) King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, had a dream that disturbed him from his sleep and he had the sense that the dream was important but he forgot what the dream was about. So he called the Chaldeans, these were some of the "wise men" of Babylon and asked them to tell him what the dream was AND its interpretation.

(If I asked u to tell me what I dreamt last night without prior knowledge about it, would it be possible for u to do so?... No...)

The king was asking them to read his mind. This was impossible.

But remember, he pays these wise men to know things that normal people wouldn't know so he expected them to know the dream AND its interpretation.

The king was furious to have learned that these Wiseman could not do what they said they could do and so he ordered the death of all the Wiseman in the courts of Babylon...

Daniel was one of those to be put to death.

When it came time for Daniel to be killed, he asked why the decree was so urgent and one of the king's guards, Arioch, made known to Daniel the reason why.

So Daniel asked for time so that he and his Israelite friends could pray about the dream.

BIBLE VERSE

In verse 19 of Daniel 2, the Bible says that God gave Daniel the dream in a night vision, so Daniel boldly met with the king to tell him what the dream was and that, most importantly, there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets and alone can interpret the dream. The dream was this...

PICTURE STORY

King Nebuchadnezzar saw a giant statue with the head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, and feet and toes partly of iron and partly of potter's clay.

Then a stone was cut out without hands and struck the statue on its feet and crushed the statue completely, and then that stone became a great mountain that filled the whole earth.

VLOG

So with the help of God, Daniel declares to the king what his dream was and tells the king the interpretation. Now you can find Christian books out there that will tell you that this statue is the European Union or the United Nations, but what did the Bible actually say?

BIBLE VERSE 02

Starting in verse 37 of Daniel 2, Daniel reminds the king how glorious his kingdom was and then he says, you are this head of gold. The head of gold is king Nebuchadnezzar and the kingdom of Babylon.

Then, Daniel says that after the kingdom of Babylon, a kingdom of silver shall arise, and then after that, a third kingdom of bronze shall rule the world. And then a fourth kingdom of iron shall shatter them all... And that fourth kingdom shall be divided.

VLOG

So what Daniel was trying to say is that this great big statue was a timeline, and each metal represented a kingdom.

Daniel says that Babylon was this head of gold and that those other metals after gold represent the soon coming world ruling empires that will conquer after Babylon. Who, then, was the chest and arms of silver? Well, Who conquered Babylon?

SLIDE SHOW 02 (after "continue forever")

Despite Nebuchadnezzar's desires and ambitions, Babylon did not continue forever, it was eventually conquered by the Medo-Persian empire led by Cyrus the Great who ruled from 539 BC-331 BC. Medo-Persia was this chest and arms of silver.

Who conquered Medo-Persia?

It was, of course, the Macedonian Alexander the Great who led the kingdom of Greece which ruled the world from 331 BC-168 BC. Alexander was one of the greatest military minds of all time and an interesting fact, Greek weapons were made out of bronze. Greece was this belly and thighs of bronze.

Who conquered Greece?

On June 22, 168 BC, at the battle of Pydna, the empire of Alexander the Great, 144 years after his death, perished under the Iron Monarchy of Rome. Rome ruled from 168 BC - 476 AD.

BIBLE VERSE

In verse 40 of Daniel 2, Daniel says that this fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron inasmuch as iron can break and shatter everything in pieces.

VLOG (12:35)

Iron can crush gold, silver, and bronze. Rome was the greatest empire of antiquity.

SLIDE SHOW 05

Jesus Christ was nailed to a Roman cross in 31 AD. Jerusalem was sacked by the Roman army in 70 AD. The legs of iron was Rome.

VLOG + BIBLE VERSE

Who conquered Rome?

(12:55)

Verse 41 of Daniel 2 says that this fourth kingdom will not be conquered as much as it shall be divided. We now know that this fourth kingdom was Rome. If we go down history and find that Rome was indeed divided and not conquered, then we cannot deny the truth that this book that declared it from the past is a supernatural book. So, was Rome conquered or was Rome divided? Rome was, in fact, not conquered from without but was divided from within.

SLIDE SHOW 06

By 285 AD, the Roman Empire had grown so vast that it was no longer feasible to govern all the provinces from the central seat of Rome. The Emperor Diocletian divided the empire in half with the Eastern Empire governed out of Byzantium (later known as Constantinople) and the Western Empire governed from Rome. Not only was Rome divided in half but from 351 AD to 476 AD, Rome was picked apart and divided even more by ten barbarian tribes which became ten countries in Europe. Divided Rome is the feet partly of iron and partly of potter's clay.

VLOG

Now I thought it was interesting that Rome was divided into ten countries at the feet era of this prophecy. Is it a coincidence that feet have ten toes? Very, very interesting. Who were these ten tribes?

SLIDE SHOW 07

(14:34)

Alamanni today are the Germans.

The Burgundians are the Swiss. The Franks are the French. The Lombard's are now the Italians. The Saxons became the English. The Suevi today are the Portuguese. The Visigoths are now the Spanish. The Heruli, Ostrogoth's, and Vandals are now extinct, which was later prophesied by

Daniel in chapter 7.

VLOG

All of these barbarian tribes, today, form Divided Rome, or what we now call Europe. This is the feet and toes partly of iron and partly of potter's clay.

BIBLE VERSE

(15:11)

Now, verse 43 of Daniel 2 says that divided Rome will try to adhere or unite to one another but will not be successful just as iron does not mix with clay.

VLOG

(15:24)

Have there been efforts to unite Europe? There have been at least five men who tried to out-smart God's prophecy.

SLIDE SHOW 08

(15:32)

Charlemagne tried to recreate the "Holy Roman Empire" - unsuccessful Charles V of Spain - unsuccessful Louis XIV of France - unsuccessful Napoleon Bonaparte - unsuccessful Adolf Hitler - unsuccessful

(15:50)

We cannot stop prophecy. When God declares it, it is permanent.

SLIDE SHOW 09

(15:57)

The Head of Gold was Babylon - 605 BC-539 BC
The Chest and Arms of Silver was Medo-Persia - 539 BC-331 BC
The Belly and Thighs of Bronze was Greece - 331 BC-168 BC
The Legs of Iron was Rome - 168 BC - 476 AD
The Feet and 10 Toes of Iron and Clay was Divided Rome or Europe 476 AD - Present day

IRON AND POTTER'S CLAY

(16:15)

The word worship means to bow down to, to prostrate to, or to submit yourself to someone or something. So when u worship God it means u submit to Him and submit to His commands.

Now, In Isaiah 41, God puts out a challenge to those who oppose Him.

Isaiah 41:21-23

(16:46)

- 21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.
- 22 Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.
- 23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods:

(17:15)

You see, often times, non-believers and sometimes even Christians alike, unknowingly worship themselves by submitting to their own will and obeying their own commands instead of the commandments

of God. The one true God says, prove to us u truly are God. Declare the future from here on after.

God says in Isaiah 42 (17:39)

Isaiah 42

- 8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
- 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

(17:57)

Only God alone can declare the future from the beginning. In John 13 and 14, Jesus was talking with His disciples about things that must take place concerning the future, then He says,

<u>John 14</u>

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

(18:18)

So God gives us Bible prophecy to let us know that He truly is God and so that when prophecy come to pass, we may believe. There is nothing more important to God than to save our souls, and He warns us of future events because He loves us.

(18:36)

So, now we know what the statue of Daniel 2 represents and that each metal in the statue represents different kingdoms or different political powers. We also know that the feet of iron and potter's clay represent divided Rome, which we now call Europe. There is a secondary application to this iron and potter's clay. Now, the iron represents Rome which was a pagan kingdom but, what about the potter's clay? What is clay a representation of in the Bible? Well, what does clay remind you of? Think of the beginning. In the beginning, we know that man was made out of clay but what does clay represent in Bible prophecy?

SLIDE SHOW 10 OR BIBLE VERSE

(19:20)

In *Jeremiah 18:1-6*, God tells Jeremiah to go to a potter's house and there he found a potter at work and the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hands of the potter.

Then the Lord said O Israel cannot I do with you as this potter? Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand so are you in my hand o house of Israel.

VLOG

(19:48)

God was talking to the house of Israel, His church, and tells them that He forms His church like the potter forms the potter's clay. So in this imagery, God describes Himself as the potter and God describes Israel, which is His church, as the potter's clay.

BIBLE VERSE

(20:06)

Isaiah further describes this in chapter 64:8 where he says that the church is the clay and God is the potter and that the church is the work of God's hands.

VLOG

(20:18)

So God symbolically formed the church with potter's clay. This is very familiar imagery. We can find that in the very beginning, a similar thing happened with the creation of man.

SLIDE SHOW 11 OR BIBLE VERSE

(20:32)

In *Genesis 2:7 God forms man, his body, out of the dust of the ground*. The Hebrew word that Moses used for dust is the word aw-fawr which means clay. And then God breathed into man the breath of life. Now, in the Bible, the breath of life is also called the spirit. The word spirit in the bible is the Hebrew word ruach which means breath or wind.

* * * VLOG (21:01)

So we have God forming man's body out of clay and He breathes in him the breath of life or spirit, or wind.

BIBLE VERSE

(21:12)

In Colossians 1:18 we learn that Christ is the head of the church and the church itself was called the body and remember God said that He forms the body of his church out of potter's clay. In Acts 2 at the day of Pentecost there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and filled the church with the Holy Spirit. God breathed into the church the Holy Spirit.

VLOG

(21:39)

So, in the beginning, we have God forming man's body out of clay and then he breathes in him the spirit, or the breath of life, or the wind, which gave Adam life, and now we learn that God forms the body of His church out of potter's clay which Christ is the head and then God breathed into the church, at the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, described as a rushing mighty wind and the church became alive and fully functional to do God's work. This is a very interesting parallel.

(22:16)

So Back to Daniel 2. What is the secondary application for the potter's clay in this prophecy? We now know that it is the Church. And since the potter's clay is at the feet era of the statue, which is the Pagan Roman era, then it cannot be the old testament church. It must be the new testament Christian church because this was formed and became alive during the day of Pentecost which came after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ when Rome was in power.

(22:46)

In Daniel 2:41, Daniel writes that the iron kingdom, which is Pagan Rome, will be divided and that this same potter's clay in the Pagan

Roman era will begin to mix with Iron.

(23:00)

Remember, the iron in this prophecy represents the political power of Rome. So then the Christian church will begin to mix with the Roman state. And not only will the Christian church begin to mix with the political power of Rome, but the church will also begin to mix with the pagan beliefs of Rome. How do we know? Well every kingdom represented by each metal in this prophecy have been pagan kingdoms.

SLIDE SHOW 09

(23:27)

Babylon, as well as Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome were all pagan kingdoms.

VLOG

(23:35)

So not only will Rome be a union of church and state, but it will also be a union of Christianity and Roman paganism. And Daniel says that this will be the ruling power in the feet era of the statue. The Church of Rome.

Is this accurate in history? Did the Christian church begin to mingle with not only the Roman state but also Roman paganism?

SLIDE SHOW 10

(24:03)

In AD 306 Constantine became the new Roman emperor by fighting a series of civil wars and he believed that it was the Christian God that helped him conquer. As history explains, Constantine received a vision from God and that an angel had told him that in the sign of the cross he must conquer. Now, we don't know if his conversion was genuine, but Constantine became a supposed believer of the Christian God.

(24:35)

During Constantine's reign, Christians went from being a persecuted sect to openly holding positions of influence in the courts and palaces of kings and governors. So if u wanted to advance in the army or imperial civil service, holding a position of power, becoming a Christian will take you on the right path to do so because all the people at the top are now Christians. Constantine made Christianity the religion of the state.

VLOG

(25:10)

And so by that time, Christianity had begun intermingling with the state. The state of Rome. And so, as people in the Roman Empire converted to Christianity, they brought along with their former pagan beliefs and practices and Christianity became intermingled with Roman paganism. There were even pagan statues renamed after biblical characters.

SLIDE SHOW 11

(25:34)

The statue of Jupiter was renamed Peter. The statue of Hermes is shown as Christ the good shepherd. The statue of The Madonna and child was retitled the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus. Christianity had even adopted the pagan worship of the sun on the day of the sun or "Sunday" instead of the Bible Sabbath. Christianity began to fornicate with Roman paganism.

VLOG

(26:06)

What else happened during that time period? When Constantine took his empire and moved it from Rome to Constantinople, which is now known as Istanbul, he had to leave somebody in charge of the western Roman empire. Who did he leave in charge?

SLIDE SHOW 12

(26:23)

None other than The Bishop of Rome. Not only did the bishop of Rome gain the charge over the western roman empire but in 538 AD, the

eastern Roman emperor Justinian gave a decree acknowledging the Bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. In the same year, the Roman Church-State was given political, civil, as well as ecclesiastical power.

VLOG

(26:50)

The church of Rome or papal Rome, which we now call the papacy, became THE power in Rome.

The civil power, the political power and religious power. And so, After the fall of Rome, it continued in its divided state and it also continued as a union of church and state.

(27:09)

So now we see the three prophetic applications of the feet era prophesied by Daniel 2. Not only was Rome divided in half with two empires but it was also picked apart by ten tribes and divided into ten kingdoms or ten countries. They tried intermingling to reunite divided Rome but they were unsuccessful. They also tried mixing Church and state, and Christianity and paganism, but we all know that when you mix lies with the truth, it falls apart.

(24:43)

It is truly amazing how pin point accurate Bible prophecy is. This must be the work of God. 2500 years of human history declared by God 600 years before the time of Christ. We are now at the feet of this Babylonian statue. There is nothing else left after the feet except *Daniel 2 verses 44 and 45* says that in the days of these kings, God will destroy and consume these kingdoms and set up His own kingdom ...

And this will be a kingdom that will stand for eternity

THE BEASTS OF PROHECY

PICTURE STORY

(28:23)

And so, God continued to give Daniel visions. Most of those visions were of prophetic events that were on the verge of coming to pass and stretches all the way to the very end of time. In *Daniel 7*, Daniel was given a vision of four beasts that arise from a whirlwind out of the sea. The first was a lion with wings who receives a man's heart and then

stands upright like a man. The second was a bear hunched on one side with three ribs in his mouth. The third was a leopard with four heads and with four wings of a fowl. And then the fourth was a diverse beast with ten horns and iron teeth.

(29:13)

Daniel considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, this horn had eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. Daniel was grieved in his spirit in the midst of his body, and the visions of his head troubled him. What could the meaning of these visions be? Daniel yearned for the interpretation.

THE LITTLE KINGDOM

(29:50)

VLOG + BIBLE VERSE

Now when I first started reading the Bible, I started digging into Bible prophecy first and I was so confused. I didn't know what these symbols meant but I tried to figure it out in my own head with my own opinions and my own understanding. Little did I know that the interpretations of these prophecies are actually found written in the Bible all along.

Again in Daniel 7, Daniel receives visions of beasts in Bible prophecy. What is a beast a symbol of in Bible prophecy? *Daniel 7:17* says that these great beasts, which are four, are four kings which shall arise out of the earth. Of course we know that a "king" and a "kingdom" are used synonymously in the Bible because you cannot have a king without a kingdom and you cannot have a kingdom without a king.

BIBLE VERSE (STOPPED)**

(30:48)

Notice that verse 23 of Daniel 7 says that the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth. So in Bible prophecy, a "king" and a "kingdom" are used synonymously. Daniel 7:7 says that this fourth beast has ten horns. What do the horns on this fourth beast represent?

Verse 24 of Daniel 7 says that the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise. So then out of this fourth kingdom, ten more kings or kingdoms shall arise. Again we have a prophecy about kingdoms.

In the Daniel 2 prophecy we have four metals that represent four different kingdoms.

SLIDE SHOW 13

(31:34)

The head of gold was Babylon. (605 BC-539 BC)
The chest and arms of silver was Medo-Persia. (539 BC-331 BC)
The belly and thighs of bronze was Greece. (331 BC-168 BC)
The legs of iron was Rome (168 BC-476 BC)

Rome then was divided into ten tribal kingdoms in the feet era made of iron and clay (476 AD- Present) three of those tribal kingdoms are now extinct.

VLOG

(31:55)

So keep that in mind: the fourth kingdom, Rome, was divided into ten tribal kingdoms.

Three of those tribal kingdoms are not extinct.

(32:06)

In Daniel 7, we have a, somewhat, similar prophecy. We have four beasts representing four kingdoms and out of the fourth kingdom, ten more kings or kingdoms will arise represented by horns and guess what happens to three of those ten horns.

BIBLE VERSE

(32:24)

Daniel says in chapter 7 and verse 8, I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots:

(32:39)

So right when this little horn was coming up, three of the first ten horns were plucked up by the roots. Funny, because three of the ten tribal kingdoms that divided Rome in Daniel 2, are now extinct... they were uprooted. It seems as if the statue prophecy of Daniel 2 and this beast prophecy of Daniel 7 are lining up perfectly.

SLIDE SHOW 14

(33:05)

So, Daniel says that the first beast was a lion with wings. In the time that Daniel received this vision, Babylon was still the dominant kingdom of the world. Babylon had all kinds of winged lion statues in their kingdom, so Daniel probably saw these statues every day when he was in Babylon. So we can say that the first beast, the lion with wings, might be Babylon.

VLOG

(33:32)

But that's a little bit too easy. What does scripture actually say? After Solomon, Israel began to rebel against God and so what God did is He raised up a few prophets to warn them of the coming judgment. If they don't repent and turn back to God another nation will come to destroy them, and conquer them and take away their people.

(33:55)

God through Jeremiah in chapter 4 specifically says this.

BIBLE VERSE

(34:00)

Ieremiah 4:6, 7

I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. The lion is come up from his thicket and the destroyer of the gentiles is on his way. He is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate and thy cities shall be laid waste without an inhabitant.

(34:20)

God was talking about babylon coming to conquer israel and taking their people and marching them out of Israel and into Babylon. God describes Babylon, or the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar as a lion.

BIBLE VERSE

(34:35)

In *Habakkuk* 1:6 God describes this same scenario and says "I will raise up the chaldeans that bitter and hasty nation..." talking about Babylon again

"...which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs."

Verse 8 even mentions that "...they shall fly as the Eagles that hasteth to eat."

VLOG

(35:00)

God was describing the nation of chaldea, which are also the babylonians.

Two of the beasts that God uses to describe Babylon was a lion and an eagle.

BIBLE VERSE

(35:12)

In *Daniel 7:4*, Daniel says about the first beasts:

The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

(35:33)

So that the last half of the verse says that the beast was made to stand upright like a man and a man's heart was given to it.

This reminds me of another event that happened in the Bible.

A couple chapters before Daniel 7 is Daniel 4 and something happens to King Nebuchadnezzar.

He dreams a dream and in this dream he saw a big tree and all the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky gravitated towards this tree.

(36:00)

We have reason to believe that this tree was not an ordinary tree and that it represented a man because verses 14 to 16 of Daniel 4 says that this tree was cut down and then it says: Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

This tree represents a man and Daniel, once again, had to explain this dream to king Nebuchadnezzar.

PICTURE STORY + BIBLE VERSE

(36:30)

In *Daniel 4:20-22*, Daniel describes the tree from the king's dream and says, "it is thou, O king,"

VLOG

(36:39)

Daniel says that this big tree <u>is</u> King Nebuchadnezzar himself, and we know that King Nebuchadnezzar represents the kingdom of Babylon.

BIBLE VERSE

(36:49)

Daniel 4:16 says that the king's "...heart will be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times..." (or seven years) "...pass over him."

(37:03)

Daniel 4:25 says about the king:

thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

VLOG

(37:23)

If you read the whole chapter, you will find that this thing happened to King Nebuchadnezzar because he claimed that <u>HE</u> himself built his kingdom and did not give credit to God so then the king was given a heart of a beast and started crawling around and acting like a beast.

BIBLE VERSE

(37:39)

Daniel 4:34 King Nebuchadnezzar writes:

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

VLOG

(38:04)

And so because King Nebuchadnezzar's heart was changed and he was given the heart of a beast, he started crawling around and acting like a beast.

After seven years, king Nebuchadnezzar said that his understanding came back to him and he started thinking and acting like a man again. Of course, he most likely regained his manly heart and also began to stand upright once again.

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So, Now, remember, in the book of Jeremiah and in the book of Habakkuk, God describes Babylon as a beast.

He describes Babylon as a lion and also describes Babylon as an eagle.

Go back to Daniel 7. What does it say about this first beast?

BIBLE VERSE

(38:50)

Again

Dan 7:4 The first BEAST was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

VLOG

(39:12)

So, in the Bible we have God describing Babylon as a beast, specifically a lion and an eagle.

And in Daniel 4 Nebuchadnezzar, who represents the kingdom of Babylon, starts crawling around and acting like a beast because he was given the heart of a beast and then after seven years had passed, he stands upright like a man, meaning his heart then was changed back into a man's heart.

In Daniel 7, the first beast, the lion with eagle's wings, was lifted up from the earth and made to stand upright like a man and was given a man's heart.

Very, very, interesting.

So according to the bible, this first beast of Daniel 7, the lion with eagle's wings, is none other than the Kingdom of Babylon.

(40:07)

So again, we have a starting point. The evidence is there. This prophecy of Daniel 7 is the same prophecy of Daniel 2, only this time God uses beasts and we are going to see that He's going to give us more details when it comes to the fourth kingdom.

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So, let's do a little bit of a recap on Daniel 2

SLIDE SHOW 09

(40:27)

The Head of Gold was Babylon - 605 BC-539 BC
The Chest and Arms of Silver was Medo-Persia - 539 BC-331 BC
The Belly and Thighs of Bronze was Greece - 331 BC-168 BC
The Legs of Iron was Rome - 168 BC - 476 AD
The Feet and 10 Toes of Iron and Clay was Rome Divided in 2 and then further divided by 10 tribes, 3 of which are now extinct- 476 AD
- Present day

(40:52)

In Daniel 7, we again, have four kingdoms. The lion and eagle's wings was Babylon.

If the lion with Eagle's wings was Babylon, who then was the bear? None other than Medo-Persia.

The leopard with four heads and four wings comes after the bear so then it would be Greece

and then that diverse beast that comes after the leopard must be Rome.

(41:22)

Then verse 20 says that out of the fourth kingdom, out of this fourth beast which was Rome, arose ten horns, three of which were uprooted by the little horn.

"And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows."

VLOG

(41:33)

Very very interesting. The question now is, who is this little horn?

Fortunately for us, the Bible, in Daniel 7, gives us descriptions of this little horn's characteristics.

All we have to do is study those characteristics and compare them

with the influential powers of the world and we will know by process of elimination, who this little horn entity is.

But before we do all that we must first define a few symbols.

PICTURE STORY + BIBLE VERSE

SYMBOLS

Beast

(42:07)

What is a beast a symbol of in Bible Prophecy? Daniel 7:17 talking about prophetic beasts, says that: These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

(42:20)

Again, we know that king and kingdom are used synonymously in Bible prophecy because you cannot have a king without a kingdom nor can you have a kingdom without a king.

(42:32)

Daniel 7:23 again talking about the prophetic beasts, says: ...The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth

(42:42)

So a beast in Bible Prophecy is a symbol for Beast - Political Power / Kingdom / Nation / Super power

Horn

(42:51)

What is a horn a symbol of in Bible Prophecy?

Daniel 7:24

And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise:

Again, a horn in Bible prophecy is a symbol for a king or a kingdom.

Habakkuk 3:3, 4

Talking about God, his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

"God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power."

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Horn - King/ Kingdom/ Power

$\underline{Blasphemy}$

(43:24)

What is the Bible definition of blasphemy?

In John 10, "Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly."

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(44:09)

So <u>Blasphemy Definition #1</u> - When a man claims to be God on earth.

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(44:49)

<u>Blasphemy</u>

So the 2 bible definitions of Blasphemy is when a man Claims to be God on earth/ claims to have the power to forgive sin

But for Jesus Christ, this is not a problem because he, himself, is God

Forty and two months

(45:02)

Daniel 7 says about the little horn that he will reign for a time and times and the dividing of time.

Daniel 7 says about the little horn:

25 And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

A time in the Bible is a year.

Times, that's two years and the dividing of time is half a year. So that's three and a half years that the little horn will reign. three and a half years is forty two months and in the Hebrew calendar, there are only thirty days per month.

(45:27)

So, forty two months, thirty days each month is twelve hundred and sixty days.

But what is a day a symbol of in Bible Prophecy?

(45:36)

Ezekiel 4:4-6 God makes a Prophecy, He says to Ezekiel

"Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year."

(46:20)

So God says that in Prophecy each day equals to a year *Numbers* 14:34

After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

(46:44)

So again, God makes a prophecy, He says you guys will search the land for forty days. The only thing is they did not search the land for forty days. They were there for forty years. God appointed each day for a year.

A day in prophecy equals a literal year.

In Luke 13, Jesus used this same principal. (47:06)

Luke 13

- 31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.
- 32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures

today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

(47:29)

See, this was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He said He will cast out Devils and cure people for three more days and then He will be

perfected on the third day. The only thing is he did not cast out devils and cure people three more days, he did it for three more years and then at the end he was on the cross saying it is finished, it is complete. It is perfected.

So a day in Bible Prophecy equals to a year literally.

So

Time | times | the dividing of time

Would be 3 ½ years or 42 months or 1260 days in prophecy which means 1260 literal years.

(48:15)

KEYS:

Beast - Political Power / Kingdom / Nation / Super power
Horn - King / Kingdom / Power
Blasphemy - Claim to be God on earth / Claim to have the power to forgive sin
Time, Times, Dividing of times / 1260 Days - 1260 Literal Years

So now that we know the keys and the definitions of these prophetic symbols, let's now identify who the little horn is by its characteristics.

Characteristics

(48:23)

Daniel 7 Verse 8

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up AMONG THEM another LITTLE HORN,

What is the horn a symbol of in Bible Prophecy?

A Kingdom

And Verse 8 says that this will be a little horn meaning it'll be a little kingdom.

So Characteristic #1

1. Little kingdom

Verse 8 also says that it will come from amongst the ten horns of divided Rome which today is called Europe

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So Characteristic #2

2. Comes from among the Ten horns of divided Rome which today is called europe

Verse 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 diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

3. Has to come up after divided Rome of 10 horns after AD 476.

A. Rome began to divide

1. From AD 190 to AD 476, the Roman Empire began to get picked apart by ten tribes and in the year AD 476 the last Roman emperor Romulus Augustulus was removed from power by the leader of the goths. Rome was fully divided in the year 476 AD. So this LITTLE HORN kingdom would rise among the ten horns of Europe AFTER 476 AD

Verse 8

4. Plucks up 3 horns. So this little kingdom will uproot 3 of those 10 kingdoms from Europe

Verse 24
5. Diverse

Verse 8
6. A man as figurehead

Verse 25

7. Speak great words against the most high

Now the word that Daniel used for great is the hebrew word that means domineering. It means to boast or to be arrogant against the Most High. It means to blaspheme the Most High.

A. Blasphemy

1. John 10:33 claim to be God

- 2. Mark 2:7 claim to have the power to forgive sin
- 3. Timothy 1:12, 13 persecuted people of God in the name of God.

Verse 21, 25

8. Wear out saints make war with God's people

Verse 25

9. Think to change times and laws. Is this talking about the times and laws of America? Or Europe? No, because the only times and laws the Bible recognizes are the prophetic times given by the Bible and the laws of God.

Verse 25

10. He will rule over saints for a time, times, dividing of time...

A. Mosaic calendar a year contains 360 days/ Julian calendar 365

1. Revelation 42 months

B. Day-Year

1. Ezekiel 4:6

2. Numbers 14:34

VLOG

Who is it? Who is this little horn also known as the antiChrist power? Now, I know that this is a very sensitive subject.

Pro 12:1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that

hateth reproof is brutish.

Pro 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Heb 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

2Ti 3:16, 17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

God sends Bible truth to warn us because He loves us. He wants to correct us not to embarrass us but to direct us to the path of righteousness that we may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Catholic Church-State Papacy...

VLOG + PICTURE STORY

- 1. <u>Is it a small kingdom?</u> The Vatican is one of the smallest kingdoms in the world.
 - 2. <u>Did it come up among divided rome?</u> The Vatican came up among divided rome or europe.

3. Was it established after AD 476?
The History of the Christian Church - Vol 3

Page 327

The [Roman Church-State] power became supreme in Christendom in 538 AD. Due to a letter of the Roman emperor Justinian, known as Justinian's decree, which set up and acknowledged the bishop of Rome as the head of all churches.

It gave the [Roman Church-State] political power, civil power as well as ecclesiastical power. This letter became part of Justinian's code, the fundamental law of the Empire and that year Pope Vigilius ascended the throne under the military protection of Belisarius.

The Vatican established its authority in AD 538 which was shortly after year AD 476.

4. <u>Did the Papacy pluck up three of those ten tribes that divided</u> Rome?

The Vandals, the Heruli, and the Ostragoths were three of the ten tribes that divided Rome. They denied the teachings of the Church of Rome and so what the Bishop of Rome did is He called upon Justinian to get rid of those three tribes and sure enough the Vandals, the Heruli, and the Ostragoths are now extinct. No modern descendants whatsoever.

Did the church of Rome rule politically and religiously at the time? After the division of Rome by ten tribes, three of those tribes the vandals the heruli and the ostrogoths who were Aryan tribes, denied the

teachings of the church. So the Bishop of Rome called upon Justinian who was the ruler of the Eastern Roman Empire at the time, to uproot these three tribes and Justinian completely annihilated them and these three tribes have no modern descendants today, whatsoever.

- 5. <u>Is it a diverse kingdom?</u> Yes, this kingdom is a union of church and state. France was a kingdom, England was a kingdom, Germany was a kingdom... The Vatican is a church as well as a kingdom.
 - 6. <u>Does it have a man at its head?</u> The pope.

7. Does it speak Blasphemy?

A. Does it claim to be God on earth?

The Archbishop of Venice prior to becoming Pope Pius X

"The [Bishop of Rome] is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he IS Jesus Christ Himself hidden under the veil of the flesh. Does the [Bishop of Rome] speak? It is Jesus Christ who speaks.

This system is claiming to be God on earth.

B. Does it claim to rule for God on earth?

The Great Encyclical Letters to Leo, XIII Page 304

"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty."

C. Does it claim to have the power to forgive sins?

Dignity and Duties of the Priest Page 34 Ligonier

Were the Redeemer (Jesus Christ) to descend into a church, and sit in a confessional to administer the sacrament of penance, and a priest to sit in a confessional, Jesus would say over each penitent: 'Ego te absolvo,' (latin for I forgive u) the priest would likewise say over each of his penitents, 'Ego te absolvo,' and the penitents of each would be equally absolved.

That means if Jesus forgives me of my sins and a catholic priest forgives u of ur sins we are both equally forgiven.... is that blasphemy?

Blasphemy

8. Did it make war with God's people?

The Roman church state has shed more Christian blood than any other institution that has ever existed on earth via the inquisition...

One hundred million christians were killed by the papacy during a period called the dark ages.

U know why they call it the dark ages? Because the Bible was illegal. If this power caught u with a bible in ur hands u r immediately taken in for heresy and u r tortured and eventually killed.

9. Did it think to change the very times and laws of God?

Now the papacy didn't really change prophetic times and the law of God.. no one can change prophecy and the law of God. The papacy thought they could and intended to change the prophetic times and the law of God.

There are three general views of bible prophecy interpretation. So far we have seen prophecy unfold in parallel to historic events, meaning, prophetic time frame is laid out and history fulfills those prophecies. Prophecy said that there was Babylon, Babylon would be conquered by Medo-Persia, Medo-Persia then conquered by Greece, then Greece would be conquered by Rome and Rome would be divided.

We have taken the time to study, intricately, the meaning of the symbols given to us in Bible prophecy and have found out that these prophecies line up perfectly with history. This is called the Historicist view of Bible prophecy interpretation and I believe it is the true view of prophecy.

When the Papacy was still in power, protestants were given light by God and they began to interpret Bible prophecy and thoroughly identified the Papacy as the antichrist power mentioned in scripture. So what the Papacy did is, around the 1500s and 1600s, they hired two jesuit priests to counter the historicist view of Bible prophecy interpretation to point people away from identifying the Papacy as the antichrist power of Scripture.

Jesuit priest **Francisco Ribera** came up with the <u>futurist view of</u> <u>interpretation</u>, which tells us that these prophecies will be fulfilled in the future and that the antichrist will be a man from the middle east. This opposes the view in which these prophecies are actually taking place in parallel to history. So, from this very study, we know that this

futurist point of view is a false doctrine.

The second jesuit priest hired by the Papacy was **Luis de Alcazar** who came up with the *preterist view of interpretation* claiming that these prophecies have already happened in the past with Nero being the antichrist. The problem with this is that Nero does not fulfill all of the characteristics and descriptions of the antichrist mentioned in scripture, one of which, among many others, is the criteria that the antichrist will rule for 1260 years. It is impossible for a human man in Nero to fit this description. The preterist point of view is also a false doctrine.

Remember, the antichrist shall THINK to change TIMES and LAWS.

These two views of prophecy interpretation is an attempt to change the prophetic TIME of God's prophecy. What about the LAW of God? Did the Papacy think to change the law of God?

Lucius Ferraris Prompta Bibliotheca Article: "Papa" II vol. VI page 29

The [Bishop of Rome] is of great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws... the [Bishop of Rome] can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent [representative] of God upon earth.

In other words "we can change the law of God."

Funny thing, the only Law of God that is also a time is the Sabbath and the Papacy thought it could change that law from Sabbath, which is Saturday, to sunday. We will talk more about that later on, it's very important.

10. Did it rule for 1260 years?

Remember, the papacy officially gained its power, seat and authority from Rome in the year 538 AD. In 538 AD after those 3 tribes were plucked up, Justinian issued a decree stating that the Bishop of Rome is now the boss.

No wonder why this power thought it can change prophetic times and even divine laws. It became power hungry and started persecuting Christians who didn't want to do what the church wanted them to do. and this is what happens when church and state unites.

it was a union of church and state that persecuted and killed Jesus Christ. And so it was a union of church and state that persecuted and killed the followers of Christ.

So AD 538, the Papacy became the boss and at the year 1798 Napoleon became sick and tired of taking orders from the Papacy and he sent one of his top generals named Berthier to arrest the Pope and then claimed Rome and ended the Roman Church State.

Do the math 538 AD to 1798 AD.... 1260 years.

538 plus 1260 equals 1798

So, all ten descriptions or characteristics of Daniel 7's little horn fit only ONE entity in this world and that would be the Papacy...

Of course the Roman church state would rise again later and it's wound would heal. That was prophesied by John in the book of revelation.

Timeline basis for all of Daniel's prophecies.

Daniel 7

Lion is Babylon Bear is Medo-Persia Leopard is Greece Dragon (ferocious beast) is pagan rome 10 horns (3 plucked up) is divided rome now europe

<u>Little Horn/Dragon Beast: Important characteristics</u>

1. Little Kingdom Vatican papal rome

- 2. Came out of divided rome among the 10 horns/kingdoms
- 3. Came up after rome was divided which was 476 ad
- ${\bf 4.\ Subdued\ 3\ kings\ kingdoms\ from\ divided\ rome\ Ostrogoths\ visigoths}$
- 5. Diverse kingdom
- 6. Prominent man as figure head
- 7. Speaks Blasphemy power to forgive sin
- 8. Persecuted the saints Dark Ages inquisition
- 9. Think to change times and laws idol worship Sabbath
- 10. Ruled for 1260 years

Little horn/Dragon beast = Papacy More facts about Papacy:

- 11. It rises out of a densely populated area
- 12. Reigned 1260 years til 1798
- 13. Berthier 1798 arrested pope taken out of his throne

Daniel Revelation Parallel

Daniel:

Lion > Bear > Leopard > Dragon with 10 horns

Revelation:

Dragon > Leopard > Bear > Lion

Daniel:

Lion 1 head. Bear 1 head. Leopard 4 heads. Dragon 1 head 10 horns. Equal 7 heads 10 horns.

Revelation:

Dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns.

I mean, are we near?... How near are we?...

BEASTS OF REVELATION

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VLOG

The book of Revelation is a very interesting book of the Bible. This is a book that I have read over and over again for the last eight years of my life. My mom actually introduced me to this last book of the Bible in order to scare me into heaven, which wasn't a good premise if the goal was to have a LOVE relationship with Christ. This book was written by John the revelator and in this book, he describes the visions he had seen while visited by the LORD at the Island of Patmos in his exile. When I was reading this book, I focused particularly on the scary parts because those were the things that, as a young man, interested me most about the Bible.

SLIDE SHOW

In Revelation 13, John saw a vision of a beast that rises out of the sea. This beast had seven heads and ten horns and John says that all the world wondered after this particular beast. After this beast that rises out of the sea, John saw another beast that rises out of the earth. This beast had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

VLOG

Who are these beasts? What do they represent? I believe that these prophecies give us insights and, most importantly, warnings about events soon to take place in the near future. Revelation 13 goes on to say that these beasts will cause people to have a mark and who ever is not found with that mark cannot buy or sell and eventually will be killed. So, the more we know, the better we are able to prepare for this coming crisis.

The list of descriptions given to describe these two beasts of Revelation 13 we will see are quite similar to the descriptions given to describe the beasts of Daniel 7. But, in order to figure out who or what these beasts represent, we must first, again, learn more keys to unlock the meaning of the symbols that give us the clues which reveal the identity of these beasts.

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<u>Sea</u>

Revelation 13:1

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Revelation 17:3 John being carried away in the spirit says: So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

This is the same beast. So now the woman is sitting on the beast which rises out of the sea.

Revelation 17:15 John was talking to the angel...

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

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Forty and two months

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Days - Years

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Dragon

Satan/ Pagan Rome
In Revelation 12 we find a pregnant woman.

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

So, in the primary sense, the dragon is the devil. But there is a secondary application.

Revelation 12 starting in verse 4, Talking about the dragon says:

- 4 his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
 - 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

First of all, what is a dragon? It is a beast.

And remember, a beast is a symbol for a kingdom.

Now, who was the man child who is now caught up unto God and to his throne?

That would be <u>Jesus Christ</u>.

Verse 4 says that this dragon, this beast, or this kingdom, wanted to devour the man child, which was Jesus Christ, as soon as He was born.

Who was the king from which kingdom that tried to kill Jesus as soon as He was born?

In Matthew 2, it was King Herod of Pagan Rome that ordered to kill all of the sons of Bethlehem under two years old in hopes that Jesus would one of those that were killed.

He felt threatened by Jesus because he had heard the prophecy that one day this child would take hold of rulership.

So in a secondary sense, The <u>Dragon</u> is also <u>Pagan Rome</u>.

Dragon - Satan/ Pagan Rome

Sword

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

In the primary sense, the <u>sword</u> is <u>the word of God</u>.

Romans 13:1-4

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

Matthew 26:52

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Sword - Bible / Civil Power

Image

Likeness

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Bible definition of <u>Worship</u>

Hebrew word shaw kaw

Greek word *proskuneo*

To bow down to, crouch, revere, prostrate to, or submit to.. someone or something.

Worship - to bow down and prostrate oneself in submission and obedience to someone or something, usually in a spiritual or religious sense.

KEYS:

Beast - Political Power / Kingdom / Nation / Super power

Sea - Peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues / Densely populated area

Horn - King/Kingdom/Power

Blasphemy - Claim to be God on earth/ Claim to have the power to forgive sin

42 months/ 1260 Days - 1260 Literal Years

Dragon - Satan/ Pagan Rome

Sword - Bible / Civil Power

Image - Likeness

Worship - to bow down and prostrate oneself in submission and obedience to someone or something, usually in a spiritual or religious sense. Bow down to, prostrate to revere, submit to.. someone or something. To obey.

VLOG

So now that we know the keys, we are gonna read Revelation 13 starting from verse 1. We are gonna apply these keys and we will see that the first beast of Revelation 13 have very similar descriptions to that of another entity that was prophesied in one of the visions from Daniel 7.

Revelation 13

- 1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
- 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13

- 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast:
 - and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast?

 who is able to make war with him?
- 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.
- 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
 - 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
- 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
 - 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.
 - 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

VLOG

Let's make a list of the descriptions the Bible gives us about this second beast of Revelation 13.

- 1. Beast Super power
- 2. Now, remember, this lamb-like beast rises up right when the papacy

was on its way to captivity which is in the year 1798. So this superpower will rise up around late 1700s.

- 3. Notice, prophecy goes from east to west. In Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, that first kingdom was Babylon. The second kingdom was Medo-Persia which is west of Babylon. Third kingdom was Greece which is west of Persia and the last kingdom was Rome which is to the west of Greece. Rome then gave its seat of authority to the Papacy. Where, then, will this lamb like beast, this super power, rise up out of? If we follow the movement of prophecy, it should rise up in the western hemisphere and not the eastern hemisphere. In the NEW world and not the OLD world.
- 4. Comes up out of the earth which is the opposite of the sea. Sea is densely populated area. Earth is sparsely populated area.
- 5. Lamb like beast. Lamb = Christ. Christian nation with christian principles. two horns. These horns are very different from the horns we've seen in prophecy before. Remember, the first beast had ten horns and ten crowns. This lamb-like beast has two horns and no crowns.

 Two Horns / Kingdoms / Powers Two principals

What are the Two Principles of Christ?

Matthew **22:36-40** When Jesus was being asked, which is the greatest commandment. Here's what He had to say:

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Two principles of Christ = Love God and Love neighbors.
This is why God specifically wrote the Ten Commandments on two tables of stone. Not one, not three, but two for a specific reason.

First table, which contains the first four commandments, describes our

duty towards God, governed strictly by a religious power. This is a Spiritual kingdom.

The **second table**, which contains the last six commandments, describes our duty towards man, our neighbors, governed strictly by a civil power. Civil kingdom.

These two principles were even laid out by Jesus Himself.

In *Mark* 12:14-17, a group of people came to talk with Jesus.

And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it. And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

In the context, God controls the religious power or spiritual kingdom and Caesar, today we call it the government, controls the civil power, or civil kingdom.

Two Principals = Church and State and the Separation thereof. This lamb-like beast is a Christian nation acknowledging the separation of two powers, Church and State.

RECAP

- 1. Beast it is a super power
- 2. Come up around late 1700s
- 3. Will come up in the western hemisphere in the new world and not the old world
 - 4. Comes up in a sparsely populated area

5. Christian nation that acknowledges the 2 principles of Christ. Church principals, state principals and the separation thereof.

What is the only Christian based superpower that rises up in the late 1700s in a sparsely populated area in the western hemisphere who acknowledges church and state and the separation thereof?

It is none other than the United States of America.

1. <u>Is it a beast or a superpower?</u> The US is actually one of the most influential superpowers in the world since the papacy.

2. Did it come up in the late 1700s?

1776 - Declaration of independence 1783 - End of revolutionary war against great Britain 1787 - US Constitution framed 1789 - US Constitution ratified 1789 - 1797 George Washington served as our first president

While the papacy was on its way down, the US was quietly establishing its power and dominance.

3. Did the US come up in the western hemisphere?

It is no secret that the United States came up in the new world in the western hemisphere. Even our currency states that we are established in New world and US even calls this the new world order.

4. Did the US come up in a sparsely populated area?

When the US was discovered, this continent was barely populated.

5. <u>Does the US acknowledge church and state and the separation thereof?</u>

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The US has a constitution actually protecting the separation of church and state. One of the reasons why our founding fathers came to claim this land was because they were trying to detach themselves from a king that runs both church and state which is the pope. This is the reason why we came up as a republic and a protestant nation. republicanism is a kingdom without a king.. and Protestantism is a church without a pope.

The United States of America is the only entity in the world that fits the description of this second beast that rises out of the earth. Now, this doesn't mean that the citizens of the US are evil people. Similarly, just because the papacy is the first beast of revelation does not mean the citizens of the Catholic Church are evil people, Most of them just don't know.

MARK OF THE BEAST

By now, we are all most likely overwhelmed about what we have been learning so far. We have been seeing the interpretation of prophecy unfold and very clearly understand the intricate fulfillment of these prophecies all throughout history.

Daniel 2 talks about a statue which we now know outlines the timeline blueprint of history.

We've expounded upon the feet of that statue and we now know that the feet of iron and clay represents the division of rome, the mixing of church and state and the mixing of Christianity and paganism.

Daniel 7 explains the same prophecy except God gives us more details about the end time. The little horn we now know is the Papacy.

We moved on to John the revelator and God gives us yet again the same prophecy but again gives us even more details about the end times. God lets us know that the papacy receives his deadly wound and while he receives that deadly wound, America rises quietly to

power.

We have also expounded on the symbols that God uses to communicate to us prophetic visions.

We are almost at the end. We are now at the era of this second beast of *Revelation 13* which is America.

- 11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.
- 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
- 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
- 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Now remember, an image means a likeness of something. The Bible says the United States will make a likeness of the papacy. What was the papacy? It was a persecuting super power that united church and state who persecuted Christians who did not obey their commands. This means then that the US will also unite church and state and will persecute those who will not obey the commands of this soon to be mirror image of the papacy and this is something that has been slowly happening in recent times.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The greek word John used for "mark" is the word

charagma

a stamp, an imprinted mark
of the mark stamped on the forehead or the right hand as the badge of
the followers of the Antichrist
the mark branded upon horses
thing carved, sculpture, graven work
of idolatrous images
Origin: from the same as G5482

TDNT entry: 15:56,1

Part(s) of speech: Noun Neuter

Strong's Definition: From the same as G5482; a scratch or etching, that is, stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue): - graven, mark.

In the Bible, a mark is an imprint or stamp that indicates ownership.

Rev 14:9, 10 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark

upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

By reading these verses, we might have noticed something particular about the mark of the beast and that is, it is closely connected to the worship of the beast and his image. Remember, to worship means to bow down and prostrate in submission and obedience to the commands of someone religiously. So whoever has the mark of the beast on their forehead or right hand directly means they are worshipping the beast by bowing down to the beast and submitting to the commandments of the beast.

So it makes sense now why it is the mark of the beast. This mark indicates ownership so that one can tell who belongs to the beast by the mark given on their forehead or right hand. So if you have the mark of the beast or the signature of the beast, it means you belong to the beast, you worship him and obey his commands and you acknowledge that he owns you and that you give your allegiance to him.

Before we reveal what the actual signature or mark of the papacy is, let's ask another question. If the papacy has a mark that tell us who belongs to the papacy, does God also have a signature that He gives on the forehead or right hand which indicates who belongs to Him?

Rev 7:2, 3 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

The greek word that John uses for "seal" is sphragis. It means a signet, signature, or a mark that indicates authenticity.

So God also has a mark or a signature which is His seal and it is given to the forehead only of those who belong to Him.

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In the end, people will be divided into two groups with the main issue being worship. Those who belong to the beast who worship and obey the beast or the papacy are identified by the papacy's mark of authority and those who belong to God who worship and obey God are identified by the Seal of God. A mark and a seal are essentially the same thing. It is the sign or signature that signifies who u belong to.

A seal, in ancient times, is the official signature of a king or anybody in authority that displays the name, title, and territory of the authority. We still use seals to this day. For example, president Trump's seal reads: Donald Trump (name), president (title) of the United States of America (territory).

Back in the time of Ezra, king Darius seal would read Darius, king of Persia. Back in the time of Jesus, Pilates seal would read Pilate, governor of Judea.

What then is the seal of God? We are gonna notice that God's seal is found somewhere very specific.

Remember, the seal or signature of a King must have His name, His title, and his territory. Where in the Bible can we find God's signature? a lil hint, He writes it with His own finger.

Exodus 20

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

See, God did not have to make a seventh day but He did so in THAT day, we acknowledge that the Lord our God was the God that made

everything in 6 days and that everything belongs to God. And By keeping the SABBATH we are acknowledging that we belong to God.

This is why God says in *Ezekiel 20:12 and 20*

Eze 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

Eze 20:20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

By keeping the Sabbath, we are acknowledging that we belong to the Lord, our God. And no it isn't just for the Israelites or the Jews because Jesus says that the Sabbath was made for MAN... not just the Jew. to worship God means to obey all Ten Commandments but the Seventh Day Sabbath specifically is God's seal.

So if the Seventh Day Sabbath is God's seal what then is the mark of the papacy's authority?

Again, I am not here to make enemies or to shame anybody, I am only here to tell people the truth.

(Catholic Record of London, Ontario Sept 1, 1923). "Sunday is our mark of authority... the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact"

(H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons)

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [Saturday Sabbath to Sunday] was her act... And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things"

Cardinal Gibbons, in Faith of Our Fathers, 92nd ed., p. 89, freely admits, "You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which

we [the Catholic Church] never sanctify."

Again, (The Catholic Mirror, official publication of James Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893)

"The Catholic Church, ... by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday"

(Our Sunday Visitor, February 5, 1950)
"Protestants do not realize that by observing Sunday, they accept the authority of the spokesperson of the Church, the Pope"

What a shocking admission!

The observance of Sunday sacredness in the Sabbath's stead, the church of rome claims is the mark of the authority of the papacy. Sunday sacredness was first introduced to Sabbath keeping Christians by emperor Constantine around the time he became the first ever pope contrary to the popular but false belief that Peter was the first pope.

The first day of the week was the day pagans back in those times recognized to worship their sun gods. They called it the day of the sun or Sunday.

So by observing Sunday instead of God's Sabbath we are then worshipping the Pope by obeying the commandments of the Pope instead of worshipping God by obeying the commandments of God.

Why is the seal of God and the mark of the beast on the forehead or the hand?

Deuteronomy 6

- 1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: note
- 2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

- 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
- 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. note
- 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Ecc 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;

Those who love God will put it in their minds to worship God by obeying His commandments including the Seventh Day Sabbath and it will show through their actions. Those who worship the papacy in their minds will obey the commandments of the papacy including Sunday sacredness and it also will show through their actions.

This does not mean that those who observe Sunday sacredness already have the mark of the beast.

Revelation 13

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the

image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. note 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Are we on the verge of this today?

In almost all 50 states and even other parts of the world, we have a legislation called the Blue Laws. Blue Laws, also known as Sunday Laws, are laws designed to restrict or ban some or all Sunday activities for religious reasons, particularly to promote the observance of a day of worship or rest instituting the sacredness of Sunday. Blue Laws (national Sunday laws) are already in the law books across America and around the world, they just need to be ENFORCED. This is a law in the United States of America, as well as other parts of the world, that is set but is not yet being enforced.

Have there been efforts to enforce this law?

The fact is that the enemy unseen have been subtly hinting at the enforcement of a Sunday law.

In July of 2014, Catholic.org
NEVER ON A SUNDAY: Pope Francis says working on Sunday has
negative effect on families

"Maybe it's time to ask ourselves if working on Sundays is true freedom," he said.

The pope also said that spending Sundays with family and friends is an "ethical choice" for faithful and non-faithful alike.

"Pope Francis: Sundays are a gift from God – don't ruin it" (Catholic News Agency, August 12, 2015). "Francis pointed to Sundays as a particularly important time for rest, because in them we find God'" (emphasis added). He stressed this in the context of his

September 26 speech in Philadelphia at the World Meeting of Families. Thus there is no doubt that stressing Sunday is high on the Pope's agenda.

In Sept 1 2017, President Trump signed a proclamation declaring Sunday to be a "National Day of Prayer" for the state of Texas in the wake of Hurricane Harvey....

How much more time and how many more disasters will it take for a president to declare a Sunday sacredness law?

Revelation 14

- 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
 - 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation;

Immediately after the angel announces this, he announces another scene

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Those who worship the beast and obey his commandments will fall and those who worship God obey His commandments will endure and stand at the end.

Probation is fast closing.

We have seen prophecy unfold, declaring events to take place from Babylon of old to America of the new world. We also have seen the worship of the sun on the day of the sun being passed down all the way from Babylon of old to America.

God gave us prophecy to warn us of this coming crisis because He

loves us and wants us to repent and to turn to the saving power of Christ. Will u give this a thought? Your eternal life depends on it. Praise God always.