

Antichrist: The Imperial Counterfeit

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Daniel 7:1-3 All New Testament references to the antichrist find their basis in the book of Daniel. Daniel sees four beasts in vision each rising one after another out of the sea. These beasts represent nations (see Dan. 7:17, 24).

Daniel 7:4-7 The 4 nations of Daniel 7 correspond to the 4 nations of Daniel 2.

Lion	Babylon	Head of Gold
Bear	Mede-Persia	Chest & Arms of Silver
Leopard	Greece	Thighs of Brass
Beast	Rome	Legs of Iron
10 Horns	Divided Rome	10 Toes

Daniel 7:8, 24, 25 God reveals another power that is highly significant – a little horn – that many Bible commentators believe to be the antichrist.

Daniel 7:13, 14 The Son of Man is a reference to Jesus Christ, and He would receive dominion, glory, and a kingdom.

Daniel 7:27 The Most High would also receive dominion, glory, and a kingdom. So the Son of Man, or Christ, is also the Most High. It is Christ that the little horn is against. So the little horn is antichrist.

5 Identifying Features Of The Little Horn (Daniel 7:8, 24, 25)

1. Would rise among the other horns – in Western Europe
2. Uproots 3 of the horns while rising to prominence (Heruli, Ostrogoths & Vandals)
3. Persecuted God's faithful people
4. Would rule for a period of 1,260 years, or 42 months (compare Rev. 12:14 with Rev. 12:6; time=1 year, times=2 years, dividing of time=1/2 year; the total equals 1,260 [360 days in Jewish calendar year] prophetic days or 1,260 years [Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6])
5. Thought to change God's law

Matthew 24:20 The medieval church thought to change God's law, and transfer the sanctity of Saturday to Sunday. Jesus didn't change the Sabbath. He asked His disciples to pray that they don't have to flee Jerusalem on the Sabbath 40 years after His death and resurrection.

Acts 13:42, 44; 17:1, 2 Paul kept the Sabbath without regret.

Matthew 11:28 Jesus invites everyone to come to Him to receive true rest.

Mark 7:7, 8 It matters to God that we follow truth over tradition.

Acts 17:30, 31 God is fair. He overlooks things when we are ignorant to them, but when we know what to do, He expects us to repent and follow the truth.

Acts 5:29 We ought to obey God rather than man.