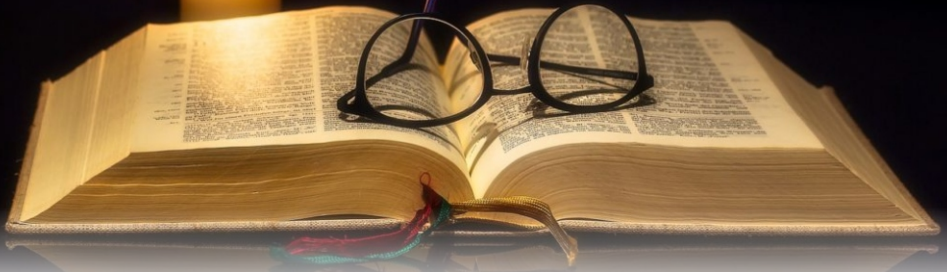


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The Mystery Beast



of Revelation



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Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

Philippians Chapter 2 verse 5

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According to Greek legend, the Trojan War began after Helen, wife of the king of Sparta, left him for another man from the city of Troy. The expedition to avenge the Spartan king was unsuccessful, so the Greeks set sail for Troy with a 1000 ships. After years of fruitless efforts to take Troy, the Spartans resorted to treachery instead. They built a large wooden horse, and left it filled with armed warriors outside the city of Troy. Believing the horse would bring them good fortune, the Trojans brought it inside their city. At night, Greek soldiers emerged from the wooden horse, and the city of Troy was captured and destroyed. Something promising good fortune instead brought calamity!

As we look at the prophecies of Earth's final days and the prediction that a time of spiritual crisis is coming, the Bible details the rise of a spiritual Trojan horse. Something that seems to offer hope and blessings will instead bring spiritual danger - ultimately preparing the world for Satan's final, deadly plans.

1. What does the Bible say about the Antichrist? **2 John 1:7** - _____

Note: The word "Antichrist" appears four times in John's letters. Each time, the term portrays a false teacher or deceptive power that corrupts faith in the church. While the prefix "anti" can mean "against" it can also mean "in place of." In the last days, the antichrist will not be openly opposed to Christ, but will actually seek to take the place of Christ! Lucifer wanted to take the place of Christ (**Isaiah 14:12-14**), and he continues to oppose and misrepresent Jesus. But through who or what will he work in Earth's final days?

2. How does the Bible describe the power that will bring spiritual danger to the world? **2 Thess. 2:3, John 6:69-71 & John 17:12** - _____

Note: Read **John 6:65-71** and **John 17:11-12**. Just before Jesus returns, there will be a major spiritual "falling away," revealing the "man of lawlessness" (sin). As **1 John 3:4** states that "sin is lawlessness" (or the transgression of the law), it can be expected that the great apostasy of earth's last days will be characterised by a disrespect for God's authority, and in particular - His law.

3. From where did the Bible writers warn apostasy would arise in Earth's final days? **Acts 20:28-30** - _____
2 Thess. 2:3-4 - _____

Note: Paul stated that problems would arise within the Christian church. When the Bible says the end-time antichrist will sit "in the temple of God," it is stating that this entity will rise up in the Christian church. The New Testament refers to God's people or God's church as a "temple" numerous times. (See **1 Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16** and **Ephesians 2:20-22**.)

4. What did Daniel see emerging from the windswept sea? **Daniel 7:2-8** -

Note: Bible prophecy frequently uses symbols to convey important realities.

A beast - represents a kingdom or a nation. (**Daniel 7:17 & 23**)

The sea - represents multitudes of people. (**Dan 7:2; Revelation 17:1 & 15**)

Wind - represents strife or warfare. (**Jeremiah 49:36-37, Revelation 7:1-3**)

5. How does John see the same power at the end of time? **Rev. 13:1-2** -

6. What would take the place of the fourth kingdom? **Daniel 7:24** -

7. What did Daniel see coming up out of the ten horns? **Daniel 7:8** -

Note: Historically, it is believed that this little horn is the same power as the first beast of Revelation 13 - often referred to as the “antichrist.”

8. What are the characteristics that clearly identify the little horn?

1. Rises among other horns: Daniel 7:8	The Vatican arose in Western Europe just as the little horn described arises.
2. It is small: Daniel 7:8	The Vatican is a “small” nation.
3. Rises after the 10 tribes: Daniel 7:24	The Vatican arose after the 10 nations (AD476.) The Vatican came to full political power in AD538.
4. Destroys 3 of the horns: Daniel 7:8 and 24	The Vatican conquered 3 nations as it rose to power which do not exist anymore.
5. Different from the 10 powers: Daniel 7:24	The Vatican is “different” in that it is both a religious and a political power
6. A man speaks for this horn: Daniel 7:8	There would be a man speaking and leading this papal power. (Re: Eyes & Mouth - Dan.7:8)
7. It blasphemes against God: Daniel 7:25	Blasphemy is defined as one who claims to be able to forgive sin. (Luke 5:21, John 10:33)
8. It would persecute the saints: Daniel 7:25	The Vatican has persecuted Bible-believing Christians down through the centuries.
9. It would reign for 1260 years: Daniel 7:25	The Vatican gained ultimate power in AD538 and reigned until the Pope was imprisoned.
10. Attempt to change times/law: Daniel 7:25	The Vatican attempted to change God’s law, by changing the 10 Commandments.

9. How influential will the little horn's role be in planet Earth's final days?

Revelation 13:1-5 - _____

Note: The first beast (nation) of Revelation 13 and the little horn of Daniel 7 are the same entity. Notice the similarities: both speak blasphemies (**Dan. 7:25; Rev. 13:5-6**), both persecute God's people (**Daniel 7:21, 25; Rev. 13:7**), and both rule for 1,260 years (**Daniel 7:25; Rev 13:5**).

The entire world will be so influenced by this power that those who do not receive its mark will not be able to buy or sell. (**Revelation 13:17**) Everyone on the planet - with the exception of those who remain faithful to Jesus - will worship this power. (**Revelation 13:8**).

10. Where should our faith be directed in preparation for the return of Jesus?

Acts 16:28-34 - _____

11. How can a person hope to be faithful to God in a time when "all the world" follows this entity? **Philippians 2:13** - _____

Galatians 2:20 - _____

Romans 8:38-39 - _____

Note: The last great delusion is about to open before us. It will be a time of extreme trouble as never seen before, but the worst storm of deception is still to come. The winds of falsehood are already blowing with the most alluring deceptions that Satan can devise. We know that even we ourselves will be deceived if we do not prepare.

We know that Jesus, the person we most want to be like, knew the Scriptures and used them successfully against Satan. He believed it was the word of God. In the end, True worship is manifested in obedience to God's word, whereas disobedience to God's word will constitute worship of the mystery beast and it's image.

Are you willing to follow Jesus wherever He leads you, and allow the Bible to be the basis for your faith in Him?

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