

“And I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, ‘Come.’” (6:1)



“And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer.” (6:2)

**Who is the Antichrist
and
what will he do?**

1. Jesus warned of false Messiahs and false prophets as two distinct categories.

Matt. 24:24, “For false Christs [Messiahs] and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.”



2. “Antichrist” is a term used 1x, but has become the most common title for the first “beast” of Revelation.

1 John 2:18, “Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that **antichrist** is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.”

1 John 2:22, “Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the **antichrist**, the one who denies the Father and the Son.”

ἀντίχριστος, *antichristos*: a substitute Christ, not one who is against Christ; someone who claims to do what only the Messiah can do: world peace, end hunger and poverty, universal healthcare

3. A wide variety of titles are given this individual:

The little horn (Dan. 7:8, 9, 19–26)

The insolent king (Dan. 8:23)

The prince who is to come (Dan. 9:26, 27)

**The one who makes desolate; (Dan. 9:27;
11:31; Matt 24:15)**

The man of lawlessness (2 Thess 2:3)

The son of destruction (2 Thess 2:3)

The lawless one (2 Thess. 2:8)

**The beast (Rev 11:7; see also 13:1; 14:9; 15:2;
16:2; 17:3; 13; 19:20; 20:10)**

The despicable person (Dan. 11:21)

The strong-willed king (Dan. 11:36)

The worthless shepherd (Zechariah 11:16, 17)

4. He rises to power during the transition between the Rapture and the beginning of Daniel's seventieth week.

Dan. 9:27; Dan. 7:24, 25

Dan. 9:27, “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

5. He is the head of a confederation of western powers related to the revived Roman Empire, during the Tribulation years.

The Image of Daniel 2

Gold

605–539 B.C. – Babylon

Silver

539–331 B.C. – Medo-Persia

Brass

331–146 B.C. – Greece

Iron

146 B.C.–A.D. 1453 – Rome

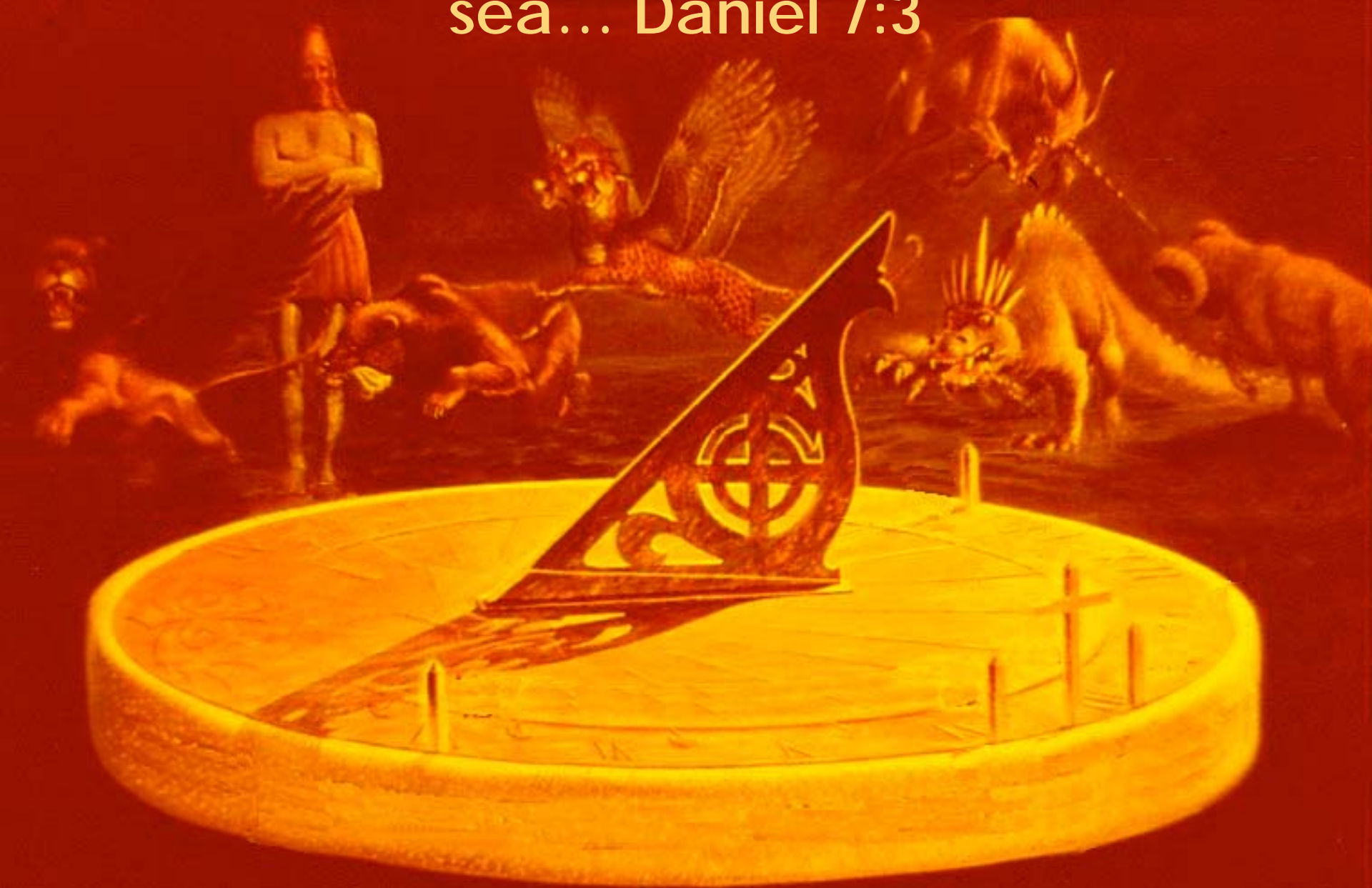
Iron/Clay

Revived Roman Empire



6. The Antichrist rises to power following the confederation of ten nations. He assumes control by force and subdues three of the ten members (Dan. 7:24).

And four great beasts came up from the sea... Daniel 7:3



The 4 Beasts of Daniel 7



Dan 7:19, “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its **teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;**

Dan 7:20, “and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.”

Dan 7:23, “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.’”

Dan 9:26, “Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”

The Three Appearings

"Now to Appear"

"Hath Appeared"

"Shall Appear"

Birth of Jesus
(Bethlehem)
Num 24:17;
Isa 7:14; Mic 5:2

Calvary
Isa 53:1-12

Glory
Heb 9:24
Antichrist
Dan 7:19-27

The Sun of
Righteousness
Mal 4:1-6

The
Kingdom
Dan 7:13-14
Isa 2:1-3
Mic 4:1-2
Hag 2:5-9

Destruction
of the Earth
by Fire
2 Pet 3:7-13

The Holy
City
Rev 21:2

What the
Prophets Saw



The Old Testament
"Valley"—
The viewpoint
of the prophets

The Valley of the Church—
The prophets did not see this

The Valley of
the "Perfect Age"



The New
Heavens and
New Earth
Isa 65:17; 66:22;
Rev 21:1

Dan 11:36, “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.”

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2 Th. 2:7, “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.”

Dan 7:25, “He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.”

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2 Th. 2:9, “that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

2 Th. 2:10, “and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.”

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