

Lesson 1: Starting Out

<p>Brian</p>	<p>See Jesus and Church Rightly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 1:1; 1-3; 19:10: Seeing of Jesus “The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.” (Rev. 1:1, ESV) ● Rev. 1:20: Discern the Church “As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.” (Rev. 1:20, ESV)
<p>Rich</p>	<p>4 End Times Viewpoints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Futurism - fulfilled in Israel, immediately preceding Christ’s return Premillennial. Church is a parentheses virtually ignored with this perspective. Implemented by jesuits Francisco Riberia (1537- 1591) and Manual Lacunza (1731-1801). ● Preterism - fulfilled in AD 70 temple destruction. Again church is ignored; merely an afterthought after the closing of the canon of scripture. Founded by jesuit Luis de Alcasar (1554-1613) ● Historicism - fulfilled in entirety of church age; “amillennial” Revelation interpreted as symbolic of historical periods and event from John’s day until the return of Christ. ● Idealism/Spiritualism - gives general principles; not time-space <p>Millennium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Where is millennium found in the Bible? Rev. 20 ● Millennium = 1,000

- **Millennium defined:** Literal or figurative?
 “for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills” (Psalm 50:10, NIV)
- Revelation though concerned with temporal events in this time is a symbolic book.
 - 10 is a number used symbolically for a completed work or idea.
 - 10 virgins the complete makeup of the church **Mt. 25:1**
 - the 10 commandments fulfillment of the law etc.
- Millennium = fullness of time 10x10x10 long but finite time period.
 - Saints rule and reign during this time through Christ Jesus who has raised us up and placed us in heavenly places. **Eph. 1:19-2:1-6**
 - Devil is bound, at the end will be let out for a short period, causing the world to surround the camp of God’s people the church.
 - Campers live in tents (**2 Cor. 5:1-5**). Our body is now described as a tent perhaps indicating again that the millennium is taking place in the long interval between Christ’s first coming and His second where death is still an ongoing fact of life.
“24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (1 Cor. 15:24-26)
 - This is the only limited reign talked about in Scripture.

Lesson 2: Daniel

Brian	<p>Daniel as a starting point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matthew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— ” (Matt. 24:15, NIV) ● Revelation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Burnished bronze” legs (Dan. 10:6; Rev. 1:15) ○ Fire eyes (Dan. 10:6; Rev. 1:14) ○ Falls (Dan. 10:8-9; Rev. 1:17) ○ Falls (Dan. 10:8-9; Rev. 1:17) // Touches (Dan. 10:10; Rev. 1:17) ○ Scroll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end” (Dan. 12:4) “Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.’” (Rev. 5:5) <p>Daniel Summarized</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Historical (70 years of captivity): 1; 3; 5-6 ● Prophetic: 2; 7; 8-12
Rich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 (Statue) & 7 (Beast): Five Kingdoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dan. 4 = Babylon ○ Dan. 8; 10-11 = Medo-Persia ○ Dan. 8; 10-11 = Greece ○ Dan. 9 (and 12) = Kingdom of God (versus Antichrist)
Brian	<p>Revelation Hints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rome and the church not expounded further in Daniel ● Revelation is Part 2 of Daniel ● Revelation: Scroll: Seals - Trumpets - Bowls ● Starts and finishes with Jesus and Church (think “Rock” and “Son of Man” in Daniel)

Lesson 3: Daniel 9

Brian	<p>The when of Babylonian Captivity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ptolemy: 586-516 BC (10 Persian kings) ● Bible: 5 Persian kings (Dan. 11:1-4) ● <i>Wonders of Bible Chronology</i> by Philip Mauro: 526-457BC <p>Daniel 9 (457 BC) - End of 70 years Babylonian Captivity by anointed one (Cyrus) “In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes[a] (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian[b] kingdom— 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. 3 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.” (Dan. 9:1-3)</p> <p>Jeremiah 25:11-12: “This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt,” declares the Lord, “and will make it desolate forever.”</p> <p>Sets the way for 490 years ended by Anointed One (Jesus)</p>
Rich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:4-19: Prayer for desolate city, sanctuary ● 9:20-23: “sin...Gabriel...sacrifice” (cf. Luke 1:19, 26) ● 9:24-27: 70 “sevens” (490 yrs) end sacrifice, atone sin, anoint temple: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dan. 9:24-25: “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place. Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes,

there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble."

- 457 B.C.: BEGINS: Cyrus ("messiah") commands Jerusalem/temple restoration (2 Chron. 36:17-23; Ezra 1:1-4; Isaiah 44:24-45:13)

Isaiah 44:24-45:13:

"This is what the Lord says—...who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid.'" "This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut...I will raise up Cyrus in my righteousness: I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says the Lord Almighty."

- 408 B.C.: 7 "SEVENS" (49 YEARS) LATER: Ezra/Nehemiah/Haggai/Zechariah - Jerusalem/temple rebuilt
- A.D. 26: 69 "SEVENS" (483 YEARS) LATER¹: Jesus anointed as Prince/King, ministers 3.5 years
- A.D. 30: MIDDLE OF 70TH SEVEN: Jesus, "will be put to death...confirm a covenant with many...put an end to sacrifice and offering," (Dan. 9:26-27; cf. Matt. 15:24; Luke 1:72; 22:20; Heb. 8:13; 10:14-18)

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- 9:26-27: “**the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...there shall be war. Desolations are decreed...on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate...**” (Matt. 24:15 = Mark 13:14 = Luke 21:20; cf. Matt. 22:7)
 - **A.D. 70:** Jerusalem temple destroyed by Romans, 40 years after Jesus died.

Lesson 4: Matthew 24

Brian	<p>Matthew 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus asked 3 questions Matt. 24:1-3: “Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. 2 “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down. As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”” <p>When will temple be destroyed? (70 AD Roman Conquest) When will Jesus come back? (kind of at 70 AD, but ultimately at the end of the age)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24:4-14: Things will happen before Jesus returns • 24:15-26: A.D. 70 Temple destroyed as Daniel (9:27) warned, before Jesus returns • Ties to Daniel 9 “abomination of desolation” (Matt. 24:15 = Luke 21:20) Matt. 24:15: “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’[a] spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—” Luke 21:20: “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near.” • 24:27-31: Jesus’ return will be evident when it happens (but after all these things) • 24:32-35: Temple destruction will be evident before it happens: in “this generation” (24:34) • 24:36-25:46: Jesus’ return will not be evident before it happens: “that day and hour no one knows” (24:36)--always be faithful! <p>Zoom out:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matt. 21:43 - kingdom taken away from you ● Matt. 22:7 - “[God’s] his army...their city” ● Temple - God’s house <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John 2 - “My father’s house” ...my body ○ Matt. 21:13 - “My house...” ○ Matt. 23:35-39: <p style="color: red;">And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Truly I tell you, all this will come on this generation. “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 38 Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”</p> ● 1 Pet. 4:17: “For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”
Rich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matt. 25 & Millennium ● What is the temple? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All references of “temple” (Greek, “naos”) in N.T. two different greek words used for the temple, <i>Heiron</i> mainly used for the temple precincts and buildings; and <i>naos</i> Which means the central sanctuary itself with the idea to dwell within; sacred place. After buildings condemned Mt. 24:1-2 by Jesus, <i>naos</i> is always used of Jesus or the church exclusively, never the physical buildings Jn. 2:19-21 ● Who is Israel?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Israel is spiritual not genetic. The same as the kingdom of God, the Holy city, the New Jerusalem, The temple of God etc. the church etc. ○ Made up of physical Jewish people and physical gentiles So all Israel will be saved. Ro. 2:28-29; Ro. 11:11-26. ○ Rom. 9:6: “For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.”
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Lesson 5: Antichrist

Brian	<p>Multiple passages on Antichrist—not all called “Antichrist”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 John 2:18-22; 4:3; 2 John 7: ANTICHRIST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Antichrist is coming...many antichrists have come” ○ “from us...not of us;” “denies...Jesus;” “false prophets;” replaces God (cf. 1 Jn 2:26-27) ● Greek: substitute and opposer <i>anticristos</i> “<i>vicar of Christ</i>”
Rich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dan. 7:7-12, 17-27: LITTLE HORN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emerges in 4th kingdom, when 10 kingdoms arise (Rome); plucked up three horns; “eyes like the eyes of a man” (false prophet/seer); “made war with the saints and prevailed over them”; a “different” kingdom; “speak words against the Most High;” “the saints...shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time;” defeated by Jesus’ return ● 2 Thes 2:3-12: MAN OF LAWLESSNESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Rebellion;” “opposes and exalts himself...proclaiming himself to be God;” “in the temple of God;” “the mystery of lawlessness is already at work...he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way;” “the Lord Jesus will kill;”

	<p>“power and false signs and wonders;” “deception...strong delusion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 13; 17: LAMB-BEAST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “like a lamb...spoke like a dragon;” “exercises all the authority of the first beast;” “great signs...deceives;” “his number is 666” ○ “False prophet” (Rev. 19:20) ○ Connected with earthly-harlot-Babylon / false church (Rev. 17); contrasting heavenly-bride-Jerusalem / true church (Rev. 21) <p>Past, Present, Future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Past: Nero ● Present: Pope ● Future: Unknown <p>Daniel 7; 2 Thessalonians 2 & the Papacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rome split into 10 kingdoms: “Macchiavelli, the Roman historian, described the [Roman] Empire as being divided among the [10] various Gothic tribes.”² ● Arises after Rome Falls: “The early writings of the [church] fathers tell us with remarkable unanimity that...on the fall of Caesar, he [Antichrist] would arise.”³ ● Rome takes 3 kingdoms: “The ‘three kings’ which he [the Papacy] displaced...are thought to refer to Lombards, Ravenna and Rome, which were handed over to the Popes as the beginning of their Temporal Kingdom, (A.D. 754).”⁴ They could also be: Heruli (493), Vandals (534), Ostrogoths (553)⁵ ● “a time, times, and half a time” (1,260 days/years): “The Papacy dominated the world for approximately 1260 years, 6th to 18th centuries A.D.”⁶
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² Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, p. 136

³ Guinness, as qtd by Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, p. 130

⁴ H. H. Halley, *Halley's Bible Handbook*, 1965, p. 346

⁵ Elliot, as qtd by Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, pp. 136-137

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- **Boastful words against God:** “It is absolutely necessary for salvation that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff.”⁷ “Union of minds, therefore, requires...complete submission and obedience of will...to the Roman Pontiff, as to God Himself.”⁸ “We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.”⁹
- **“War with the saints”:** “Untold millions” of martyrs died at the hands of popes¹⁰. “It has been estimated that fifty million Christians were killed during those centuries of Papal persecution.”¹¹

Notable Christians Endorsing the Papacy as Antichrist:

Eberhard II (1200s);
 Michael of Cesena (1300s);
 John Wyclif (1300s);
 John Huss (1369-1415);
 Martin Luther (1483-1546);
 Philipp Melancthon (1497-1560);
 John Calvin (1509-1564);
 John Knox (1505-1572);
 Huldreich Zwingli (1484-1531);
 William Tyndale (1484-1536);
 King James Bible translators (1611);
 Nicholas Ridley (1500-1555);
 Hugh Latimer (1490-1555);
 Roger Williams (1603-1683);
 Westminster Confession of Faith (1647);
 Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727);
 Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758);
 John Wesley (1703-1791);
 Albert Barnes (1798-1870);
 Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

⁷ [Bull of Pope Boniface VIII promulgated November 18, 1302](#)

⁸ [SAPIENTIAE CHRISTIANAE ENCYCLICAL OF POPE LEO XIII ON CHRISTIANS AS CITIZENS](#)

⁹ [Encyclical Letter Præclara Gratulationis Publicæ of Pope Leo XIII JUNE 20, 1894](#)

¹⁰ H. H. Halley, *Halley's Bible Handbook*, 1965, p. 793

¹¹ Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, p. 139

Lesson 6: End Times Loose Ends

Rich	<p>Rapture 1 Thes. 4:13-18 “13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.”</p> <p>Millennium - First and Second Resurrection</p> <p>Rev 20:4-6: “4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They[a] had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.”</p> <p>John 5:21, 24-30 “For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it...</p>
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	<p>Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. 25 Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.</p> <p>“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st and second resurrection John 5:21-29 Who and what are raised in the 1st resurrection? The souls of the saints, not the bodies of the saints. Rev. 20:1; Eph. 2:4-7 This is the new birth, a spiritual resurrection that began during Jesus earthly ministry (the time now is). The lake of fire has no power over these saints, many who will be martyred during this time. 2nd resurrection is the physical resurrection. Lake of fire (second death) has power over those not in the book of life. No indication of time when this will happen except after Christ's return. ● 1st resurrection = spiritual ● 2nd resurrection = physical ● 1st death = physical ● 2nd death = spiritual (“lake of fire”)
Brian	<p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● True vs counterfeit - focus on Bible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “End Times vacuum” ● End Times Sandwich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daniel - Part 1 bread ○ Matthew 24 middle (from physical to spiritual) ○ Revelation - Part 2 bread ○ Focus: Jesus first, Church 2nd ● Daniel 9: Focus on Jesus Christ, not Antichrist

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Antichrist: False Christ (over false church) - counterfeit● Revelation: Focus on Jesus Christ, not Antichrist |
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Added Notes

Why Study End Times?

- To see Jesus (Rev. 1:1; 1-3; 19:10)
- To discern His Church (Rev. 1:20)
- To purify and strengthen God's people (1 John 3:2-3; Rev. 1:3)
- God says a lot about it (Dan; Zech; Matt. 24-25; Rev ["final exam"])

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Daniel Overview

- Dan. 1; 3; 5-6 = historical (during 70 years of Babylonian captivity)

- Dan. 2 & 7 = (1) Babylon, (2) Medo-Persia, (3) Greece, (4) Rome, The statue only talks about 4 kingdoms not five. The clay mixed with Iron is not a separate kingdom from the iron though it has compromised that kingdom by mixing with outside nations. (5) God (versus Antichrist) separate and distinct from the statue.
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 - Dan. 8; 10-11 = Medo-Persia
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End Times Primer, Part 2

Daniel 9:24-27 (“70 Weeks”)

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¹² Dates (in red font) mostly based on Philip Mauro’s, *Wonders of Bible Chronology* (outlined at [Free Bible Study Lessons. BibleChroAdvance](#), retrieved June 8, 2021) and, *The Seventy Weeks and the Great Tribulation*.

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Matthew 24-25 (Temple Destruction & Christ’s Return)

- Matt. 21-23:
 - Jesus comes to Mt. of Olives, “Hosanna...Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” (21:1-11)
 - Jesus purges temple; some shout “Hosanna”, some enraged (21:12-17)
 - Jesus condemns Jews for rejecting Him (21:18-23:39)
 - “the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit” (21:43)
 - “He [Jesus/God] sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.” (22:7)
 - “Upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth...this will come on this generation...Look, your house is left to you desolate...you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Jesus left the temple’” (23:35-24:1)
- Matt. 24-25
 - 24:3 - Three questions: (1) when will temple be destroyed? (2) sign of Jesus’ coming? (3) sign of end of age?
 - 24:4-25:46 - Jesus answers:
 - 24:4-14: Things will happen before Jesus returns

- 24:15-26: **A.D. 70** Temple destroyed as Daniel (9:27) warned, before Jesus returns
- 24:27-31: Jesus' return will be evident when it happens (but after all these things)
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- 24:36-25:46: Jesus' return will not be evident before it happens: "that day and hour no one knows" (24:36)--always be faithful!

End Times Primer, Part 3 (Antichrist & Revelation)

Antichrist & Revelation -- Scriptures

- 1 John 2:18-22; 4:3; 2 John 7: ANTICHRIST
 - "Antichrist is coming...many antichrists have come"
 - "from us...not of us;" "denies...Jesus;" "false prophets;" replaces God (cf. 1 Jn 2:26-27)
- Dan. 7:7-12, 17-27: LITTLE HORN
 - Emerges in 4th kingdom, when 10 kingdoms arise (Rome); plucked up three horns; "eyes like the eyes of a man" (false prophet/seer); "made war with the saints and prevailed over them"; a "different" kingdom; "speak words against the Most High;" "the saints...shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time;" defeated by Jesus' return
- 2 Thes 2:3-12: MAN OF LAWLESSNESS
 - "Rebellion;" "opposes and exalts himself...proclaiming himself to be God;" "in the temple of God;" "the mystery of lawlessness is already at work...he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way;" "the Lord Jesus will kill;" "power and false signs and wonders;" "deception...strong delusion"
- Rev. 13; 17: LAMB-BEAST
 - "like a lamb...spoke like a dragon;" "exercises all the authority of the first beast;" "great signs...deceives;" "his number is 666"
 - "False prophet" (Rev. 19:20)

- Connected with earthly-harlot-Babylon / false church (Rev. 17); contrasting heavenly-bride-Jerusalem / true church (Rev. 21)
- Book of Revelation
 - 1; 21-22: Jesus & Pure Bride
 - 2-3: Seven existing churches = “things that are” (1:19)
 - 4-5: “things that are to take place after this” (1:19; 4:1)
 - 6-7: Seals (Secular Rome - “Christian” Rome?)
 - 8-9: Trumpets (Rome & Islam?)
 - 10-11: Church’s witness reduced; Word & Spirit present
 - 12-13; 17: Beast of Sea, Earth (Secular Gov’t, False Church?)
 - 14-16; 18-20: Bowls & final judgments

Antichrist & Revelation -- Historical Records

Daniel 7; 2 Thessalonians 2 & the Papacy

- **Arises after Rome Falls:** “The early writings of the [church] fathers tell us with remarkable unanimity that...on the fall of Caesar, he [Antichrist] would arise.”¹⁴
- **Rome split into 10 kingdoms:** “Macchiavelli, the Roman historian, described the [Roman] Empire as being divided among the [10] various Gothic tribes.”¹⁵
- **Rome takes 3 kingdoms:** “The ‘three kings’ which he [the Papacy] displaced...are thought to refer to Lombards, Ravenna and Rome, which were handed over to the Popes as the beginning of their Temporal Kingdom, (A.D. 754).”¹⁶ They could also be: Heruli (493), Vandals (534), Ostrogoths (553)¹⁷
- **“a time, times, and half a time” (1,260 days/years):** “The Papacy dominated the world for approximately 1260 years, 6th to 18th centuries A.D.”¹⁸
- **Boastful words against God:** “It is absolutely necessary for salvation that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff.”¹⁹ “Union of minds, therefore, requires...complete submission and obedience of will...to the Roman Pontiff, as to God Himself.”²⁰ “We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.”²¹

¹⁴ Guinness, as qtd by Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, p. 130

¹⁵ Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, p. 136

¹⁶ H. H. Halley, *Halley’s Bible Handbook*, 1965, p. 346

¹⁷ Elliot, as qtd by Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, pp. 136-137

¹⁸ H. H. Halley, *Halley’s Bible Handbook*, 1965, p. 348

¹⁹ [Bull of Pope Boniface VIII promulgated November 18, 1302](#)

²⁰ [SAPIENTIAE CHRISTIANAE ENCYCLICAL OF POPE LEO XIII ON CHRISTIANS AS CITIZENS](#)

²¹ [Encyclical Letter Præclara Gratulationis Publicæ of Pope Leo XIII JUNE 20, 1894](#)

- **“War with the saints”**: “Untold millions” of martyrs died at the hands of popes²². “It has been estimated that fifty million Christians were killed during those centuries of Papal persecution.”²³

Notable Christians Endorsing the Papacy as Antichrist:

Eberhard II (1200s); Michael of Cesena (1300s); John Wyclif (1300s); John Huss (1369-1415); Martin Luther (1483-1546); Philipp Melancthon (1497-1560); John Calvin (1509-1564); John Knox (1505-1572); Huldreich Zwingli (1484-1531); William Tyndale (1484-1536); King James Bible translators (1611); Nicholas Ridley (1500-1555); Hugh Latimer (1490-1555); Roger Williams (1603-1683); Westminster Confession of Faith (1647); Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727); Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758); John Wesley (1703-1791); Albert Barnes (1798-1870); Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)

²² H. H. Halley, *Halley's Bible Handbook*, 1965, p. 793

²³ Ralph Woodrow, *Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 1989, p. 139