



# Revelation Hope for Uncertainty

## PROGRAM 7 - Revelation Reveals History's Greatest Hoax

### Message Summary

#### Summary of Daniel's Four Beasts and Corresponding Kingdoms:

- **Lion with Eagle's Wings:** Represents Babylon.
- **Bear with 3 Ribs:** Represents the dual empire of Medo-Persia.
- **Four-Headed Leopard:** Represents Greece.
- **Terrifying Beast:** Symbolized the Roman Empire.
  - The **10 horns** on this beast represent the 10 kingdoms into which the Western Roman Empire broke up by 476 AD, eventually forming the nations of Western Europe.

#### The "Little Horn" and the Medieval Christian Church:

The notes assert that the "little horn" of Daniel 7 represents the Medieval Christian Church, providing several supporting points:

- **Origin and Rise:**
  - Arose "after, and among the 10 horns" of the Roman Empire (Daniel 7:8, 24).
  - Christianity's headquarters moved from Jerusalem to Rome, and the Bishops of Rome became leaders of the Christian church.
- **Persecution of God's People:**
  - "Made war against the people of God" (Daniel 7:21, 25).
  - **Supporting Text:** "History records that for centuries the official church persecuted its people who followed the plain teachings of scripture. Between 5-50 million people were killed by the church during the dark ages."
  - **Supporting Quote:** A church statement is cited: "The church may by divine right confiscate the property of heretics, imprison their persons and condemn them to the flames (Public Ecclesiastical, Vol 2, p142)."
- **Attempt to Change "Times and Laws of God":**
  - "It would think to change the times and laws of God" (Daniel 7:25).
  - **Changes to the Ten Commandments:**
    - In some church teaching books (e.g., Gierman's Catechism), the second commandment (forbidding image worship) is allegedly omitted.
    - The tenth commandment is purportedly divided into two to maintain the count of ten.
  - **Change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday:**
    - The Bible's 7th-day Sabbath is identified as Saturday (Exodus 20:8-11).
    - **Jesus and the Apostles observed the Sabbath:**
      - Jesus attended church on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16).
      - He instructed disciples to keep the Sabbath (Matthew 24:20).
      - Paul kept the Sabbath in various locations (Acts 13:14,15,42,44; Acts 16:13; Acts 17:1,2; Acts 18:4,11).
      - John observed the "Lord's Day" on Patmos, which is identified as the Sabbath (Revelation 1:10; Mark 2:27,28).

- **Historical Shift from Sabbath (Saturday) to Sunday Worship:**
  - The official Christian church, particularly in Rome, gradually changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday over the first 3 to 4 centuries AD.
  - Initially, both Saturday and Sunday were observed by some Christians (2nd to 5th centuries):
    - **Supporting Quote:** "Keep the Sabbath (Saturday), and the Lord's day festival (Sunday), because the former is the memorial of creation, and the latter of the resurrection."... "Let the slaves work five days; but on the Sabbath-day (Saturday) and the Lord's day (Sunday) let them have leisure to go to church for instruction in piety (Apostolic Constitutions, book 7, sec. 2, chap 23, and book 8, sec. 4, chap. 33 in The Anti-Nicene Fathers (ANF), vol. 7, pp. 469,495)."
    - **Supporting Quote:** "The people of Constantinople, and almost everywhere, assemble together on the Sabbath, as well as on the first day of the week, which custom is never observed at Rome or at Alexandria (Sozomen, Ecclesiastical History, book 7, chap 19, in NPNF, second series, vol. 2, p132)."
  - Churches in Rome and Alexandria are highlighted as leading this change:
    - **Supporting Quote:** "Almost all the churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries (the Lord's supper) on the SABBATH of every week..., yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this (Ecclesiastical History, bk. 5, ch. 22 NPNF 2nd series, V. 2, p. 132)."
  - **Reasons for the Change (2nd to 5th centuries):**
    1. Desire to distance from persecuted Jews.
    2. Influence of Easter Sunday.
    3. Influence of Pagan Roman sun worship on Sunday.
    4. Emperor Constantine's civil laws for Sunday rest.
    5. Influence of Church councils prohibiting Saturday rest.
- **Official Church Claim of Sabbath Change:**
  - **Supporting Quote:** From The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine: "Ques. Which day is the Sabbath day? Ans. Saturday is the Sabbath day. Ques. Why then do we then observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Ans. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday, because the Catholic Church at the council of Trent, by virtue of its divine authority, changed the Sabbath from Saturday the 7th day of the week to Sunday the 1st day of the week, a change for which there is no scriptural authority."

The notes conclude by suggesting that Satan desires to change the Sabbath because it is associated with Jesus Christ as Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer, and that forgetting the Sabbath leads to forgetting God's creatorship. It urges adherence to God's commandments over human traditions.

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