



## Life More Abundant Bible Study

# Bible Prophecy: Daniel Chapter 7F

As a conclusion to this in-depth study of Daniel chapter 7, we will focus on the Little Horn power described in Daniel 7:8, 11, 12, and 19-27 to understand the personage of this world power and its significance.

The Little Horn of Daniel 7 is curious in its rise to power, its characteristics, and its acts. The Little Horn catches Daniel's attention such that he seeks an in-depth understanding of its meaning. Let's delve in.

From our studies we have learned that a **beast** represents a \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 7:17)

We have also determined that **horns** on the head of beasts represent \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 7:24).

From our study of Daniel 2 and Daniel 7:1-7, we have identified the **fourth beast**, which was *different* from all others, to represent the empire nation of \_\_\_\_\_.

We have also learned that the Roman Empire would in time grow weak and become divided among ten barbarian tribes, forming 10 kingdoms. These kingdoms are as follows:

### 10 Barbarian tribes that divided the Roman Empire:

Anglo-Saxons: England

Alemani: Germany

Burgundians: Switzerland

Franks: France

Suevi: Portugal

Visigoths: Spain

Lombards: Italy

3 Were Made Extinct by the Little Horn: Heruli (493AD), Vandals (534AD), and Ostrogoths (538AD)

The Little Horn arising from the midst of the 10 is said to have:

1. Arose from the fourth beast (Daniel 7:7, 8)
2. Comes up among the other 10 horns, but **after** their establishment (v8, v24)
  - a. Unlike other conquering nations that came from afar, this horn arises from among (in the vicinity or territory of) the other 10 established horns. Additionally, it arises sometime **after 476AD** when the last division of the Roman Empire, the 10<sup>th</sup> horn, was established
3. Plucks up 3 of 10 horns by the root
  - a. Being plucked up by the roots implies complete annihilation
  - b. Compare Daniel 4:14, 15, 23, 26 to Matthew 3:7-10

4. Little Horn's appearance is greater than the others
  - a. The little Horn in time would grow to become greater than the other 7 horns that remain. Greatness speaks of power, might, wealth and especially **self-exaltation** (*pride, boastfulness*)
5. Little Horn has the eyes of a man
  - a. The bible often called those given wisdom and spiritual insights from the God of heaven prophets or seers (1 Samuel 9:9). Therefore, eyes can be interpreted as a symbol of intelligence, wisdom, understanding or insight. However, the "Little Horn" is said to have the eyes of a man, implying **wisdom** not drawn from God (see Psalm 32:8) and therefore from Satan (Proverbs 16:25, Job 10:4). Unlike the 10 barbarian tribes that divided Rome, the power represented by the "Little Horn" was noted for its intelligence, its insight and its foresight. The actual term *intelligence* is used later in the book of Daniel in describing this same Little Horn and gives reference to the cunning, strategic alliances it created to achieve its ends (Daniel 11:30, 31)
6. Little Horn has a mouth speaking great things (pompous words) against the Most High (v8, 20, 25)
  - a. Great Things – pompous or **blasphemous words**
    - i. Compare: Revelation 13:5; John 10:30-33; Mark 2:7; Luke 5:21; Matthew 9:2-8
  - b. "Over against" implies that in its opposition against the Most High, the Little Horn would set itself up as being **equal with God**
    - i. Compare: 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Ezekiel 28:1-9
7. Little Horn makes war against the saints and prevails against them for a time, and times, and dividing of times (v21, 25)
  - a. Makes war against God's faithful people and prevails – war implies **persecution** including imprisonment, banishment, and death
  - b. Reigns over the saints of God for a period of time:
    - i. 1 prophetic day = 1 literal year (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34)
    - ii. A time = 360 prophetic days (Lunar Calendar)
    - iii. A times = 2x360 prophetic days
    - iv. A dividing (1/2) times = 0.5x360 prophetic days
    - v. Total: **1260 year reign**
8. Shall intend to change times and law (v25)
  - a. "Means to", "intends to", or "strives to", "thinks to" change times
    - i. Compare Daniel 2:20, 21
    - ii. Assumes prerogatives only belonging to God
  - b. "Means to", "intends to", or strives to", "thinks to" change/establish laws
    - i. Human civil laws (Daniel 2:9, 13, 15; 6:8, 12, 15)
    - ii. **Divine laws** (Exodus 20:8-11; Ezra 7:12, 14, 21, 25, 26)
  - c. "Thinks" to change God's Law
    - i. Romans 8:7
    - ii. John 14:15
9. Shall be **different** from the other kingdoms
  - a. Seeks to exercise both civil and religious (*moral*) authority

- b. Its characteristics are composites of prior world empires
- 10. Beast with Little Horn shall be judged by the Ancient of Days and the court; the ruling will be in favor of the saints – the faithful of God (v22, v26)
- 11. The beast with the Little Horn will be slain, its body destroyed and given to the burning flames (v11, v26)
  - a. In contrast to the other fallen world powers of Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece that remained in some form after their conquest for a period of time, the Little Horn will be **utterly destroyed by God** (v11, 12; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 20:10)

The only world power or system that perfectly fits the description given by the Little Horn of Daniel 7 is *Papal Rome (the Church of Rome)*. Formally arising out of the divided Roman Empire (after 476AD), Papal authority had grown over the course of time, mixing political and religious stratagem, until by 538AD its influence and power held kings of the world completely in its sway. In its pride and arrogance it stood-up, exalted itself above God, His saints, and God's Law (Isaiah 14:12-14), especially through its promotion of Sunday sacredness, in opposition to God's true seventh-day Sabbath. Unsuspecting, *sincere* adherents to its form of religion and dogmas have for centuries remained trapped in ignorance by traditions and relics of former pagan origin which through *consummate craft* [making error look like truth and truth look like error] this apostate church introduced to the Christian faith. This world power is said to remain until final judgment is levied by God against it, followed only by the coronation of Christ's eternal kingdom. We will continue our exposé of this great world power (system) - its rise, its doctrine, and its fall, and ultimately the great victory of God and His saints (Daniel 7:13, 14, 27; Revelation 20:4) in subsequent chapters of Daniel and the Revelation.

***A Signpost Turned Around.***—*The Lord has clearly defined the road to the city of God; but the great apostate has changed the signpost, setting up a false one—a spurious sabbath. He says: "I will work at cross-purposes with God. I will empower my delegate, the man of sin, to take down God's memorial, the seventh-day Sabbath. Thus will I show the world that the day sanctified and blessed by God has been changed. That day shall not live in the minds of the people. I will obliterate the memory of it. I will place in its stead a day bearing not the credentials of heaven, a day that cannot be a sign between God and His people. I will lead the people who accept this day, to place upon it the sanctity that God placed upon the seventh day. Through my vicegerent I will exalt myself. The first day shall be extolled, and the Protestant world shall receive this spurious sabbath as genuine. Through the non-observance of the Sabbath God instituted, I will bring His law into contempt. The words, 'A sign between me and you throughout your generations,' I will make to serve on the side of my sabbath. Thus the world will become mine. I will be ruler of the earth, prince of the world. I will so control the minds under my power that God's Sabbath shall be an object of contempt. A sign? I will make the observance of the seventh day a sign of disloyalty to the authorities of earth. Human laws shall be made so stringent that men and women will not dare to observe the seventh-day Sabbath. For fear of wanting food and clothing, they will join with the world in transgressing God's law; and the earth will be wholly under my dominion."*

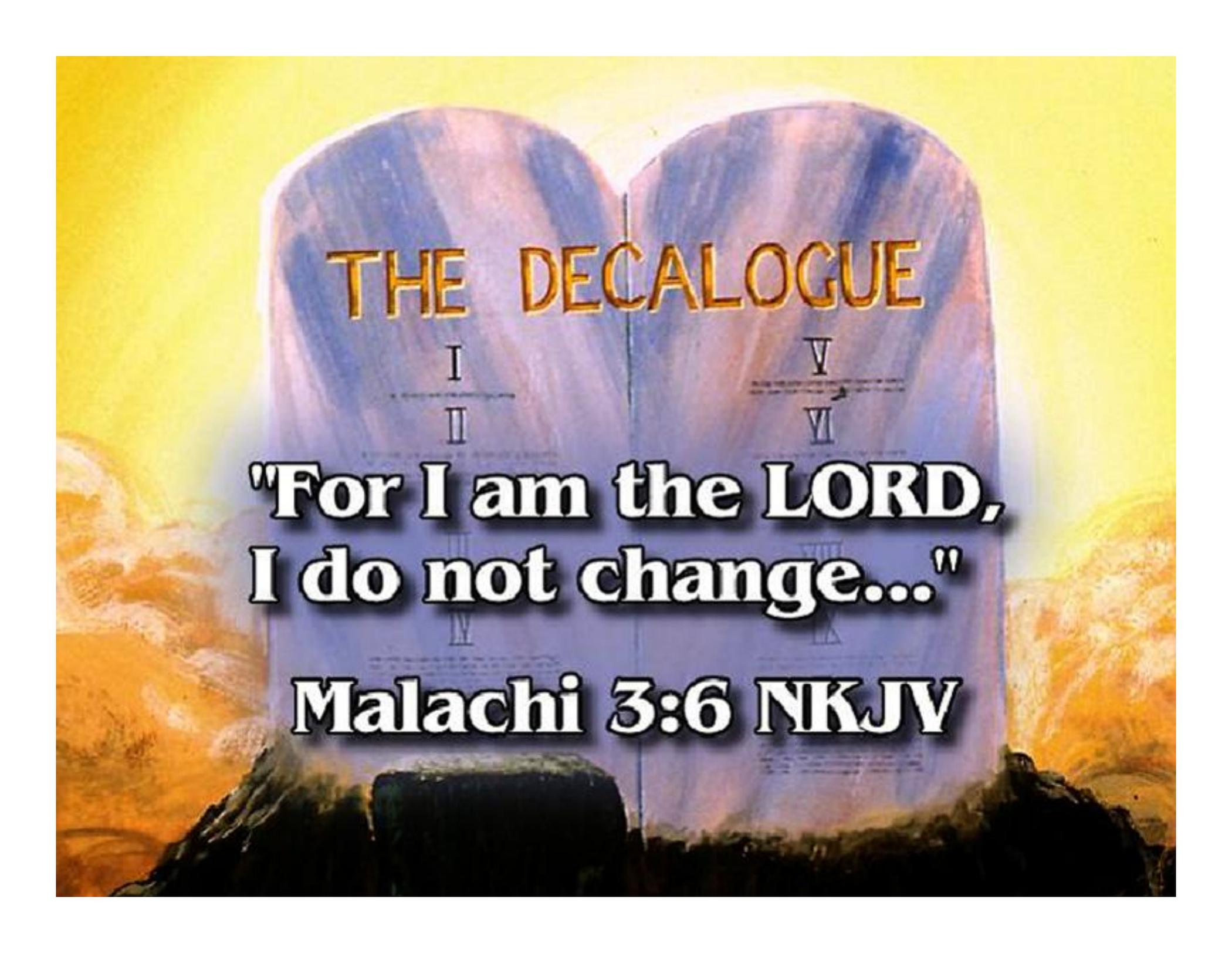
*The man of sin has instituted a false sabbath, and the professed Christian world has adopted this child of the papacy, refusing to obey God. Thus Satan leads men and women in a direction opposite to the city of refuge; and by the multitudes who follow him, it is demonstrated that Adam and Eve are not the only ones who have accepted the words of the wily foe.*

*The enemy of all good has turned the signpost round, so that it points to the path of disobedience as the path of happiness. He has insulted Jehovah by refusing to obey a "Thus saith the Lord." He has thought to change times and laws {Review & Herald Magazine April 17, 1900}*

## **Meditative Thoughts & Question:**

We are not saved because we keep the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath and we are not lost if we do not keep the Sabbath. We are lost if we rebel against God's grace and the light which He sheds on our path (Hosea 4:6; John 3:18-20).

God uses His law to demonstrate His love to us. We keep His law and commandments as a demonstration of our love to Him (John 14:15).



# THE DECALOGUE

**"For I am the LORD,  
I do not change..."**

**Malachi 3:6 NKJV**







# **The Convert's Catechism**

**"Q: Which is the  
Sabbath Day?**

**A: Saturday is the  
Sabbath Day.**

**Q: Why do we observe  
Sunday instead of  
Saturday?**

**A: Because the Catholic  
Church transferred  
solemnity from  
Saturday to Sunday."**

**Peter Gieremean,  
1948, p. 50**

# Jesus

**"I am the  
way, the  
truth, and  
the life..."**

**John 14:6, NKJ**

# Satan

**"...he is a  
liar and  
the father  
of it."**

**John 8:44, NKJV**

# The Choice

<b>Bible</b>	<b>Tradition</b>
<b>God's Law</b>	<b>Human Rules</b>
<b>Jesus Teachings</b>	<b>Human Thoughts</b>
<b>Divine Command</b>	<b>Human Substitute</b>
<b>Truth</b>	<b>Error</b>
<b>Genuine</b>	<b>Counterfeit</b>
<b>God's Way</b>	<b>Man's Way</b>