blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwelleth upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword, must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Notice that the beast makes war against God, just like the little horn. The beast reigns for 42 months, which is equivalent to 1260 prophetic years, just like the little horn. The beast makes war on the saints, just like the little horn.

Obviously the little horn of Daniel 7 and the beast of Revelation 13 are one and the same power.

The beast receives a deadly wound, just as the little horn was taken out of power in 1798. But the prophecy here in Revelation 13 goes a step further and says the deadly wound is to be healed. The whole world is to follow after the beast and bow in submission to its authority again. The wound suffered by the papacy was largely healed in 1929 when Mussolini signed a concordat with the pope of Rome that restored its property and political status to the papacy. And this wound has been further healed since 1929 as numerous political alliances have been made with the Vatican. The deadly wound inflicted on the papal power in 1798 is, indeed, being healed. The pope of Rome has emerged as a recognized world leader.

Only the Bible, which foretold all that has transpired so far, can open to us the future. The prophetic agenda has been accurate so far. What can we expect to happen next?

Revelation 13 continues the story and gives us a clear insight into the future.

The Miracle Movement
Fire from heaven symbolizes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:4). The fire brought down from heaven by the land beast is obviously not a genuine manifestation of the Holy Spirit, for it is employed to destroy the world. Here we are warned of a great counterfeit revival that will place a great deal of emphasis on “wonders” and “miracles.” A later verse in Revelation tells us that “they are the spirits of devils” (Revelation 16:14).

It is startling for many to learn from Scripture that demons have the power to perform miracles through their followers. They masquerade as Christians and deceive those who are impressed by their apparent Holy Spirit power. Accord- ing to Revelation 13:14, “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

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The Sea Beast
After introducing to us the beast from the sea with seven heads and ten horns, Revelation 13 directs our attention to a second beast:

“And I beheld another beast rising up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.”

At first glance this creature looks very different from the first one brought to us. But comparison shows there are many similarities.

First, we can clearly see that this beast is symbolic. Nobody has ever seen a beast with seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast” (Revelation 13:3-4).
Ostrogoths, the Heruli, the Anglo-Saxons, now England, the kings’ (Daniel 7:24). The ten horns represent the ten kingdoms that arose out of this kingdom: “And ten horns came out of this kingdom: and, behold, in this horn were eyes and a mouth speaking great things.”

Daniel continues: “The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings: I beheld the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth. And the eagle departed from them, and stood upon the ground: and they stood upon each one as a man, and a man’s heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and another, like a lion, which had eagle’s wings: and the beast had four heads and four horns; and another horn, out of the ground, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn, these eyes like the eyes of men, and a mouth speaking great worlds.”

Notice here that the prophet Daniel looked at the ten horns, which arose in 476 A.D., and he saw a little horn arise among the ten, and it uprooted three in the process of its rise to power. The three horns that no longer existed today were destroyed by the little horn. So what power is symbolized by the little horn? This is a very important question. I’m glad to tell you that we don’t have to guess or speculate. The Bible clearly identifies the little horn, so conclusively that we need not misunderstand. The Scripture gives us nine identifying marks or characteristics by which we can identify the little horn. And amazingly enough, all of these nine identifying characteristics apply only to one power in history. Let’s read these nine marks of identity from the Bible in Daniel 7:8, 24-25.

Characteristics of the Little Horn

1. The little horn came to power among the ten horns, which was in western Europe (see Daniel 7:8).
2. The little horn arose sometime after 476 A.D. (see Daniel 7:8). If it arose among the ten horns, then it had to arise after they already existed. Thus the little horn is the eleventh horn to arise to divide the Roman Empire in 476 A.D. (see Daniel 7:8).
3. The little horn uprooted three of the ten horns as it arose to power (see Daniel 7:8).
4. The little horn has a man at its head who speaks for it, a human spokesman. The papacy exalts the pope as its human head and supreme authority.
5. The little horn power would speak great words of blasphemy against God. Without much searching we find that the papacy claims that the pope is God on earth (“Holy Father”) and that he and the church possess its authority (see Daniel 7:8).
6. The little horn would reign for a period of 1260 years. The time and times and dividing of times mentioned in Daniel 7:25 is also mentioned in Revelation 12:14. But here the time period is referred to as one thousand two hundred and sixty days, and also forty-two years (see Revelation 12:6 and 13.5).

“Time” equals years; “times” equals years; and “a half of time” equals one-half a year. These equal three and a half years. Using the Bible rule of a day equaling a year in prophetic periods (see Ezekiel 4:6; we conclude that the little horn is to reign for a period of 1260 years.

We have the Bible’s nine characteristic marks that reveal the identity of the little horn power. Anyone could go down to the library with these clues and discover the identity of the little horn power. There is only one power in all of history that meets all of these nine characteristics. The little horn power in Daniel 7 is clearly the papal Roman church-state. Let’s review the nine marks that identify the little horn and notice how they apply to the papacy:

1. The little horn power was to arise in western Europe among the ten divided kingdoms of the Roman Empire. Of course the papacy did arise in western Europe, in the great city of Rome.
2. The little horn power was to begin its rule sometime after 476 A.D. The papacy began to reign in 538 A.D. when a decree by Emperor Justinian gave the church supreme authority. For centuries the papacy ruled as the religious powers in the world and gave him political authority.
3. The little horn would uproot three of the ten horns as it arose to power. As we look at the pages of history, we see that the papacy destroyed the Vandals, the Ostrogoths, and the Heruli during its rise to power. The last of the three to be stamped out was the Ostrogoths in the year 538 A.D., the very year of Justinian’s decree that gave religious and political power to the church.
4. The little horn was to have a man at its head as its authoritative spokesperson. The papacy exalts the pope as its human head and supreme authority.
5. The little horn would be different in character than all the other ten horns. The papacy arose as a religious power claiming political authority.
6. The little horn power would speak great words of blasphemy against God. Without much searching we find that the papacy claims that the pope is God on earth (“Holy Father”) and that he and the church possess its authority.
7. The little horn would attempt to change God’s great moral law. If you look in any Catholic catechism, even to this day, you will find that the church has omitted the second commandment that forbids the worship of graven images. Then they divided the tenth commandment into two in order to have a total of ten. The church had to omit the second commandment in order to remove the condemnation against its worship of statues of Mary, the apostles and other saints.
8. The little horn would reign for a period of 1260 years. It was in the year 538 A.D. that a decree by Emperor Justinian gave the papacy political and religious authority. If you count down 1260 years from 538 A.D., you will arrive at the year 1798. In that very year the French general, Berthia, marched into Vatican City in Rome, dethroned the pope, took him captive, and confiscated the church’s property, thus ending the reign of the papacy. The French Direcotorie government made a decree that there would never be another Bishop of Rome. As far as the world was concerned at that time, the papacy was history. It is truly amazing that the Bible foretold the exact 1260-year time period of the papal reign.

The Little Horn and the Sea Beast

What does all this information about the little horn in the book of Daniel have to do with the sea beast of Revelation 13? Everything. Let’s turn back now to Revelation 13:5-10, 3:

“…and there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and