

1. *The Antichrist comes from Rome (Dan. 7:7-8, 9:26, Rev. 17:9)*

The Antichrist (represented by Dan. 7's little horn) came out of the fourth beast empire in Daniel 7 (Rome), Daniel 9:26 predicted the people of the Antichrist would destroy the Jewish Temple, which the Romans destroyed in 70 AD, and the Antichrist beast of Revelation is closely aligned with the Whore of Babylon in Revelation 17, which sits on seven hills. The "city of seven hills" is a nickname of the city of Rome.

The Pope is the Bishop of Rome and the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

2. *Three of the ten kingdoms that came from Rome collapse before the Antichrist receives power (Dan. 7:8, 7:20)*

The ten kingdoms that came to power out of the collapse of the Western Roman Empire were the Alemanni, Anglo-Saxons, Baiuvarii, Burgundians, Franks, Heruli, Ostrogoths, Suevi, Vandals, and Visigoths. The first three to fall were the Alemanni (c.496 AD), Heruli (c.508), and Burgundians (532). The Antichrist had to come to power **after 532 and before March of 534** when the fourth kingdom (Vandals) fell. This leaves a two-year window when the Antichrist had to arrive (532-534). There can be no future Antichrist.

The Bishop of Rome was made the head of the Catholic Church for the first time by Emperor Justinian in 533.

3. *The Antichrist shall subdue three kings (Dan. 7:24)*

After coming to power, the Antichrist will defeat three of the remaining seven kingdoms.

Catholic armies allied with the papacy defeated the Vandals, Baiuvarii, and Ostrogoths.

4. *The Antichrist would be diverse from the other ten kings that came out of the collapse of the Roman Empire (Dan. 7:24)*

Daniel 7:24 prophesied the Antichrist would be a different kind of leader from the other ten kingdoms.

The ten kings of Daniel are political leaders, but the papal Antichrist is a religious leader.

5. *He would "speak great things and blasphemies" would "opposeth and exalt himself above all that is called God," "shall also stand up against the Prince of princes," and "shall magnify himself in his heart" (Dan. 7:8, 7:11, 7:25, 8:25, II Thess. 2:4, Rev. 13:5)*

Daniel, Paul, and John predicted the Antichrist would speak "great things," indicating he would be brash and boastful. The Antichrist would also compare himself against God and Jesus, and he would elevate himself above God's power.

Popes have made numerous heretical statements. They call themselves the "Vicar of Christ," meaning "substitute Christ." Innocent III: "The Roman Pontiff, who takes the place not of a pure man, but of the true God in the lands." Boniface VIII: "We declare, we proclaim, we define that it is absolutely necessary for salvation that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff." Boniface VIII: "The pope is as God on earth." Pius V: "Christ entrusted his office to the chief Pontiff...but all power in heaven and in earth had been given to Christ...therefore the chief Pontiff, who is his vicar, will have this power." Leo XIII: "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." Pius X: "The pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ himself, hidden under the veil of the flesh."

6. *The Antichrist would wear out the saints (Dan. 7:25)*

No one group or individual has persecuted and killed more Christians than the Roman Catholic Church and its papacy.

7. *The Antichrist would change the times and laws (Dan. 7:25)*

Popes have changed religious laws (Ten Commandments and many of God's other rules), and were closely involved with civil law in the Roman Empire after 312 AD and the Byzantine Empire's Code of Justinian. They changed Roman pagan religious holidays to Catholic holidays. Many holidays have pagan origins. Easter is named after the Babylonian sex goddess Ishtar. The popes changed the sabbath from Saturday to Sunday (due to Catholicism's origins in the Babylonian sun cult). Gregory XIII also changed the entire calendar in 1582.

8. *The Antichrist would sit among the body of Christian believers (II Thess. 2:4)*

Whenever Paul used the word "naos" for "temple" as in II Thess. 2:4, it was a metaphor for the body of Christian believers, not a building.

The pope claims to be a Christian, but his doctrine is based in paganism.

9. *The Antichrist would be the eighth king of Rome (Rev. 17:10-11)*

Like in Daniel 7, the kings represent leadership positions, not individual people. Rev. 17 says the sixth king "is" because it was in power in Rome when Revelation was written in 95 AD. The Antichrist would rule the city two kings later.

The sixth king was the Roman Emperors (27 BC-476 AD). The seventh king was Rex Italiae/King of Italy (476-538). After Rex Italiae was forced out of Rome in 538 AD, the Pope took temporal power in the city as the eighth type of king of Rome.

10. *"By peace shall destroy many" (Dan. 8:25)*

Catholicism deceives many people through false doctrine, which destroys their souls in the second death.

11. *The Antichrist would "make war with the saints" (Rev. 13:7)*

No one group or individual has killed more true Christians than the Roman Catholic Church and its papacy. Examples include the religious persecutions of the followers of Arius, the Donatists, Anabaptists, the Waldensians, punishment or martyrdom for owning, translating, or publishing the Bible, the Albigensian Crusade, the Inquisitions, the Counter-Reformation, and the European Wars of Religion.

12. *He would persecute Christians for 1,260 days (Rev. 11:3, 12:6), 3.5 years (Dan. 7:25, 12:7, Rev. 12:14), 42 months (Rev. 11:2, 13:5)*

Under the day-year principle (Daniel 9's Seventy Weeks Prophecy), 1,260 days = 1,260-year fulfillment. The pope held temporal (political) power for exactly 1,260 years (538-1798 AD). The Catholic Church used this power to persecute and martyr millions of Christians.