

### **Chapter 3: Determining the identity of the antichrist; the antichrist is going to be Nebuchadnezzar.**

To help the faithful develop the background necessary to understand the account of Revelations and/or to determine when the angels of the devil are going to make an overt appearance on the earth prior to the return of Christ, we are going to review the account of Revelation and determine the identity of the antichrist at this point in our analysis. Showing the faithful how to determine the identity of the antichrist at this point in our analysis will enable the faithful to become more familiar with the account of Revelation and/or to understand how to interpret the symbolism used in the account of Revelation. Understanding how to interpret the symbolism used in the account of Revelation will enable the faithful to understand and/or interpret the rest of the account. As we are going to show, the antichrist is going to be Nebuchadnezzar. Although many individuals that call themselves Christians believe that Nebuchadnezzar paid tribute to the God based upon the information that is provided in the account of Daniel and/or other accounts where Nebuchadnezzar may have been referred to as a servant of the Lord, as the faithful know, the issues of his heart are described in the account Daniel and are the true indicators for Nebuchadnezzar. Although Nebuchadnezzar made several proclamations concerning God, for those that know the book of Daniel and the Lord Jesus Christ, his proclamations were soon followed by outrageous hypocritical demands that reflected his heart and his desire to be worshiped as God. As the faithful know, after making a proclamation to God as described at the end of chapter 2 of the book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar constructed a golden idol and then demanded that everyone worship the idol as described in chapter 3 of the account of Daniel. In addition, Nebuchadnezzar attempted to kill some of the Lord's faithful servants for failing to worship him and/or the idol of him by casting the faithful servants of the Lord into the fiery furnace. The outrageous demands that Nebuchadnezzar made after proclaiming the Lord as the God of gods establishes Nebuchadnezzar as a hypocrite he was and/or is going to be and provides the faithful with a preview of what is going to occur as part of the great tribulation. As the faithful know, Nebuchadnezzar's heart was declared in the chapter 2 of the book of Daniel, and his heart is associated with the beast kingdom at the end times as declared in the book of Daniel. We will show that Nebuchadnezzar will be the antichrist by using scripture verse scripture. As the faithful know, Nebuchadnezzar stated that Daniel's God is a God of gods, and never indicated that he, Nebuchadnezzar that is, converted to Daniel's faith, ie. "your God" is the words recorded in verse 2 Daniel 27. As we shall show, comments contained in the account of Daniel to the contrary are additions made by the ungodly to confuse the issue that Nebuchadnezzar is going to be the antichrist. Such comments include the comments at the end of chapter 4 of the book of Daniel which indicate that Nebuchadnezzar believed that the God of the Jews was the God of the most high.

Prior to reviewing verses from the account of Revelation that concern the antichrist, some understanding of terms is necessary. In order to determine the identity of the antichrist, the faithful must understand that the expression "beast" serves multiples purposes in the account of Revelation. As the faithful will realize shortly, the account of Revelation uses the word "beast" in two different contexts. The word "beast" is used in some instances in the account of Revelation to refer to the

individual that is going to demand worship as God during the great tribulation. We will refer to the individual that is going to demand worship as God during the great tribulation as the antichrist. The reason that we are going to refer to the individual that is going to demand worship as God during the great tribulation as the antichrist is that the demands that this individual is going to make during the great tribulation are going to be contrary to the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ and therefore this individual is contrary to Christ and accordingly, will be referred to as the antichrist. As we shall show, there is good reason for why the account of Revelation uses the word “beast” when the account is referring to the individual that is going to demand worship as God during the great tribulation. As we shall show, when the account of Revelation uses the word “beast” to refer to the individual that is going to demand worship as God during the great tribulation, the symbolism used in the account is helping the faithful to identify the antichrist.

To complete our discussion of the word “beast”, the faithful will note in some instances in the account of Revelation the word “beast” refers to the kingdom that is going to be formed by the antichrist and ten kings. To reinforce how the word “beast” is being used in any particular instance in the account of Revelation, we will refer to instances when the word “beast” pertains to the kingdom formed between the antichrist and the ten kings (the ten kings are represented symbolically as ten horns) as the beast’s kingdom or the kingdom of the beast. As we have mentioned previously, when the word “beast” is being used in the account of Revelation to refer to the individual, we will use the word antichrist. To determine how the word “beast” is being used in the account of Revelation the faithful must use the context of the discussion. The context of the discussion will indicate which interpretation to use for the word “beast”.

As the faithful know, the book of Revelation was not written in a chronological order, and consequently, when we are reviewing the account of Revelation, we will not restrict ourselves to proceed in a chronological order either. Adopting a flexible perspective concerning the order in which we review the account of Revelation will prove to be very useful in understanding the account. In order to understand how to utilize the information contained in the Bible to determine the identity of the antichrist, let us review the following verses from the account of Revelations.

Revelations 17:7) And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 8) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth, shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9) And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 10) And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11) And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12) And the ten horns which thus sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Several pieces of information are provided in verses Revelation 17:7-12 that will help the faithful to determine the identity of the antichrist. As we shall show, although the verses provided above were

introduced by the angel talking with John to explain the mystery of the woman that rides the beast, since the word beast is mentioned in the discussion, the verses provided above do contain some information that pertains to the beast that will help the faithful identify the identity of the antichrist in addition to helping the faithful to understand the mystery of the woman that rides the beast. We will show the faithful how to solve the mystery of the woman that rides the beast after we have shown the faithful how to determine that Nebuchadnezzar is going to be the antichrist.

As we are going to show as part of the process of determining the identity of the antichrist, when the expression "beast" is used to refer to the individual that we are going to call the antichrist, the expression "beast" is providing a literal description of the individual that is going to demand worship as God during the great tribulation. As the faithful should know, and as we shall show, Nebuchadnezzar was driven from among men to live as a beast in the field for seven years due to the pride that he proclaimed for himself after being cautioned by Daniel not to do so. Furthermore, Daniel suggested that Nebuchadnezzar should seek the mercies of the Lord instead of boasting of himself. As the faithful know, Nebuchadnezzar chose to disregard Daniel's advice and instead, choose to boast of himself reinforcing his nature as a hypocrite as described in the book of Daniel and/or the true nature of his heart as described in chapter 2 of the book of Daniel. As a result of Nebuchadnezzar's desire to boast of himself, Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men and lived as a beast in the field for seven years. The actions of Nebuchadnezzar in this instance indicate a trait, which as we shall show, he is going to retain in his second lifetime when he will reappear on the earth as the antichrist after ascending out of the depths of Hell and is going to boast himself above all that is called God and/or that is worshiped as God as described in the book of Daniel and/or the book of Revelation. Consequently, when the expression "beast" is being used in the account Revelation to refer to the antichrist, the account of Revelation is providing the faithful with information that will help the faithful to determine the identity of the antichrist. The symbolism used in the account of Revelation was designed by the Lord to help the faithful understand the account and not to confuse the issues. In order to develop the proper interpretation for the account of Revelation, the faithful must realize that the Bible is their guide for interpreting the symbolism that exists in the account. As part of our effort to explain the account of Revelation to the faithful, we will show the faithful how to use the information contained in the Bible to interpret the symbolism existing in the account of Revelation.

Since verse Revelations 17:11 states that the beast was and is not, the verse is indicating that the antichrist lived prior to John but had died and was not living when John received the revelation from the angel. The faithful will note that such an interpretation is consistent with the fact that the antichrist shall ascend out of the bottomless pit (Hell) and go to perdition as declared in verse Revelation 17:8, which means the antichrist is going to come up from Hell at some point in time after John received the revelation and will reign as the antichrist after ascending up from hell, and after the Lord Jesus Christ returns, the antichrist is going to be sent back to hell. In order for the antichrist to ascend out of hell, he must have gone to hell sometime before he ascends out of hell. Consequently, since verse Revelation 17:11 states that the beast was and is not, the antichrist must have lived prior to John receiving the revelation, died and went to hell. This must be the case since verse Revelation 17:11 states that the

beast is not. In order to emphasize that the antichrist is going to come from hell at some point in time after John received the revelation, we have repeated verse Revelation 17:8 below.

Revelation 17:8) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they shall dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not and yet is.

Since the antichrist must ascend up from hell, it is obvious that the antichrist must have died at some point in time prior to when John received the revelation and went to hell after dying. Dying and going to hell is what allows the antichrist to ascend from hell at some point in time after John received the revelation. Consequently, since the angel informs John that the antichrist was and is not, and John received the revelation when the sixth king was in power, it is obvious that the antichrist lived on the face of the earth and had died before John received the revelation from the angel. Accordingly, the individual that is going to ascend up from hell and demand worship as God must have been one of the first five kings mentioned to John by the angel. This must be the case since verse Revelation 17:11 indicates that the eighth king is going to be one of the preceding seven. Consequently, since Nebuchadnezzar reigned on the earth and died before John received his revelation, our determination that the antichrist is going to be Nebuchadnezzar is consistent with the information John received from the angel as it pertains to when the antichrist lived on the face of the earth the first time relative to when John received the revelation. In order to properly identify the identity of the antichrist, the faithful must realize that the antichrist died prior to John receiving the revelation from the angel as described in the verses provided above. Since verse Revelation 17:8 indicates that they that dwell on the earth shall wonder when they behold the beast that was and is not, and yet is, the verse is indicating that after the antichrist comes up from hell, those that dwell on the earth will be intrigued by the antichrist. This explains why so many individuals in the world will worship the antichrist as God. We know that the antichrist is going to be damned into hell after coming up out of hell since the fate awaiting the antichrist is described in verse Revelation 19:20 provided below. As clearly declared in the account of Revelation, the antichrist will be damned into hell after the Lord returns at his second coming.

Revelation 19:20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

As the faithful can now realize, since the false prophet is going to deceive the unsuspecting into worshipping the antichrist as God and verse Revelation 17:8 states that those that dwell on the earth shall wonder when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is, when verse Revelation 17:8 is taken in conjunction with verse Revelation 19:20, the complementary nature of the verses indicate that the unsuspecting will worship the antichrist as God and take the mark of the beast while the antichrist is on the face of the earth. As we shall show, the account of Revelation makes clear that the faithful will not take the mark, and consequently, many of the faithful will be put to death by being beheaded, although as the accounts of Mathew 24, Mark 13, 1 Thessalonians and 1 Corinthians indicate that some of the faithful will be alive and remain when the Lord descends from heaven to cut short the tribulation

of those days and take the all of the faithful to heaven on the occasion the Lord is revealed from heaven. As the faithful will realize, it is very important to understand all things so that the faithful may seek the mercies of the Lord. By studying the account of Revelation, you are demonstrating your faith unto the Lord, and consequently, if it is part of his plan, you may receive his mercies that you seek in prayer. Accordingly, if you are not abiding in the commands of the Lord to seek the truth, do not expect to be among those that are alive and well when the Lord descends from heaven. As the faithful will note, the account of Revelation opens with John indicating the following: Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. We will have much more to say about these issues in our closing prayer to the Lord at the end of this chapter.

The faithful will note that the precedent for our interpretation concerning the antichrist and the fact that the antichrist had lived and died prior to John receiving the revelation from the angel as described in verses Revelation 17:7-12 is a result of how the Lord describes himself in the opening chapters of the book of Revelation as indicated in the verse provided below.

Revelation 1:8) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Since the words Alpha and the Omega cover the first and the last, when verse Revelation 1:8 uses the expression "which is", the expression "which is" must be interpreted as occurring in the present tense of time. Consequently, in order to maintain consistency with the precedent established by the verses contained in the account of Revelation that describe the Lord, the word "is" in verse Revelation 17:11 must pertain to the present tense of time. Consequently, the expression "was" as used in verse Revelation 17:11 must be referring to the past relative to when John is talking to the angel. In addition, since verse Revelation 17:11 mentions the beast "is not", the verse is indicating that the antichrist was dead at the time John was talking to the angel. As we have mentioned, our interpretation for the antichrist is consistent with the fact that the antichrist shall come up from hell at some time in the future after John had received the revelation from the angel.

Although verse Revelation 17:11 mentions that the beast is the eighth king, since five kings had fallen when John received the revelation, the use of the expression "is the eighth" is indicating that the antichrist must come up from hell to reign as the antichrist sometime after John received his revelation. This must be the case since the sixth king is associated with the present tense when John received the revelation due to the precedent established by verse Revelation 1:8. Since the seventh king and eighth king reign after the sixth king has reigned and John received the revelation during the reign of the sixth king, the antichrist is going to be raised from the dead sometime after John received the Revelation. This must be the case since the reference for determining when the events are going to occur are described relative to the time when John is talking with the angel. The fact that the antichrist is the eighth king and must come after the seventh king reigns helps the faithful to understand the information contained in the seals mentioned in the account of Revelation. As we shall show, the fact that the rider on the white horse mentioned in the first seal of the account of Revelation receives a crown indicates that he is a king. In order to maintain consistency in the account of Revelation as it pertains to when the antichrist is

going to reign, and what must occur before the antichrist ascends to power (the seventh king must ascend to power before the antichrist ascends to power), and/or how the word crown is used in the account of Revelation, the rider on the white horse must be assumed to be the seventh king mentioned in the verses provided above. As we shall show, the kingdom of the beast ascends to world power during the fifth seal. We will have much more to say about this issue later.

As we are going to emphasize later, the account of Revelation contains a considerable amount of redundancy. Understanding how to use the redundancy in the account is critical to developing the proper interpretation for the account. The redundancy in the account will enable the faithful to test various interpretations for consistency and accordingly, will enable the faithful to identify and/or reinforce the proper interpretation. In addition, the redundancy in the account will help the faithful to identify inconsistencies that the ungodly have included in the account to deceive the unsuspecting.

As identified in verses Revelation 17: 7-12, the antichrist lived his first life on the face of the earth prior to John, and is going to be raised up from hell to reign as the antichrist, and after the Lord Jesus Christ returns, the antichrist will be disposed back into hell as indicated in verse Revelation 17:8. As the faithful will realize, since the eternal destiny of the antichrist will be perdition after his reign as antichrist as described in the verses provided above, this is why the antichrist was referred to as the son of perdition in the account of 2 Thessalonians. Realizing that the actions of the son of perdition that are described in the account of 2 Thessalonians pertain to the antichrist will enable the faithful to develop a comprehensive understanding of what is going to happen before the Lord is revealed from heaven. As mentioned previously, the account of 2 Thessalonians indicates that the antichrist is going to go into the temple and sit on a false ark which is going to start the great tribulation that occurs prior to the Lord being revealed from heaven. We will have more to say about this aspect later.

To avoid any confusion, the faithful must realize that the ten kings that are going to join with the antichrist to form the beast's kingdom are a different group of kings than the seven kings that precede the eighth king. The eighth king is going to be the antichrist and the antichrist is one of the seven kings that precede the eighth king. As we shall show, the account of Daniel contains information that will help the faithful to sort out the different kings and/or the beast's kingdom and how the ten kings involved in beast's kingdom are different than the seven kings that precede the antichrist. The fact that the verses provided above indicates that the eighth king is one of the seven means that when the antichrist comes to power and demand worship as God it will be the second time the antichrist has lived on the face of the earth. This must be the case since the antichrist will ascend out of hell. In order to determine the identity of the antichrist the faithful must realize that before the antichrist can ascend to power and demand worship as God, the antichrist must have been an individual that lived prior to John receiving the revelation, died and went to hell. Consequently, in order to maintain consistency among the verses that describe the antichrist, the faithful know that the antichrist lived on the earth before John received the revelation, and during his reign that occurred before John received the revelation provided by the angel, the antichrist died and went to hell. The antichrist ruled as one of the seven kings mentioned to John by the angel in verse Revelation 17:11. Since John received the revelation during the reign of the

sixth king and the antichrist is described as the one who was and is not, the faithful know that the antichrist was one of the first five kings mentioned to John by the angel who explained the mystery of the woman that rides the beast. As we shall discuss as part of the review of the account of Revelation and/or the account of Daniel, in all likelihood, the ten kings that are going to be part of the beast's kingdom are going to be angels of the devil and will not be humans. Due to the amount of corruption that exists in the book of Daniel, and the emphasis of our efforts being directed toward developing the proper interpretation for the New Testament, we have not had sufficient time to properly resolve whether or not the ten kings that will be part of the beast's kingdom will be angels or humans. The faithful are warned if you are not aware of the verses in the account of Daniel as reinforced by verses in the account of Revelation that imply that the ten kings might be angels, then you are not in position to offer insight into the matter and must refrain from offering a definitive position on the matter, for the Lord knows what it is you understand and what your heart is. We will present the information from the account of Daniel and/or the account of Revelation that indicates that the ten kings might be angels after we have completed our review of the account of Revelation and/or the account of Daniel and revealed the amount of corruption that the Lord has permitted in scripture to judge the resolve and/or obedience of the faithful.

In addition to noting that the antichrist lived prior to John and was dead at the time John received the revelation from Christ, in order to confirm that the antichrist is Nebuchadnezzar, it is extremely important to note that the antichrist died in his first lifetime by the wound of the sword as indicated in verse Revelation 13:2 provided below. As we shall show shortly, the fact that the antichrist was killed by the sword as part of his first life on the face of the earth is very helpful in reinforcing that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist since it is a very simple matter for the faithful to use scripture to establish that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword. Since Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword and reigned prior to John receiving the revelation, Nebuchadnezzar satisfies all of the qualifications that the antichrist must possess given what we know about the antichrist from the account of Revelation and/or the account of Daniel mentioned above. As we shall show, given all of the issues that the faithful must consider when identifying the antichrist, the faithful can be sure that there will be only one individual that will be consistent with all of the issues concerning the antichrist, and consequently, the faithful can be sure that there is only one individual that can qualify as the antichrist. As we are going to show, Nebuchadnezzar is going to be the antichrist. Due to the similarity that exists between verses Revelation 13:1-6 provided below and verses Revelation 17:12-17 provided previously, we can use the information from verses Revelation 13:1-6 provided below to complement the information in verses Revelation 17:12-17. Complementing the information contained in one group of verses with information from another group of verses will help us to identify the antichrist since we will have more information to consider when identifying the antichrist. As we shall show, now that we have some background information about when the antichrist lived the first time he was on the face of the earth relative to when John received the revelation as described in verses Revelation 17:7-12, we will be able to use this information with the information contained in verses Revelation 13:1-6 provided below to establish that Nebuchadnezzar is going to be the antichrist. In order to understand how to use the benefits of the redundancy that is built into the account of Revelation and/or how to use the complementary nature of verses provided in the account of Revelation, please read the verses provided below.

Revelations 13:1) And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2) 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. 3) 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. 4) And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? 5) And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

As described in verse Revelation 13:1, the beast rises from the sea and upon his ten horns are ten crowns. The expression "beast" as used in verse Revelation 13:1 provided above is referring to the kingdom of the beast since the description provided in the verse involves the ten kings which are represented symbolically as the ten horns. Since there are ten crowns on the ten horns, verse Revelation 13:1 is indicating that the beast kingdom is reigning and consequently, the descriptions contained in the subsequent verses that pertain to the beast's kingdom are describing what is going to happen during the great tribulation as a consequence of the kingdom of the beast having power over all nations. Since the verses describe what is going to happen during the reign of the beast's kingdom, and the antichrist demands worship as God during the reign of the beast's kingdom, we would expect that any description of the antichrist mentioned in the verses provided above to have a very close relationship with the descriptions of the beast's kingdom mentioned in the same verses.

Since the ten crowns upon the ten horns indicate that the beast's kingdom is reigning, any interpretation provided for the symbolism involving the seven heads and/or the description of the seven heads mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1 must be consistent with the description of the beast's kingdom provided in chapter 17 and/or verses subsequent to verse Revelation 13:1 concerning the beast's kingdom. This must be the case since the description of the seven heads is given in the context of the beast's kingdom. Since the beast's kingdom is reigning, the seven heads must pertain to the seven kings that precede the eighth king that is the antichrist. This association is established on the basis of the number of heads mentioned in chapter 13. The number of heads mentioned in chapter 13 is the same as the number of kings that must precede the antichrist to power as described in chapter 17 of the account of Revelation. Accordingly, the heads mentioned in chapter 13 must represent the seven kings that precede the antichrist in order to maintain consistency with the information mentioned in chapter 17. The description of the beast rising from the sea indicates that the beast kingdom is of a gentile origin, an aspect, as we shall show, that is consistent with the identity of the antichrist.

As indicated in verse Revelation 13:3, one of the heads associated with the beast kingdom has the appearance that it were wounded to death and his deadly wound was healed. As the faithful will realize, the description provided in verse Revelation 13:1 mentions only seven heads and ten crowns. The description provided in verse Revelation 13:3 mentions that one of the seven heads appeared as it were



wounded to death and his deadly wound was healed. Consequently, in order to maintain consistency with the descriptions provided in chapter 17 from the account of Revelation, the seven heads must represent the seven kings and the eighth king which is not explicitly mentioned in chapter 13 must be considered one of the seven. Consequently, in order for the description of the beast's kingdom mentioned in chapter 13 to be consistent with the description of the beast kingdom mentioned in chapter 17, the head that has recovered from the deadly wound must be counted twice in order for the description of the beast's kingdom described in chapter 13 to produce eight kings so that the description in chapter 13 will be consistent with the description of the eight kings mentioned in chapter 17. As was mentioned in our discussion of chapter 17, the eighth king is one of the seven and had died prior to John receiving the revelation. Accordingly, using the information contained in chapter 13 and/or chapter 17, the faithful now know how the individual that is going to be the antichrist died in his first lifetime. The individual that is going to be the antichrist died in his first lifetime by the sword. The faithful will note our interpretation of chapter 13 is consistent with our interpretation of the antichrist living prior to the revelation John received from the angel as described in verse Revelation 17:8. Accordingly, the individual that is going to become the antichrist must have lived before John had received the revelation and died by the sword and will ascend up from the depths of hell at some time in the future after John had received the revelation. In addition, as we shall show, the antichrist must be an individual that can be characterized as a beast and/or a lion in some sense, either literally or symbolically.

As the faithful will note, since there are only seven heads, but eight kings, the eighth king must be one of the seven kings represented by the seven heads mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1 in order for verses from chapter 13 to be consistent with the descriptions of the beast given in chapter 17. Consequently, since the eighth king must be one of the seven, it is necessary to count one of the heads twice in order to account for the antichrist being the eighth king. Consequently, the antichrist must be represented by the head that had died by the wound of the sword but yet was healed. This must be the case so that the antichrist, which is the eighth king, can ascend from the depths of Hell to be the eighth king. In this manner can one of the kings be counted twice so as to account for the eighth king who will be the antichrist after he ascends out of the depths of hell.

Consequently, due to the information contained in chapter 13 and chapter 17 concerning the antichrist, we can conclude that the antichrist lived prior to John, was one of the five kings that reigned before John received the revelation and died from the wound of the sword and will ascend up from hell at some point in the future to reign as the antichrist. The antichrist is going to ascend to power after the seventh king has been crowned as described in verses Revelation 17:7-12 and/or by the symbolism mentioned in verses Revelation 13:1-6.

As the faithful will note, in addition to being consistent with the fact that the antichrist lived prior to John and died by the wound of the sword, the identity of the antichrist is expected to be consistent in some sense, either symbolically and/or literally, with the expression "beast" since the expression "beast" is used in some instances of the account of Revelation to refer to the individual that we are calling the antichrist. As the faithful can realize, the more we know, the more information we can use to help us identify the antichrist. As the faithful should know, and as we shall show, Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men to live as a beast for seven years and subsequently died by the wound of the sword.

Consequently, when the expression “beast” is being used in the account of Revelation to refer to the antichrist, the account of Revelation is utilizing symbolism to help the faithful to identify the antichrist. The use of symbolism in the account of Revelation was designed by the Lord to help those that seek the truth. It is the liar Satan who deceives and corrupts the truth. For those that know their Bible, it is a simple matter to demonstrate that the Bible indicates that Nebuchadnezzar lived as a beast for seven years and subsequently died by the sword during the first time he lived on the earth which as the faithful know was prior to John receiving the revelation. Accordingly, the life of Nebuchadnezzar the first time he lived on the earth is consistent with the information provided in the account of Revelation that concerns the individual that is going to be the antichrist.

At this point in our discussion we must mention a very important aspect of the account of Revelation that will help the faithful understand how to interpret the symbolism used in the account. Accordingly, we will defer our discussion of the antichrist for a few paragraphs in order to emphasize this very important information. As the faithful will notice, verse Revelations 13:5 states that power is given unto the beast to continue forty and two months. Since verse Revelations 13:1 mentions the beast rising from the sea, with ten crowns upon the ten horns, the faithful know that the expression beast in verse Revelation 13:1 is being used to refer to the beast's kingdom in this particular verse, which involves ten kings and the antichrist, which due to the consistency in the descriptions is the same beast kingdom mentioned in verse Revelations 17:7 and Revelations 17:12. Consequently, since verse Revelations 17:12 indicates that the beast's kingdom will reign for a duration of “one hour”, the duration of “one hour” must be interpreted as a symbolic representation for the forty two month duration mentioned in verse Revelations 13:5. This must be the case in order to maintain consistency among the verses as it pertains to the duration of the beast's kingdom. As the faithful will realize, since the descriptions contained in each group of verses concerning the beast are so similar, both group of verses must be describing the same issues. Accordingly, by recognizing the redundant nature of the account of Revelation, the faithful will realize that the account of Revelation provides the faithful with the information necessary to interpret the symbolism used in the account. There are several reasons why the Lord commanded the account of Revelation to include so much symbolism. We will discuss how the use of symbolism helps to preserve the integrity of the account and to identify corruption that the ungodly have introduced into the account after we have become more familiar with the symbolism used in the account.

As we shall show, in order to understand the account of Revelation and/or to determine when the war in heaven is going to happen, the faithful must understand that the duration of the beast kingdom is described in the account of Revelation using several different, but related expressions. The duration described as “one hour” is a symbolic representation for the literal duration of forty two months. If the faithful are going to develop the proper interpretation for the account of Revelation, it is essential that the faithful understand that the duration of the beast's kingdom can be described in either a literal sense or a symbolic sense. As we shall show, if the faithful are going to identify when the angels of the devil are going to appear overtly on the earth prior to the second coming, in a manner similar to what occurred in the days of Noah so the second coming will be similar to what happened during the days of Noah, the faithful must realize that the duration of the beast's kingdom can be described in either a literal and/or a symbolic manner. As we shall show, three additional descriptions of the duration of the

beast kingdom are going to appear in the account of Revelation. As we shall show, the information included in all five descriptions of the duration of the beast kingdom are consistent and complement one another and accordingly, the faithful will be able to use information from five different perspectives to determine and/or reinforces the proper interpretation for the account of Revelation and/or when the angels of the devil are going to appear overtly on the earth prior to the second coming, so the second coming will be similar to what occurred during the days of Noah. Having information concerning the beast kingdom from five different perspectives will enable the faithful to use the redundancy that exists for the proper interpretation to identify inconsistencies and/or false gospels introduced into the account by the ungodly to deceive the unsuspecting.

Returning to our immediate effort to determine the identity of the antichrist, in order for the faithful to determine the identity of the antichrist, the faithful must recognize that verse Revelation 13:2 provided above asserts that the mouth of the beast appeared as a mouth of a lion. Verse Revelation 13:2 has established an association between the mouth of the beast and a lion. In order for the faithful to determine the identity of the antichrist, the faithful must be able to determine what the mouth of the beast represents and why the mouth of the beast has been equated to the mouth of a lion. In order to understand why the mouth of a beast has been equated to a mouth of a lion, the faithful will note the beast that was mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1 is declared in verse Revelation 13:2 to be like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as a mouth of a lion. As we shall show when we review the account of Daniel shortly, the same animals mentioned in verse Revelation 13:2 are mentioned in the account of Daniel and represent three kingdoms that precede the kingdom of the beast. In order to understand why the leopard, the bear and the lion are mentioned in verse Revelation 13:2, the faithful need to realize that verse Revelation 13:1 mentioned that the beast had seven heads. Accordingly, in order to maintain consistency among the symbolism and what the symbolism represents, there must be a relationship, either literal or symbolic, relating the seven heads to the leopard, the bear and the lion otherwise the account will be fragmented and incoherent. There must be a relationship relating the seven heads to the lion, bear and leopard since the seven heads and the lion, the bear and the leopard are all mentioned in relation to the beast's kingdom in one sense or another. Accordingly, the seven heads and the lion, bear and leopard have something in common. Since the account of Daniel describes the three kingdoms that precede the beast's kingdom as a lion, bear and leopard, in order to maintain consistency among the accounts, the three kingdoms mentioned in the account of Daniel that precede the beast's kingdom must spawn the seven kings that precede the antichrist in order to be consistent with the information concerning the antichrist mentioned in the account of Revelation. This must be the case otherwise there would not be a consistent reporting of the seven kings that precede the antichrist between the account of Revelation and the account of Daniel. As we shall show, the three kingdoms mentioned in the account of Daniel that precede the fourth kingdom, which is the beast's kingdom, do indeed spawn seven kings reinforcing our interpretation of the account of verse Revelation 13:2 that the animals mentioned in the verse represent the three kingdoms that precede the kingdom of the beast as described in the account of Daniel, and as a consequence, the three kingdoms that precede the beast's kingdom must produce the seven kings that precede the antichrist, one of which must come from hell after dying to be the eighth. In this manner can the beast's kingdom be associated with the lion, the bear and the leopard mentioned in verse Revelation 13:2 and/or the account of Daniel. An

association must exist between the lion, bear and leopard and the beast's kingdom since the antichrist is the eighth king and is one of the seven and the seven kings are spawned from the three kingdoms described as a lion, bear and leopard in the book of Daniel. Accordingly, to maintain consistency with the account of Daniel, the seven heads mentioned as part of the description of the beast's kingdom in verses Revelation 13:1-2 must be considered as representing the seven kings that precede the antichrist that are spawned by the three kingdoms that precede the beast's kingdom. As we shall show, the beast's kingdom is the fourth kingdom described in the account of Daniel. Consequently, as we shall show, since the mouth of the beast that is mentioned in verse Revelation 13:2 can be associated with the antichrist due to the symbolism associated with the descriptions provided for the beast's kingdom, and the mouth of the beast has been associated with the mouth of a lion, and the lion can be associated with one of the three kingdoms that spawn the seven kings that precede the antichrist, and one of the seven kings is the antichrist, the faithful will realize that we may determine the identity of the antichrist based upon information contained in the account of Daniel that pertains to the kingdom that can be associated with a lion. If we can identify the king that comes from the kingdom that has been characterized as a lion in the book of Daniel, then based upon the associations declared in the book of Revelation relating the antichrist to a lion, we shall have a basis for identifying the antichrist. This must be the case due to the associations established in the account of Revelation and/or the account of Daniel involving the antichrist and the three kingdoms that spawn the seven kings preceding the antichrist, one of which is the antichrist. Since one of the three kingdoms that spawn the seven kings is characterized as a lion and the antichrist can be equated to a lion based upon the account of Revelation, the antichrist is invariably associated with the kingdom that is characterized as a lion in the account of Daniel. This must be the case since no other association involving a lion and the antichrist exist in the account of Revelation. The manner by which the faithful can determine the identity of the antichrist must involve determining the identity of the king that is spawned from the kingdom that is characterized as a lion in the account of Daniel. As the faithful will realize, such an association limits the number of individuals that can qualify as the antichrist. Accordingly, the faithful can use their understanding of how to determine the identity of the antichrist provided by the Spirit and recorded herein as a measure to assess the understanding of those who claim to be Christians. Any one preaching a gospel that is not preached herein as it pertains to the antichrist is preaching a false gospel. The faithful will know the truth and will know that the above statement is the truth by which those in the faithful will be able to identify those in ignorance and/or servitude to Satan since they will preach a false gospel.

Since the seven heads represent the seven kings that precede the antichrist, one of which is the antichrist, the mouth of the beast's kingdom that is mentioned in verses Revelation 13:2 can be associated with the antichrist. This must be the case since the antichrist is an integral part of the beast's kingdom. The mouth mentioned in verse Revelation 13:2 is mentioned in the context of the beast's kingdom. Since the verse Revelation 13:1 describe the beast as having seven heads, the mouth of the beast kingdom mentioned in verse Revelation 13:2 may be associated with one of the seven heads since the seven heads are declared to be part of the beast's kingdom as is the mouth of the beast. This must be the case since the mouth of the beast's kingdom must be consistent with the description of the beast's kingdom, which, in light of the descriptions contained in verse Revelation 13:1 involves the seven

heads, but as the faithful know, only one of which is the antichrist that will be involved with the beast's kingdom when the beast's kingdom assumes power at some time in the future.

Since the mouth can be associated with the seven heads, due to the linkage that exists among the symbolism mentioned in verses Revelation 13:1-3, and since the beast's kingdom is the matter being described since the ten horns have ten crowns, the mouth of the beast must be associated with the one head that represents the antichrist. This must be the case, since the eighth king is the only king out of the seven kings that is involved with the beast kingdom. Since the eighth is one of the seven, only one of the seven heads can be considered as reigning during the beast's kingdom. The description of the other kings and/or the kingdoms represented by the lion, bear and leopard that spawn the seven kings is apparently being given as information to establish consistency with other accounts and/or to supply complementary information that can provide the faithful with information concerning the three kingdoms and the seven kings spawned by the three kingdoms which as we shall show, the faithful will use to identify the antichrist based upon the association that the mouth of the beast is as a mouth of a lion and the lion is one of the kingdoms that must spawn the seven kings that precede the antichrist, one of which is going to be the antichrist. Accordingly, the antichrist must be associated with one of the three kingdoms that precede the beast's kingdom.

Since verse Revelation 13:6 indicates that the beast is going to blaspheme against God, the mouth that is given unto the beast as described in verse Revelation 13:5 must take on a literal interpretation of representing the actions that are going to be performed by the antichrist when the antichrist is going to blaspheme against God by speaking great things against God after the antichrist ascends to power and demands worship as God. In order to determine the significance of the word "mouth" as the word "mouth" is used in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation, the faithful will note verse Revelation 13:5 mentions that there was given unto "him" a "mouth" speaking great things and blasphemies. Accordingly, the word "him" mentioned in verse Revelation 13:5 must be interpreted as referring to an individual, meaning the antichrist, since the word "him" must be referring to someone that was mentioned previously in the account. Since verse Revelation 13:3-4 precedes verse Revelation 13:5, the word "him" that is used in verse Revelation 13:5 must be referring to an individual mentioned in the preceding verses which must be considered the antichrist due to the descriptions contained in verses Revelation 13:3-4 that uses the symbolism of heads to describe the king that had a deadly wound, but yet lived since the wound was healed. Consequently, the notion of the beast in verse Revelation 13:4 must pertain to the individual, the antichrist. This must be the case since verses Revelation 13:3-4 indicates that the beast is going to be worshiped by the entire world, all except whose names are written in the book of life.

Although the foolish (the disciples of Satan, the liar and created creature that cannot be God) will worship innate objects, including idols and/or images including images of Mary and/or pictures of men declared to be saints by men, since the antichrist is going to demand worship as God, when verse Revelation 13:4 indicates that the beast will be worshiped, in order to maintain consistency with the demands to worship the antichrist as God that are described in chapter 13, the beast mentioned in verse Revelation 13:4 must be interpreted as pertaining to the antichrist. Consequently, the mouth that speaks great things and blasphemies as mentioned in verse Revelation 13:5 must be associated with the

antichrist and/or considered representative of the actions of the antichrist that the antichrist is going to perform in order to justify his demands to be worshiped as God. The actions associated with the mouth must be considered a physical function performed by the antichrist of blasphemy against God, exalting himself (antichrist) above all that is called God that is going to occur when the beast's kingdom comes to power. The mouth is symbolic of the literal acts that the antichrist is going to perform when he will blaspheme God and all that dwell in heaven during his reign as the antichrist which is going to occur during the great tribulation. Since the descriptions mentioned in verses Revelation 13:3-5 pertain to the individual that is going to demand worship as God, the mouth that is mentioned in these verses must apply to the antichrist since the antichrist is the individual that is going to blaspheme against God and will be worship as God by the disciples of the liar Satan.

To reinforce that the antichrist will exalt himself above all that is called god, emphasizing that the mouth mentioned in verse Revelation 13:5 must be interpreted as a literal description of the antichrist in certain respects encountered in the account of Revelation, we have provided verses Daniel 11:36-37 below.

Daniel 11:36) And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the Gods of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that that is determined shall be done.

Accordingly, the mouth mentioned in verse Revelation 13:5 must be considered as referring to the antichrist. Consequently, in order to preserve consistency in the account in regards to how the word mouth is used in the account, the description of the mouth mentioned in verse Revelation 13:2 must be consistent with the description of the mouth given in verses Revelation 13:5-6 since the antichrist can be related to the beast mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1 in a unique fashion since the antichrist must be symbolically represented as one of the seven heads, more specifically, the head that had the deadly wound but yet lived. This must be the case so that the antichrist can be the eighth king and one of the seven. Since the seven heads are part of the descriptions provided for the beast's kingdom, the antichrist can be related to the descriptions of the beast's kingdom. Consequently, in order to maintain consistency with the fact that the antichrist can be associated with the word "beast" regardless of whether the word beast pertains to the beast's kingdom involving the ten horns and the head that had the deadly wound and/or to the antichrist as an individual, the manner of how the word mouth is used in verses Revelation 13:2 must be consistent with how the word "mouth" is used in verses Revelation 13:5-6. Accordingly, the mouth of the beast is representative of the antichrist and/or the actions of the antichrist that the antichrist will perform during the beast's kingdom as mentioned in verses Revelation 13:5-6. Consequently, the mouth of the beast can be equated in either a literal sense and/or a symbolic sense with the mouth of a lion. Since the mouth of the beast is symbolic for the antichrist, and the mouth of the beast can be related to the mouth of the lion, the mouth of the lion must be considered as being symbolic of the antichrist. This is why the antichrist is referred to as a beast when the word beast is used to describe the antichrist in the account of Revelation. Referring to the antichrist as a beast reinforces that the antichrist can be associated in some sense with a lion. As we shall show when we review the account of Daniel for information concerning the three kingdoms that precede the beast's kingdom, Nebuchadnezzar can be associated with the kingdom that is described as a lion in the book of Daniel. In addition, Nebuchadnezzar can be associated with the notion of a beast and/or with the notion

of a lion due to the fact that Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men to live as a beast reinforcing our interpretation that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist. As the faithful know, if we have identified the proper interpretation for the account of Revelation and/or Daniel, then the faithful should expect that several of the verses in the above accounts would be the targets for corruption by the disciples of Satan. As we shall show, this is indeed the case. However, as we shall show, when guided by the Spirit, the faithful can find the truth and thereby easily identify those that are of the liar. Such men include Dake and other false preachers that preach the notion of a secret rapture.

As we will now show, the description that is provided in verse Revelation 13:1 of the KJV Bible concerning the composition of the beast's kingdom is inconsistent with the description of the beast's kingdom provided in chapter 17 and/or is inconsistent with respect to the nature of the beast's kingdom mentioned in verses subsequent to verse Revelation 13:1 indicating that verse Revelation 13:1 has been manipulated to deceive the unsuspecting. In order to realize how the account of Revelation has been manipulated by the ungodly in this particular instance, the faithful will note the following. The ten kings that are going to form the beast's kingdom with the antichrist are different than the seven kings that precede the antichrist. As we have mentioned previously, the antichrist is the eighth king and is one of the seven. The seven kings that precede the antichrist are represented by heads as mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1. Since the beast's kingdom involves only the eighth king and the ten "other" kings which are represented by the horns mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1, when verse Revelation 13:1 states the following : "upon the heads the name of blasphemy", the use of the plural form of the word head in the verse creates several inconsistencies with the remaining portion of the account that pertains to the beast's kingdom and/or the antichrist. Since verse Revelation 13:6 indicates that the mouth of the antichrist blasphemes God, and the beast's kingdom is formed by the ten kings which are represented by horns and the antichrist, the manner in which the word blasphemy and/or related derivatives of the word is used in verse Revelation 13:6 is inconsistent with the fact that verse Revelation 13:1 indicated that the word blasphemy is to be associated with more than one head. Having the word blasphemy associated with more than one head as indicated by verse Revelation 13:1 is inconsistent with the fact that only one of the seven kings that are represented by the seven heads is going to be involved with the beast kingdom. The fact that only one individual is described as engaging in blasphemy in the verses subsequent to verse Revelation 13: 1 reinforces the fact that the beast's kingdom is going to involve only one of the seven kings that have been represented by heads in verse Revelation 13:1. Since the ten crowns are upon the ten horns, the faithful know that the description provided in verse Revelation 13:1 pertains to the beast kingdom and since the seven heads pertain to the seven kings that precede the antichrist and the antichrist is one of the seven, in order for the description of the beast's kingdom to be consistent with the activities that the beast's kingdom is going to engage and/or the fact that the beast's kingdom is going to involve only the eighth king, only one of the seven heads mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1 can be associated with the beast's kingdom. The ten kings are represented by the ten horns, and consequently, to indicate that more than one head mentioned in the description of the beast's kingdom is labeled with blasphemy in the context of a discussion that pertains to the beast's kingdom when the beast kingdom is reigning as evident by the ten crowns upon the ten horns is

inconsistent with the circumstances that are going to exist during the beast kingdom since only the eighth king is involved in the beast kingdom and the eighth king is one of the seven. Only one of the seven kings represented by the seven heads will be involved with the beast kingdom, and consequently, indicating that more than one head is labeled with blasphemy when discussing the nature of the beast's kingdom and the actions that are going to be associated with the beast's kingdom is inconsistent with the description of blasphemy that is provided in the verses subsequent to verse Revelation 13:1 and/or that only one of the seven kings represented by the heads on the beast described in verse Revelation 13:1 is going to be involved in the beast's kingdom and/or is going to blaspheme God as described in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation.

As the faithful will realize, if we review other versions of the Bible and find that verse Revelation 13:1 from other versions of the Bible indicate that blasphemy is upon only one head, due to the use of the word head being in the singular, the versions of the Bible that use the singular version of the word head in verse Revelation 13:1 must be considered the correct version of the verse since the use of the word head in the singular is the version of the verse that is more consistent with the manner of how the word blasphemy is used in the remaining verses of chapter 13 and/or the composition of the beast's kingdom with respect to the number of kings involved in the beast's kingdom that are spawned from the seven kings that precede the antichrist to power. This must be the case since when the beast's kingdom is reigning, the eighth king is the antichrist and one of the seven, accordingly, only one of the seven kings that preceded the antichrist will be involved and consequently, to suggest that more than one of the seven kings that precede the antichrist is involved in the beast's kingdom by having a common attribute associated with more than one head as it pertains to the symbolism involved in representing the beast's kingdom is inherently inconsistent with information from chapter 17 concerning the beast's kingdom and/or the actions of the antichrist as described in chapter 13. As the faithful know that have sought the truth, the Tyndale version of the New Testament used the word head in the singular. The Tyndale version of the New Testament was published before the ungodly added verse numbers to the scriptures in order to coordinate their efforts to deceive the unsuspecting. (recall the warning contained in the account of Revelation that describe the consequences awaiting anyone that changes the account in any manner)

Revelation Chapter 13 (Tyndale New Testament, modern spelling version by David Daniel) And I saw a beast rise out of the sea, having seven heads, and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his head, the name of blasphemy.

Accordingly, due to the manner of who is involved with the blasphemy stemming from the beast's kingdom as described in chapter 13, only one head of the seven heads mentioned in verse Revelation 13:1 can have blasphemy upon the head, and the one head that has blasphemy upon the head must pertain to the antichrist, since the antichrist is only one of the seven and is going to live again after receiving a deadly wound and reign as part of the beast's kingdom. As the faithful will note, the translation provided in the Tyndale New Testament is much more conducive to establishing the associations necessary to claim that the antichrist is represented by a lion in the account of Revelation and/or Daniel.



Returning to our discussion predicated on the KJV Bible, due to the descriptions provided in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation, the mouth of the antichrist has been equated to the mouth of a lion. Accordingly, the lion must be representative of the antichrist and, if we can identify the individual that the Bible has equated to a lion and/or a beast in a manner consistent with the other information concerning the antichrist, in a symbolic sense, and/or a literal sense as we shall see, then we will have established a basis for identifying the antichrist. Given the additional information contained in the verses provided above, once we have established the identity of the individual that can be considered a lion in a context consistent with the other information that pertains to the antichrist, consistent with all of the other issues that serve to distinguish the antichrist from other individuals, then we will be able to confirm that we have properly identified the identity of the antichrist. As we have mentioned previously, we have identified several facts about the individual that is going to be the antichrist that will enable the faithful to positively identify Nebuchadnezzar as the antichrist. As we shall show shortly, the fact that the mouth blasphemes "all that dwell" in heaven will take on a very important significance that will help the faithful to determine when Satan and the angels of Satan are going to be cast out of heaven due to the war in heaven that occurs when Michael and His angels stand up (Daniel chapter 12) and throw the liar and his angels out of heaven.

As the faithful will realize, if we have developed the proper interpretation for how the word mouth is used in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation, and if the antichrist can be related to either a lion and/or a beast in either a symbolic sense and/or a literal sense, then when we investigate individuals that have been characterized in the Bible as a beast and/or as a lion for whatever reason, and we find an individual that lived before John received the revelation, and we have proof that the individual died by the sword and is to be considered as one of the five kings that reign prior to John receiving the revelation, then we will have identified the individual that is going to be the antichrist based upon the amount of consistency that exists among all of the issues that pertain to the antichrist. Accordingly, in order to reinforce that we have properly identified the identity of the antichrist and/or have developed the proper interpretation for the portion of the account of Revelation that we have reviewed up to this point in our analysis, let us identify if the word lion was intended to be representative of the antichrist and/or who is to be considered the lion in the context of a discussion pertaining to the antichrist.

To emphasize that identifying the identity of the antichrist depends on identifying the individual that can be associated with the lion, the faithful will note the following. Verse Revelation 13:18 indicates that those who have wisdom will be able to determine the identity of the antichrist based upon the number of his name.

Revelations 13:18) Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six.

Since the Bible asserts that the one who has wisdom can calculate the number of the beast, then the one who has wisdom must have received the blessing of knowledge from the Spirit as to who the antichrist is and will be able to use this knowledge to calculate the number of his name to confirm the

identity of the antichrist as indicated in verse Revelation 13:18. A question that will occur to the faithful after reading the above verse is the following. How are the faithful going to obtain the blessing of knowledge from the Lord that will enable the faithful to confirm the identity of the antichrist by calculating the number of his name? In order to obtain the blessing of knowledge that will enable the faithful to confirm the identity of the antichrist, the faithful will notice the following. Since the comment concerning the identity of the antichrist mentioned in verse Revelation 13:18 occurs subsequent to the descriptions of the beast that are mentioned in verses Revelation 13:1-8, the relative proximity of the comment concerning the identity of the beast in relationship to the issues describing the beast indicates that sufficient information has been provided to the faithful in the preceding verses of the account of Revelation that will enable the faithful to identify the identity of the antichrist. The comment about wisdom that is mentioned in verse Revelation 13:18 is introduced subsequent to the description of the beast indicating that the descriptions of the beast provided in the preceding verses of chapter 13 of the account of Revelation are sufficient to identify the identity of the antichrist for those that take the words of the account of Revelation to heart. As we shall show, this is indeed the case. Accordingly, if you have sought the truth to the degree necessary to have received assistance from the Holy Spirit, due to your faith in the Lord and literally putting your life in His hands, then after reading chapter 13 of the book of Revelation, the faithful will be able to identify the identity of the antichrist by using the information contained in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation and/or information contained in other accounts of the Bible that can be shown to complement the information contained in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation. Accordingly, understanding that the antichrist has been equated to a lion is fundamental to determining the identity of the antichrist. This must be the case since the symbol of a lion is related to the antichrist and mentioned in the verses preceding verse Revelation 13:18.

In order to identify the individual that has been characterized as a lion in the Bible, in a manner that is consistent with all of the other issues that are mentioned in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation concerning the antichrist provided above, we are going to initially reference the account of Daniel. As indicated in chapter 4 of the book of Daniel, and as the faithful who have studied the book of Daniel know, Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men to live as a beast in the field for seven years. Verses from the book of Daniel that enable Nebuchadnezzar to be characterized as a lion are provided below.

Daniel 4:30) The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty? 31) While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven saying O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. 32) And they shall drive thee from men, and they dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 33) The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagle's feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

As clearly evident from the verse provided above, Nebuchadnezzar lived as a beast for seven years. In addition, the account of Daniel indicates that Nebuchadnezzar received a heart of a beast during the seven years that he lived as a beast. Verse Daniel 4:16 is provided below for reference.

Daniel 4:16) Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

As the faithful know, after the seven years were past, Nebuchadnezzar received his kingdom back. In order to realize that the Bible indicates that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, the faithful must realize that the Bible refers to Nebuchadnezzar as a beast and in addition, the Bible equates Nebuchadnezzar to a lion. In order to understand how the Bible equates Nebuchadnezzar to a lion, the faithful must understand that after Nebuchadnezzar lived for seven years as a beast in the field, Nebuchadnezzar regained his senses and received his kingdom back. Verses Daniel 4:34-36 are provided below to verify that Nebuchadnezzar received back his kingdom.

Daniel 4:34) And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation; 35) And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto to him "What doest thou? 36) At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honor and brightness returned unto me, and my counselors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom and excellent majesty was added unto me.

In order to establish that Nebuchadnezzar was like a lion during the time that he lived with the beast of the field, the faithful will note the following verses.

Daniel 7:1) In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. 2) Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. 3) And four great beasts come up from the sea, diverse one from another. 4) The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5) And behold another beast, a second, like a bear, and it raised up 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. 6) After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

As the faithful will realize, verse Daniel 7:4 indicates in a symbolic manner that Nebuchadnezzar received his kingdom back after living among the beast of the field for seven years. The fact that the heart of a man is given unto a beast that is described as being "like a lion" indicates that Nebuchadnezzar lived in a manner similar to a lion, and after the seven years as mentioned in verses from chapter 4 of the book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar returned to his kingdom. This must be the case in order to maintain consistency with the information contained in the account of Daniel that concern Nebuchadnezzar and the fact that chapter 4 of the account of Daniel states that Nebuchadnezzar lived as a beast in the field. Consequently we have identified that Nebuchadnezzar can be characterized as a

lion and/or a beast of the field based upon information contained in chapter 7 and chapter 4 from the book of Daniel.

In order to reinforce the fact that Nebuchadnezzar lived as a beast for seven years, and therefore Nebuchadnezzar qualifies to be considered the lion mentioned in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation, we have provided the following verses from the Septuagint version of the Old Testament contained in the Orthodox Study Bible below. As the faithful will note, the verses provided below also serve to indicate the degree of corruption that the Bible has suffered at the hands of the ungodly, God permitting the corruption to occur so that the faithful may have a basis for identifying those that preach a false gospel.

Daniel 4:33(Septuagint) That very hour the word was accomplished upon Nebuchadnezzar, for he was driven from men, ate grass like an ox, and his body was covered with the dew of heaven, until his hair was like that of lions and his nails like birds' claw.

In order to emphasize that Bible versions are being corrupted by the ungodly to conceal the identity of the antichrist, the faithful need to note the following. As the faithful will recall, the KJV Bible indicated that Nebuchadnezzar's hair grew like the feathers of an eagle when Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men to live as a beast in the field. As is evident from the verses provided above, the Septuagint version of the verse is more consistent with the notion of a beast living in the field than the description provided in the KJV. In addition, the Septuagint version of the verse leaves no doubt that Nebuchadnezzar can be associated with a lion since he in fact embodied characteristics of a lion when he lived as a beast in the field. It is for these reasons that the account of Revelation refers to the antichrist (Nebuchadnezzar) as the beast and/or as the lion when characterizing the antichrist. The fact that Biblical scholars have failed to identify and/or to emphasize the inconsistencies that exist among the various translations in this particular instance serves to incriminate the scholars as disciples of Satan since their silence on critical issues serves to indicate that they ( the scholars) have formed a "silent" partnership with Satan to withhold the truth from the unsuspecting. Due to the lack of any acknowledgements concerning the variant readings that are critical to identifying the antichrist, the faithful will realize that the authorities of the church cannot be trusted as a source of truth. As is clearly evident from the information provided above, the antichrist can be associated with the kingdom that is characterized as a lion as was asserted in our discussion of the account of Revelation.

In order to reinforce that Nebuchadnezzar is going to be the antichrist, the faithful will note chapter 7 of the book of Daniel concerns the end times. This must be the case due to the descriptions that accompany the fourth beast kingdom. This is evident by the following verses.

Daniel 7:19) Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; 20) And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and amount that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. 21) I beheld and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22) until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

Clearly, the context of chapter 7 is related to the end times since the description of the ten horns that is contained in verses Daniel 7:19 is consistent with the description of the beast's kingdom provided in the chapter 13 and chapter 17 of the account of Revelation mentioned earlier. Consequently, in order to maintain consistency between the account of Daniel and the account of Revelation, the little horn that is mentioned in the verses provided above must be considered a symbolic representation for the antichrist. As we shall discuss shortly, there is a reason for why the antichrist is referred to as the little horn in the verses provided above. In order to realize that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, several additional points shall be noted concerning the verses provided above. Although four kingdoms are mentioned in the account, a counting of the kings that are associated with the four kingdoms mentioned above indicates that there are eight kings to be considered in the account, with seven kings being spawned from the three kingdoms that precede the beast's kingdom reinforcing the notion that Daniel chapter 7 is a source of information the faithful will use when identifying the identity of the antichrist and/or interpreting the account of Revelations as it pertains to the beast kingdom at the time of the end. Although verse Daniel 7:17 states that the great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth, the verse is clearly inconsistent with the account of Revelation on the number of kings that precede the antichrist. Accordingly, the faithful will recognize verse Daniel 17:7 as a false gospel attempting to confuse the issues necessary to understand in order to determine the identity of the antichrist. Verse Daniel 7:17 is provided below.

KJV Daniel 7:17) These great beast, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

As the faithful who have sought the truth shall know, the translation provided in the Septuagint version of the Bible is more consistent with the truth in this instance. Verse Daniel 7:17 from the Orthodox study Bible is provided below.

Septuagint Daniel 7:17) These four large beast are four kingdoms.

As we shall show when we investigate the four beast kingdoms, seven kings are spawned from the three kingdoms that precede the fourth indicating that the fourth kingdom mentioned in the account of Daniel is the beast's kingdom and the three kingdoms that precede the fourth spawn seven kings, one of which is the antichrist and will live twice. As the faithful will note, verse Daniel 7:23 from the KJV Bible refers to the fourth beast as a kingdom further reinforcing that verse Daniel 7:17 from the KJV is inconsistent.

KJV Daniel 7:23) thus he said, the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdom, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Since verse Daniel 7:23 indicates that the fourth beast is to be considered a kingdom and mentions that the fourth kingdom is different from all kingdom, the faithful will realize that the other beasts must be interpreted as kingdoms in order to maintain consistency with the comparisons mentioned in verse Daniel 7:23. A counting of the number of kings associated with the three kingdoms that precede the fourth will spawn seven kings indicating that we have identified the proper interpretation for the account of Daniel and/or the account of Revelation due to the consistency that involves the three animals mentioned in the account of Revelation and the fact that the three animals mentioned in the account of Revelation can be associated with seven heads, which the faithful know symbolic representations for the seven kings that precede the antichrist.

To count the kings associated with the description of the four kingdoms described in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel, the faithful will note that the eight kings associated with the four beast's kingdom can be identified based upon the features accompanying the description of the beasts representing the kingdoms. Verse Daniel 5:4 identifies the first king which we know to be Nebuchadnezzar due to the description concerning how Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men to live as a beast in the field for seven years as mentioned previously in verses Daniel 4:30-33. Next, verse Daniel 7:5 identifies a bear as devouring three ribs. The second king is to be associated with the bear. As we shall discuss shortly, the three ribs that are describe as appearing in the mouth of the bear assume a very significant role in reinforcing that Nebuchadnezzar is going to be the antichrist. The three ribs in the bear's mouth are a symbolic representation of the fact that Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son all died by the sword on the same occasion when the Medes took control of Babylon as described in the book of Daniel and required by the prophecy declared in the book of Jeremiah. Verse Daniel 5:6 identifies the leopard as the third king. Since the leopard has four wings it's the back, the four wings represent that four more kings are to be associated with the kingdom symbolized by the leopard. When the four kings associated with the four wings on the back of the leopard are to be added to the first three kings mentioned above, (the leopard is to be counted as a king) the faithful will realize, after the end of the third beast kingdom, seven kings have risen. Since the antichrist is the eighth king, and is of the seven as explained in the account of Revelation, if we are going to identify the antichrist based upon the information contained in both accounts, then we should expect that the description of the fourth beast kingdom contained in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel to contain a description of the king of the fourth kingdom that will enable the faithful to relate the king of the fourth kingdom to one of the seven kings associated with the three kingdoms that precede the fourth kingdom as described in the verses provided above. This must be the case since the antichrist is the eighth king and is one of the seven as declared in the account of Revelation. Understanding that seven kings are associated with the first three kingdom described in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel enables the faithful to identify the antichrist.

As we have previously mentioned, the fourth beast kingdom mentioned in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel must be considered the beast's kingdom that is going to arise at the time of the end as described in the account of Revelation due to the similarities in the descriptions that exist in both accounts. Both

accounts described a kingdom that contains ten horns. Consequently, since the beast' kingdom described in the account of Revelation contains ten horns, in order to preserve consistency the fourth kingdom described in the account of Daniel chapter 7, the fourth kingdom described in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel must be considered as the kingdom of the antichrist that is going to reign on the earth prior to the second coming. As the faithful will recall from Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar dream as described in chapter 2 of the book of Daniel, the fourth beast's kingdom must be consider the kingdom of the beast since the symbolism associated with the rock must be associated with the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ that since an everlasting kingdom arises from the destruction of the beast's kingdom.

In order to establish that the eighth king is Nebuchadnezzar, the faithful need to note the following. As indicated in verse Daniel 7:25 below, the mouth speaks great things against the most high. Verse Daniel 7:25 is provided below.

Daniel 7:25) And he shall speak great words against the most high, and shall wear out the saints of the most high, and think to change times and laws: an they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Verse Daniel 7:20 in conjunction with verse Daniel 7:25 indicates that the fourth beast kingdom contains a mouth that spake very great things that is consistent with the description of the mouth described in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation. In addition, as we shall show later, the duration of a time and times and the dividing of time mentioned in verse Daniel 7:25 corresponds to the duration of the beast's kingdom declared in the account of Revelation using a very nearly identical expression. Consequently, since the descriptions of the fourth beast kingdom contained in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel are so similar to the descriptions of beast's kingdom and/or the antichrist provided in chapter 13 of the account of Revelation, in order to maintain consistency among the accounts, the mouth that is mentioned in verse Daniel 7:20 and eluded to in verse Daniel 7:25 must maintain consistency with the fact that chapter 13 of the account of Revelation has equated the mouth to a loin. Since verse Daniel 5:7 refers to the fourth kingdom, and the fourth beast contains ten horns, the fourth beast must pertain to the end times in order to be consistent with the account of Revelation. The fact that the fourth kingdom must be considered the beast's kingdom is reinforced by the fact that verse Daniel 7:13 indicates that the ancient of days comes at the end of the beast kingdom. As we shall show, verse Daniel 7:13 is consistent with verses Revelation 14:7-15 which as we shall show indicates that the son of man comes on the clouds to reap the earth after the antichrist has demanded the entire world to take the mark of the beast. Since we know the second coming involves the end of the world, it follows that the fourth beast kingdom that is described in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel must be the beast's kingdom since the fourth kingdom described in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel ends when the ancient of days comes. As the faithful will note, the ending of the beast's kingdom mentioned in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel is very similar to the descriptions provided in verses Revelation 14:7-15 when one like the Son of man is going to come on the clouds after the demands have been made to worship the antichrist as God.

To reinforce the notion that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, the faithful will note the following. Since the fourth kingdom described in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel corresponds to the beast's kingdom described in the account of Revelation, the eighth king that is described in verse Daniel 7:20 as the little horn must be the antichrist. In order to establish that the little horn that is mentioned in verse Daniel 7:20 is Nebuchadnezzar, the faithful will note the little horn is the eighth king. In order to establish that the eighth king is of the seven as required for consistency with the account of Revelations, the faithful will note the following.

Daniel 7:20) And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

The faithful will note that the description of the little horn contains a physical description that indicates that the little horn had eyes and a mouth that "spake great things". As the faithful will note, the mouth mentioned in verse Daniel 7:20 must correspond to the mouth of the lion mentioned in the account of Revelations, since in both accounts, the mouth spake very great things, and since the mouth is associated with the ten horns in both accounts, the mouth must be considered the antichrist. Consequently, since the account of Revelation has equated the mouth to the lion, in order to preserve consistency with the functions that the mouth performs in the context of being associated the kingdom that contains ten horns as described in the account of Revelation, the eighth king mentioned in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel must be the antichrist. Therefore the little horn that is mentioned in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel must be the antichrist and therefore to maintain consistency with the account of Revelation, the little horn must also be considered the lion. Since the lion is representative of the antichrist, and the antichrist reigned as one of the seven kings that preceded the eighth, the antichrist must somehow be related to a lion and must be one of the seven kings that lived prior to the reign of the eighth king which is the antichrist. Using the descriptions of the kings provided previously with the descriptions of the four kingdoms and/or the kings associated with the four kingdoms, there is only one king out of the seven that were mentioned in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel that can be considered the lion. Consequently, since the eighth is of the seven accordingly to the account of Revelation, in order to maintain consistency between the accounts of Daniel chapter 7 and the account of Revelation, the antichrist must be Nebuchadnezzar since Nebuchadnezzar is the first king and has been equated to the lion as declared in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel. Consequently, the symbolism associated with the fourth beast kingdom described in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel must be consistent with the notion of a lion since the fourth kingdom in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel must be consistent with what has been proclaimed for the antichrist in the account of Revelation. Consequently, since the lion in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel is mentioned only in the context of the first kingdom, and the lion has been established as representing Nebuchadnezzar, the eighth king of the fourth beast kingdom described in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel must be Nebuchadnezzar since he must be one of the seven. Consequently, by using the complementary nature of the information contained in the Bible, we have established that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist. As the faithful will note, the physical descriptions provided in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel for the lion and the little horn reinforce that a linkage exists between the first king and the eighth king. As the faithful will note, the first king has a heart of a



man given unto it. The eighth king which is associated with the fourth kingdom is described as having human features in verse Daniel 7:8. Verse Daniel 7:8 indicated that in the horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. The fact that the eighth king and the first king provide descriptions of kings that involve human traits reinforces that the first king is related to the eighth king reinforcing that the antichrist is going to be Nebuchadnezzar.

As will be evident shortly, it is extremely important to note the following about the descriptions of the three kingdoms that precede the kingdom of the antichrist. As was mentioned, only one king was counted with the first kingdom. The reason why only one king was counted with the lion was due to the fact that the wings on the back of the lion were plucked out of the lion, indicating that the wings are not to be counted as kings in the same sense as the lion when counting kings for the purpose of identifying the seven kings that precede the antichrist. This is completely different than the situation with the four wings on the back of the leopard. The wings that are plucked out of the lion are symbolic of Nebuchadnezzar regaining power over his kingdom after returning from living as a beast in the field. When Nebuchadnezzar was driven from men to live as a beast, someone had to rule his kingdom in his place. Upon returning to his kingdom after living as a beast in the field, Nebuchadnezzar regained authority over his kingdom as indicated in verse Daniel 4:36. Consequently, Nebuchadnezzar was reestablished in his kingdom and the plucking of the wings mentioned in the descriptions of the three kingdoms that precede the beast's kingdom is representative of the fact that Nebuchadnezzar regained authority over his kingdom. Consequently, when counting the kings spawned by the three kingdoms that precede the kingdom of the antichrist, for the purpose of counting kings in this regard, only one king is to be counted due to the fact that the wings are removed from the lions back which indicates in a symbolic sense that the wings are not be counted in a manner that the wings of the leopard were counted. Accordingly, when the symbolism involving wings that is mentioned in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel is interpreted in this manner, the symbolism produces an interpretation that is consistent with Nebuchadnezzar be driven from his kingdom, but regaining his kingdom after living as a beast in the field. Since the kingdom in question is associated with just the lion that was made to stand upon the feet as a man, and the wings were plucked out, the counting of kings as described above yields seven kings as it must in order to be consistent with the account of Revelation on this basis.

As we shall show shortly, the fact that the bear has three ribs in it's mouth is symbolic of the fact that there were three kings in Babylon at the time Babylon was overtaken by the Medes. However, the three ribs that are representing that the three kings that were in Babylon when Babylon was overtaken by the Medes does not contradict the fact that only one king has been counted as the lion when we were counting kings from the three kingdoms that precede the kingdom of the antichrist. This is due to the description of the wings being plucked from the lion. As we shall show, other accounts in the Bible acknowledge that other kings were present in ancient Babylon when Babylon was overran by the Medes, but the other kings must be accounted for in a manner consistent with the symbolism of the account and the purpose that the account is serving relative to the symbolism. The fact that there were three kings present in ancient Babylon when Babylon was over ran by the Medes, but Babylon is to be considered the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar is consistent with the information contained in the account of Jeremiah presented in the verses below.

Jeremiah 25:11) And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12) And it shall come to pass when seventy years are accomplished that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nations, saith the Lord, for their iniquity and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make I perpetual desolations.

Jeremiah 27:7) And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

Although a more detailed interpretation for the verses provided above will be provided as part of our discussion, the faithful will note that the verses provided above indicate that after seventy years are past, three kings are going to be punished collectively which includes Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son. Although three kings had to be present together in order to fulfill the prophecy declared in verse Jeremiah 27:7, the land is considered to be Nebuchadnezzar's land since the verse states the following: "until the very time of his land come". Note the verse does not say the following: "until the very time of their land come". Accordingly, our interpretation of the symbolism mentioned in Daniel chapter 7 is consistent with other verses in the Bible concerning Nebuchadnezzar and his land including information from the account of Daniel chapter 4, and/or the account of Jeremiah, chapter 25 and/or chapter 27 requiring an acknowledgement that three kings exist in Babylon when the kingdom was overran by the Medes, but for the purpose of counting kings associated with the seven kings that precede the antichrist, only one of the three kings is to be counted. This is why there are three ribs in the bear's mouth but only one king is counted in the count of the seven kings that precede the antichrist. This must be the case since the wings are plucked from the lion indicating that in a sense, only one of the three has relevance as it pertains to counting the kings that precede the antichrist. As the faithful know, our assertions are entirely consistent with the account of Jeremiah when the account of Jeremiah asserts that Babylon is his land (that is the land of Nebuchadnezzar) and not their land. Accordingly, the counting of kings and which kings are to be counted and for what purpose the kings are counted depends upon the purpose of the account and the manner in which the kings are described. Accordingly, no inconsistencies exist in our interpretation and the counting of kings. The counting of kings and which kings are to be counted depends upon the purpose associated with the count. Our interpretation is reinforced by the fact that wings are plucked from the lion indicating that others did exist in the kingdom but do not achieve the same relevance as the king represented by the lion as it pertains to counting kings that precede the antichrist. The presence of the wings do acknowledge the presence of others in the kingdom in a manner consistent with the account of Jeremiah chapter 25 and/or chapter 27, and therefore reinforce the interpretation that the three ribs in the bear's mouth must pertain to Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son as we shall discuss further after we mention some information from the account of Joel pertaining to the antichrist.

In order to reinforce that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, the faithful will note the following information contained in the account of Joel.

Joel 1:5) awake ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from our mouth. 6) For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. 7) He hath laid my vine

waste, and barked my fig tree; he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. 8) Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. 9) The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn. 10) The field is wasted the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up; the oil languisheth. 11) Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl. O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. 12) The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men. 13) Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth ye ministers of my God: for the neat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. 14) Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord, 15) Alas for the day; for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. 16) Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea joy and gladness from the house of our God?

One of the issues the faithful must recognize about the account of Joel is that the account of Joel includes descriptions of events that are going to occur prior to the day of the Lord. The day of the Lord is mentioned in verse Joel 1:15. In addition, the faithful must recognize that verse Joel 1:9 and verse Joel 1:13 indicate that the meat offering and the drink offering is going to be cut off from the house of the Lord as part of what is going to happen prior to that day of the Lord. As we shall show as we continue our analysis of the account of Revelation, the occasions mentioned in verses Joel 1:9 and verse Joel 1:13 are describing the same occasion that is described in the account of Daniel chapter 12 that concern the occasion when the sacrifices are stopped. Consequently, since the time line contained in verses Daniel 12:10-12 describes when the second coming is going to occur in relation to when the sacrifices are stopped, the account of Daniel chapter 12 and the account of Joel and the account of Revelation are all closely related. This perspective is reinforced by the fact that both accounts indicate that the temple will be in place prior to the return of Christ and that the daily sacrifices are going to be stopped at some point in the future. As we shall show, a considerable portion of the account of Joel describes what is going to occur as part of the end times after the sacrifices are stopped and before the Lord is revealed from heaven. The signs given in the account of Joel concerning the moon turning into blood and/or the moon not giving its light (darkened) enables the signs in the account of Mathew 24 concerning the second coming to be reconciled with the signs described as part of the sixth seal mentioned in the account of Revelation. The faithful must understand what sign is going to occur first. Using the information provided in the account of Joel, the faithful know that the moon is going to turn to the color of blood before the moon does not give it's light. The information contained in the account of Joel enables the signs provided in the account of Mathew 24 and the signs mentioned as part of the sixth seal mentioned in the account of Revelation to be ordered in the proper manner. Based upon information contained in the account of Joel, before the Lord is revealed from heaven, the moon turns to blood and after the moon turns to blood, the moon will be darkened and after the moon is darkened, the Lord will be revealed from heaven. As we continue our discussion of the account of Revelation, we will discuss the signs mentioned in the account of Joel and/or the sixth seal in more detail.

Furthermore, as we shall show, we will be able to use information from the account of Joel and the account of Revelation to help us determine when the angels of the devil are going to be cast out of heaven. As far as how the account of Joel reinforces that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, the faithful will note that verse Joel 2: 20 indicates that the Lord is going to drive away the army that has invaded the Lord's land. The Lord's land is referred to as my land in verse Joel 1:6. As the faithful will note, the army is from the North. As we shall show, knowing that the account of Joel has characterized the invader that is going to invade Israel prior to the day of the Lord as a lion from the North will enable the faithful to reinforce the antichrist is going to be Nebuchadnezzar. Verse Joel 2:20 is provided below.

Joel 2:20) but I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink will come up. And his ill savor shall come up because he hath done great things.

The descriptions provided in the account of Joel as describing the invader as a lion having cheek teeth of a great lion coming upon the land from the North reinforces that the antichrist is Nebuchadnezzar. For the faithful that know their Bible, the faithful will realize that the description of a nation coming from the North and attacking Jerusalem is consistent with the prophecy concerning Nebuchadnezzar as mentioned in the account of Jeremiah as it pertains to the occasion when the Jews were disposed to Babylon for seventy years. To verify that Nebuchadnezzar can be associated with the North based upon information contained in the account of Jeremiah, we have provided the following verses from the account of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 25:9) behold I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against the land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them and make them an astonishment and a hissing and perpetual desolations. 10) Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the candle. 11) And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12) And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation saith the Lord for the iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans and will make it perpetual desolations.

As indicated by the verses provided above, Nebuchadnezzar came from the North when the Jews were disposed to Babylon for seventy years, and consequently, when the account of Joel indicates that the invading army at the time of the end will come from the North, and that the invader can be characterized as a lion, the account of Joel reinforces that the antichrist is Nebuchadnezzar since Nebuchadnezzar can be associated with a lion and/or with the North based upon how Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem when the Jews were disposed to Babylon for seventy years. In addition, the faithful will note that the account of Joel indicated that the antichrist is going to be raised from the dead. Verse Joel 3:9 and verse Joel 3:12 provided below indicate that the antichrist must be raised from the dead prior to invading Israel.

Joel 3:9) Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let then come up:

Joel 3:12) Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

It must be noted that verse Joel 3:12 has been manipulated by the ungodly. The purpose behind the manipulation is similar to the purpose associated with the false gospels contained in the book of Hebrews that we discussed earlier in our book. The book of Hebrews provides descriptions of what the antichrist is going to do prior to the revelation of Christ from the heavens and attempts to give the appearance that what the antichrist is going to do is what God is going to do. In this manner can the unsuspecting be deceived into worshiping the antichrist as God. As the faithful know, when the Lord is revealed from heaven, the faithful are taken to heaven and the ungodly are punished. The account of 2 Thessalonians describes the sequence of events that occur when the Lord is revealed from heaven.

Verse 2 Thessalonians 1:7 ) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction for the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;: 10) when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

As the faithful know, the Lord is in heaven when the judgments are pronounced against the ungodly and executed as part of the seventh seal described in the account of Revelation. The day of the Lord starts when the Lord comes and gathers the faithful, and takes the faithful to heaven with him and then pours out the judgments on the ungodly (spare the Jews that are sealed and remain on the earth). As the faithful know, and as clearly declared in the account of Joel, the day of the Lord is initiated after the nations are gathered unto the valley of Jehoshaphat and after the moon turns to blood and after the moon does not give it's light. Consequently, due to the declarations made by the Lord as recorded in the faithful rendition of His word, the Lord will not sit in the valley of Jehoshaphat before the moon turns to blood. The proper sequence of events is declared in the following verses.

Joel 3:14) Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. 15) The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Since the Lord is in heaven after the gathering takes place and while the ungodly are being punished until the time the Lord returns to trample the wine press at the conclusion of the seventh seal, verse Joel 3:12 is inconsistent with the account of Revelation as to location of where the Lord is located when the judgments against the ungodly are executed. In order to understand why the ungodly have manipulated verse Joel 3:12, the faithful must understand the following. As the faithful know, before the Lord is revealed from heaven, the antichrist is going to go into the temple and sit and show himself as God. This information appears in the account of 2 Thessalonians.

Verse 2 Thessalonians 2:3) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Accordingly, since the Lord is revealed from heaven after the moon turns to blood, any suggestion existing in verse Joel 3:12 that God is going to sit and judge the heathen round in the valley of Jehoshaphat is a misrepresentation of what occurs as part of the second coming. It is the antichrist that will be sitting in the valley of Jehoshaphat that will demand worship as God after sitting on a false ark in the temple as God in order to deceive the unsuspecting into worshiping the antichrist as God before the Lord is revealed from heaven. Accordingly, verse Joel 3:12 is contrary to the sequence of events and confuses the issues of when the Lord is going to be revealed from heaven relative to the reign of the antichrist by attempting to portray the actions of the antichrist as those of God. Consequently, verse Joel 3:12 is a false gospel. We shall have more to say about these issues later.

As we shall show shortly, the fact that the King of Babylon was punished after the seventy years of captivity as declared in verses Jeremiah 25:12 is fundamental to establishing that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword and therefore Nebuchadnezzar qualifies as the antichrist. As the faithful will recall, according to the requirements set forth in the account of Revelation, the antichrist must have died by the wound of the sword prior to John receiving the revelation. When the antichrist ascends up from the bottomless pit, then the antichrist will be the one who lives yet had died by the wound of the sword. In light of all of the issues that must be considered when identifying the identity of the antichrist, the faithful can be sure the antichrist is going to be Nebuchadnezzar.

As we are going to show next, the information contained in the account of Joel when combined with information from the account of Revelation helps the faithful to interpret the account of Revelation and/or to identify when the antichrist is going to attack Jerusalem. Learning as much as we can about what is going to happen before the Lord is revealed from heaven will help us develop the proper interpretation for the account of Revelation and/or to properly identify the antichrist. In order to understand how the account of Joel can be used to help the faithful develop the proper interpretation for the account of Revelation and/or to identify when the antichrist is going to attack Jerusalem as described in the account of Revelation, we have provided the following verses from the account of Revelation.

Revelation 6:5) And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

The voice coming from the midst of the four beasts can be established as being the voice of the Lord due to the description of the voice coming from the midst of the four beasts and comparing the description of the location of the voice with information contained in the verse provided below.

Revelation 4:6) And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

Since the Lord command that the wine and the oil be not hurt, and the Lord declares the price for the wheat and barley, the verse is reinforcing the notion that the Lord is over all things in the universe, including the events that occur prior to the second coming. As the faithful will realize, the account of Joel verses 1:11-12 inform the faithful that the harvest of wheat and barley has perished. In addition, the new wine and the oil languisheth. Consequently the faithful will realize that due to the nature of events as described in the two accounts, the attack on Jerusalem as described in the account of Joel is going to happen subsequent to the opening of the third seal. This must be the case, since when the third seal is opened, a price is declared for wheat and barley, but in the account of Joel, the wheat and barley have perished. Consequently, as we shall show, in order to maintain consistency among the accounts, the events described in the account of Joel are going to occur subsequent to the breaking of the third seal, otherwise there would be no wheat and barley to sell at the price indicated after the third seal is opened. As we shall show, understanding the account of Joel and when the antichrist is going to attack Jerusalem is fundamental to understanding how all of the accounts of the Bible that concern the second coming can be integrated to achieve an comprehensive understanding for the second coming. We will have much more to say about these issues later.

As the faithful will note, information concerning Nebuchadnezzar from the account of Jeremiah can be combined with information concerning Nebuchadnezzar from the account of Daniel and chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah to establish that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword the first time he was killed.

Jeremiah 27:7) And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

Verse Jeremiah 27: 7 when taken in conjunction with verses Jeremiah 25:9-12 provided previously indicate that Nebuchadnezzar must have been alive at the time Babylon was captured by the Medes as described in the book of Daniel. This must be the case since the Lord declared that Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon and that the king of Babylon was going to be punished at the end of the seventy years of captivity. To emphasize this point verses Jeremiah 25:9-12 are repeated below.

Jeremiah 25:9) behold I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against the land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them and make them an astonishment and a hissing and perpetual desolations. 10) Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the candle. 11) And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12) And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation saith the Lord for the iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans and will make it perpetual desolations.

Accordingly, in light of the information provided above concerning verses Jeremiah 25:9-12 and verse Jeremiah 27:7, the faithful will recognize that verse Jeremiah 27:7 must pertain to the occasion when the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon after the seventy years of captivity. This must be the case since the verse mentions the very time of his land and does not say the end of the world, nor does verse Jeremiah 27:7 provide any indication that the verse pertains to the end times such as mentioning ten horns, or the ancient of days, etc. Verse Jeremiah 27:7 requires that all three Kings, Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son must exist until the very time of his land comes. As we shall show shortly, all three kings mentioned in verse Jeremiah 27:7 died together, on the same occasion, and consequently, all three kings were alive at the end of the seventy years so they all could suffer the same death. All three kings died by the wound of the sword. With these considerations in mind, we are now in position to show the faithful how to properly interpret chapter 5 of the book of Daniel. After the faithful understand how to properly interpret chapter 5 of the book of Daniel, the faithful will be able to understand the how symbolism mentioned with the bear in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel reinforces that Nebuchadnezzar must be the antichrist. The bear mentioned in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel is described as having three ribs in it' mouth. As we shall show, the three ribs mention in verse Daniel 7:5 indicate that Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son were all killed on the same occasion, as it must be in order to fulfill the prophecy contained in the account of Jeremiah. Since the three ribs coexist in the mouth of the bear, the symbolism of the three ribs is indicating that all three kings died on the same occasion. Consequently, the symbolism mentioned in chapter 7 of the account of Daniel indicates that Nebuchadnezzar was killed with his son and son's son fulfilling the prophecy mentioned in the account of Jeremiah concerning the king of Babylon and/or his land reinforcing that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist. This must be the case, since according to the account of Revelation, the antichrist is going to ascend up from the depths of hell after dying by the wound of the sword in his first lifetime. As we shall show, Nebuchadnezzar died by the wound of the sword as is declared in chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah. As was explained previously, although the three ribs indicate that all three kings were present, and this fact is essential to reinforcing that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword, when counting the kings spawned by the three kingdoms that precede the antichrist, only Nebuchadnezzar is to be counted in this regard. Our interpretation for the symbolism in this case is reinforced by the fact that the wings on the back of the lion are removed indicating that for the purposes of counting kings that precede the antichrist, only Nebuchadnezzar qualifies to be counted but other kings are associated with the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar.

The fact that Nebuchadnezzar is alive after the seventy years is accomplished as mentioned in Jeremiah 27:7 is reinforced by verse Jeremiah 25: 12. Verse Jeremiah 25:12 indicates that after the seventy years are past, the Lord would punish the King of Babylon. Verse Jeremiah 25:12 is provided below for convenience.

Jeremiah 25:12) And it shall come to pass when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord for their iniquity and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

As we shall show in another chapter of this book, the perpetual desolations mentioned in verse Jeremiah 25:12 pertain to the end time when the Lord destroys the antichrist, however, the initial



portion of the verse describes what occurred in Babylon after the 70 years of captivity. This is due to how the word “and” is used in the verse. The use of the word “and” can represent a jump forward in time depending on how the word is used in a verse. The use of the word “and” in verse Jeremiah 25:12 is indicating a jump forward in time to the time of the end. This must be the case, since as the faithful know, when Babylon was captured by the Medes and Persians, Babylon was not destroyed, but Daniel was appointed a key role in the administration of the city. Consequently, the prophecy of perpetual desolations cannot apply to what occurred immediately after the 70 years of captivity. As you may recall from the account of Joel, and as reinforced by the account of Revelations, the Lord drives the northern army from Israel, and consequently, the antichrist is trampled in the wine press in the land of the Chaldeans after the waters of the Euphrates are dried up as part of the bowl judgments mentioned in the account of Revelation. Accordingly, the perpetual desolations mentioned in the verse provided above pertain to what is going to happen after the Lord is revealed from heaven and the ungodly are have been punished as declared in the seventh seal.

To establish that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword, and thereby meets another of the many qualifications necessary to be considered the antichrist on this count, the faithful will note the following about the information contained in chapter 5 of the book of Daniel. As described in chapter 5 of the book of Daniel, Belshazzar held a feast and toasted the gods of gold and silver of brass, of iron of wood and of stone using the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God, which was at Jerusalem, by his father Nebuchadnezzar. Since the golden vessels ordained for worship of the true God were used in the praise of false gods, the Lord sent down a hand and a finger of the hand wrote a message on the wall. Belshazzar desired to understand the message, but no one could be found that could interpret the message among the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and/or soothsayers and/or the disciples of Satan that were among them. Accordingly, Daniel was called in to interpret the handwriting on the wall. In order to verify that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword, the faithful must pay very close attention to the discussion that involved Daniel and Belshazzar. To encourage Daniel to read the handwriting on the wall, Belshazzar offers Daniel some gifts and the opportunity of being the third ruler in the kingdom. This is made evident in the verses provided below.

Daniel 5:16) And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold about thy neck and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Notice that Daniel is offered two gifts, a scarlet robe and a chain of gold. These gifts are linked together by the used of the word and, indicating that the two gifts were offered as a pair. As we shall show, the color of scarlet and the association the color of scarlet assumes with the physical Babylon in light of the comments made by Belshazzar is essential to developing the proper interpretation for the account of Revelations and/or understanding the mystery of the woman that rides the beast that we are going to discuss next. In addition, Daniel is offered the position of being third in charge of the kingdom. In order to establish that Belshazzar is third in charge in the kingdom, the faithful must understand how Daniel responds to the offer to be made third in charge.

Daniel 5:17) Then Daniel answered and said before the king. Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king and make known to him the interpretation.

As the faithful will note, Daniel's response divided up the offers that Belshazzar made to Daniel into two groups, gifts and rewards. The reason the faithful must observe this aspect of Daniel response is that the nature of Daniel response indicates that Belshazzar was third in charge and was not delegating authority when he offered to make Daniel third in charge, but instead was offering to trade places with Daniel indicating the Belshazzar was in fact third in charge of the kingdom. This fact is inherent to Daniel's response and the grouping that exists with his response. Since Daniel mentioned two groups, gifts and rewards, the faithful will realize that what Belshazzar offered to Daniel must be classified according to the grouping Daniel identified in order to maintain consistency in the account. As the faithful will realize, the order of the grouping serves to identify the Belshazzar was third in charge. Since the word "gifts" is plural, there must be at least two gifts. Due to how the gold chain and scarlet robe were grouped together by the use of the word "and" when Belshazzar offered the gifts to Daniel, the word "gifts" must be interpreted as referring to the combination of the scarlet robe and the gold chain. This interpretation of the word gifts is consistent with the order in which the gifts were extended and the order of Daniel response. The order of Daniel's response requires the robe and chain to be considered gifts. Given that there is second category, due to the ordering of the comments made in Daniel's response to the offers extend by Belshazzar to Daniel, the rewards mentioned in Daniel's response must be interpreted as referring to Belshazzar's offer to make Daniel third in charge of the kingdom. The rewards that Daniel mentions in his response to Belshazzar must be the rewards that was given unto Belshazzar, since Daniel referred to the rewards as "thy rewards" when he addressed Belshazzar. Consequently, based upon the order of Daniel's response to Belshazzar, Daniels response establishes Belshazzar as being third in charge in the kingdom. Accordingly, since Belshazzar is the third ruler in the kingdom, there must be two above him. Consequently, in order to be consistent with and/or fulfill the prophecy of Jeremiah, including verses Jeremiah 25:12, and Jeremiah 27:7, the three kings that are implicitly mentioned in the account of Daniel chapter 5 must be Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son. As the faithful will note, this had to be the case so all three Kings would present, thereby permitting Nebuchadnezzar to be present after the 70 years of captivity in order to fulfill the prophecy of Jeremiah chapter 27. Consequently, when the bear is mentioned in verse Daniel 7:4 as having three ribs in its mouth, the three ribs are indicative that all three kings died in the same night.

As the faithful that have sought the truth will know, our interpretation of the three ribs in the mouth of the Bear is consistent with the illustrations contained in the 1480 Low German Bible, the 1494 Low German Bible and the 1522 Low German Bible. All three Bibles show an illustration in the book of Daniel that depict a bear with three kings in the bear's mouth, the kings being shoulder to shoulder as the bear is swallowing the kings. Such an illustration indicates that the editors of these Bibles understand the implications of the account of Daniel Chapter 5. The 1480 Low German Bible is available at the special collections reading room at the University of Chicago, and is a nice color picture. This is a very rare Bible, and only one of the two volumes is in the collection, but volume one which is among the collection contains the book of Daniel and the illustration mentioned above. The 1494 Bible is common and a photocopy on micro fiche from IDC is available from Indiana University Bloomington, IN as is the 1522

Low German Bible. As will be evident to the faithful, in light of the proper interpretation we have made available to the faithful, any suggestion that the bear somehow represents Russia as is frequently mentioned by the so called "Biblical scholars" that concern themselves with prophecy, is totally out of context of the account and a reflection of either total ignorance and/or their complete servitude to Satan. As the faithful will further note, the nature of Daniel's response is critical to realizing that Nebuchadnezzar was one of the three kings that was killed by the invading army of Persia and the Medes. The faithful will seek the truth and confirm that the above mentioned Bibles contain the information mentioned above fully supporting the claim that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist.

Since the nature of Daniel's response is critical to identifying the antichrist, we would expect that the ungodly would attempt to conceal this issue and in the process reveal themselves as the fools they are for serving a liar, Satan. As will be evident to the faithful as they obtain readings from other Bibles, the manner of how Daniel responded is presented in other Bibles is inadequate for the purpose that Lord had decreed in the faithful renditions of the word of the Lord. The Lord has permitted other Bible versions to be corrupted in regards to the color of the robe that Daniel was offered and/or the grouping of the gifts and the rewards so that the faithful will be able to readily distinguish those that are in ignorance and/or servitude to Satan. As the faithful will realize, most versions of the Bible fail to maintain consistency as it pertains to the color of the robe Daniel was offered and the color of the beast that the woman is riding as mentioned in the account of Revelation. Several versions of the Bible assert that Daniel was offered a purple robe. In order to maintain consistency in the mystery of the woman that rides the beast, the color of the beast and the color of the robe must be the same color due to all of the other issues mentioned in the account of Revelation that are involved with the beast and are traceable back to physical Babylon, the place of ancient Babylon. Consequently, once the faithful realize that very few Bibles are consistent with respect to the color of the robe Daniel was offered and the color of the beast that the woman is riding as described in the mystery of the woman that rides the beast mentioned in the account of Revelation, the faithful will realize how little the earthly church has done to provide the members of the earthly church with a comprehensive perspective of the Bible. It is for such reasons that the Lord has characterized the church as a whore in the mystery of the woman that rides the beast. As is evident from the mystery of the woman that rides the beast, the false prophet that is going to deceive the unsuspecting into worshiping the antichrist as God is going to be a pope from the Roman Catholic Church. Accordingly the faithful will understand why the church is characterized as the whore in the mystery of the woman that rides the beast, and/or why half of the church is going to be damned into hell at the second coming as described by the parable of the ten virgins.

Additional major differences exist among the various Bible versions that indicate that the church has not been forth right in helping the faithful to understand the account of Daniel and/or what is going to happen prior to the return of Christ. As the faithful will realize, several version of the Bible reverse the order of the response Daniel gave to Belshazzar and as a consequence give the impression that Daniel mentioned the rewards before the gifts. Such an arrangement of information dilutes that ability to establish that Belshazzar is third in charge. This must be the case since reversing the order and mentioning rewards first and gifts second establishes an association that requires the offer to make Daniel third in charge to be considered a gift. Such associations provide no insight into the rank that

Belshazzar held during the incident. Characterizing the offer to make Daniel third in charge of the kingdom as a gift precludes the faithful from qualifying Belshazzar as being third in charge. Accordingly, the lack of discussion about the significance of the order in Daniel's response coupled with the fact that most versions of the Bible do not maintain consistency in the color of the robe with the color of the beast that the woman is riding as described in the account of Revelation indicate that these verses are critical to identifying the truth and as a consequence have been the targets for confusion by the ungodly and this is the proper explanation for all of the variant readings. As the faithful will note, although the KJV version of the verse mentions the word "rewards" in the plural, the word "rewards" cannot be in the plural since Daniel was offered three items and two have been accounted for as gifts. Consequently, the word rewards mentioned in verse Daniel 5:17 must be in the singular and therefore the correct version of the verse will use the word reward and will not use the word rewards. As those that have sought the truth will recognize, the letter "s" in the word rewards has been crossed out in the version of the Bible titled "The Byble in Englishe" 1549 as copied by Sola Scriptura Publishing. Although the circumstances that exist with the altered text of the 1549 Byble in English are not traceable and occurred after the Bible version was published, the modification is mentioned so that the faithful will realize that those who are guided by the Spirit know that the faithful rendition of the verse must use the word reward in the singular. In order to emphasize the issue, the faithful will note how the Orthodox Study Bible characterizes Daniels response. Verse Daniel 5:17 is provided below.

Septuagint Daniel 5:17) Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give the privilege of your house to another".

As the faithful will realize, Belshazzar was clearly third in charge of the kingdom, and therefore there had to be two other above him, consistent with the prophecy of the account of Jeremiah which requires Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son to be alive at the same time when the kingdom of Babylon was captured. Accordingly, Nebuchadnezzar and his son died on the same occasion Belshazzar died which is on the same night that the hand wrote on the wall. In this manner can all three kings undergo a common punishment required by the prophecy of the account of Jeremiah. To emphasize the extent of the effort made by the ungodly to deceive the unsuspecting about the second coming, verse Daniel 5:17 from the NLT Bible is provided below.

NLT Bible Daniel 5:17) Daniel answered the king, "Keep your gifts or give them to someone else, but I will tell you what the writing means."

As is evident from the NLT translation of verse Daniel 5:17, no association exists in the verse that would enable the faithful to conclude that Belshazzar was actually third in charge of the kingdom, and the offer to make Daniel third in charge in the kingdom represented an attempt by Belshazzar to avoid the consequences associated with the hand that wrote a message on the wall. If Belshazzar cannot be established as third in charge, then it is not possible to explicitly state that Nebuchadnezzar, his son and his son's son all suffered the same punishment since in essence no provisions exist for anyone other than Belshazzar to be considered present when Belshazzar was killed on the same night that the hand wrote on the wall. As the faithful know, the prophecy contained in the book of Jeremiah requires that all three be present and exposed to a common form of punishment. Accordingly, the verse from the NLT

does not maintain an order in Daniel's response that would enable the reader to conclude that Belshazzar was third in charge. Accordingly, the NLV translation is inconsistent with the account of Jeremiah and therefore is false gospel.

As the faithful will realize, an overwhelming amount of information is available in the Bible that indicates that the antichrist is Nebuchadnezzar. As the faithful should realize, we have not even referenced the considerable amount of the information available in the account of Ezekiel that serves to indicate that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword in addition to other information contained in the accounts of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and/or the minor prophets. After we complete our review of the account of Revelation, we will have a few more comments concerning Nebuchadnezzar later including the number of his name as mentioned in verse Revelation 13:18.

As the faithful will realize after we solve the mystery of the woman that rides the beast, at the time of the end, it is the purpose of the church, regardless of denomination, to deceive the unsuspecting. This is why the Lord commands the faithful to come out of her my people and/or refers to the earthly church in the account of Revelation as the whore. If you disobey the commands of the Lord to come out of her my people, then you will be lending credibility to the institutions that are going to unite in an attempt to deceive the entire world into worshiping the antichrist as God. If you lend credibility to the institutions that are going to be responsible for demanding the entire world to worship the antichrist as God, then you do not have a love for the truth, and you will be deceived accordingly. If you doubt this aspect of the second coming, then you may wish to assess your degree of understanding as it pertains to the issues we have mentioned herein. For the Lord knows your heart and the degree that you have obeyed his commands to let no man deceive you. You have been warned, and therefore you are no longer in ignorance, and therefore judgment will be on that basis. As the faithful should realize, anyone that considers themselves a scholar and fails to mention the illustrations contained in the Low German Bibles mentioned above and how the illustrations pertain to verifying that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist is either in complete ignorance and/or in servitude to Satan. Such is the value to be given to the teachings of men, for God gives no regard to the status of men as it is written. The faithful should realize that the lack of disclosure concerning relevant information for identifying the antichrist within the church reinforces the teachings of the parable of the ten virgins which indicates that half of the church is going to take the mark of the beast and worship the antichrist as God after the day the sacrifices are stopped. As the faithful know, all that take the mark of the beast will be damned into Hell as part of the second coming. Consequently, the half of the church that is going to take the mark of the beast is going to be damned into Hell after Christ returns.

In order to confirm that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, the faithful can use the information from the account of Revelation, the account of Joel, and the account of Isaiah chapter 14 to confirm that Nebuchadnezzar died by the sword, and will come out from hell to reign as the antichrist at the time of the end and after the indignation be accomplished as mentioned in chapter Daniel, the antichrist is going to be returned to hell. To help the faithful understand how the accounts of Joel, Jeremiah, and Isaiah reinforce that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, let us review the verses provided below.

Isaiah 14:1) For the lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 2 ) And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3) And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, 4) That thou shall take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say How hath the oppressor eased: the golden city ceased; 5) The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked and the scepter of the rulers. 6) He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. 7) The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing 8) Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou are laid down, no feller is come up against us. 9) Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

The context for these verses is clearly the end times. This must be the case since verse Isaiah 14:2 indicates that the house of Israel shall rule over their oppressors. Such a situation has not occurred since the Jews returned from the 70 years of captivity spent in Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem the first time that Nebuchadnezzar was on the face of the earth. Therefore the account of Isaiah chapter 14 must pertain to the end times. This is reinforced by the fact that verse Isaiah 14:3 indicates the Jews will receive rest from the hard bondage in which they were made to serve. Such a set of circumstances indicates that the occasion being described in chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah must pertain to the time of the end. Since the account of Joel indicates that the Judah and Jerusalem will receive remittance for sins after the day of the Lord, our interpretation for the context of chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah is consistent with the account of Joel indicating that we have developed the proper perspective for both accounts. Accordingly, the fall of Lucifer from heaven must be in the context of the end times so as to be associated with the antichrist. To emphasize the complementary nature existing between the account of Joel and chapter 14 from the account of Isaiah, select verses from the account of Joel are provided below.

Joel 3:20) but Judah shall dwell forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. 21) For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.

In order to demonstrate how verses Joel 3:20-21 reinforces that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, the faithful must realize that in light of verses Joel 3:20-21, the verses from chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah that concern the proverb that is going to be taken up against the King of Babylon must pertain to the end times since the account of Isaiah chapter 14 indicates at the time the proverb is evoked against the King of Babylon, the Jews will be given rest from the hard bondage where thou wast made to serve. Since those that are freed at the day of the Lord from the hard bondage in which they were made to serve take up the proverb against the king of Babylon, the issue of why the proverb is directed against the king of Babylon at that time becomes a question for concern. In order to understand why the

proverb is taken up against the King of Babylon, the faithful will note that we have established that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist and is going to invade Zion as indicated in the account of Joel as part of the events that are going to occur prior to the second coming. Since Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist, when he is raised from hell as mentioned in the account of Revelation as the one who ascends from the bottomless pit and goes to perdition, Nebuchadnezzar will overrun Jerusalem a second time as described in the account of Joel and other accounts of the Bible. Consequently, Nebuchadnezzar is going to be the individual that is responsible for the hard bondage mentioned in the account of Isaiah chapter 14 and/or the account of Joel. Consequently, when those who are freed at the day of the Lord from the hard bondage in which they were made to serve take up a proverb against the king of Babylon, the faithful will understand that proverb and the individual that the proverb is directed against indicate who was responsible for the hard bondage that they were made to endure at the time of the end. Consequently, once the faithful understand why the proverb mentioned in chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah is directed at the king of Babylon, the faithful will realize that the account of chapter Isaiah chapter 14 reinforces that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist since those that are freed from the hard bondage associate the king of Babylon with the bondage they were made to serve based upon the use of the proverb. The account of Isaiah chapter 14 reinforces the king of Babylon is going to be present at the end times to rule as the antichrist, and after the day of the Lord, the all of those who have received salvation from the Lord shall mock the antichrist and Satan as described in the account of Isaiah chapter 14 when those that have received salvation from the Lord take up the proverb against the King of Babylon. In this manner, the relevance of the proverb is consistent with Nebuchadnezzar being the antichrist.

As the faithful will realize, since the chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah links the fall of the liar Satan, referred to as Lucifer in the account, to the king of Babylon, in order to maintain consistency with the account of Ephesians, chapter 14 of the book of Isaiah must pertain to the time of the end, reinforcing that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist. In order to understand why this must be the case, the faithful must recall what Paul taught the faithful about the liar Satan in the account of Ephesians. As the faithful will recall, Paul stated at the time he wrote the account that spiritual wickedness existed in the high (heavenly) places. Consequently, Satan could not have been cast out of heaven prior to the occasion when Paul wrote the account of Ephesians. Since Nebuchadnezzar had died before Paul wrote the account of Ephesians, it is impossible to associate the fall of the liar Satan with the rule of the king of Babylon the first time that the king of Babylon was on the face of the earth. If the ungodly make such a claim, then as part of the claim, the fall of Lucifer must have occurred during the first reign of Nebuchadnezzar. As the faithful know, the reign of Nebuchadnezzar the first time Nebuchadnezzar was on the face of the planet occurred prior to the time Paul wrote the account of Ephesians. Accordingly, if Lucifer had been cast out of heaven prior to Paul writing the account of Ephesians, there would be no basis for Paul asserting that spiritual wickedness existed in the high places. Consequently, since verse Isaiah 14 associates the fall of Lucifer with the king of Babylon, in order to maintain consistency with other accounts in the Bible concerning the war in heaven and/or when Nebuchadnezzar reigns as the antichrist, and/or when Paul wrote the account of Ephesians, the description provided in chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah must pertain to the time of the end when the king of Babylon is raised up from hell to be the antichrist. The faithful will note that such a set of circumstances is entirely consistent with the

information provided in chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah mentioned subsequent to the fall of the liar Lucifer.

In order to reinforce that we have properly identified the identity of the antichrist, the faithful will note the following. As we have mentioned previously, the antichrist must come from hell and return to hell after his reign after his reign on the face of the earth for a second time is over. In addition, as indicated in verse Revelation 13:3, the antichrist must have died from a wound of the sword the first time he was killed and sent to hell, so he could be subsequently raised from hell to be the antichrist. Verses Isaiah 14:19 confirms that the king of Babylon died by the wound of the sword. The verse is provided below.

Isaiah 14:19) But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

Since verse Isaiah 14:19 is introduced into the discussion concerning the proverb against the king of Babylon, in order to maintain consistency with the discussion of the account, verse Isaiah 14:19 must pertain to the king of Babylon. The reference to being cast out of thy grave that is mentioned in verse Isaiah 14:19 indicates that the king of Babylon is going to leave his grave since the expression "cast out" is used in the verse. As the faithful will recall, the antichrist shall ascend out of the bottomless pit to reign on the face of the earth prior to be thrown back into hell. As the faithful will realize, the description provided in verse Isaiah 14:19 is consistent with the antichrist ascending out of the bottomless pit and therefore verse Isaiah 14:19 reinforces the notion that the king of Babylon, or Nebuchadnezzar, is the antichrist. This interpretation for verse Isaiah 14:19 is further reinforced by the fact that the reason the king of Babylon is in his grave prior to being cast out was due to being thrust through with a sword. As identified in the account of Revelation, the antichrist originally died by the wound of a sword. Consequently, verse Isaiah 14:19 is consistent with the requirements of the antichrist mentioned in the account of Revelation on two counts. As is clearly evident from the information contained in chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah, chapter 14 of the account of Isaiah reinforces that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist. This must be the case since verse Isaiah 14:19 indicates that Nebuchadnezzar died by the wound of a sword and lived prior to John receiving his relation and is going to ascend from the bottomless pit and attach Israel at the time of the end as indicated in the account of Joel. Furthermore, as we have previously demonstrated, Nebuchadnezzar can be identified as the eighth king, ruler of the fourth beast kingdom as described in the account of Daniel, chapter 7 and is one of the seven kings preceding the fourth beast Kingdom as discussed previously. It is for these reasons, that Nebuchadnezzar is the antichrist.

As we are going to show as part of our review of the account of Revelation, the antichrist is going to demand the entire world to worship him as God during his reign as the antichrist. Since the faithful in Christ will not worship a false God, the faithful can understand why the killing of those that have the testimony of the Lord occurs concurrently with the reign of the antichrist as described as part of the fifth seal in the account of Revelation. If you are not familiar with the account of Revelation, and therefore



do not understand the significance of the fifth seal and/or what is going to occur during the fifth seal and its relationship to the reign of the antichrist, please be patient and we shall explain all things. As the faithful know, after Satan and his angels are cast out to the earth, they do not dwell in heaven any more, since after the war in heaven occurs, their place in heaven is found no more. Consequently, after the war in heaven occurs, Satan and his angels must dwell on the earth until the time that the devil is cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Consequently, as we shall show, when the account of Revelation describes the antichrist as blaspheming "all that dwell in heaven", the account of Revelation is reinforcing the fact that the occasion when the antichrist ascends to power corresponds to an occasion that occurs after Satan and his angels are cast out of heaven. The expressions "dwell in heaven" and "dwell on the earth" that appear in the account of Revelation are used in the account to help the faithful identify the occasion when Satan is cast out of heaven based upon who is dwelling where and when. Since after the war in heaven occurs, the angels of the devil are cast out of heaven and unto the earth, and their place in heaven is no longer found in heaven, the angels of the devil must dwell on the earth. Accordingly, the faithful should realize that the expression "Babylon is fallen is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird" that appears in verse Revelation 18:2 is identifying when the angels of the devil are going to start to dwell on the earth. This must be the case since the angels of the devil can no longer dwell in heaven after the war in heaven occurs and therefore they must dwell on the earth. Consequently, if we can identify when Babylon is fallen is fallen relative to other issues that are going to occur prior to the second coming, then we will know when the angels of the devil are going to be cast out into the earth and forced to dwell on the earth. Once the faithful realize that the angels of the devil are going to dwell on the earth prior to the second coming, the faithful will not be deceived into thinking that the angels of the devil are the angels of God. In order to deceive the unsuspecting into worshiping the antichrist as God, the unsuspecting must be deceived into believing that the angels of the devil are the angels of God. The unsuspecting will believe that the angels of the devil are the angels of God. As the faithful know, the accounts of Revelation and/or the account of 2 Thessalonians indicate that lying wonders are going to be performed by the ungodly prior to the revelation of Christ from the heavens. The presence of the angels of the devil is required so that the antichrist will have the appearance of having a supernatural authority in the eyes of the wicked and/or ignorant. As we shall show, in this manner will the unsuspecting be misled into worshiping the antichrist as God.