

Below is some of the technical data that went into the writing of The False Prophet. It's a bit dry and lengthy so it was edited out of the book. It is posted here for those who like their doctrinal I's dotted and T's crossed, however, it won't make much sense unless you have read the book.

Bifids & Chiasms

FROM Rev 10:6-7 and the *Last Trumpet* of 1Co 15:52 we learned that time as a natural phenomenon would cease to exist at the end of Revelation 11:15. As a result, we will then be in timeless eternity. But if time itself ends at Rev 11:15, what do we do with the rest of the book? The beasts of Rev 13 and 17 are obviously about the Christian Era so Revelation has to be repetitive. But if it is, how can we recognize what chapters are parallel to what other chapters? Are these repeats organized in a systematic way that we can prove? The answer is hidden in Hebrew poetry.

Hebrew poetry is parallel in nature. A Hebrew poet would say something one way and then repeat the same idea later on in different words. These repeats could be a sentence, a paragraph, or even several chapters long. So how can we identify repetitive prophecies when we see them? By recognizing the Hebrew poetic style in which it was written.

The most elegant of the Old Testament poets was Isaiah. In his book we spot one poetic style very quickly. Isaiah is divided into two almost equal parts, and these two parts are repetitive.¹ Isaiah 1 through 33 is parallel to Isaiah 34 through 66, not just in a general sense, but in actual content. The last half of Isaiah contains a different description of the same subjects that are covered in the first half. Textual scholars call this type of repetition the *bifidic* form.²

¹ Liberal scholars see this division and claim that the last half of Isaiah was not written by Isaiah at all. Disregard well-known Hebrew poetic forms they invent a shadow author they call deuteo-Isaiah. There is no historic or textual basis for their contention, and Rabbinical scholars have always attributed the whole book of Isaiah to Isaiah alone.

² Packer-Tenny-White, *The Bible Almanac*, 1980, p349.

*1st Half of Isaiah**2nd Half of Isaiah*

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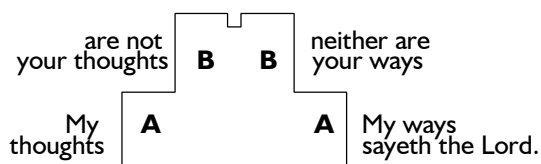
This form is not unique to Isaiah. The apocalyptic books are also bifidic and in Daniel the bifid is inescapable. Dan 2:4 through Dan 7:28 is written in high Syriac. The rest of Daniel is written in Hebrew. So why the two languages? Well, God is addressing two different audiences. The first half of Daniel is to and about the Gentiles who will rule the Holy Land into the distant future, while the second half is to and about the future of the Jews during that same time. Both halves of Daniel are about events that will take place during the same time, so the book is *bifidic*.

In the Syriac half of Daniel, the chapters themselves form another kind parallelism -- a poetic stepladder. The Hebrew half does, too. These aren't more bifids but a different poetic style altogether. Once again Isaiah has a simple example of this unique poetic form:

Isa 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are you ways my ways, saith the LORD."

If we were to get those thoughts across in present-day English, we might say something like: "Your ways and thoughts aren't anything like my ways and thoughts." But in Hebrew poetry it's written:

My, your = your, My
for a little verbal stepladder like this:



That AB=BA stepladder is called a Chiasm,³ pronounced *kee-ah-zum*. Chiasms appear throughout Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. What an author declares in the steps going up, he repeats in the steps going down. Here are two more chiasms, one two-step and one three-step: an ABC=CBA. They have been shortened for clarity, but the full text is in your Bible:

Psa 68:15-16	A.	The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan.
	B.	an high hill as the hill of Bashan.
	B.	Why leap ye, ye high hills?
	A.	this is the hill which God desireth to dwell...

MAR 5:3-5	A.	Who had his dwelling among the tombs
	B.	and no man could bind him,
	C.	no, not with chains:
	C.	he had been bound with chains,
	B.	neither could any man tame him.
	A.	And always he was in the tombs...

So why are chiasms important? In the above two-step AB=BA chiasm, there were not four concepts. There were two concepts about the same subject. In the three-step ABC=CBA chiasm, there were not six subjects, just three, repeated in different words. If Daniel and Revelation are chiasmic, the various visions will be repetitive and parallel in a systematic way. Daniel will contain repeated visions about the time of Gentile control of the Holy Land while Revelation will contain repeated visions about the Christian Era. With chiasms, we can prove . . .

Which chapters are repeats of each other!

STEPLADDER IN DANIEL

In Dan 12:4, the Lord commanded Daniel to seal his book; then just five verses later, God states that the book was sealed (Dan 12:9). Now, Daniel was a godly man who did as he was commanded. He couldn't change what the Lord had inspired him to write, but nevertheless Daniel somehow sealed his prophecies between the time those two verses were written. He couldn't

³ Packer-Tenny-White, *The Bible Almanac*, 1980, p364.

modify the content of the visions, nor change the historic incidents, so what did he do?

Daniel scrambled his prophecies, putting them out of chronological order. This is easy enough to prove because Daniel's chapters can be dated. Now, let's see what that shuffling accomplished. Look at the below graph. It shows the chapters in the order they appear in the Bible. The chapters with the (*) are the ones that are out of sequence.⁴

DANIEL'S 1ST CHIASM

		PROPHECY	SUBJECT
A.	ch.2	The Great Image	4 Gentile Nations
B.	ch.3	The Fiery Furnace	God's People in Tribulation
C.	ch.4	Nebuchadnezzar Insane	Gentile King Judged
C.	* ch.5	Belshazzar Killed	Gentile King Judged
B.	* ch.6	The Lion's Den	God's People in Tribulation
A.	ch.7	The Four Beasts	4 Gentile Nations
	ch.8		
	*	ch.5 was actually written here	
	ch.9		
	*	ch.6 was actually written here	
	ch.10		

Chapter 5 was actually written after 8, and Chapter 6 was written after 9. Look at the subject column to the right. In the order the subjects now appear, a three-step chiasm has been formed. Isn't that remarkable?

If Daniel had not put his book out of order, that ABC=CBA chiasm would not have been formed. I'm not even sure he knew what he was doing, but God knew. Something as complex as a chiasm doesn't happen by accident, it was deliberate, but what

⁴ Both chs.6 and 9 were written in the 1st year of Darius. The dating of ch.9 before 6 can be determined by the formal introductory address Daniel used to tell us of the new king. In ch.9 the correct introductory form is used, while it is omitted in ch.6. Since Daniel was a master of court protocol, it is unlikely that he would have made a mistake here. The dating of ch.5 after 8 is evident from within the text itself. As an aside, the Lord has not permitted the author to fathom what the book means when it is put back into its correct chronological order. However, I sense there is a message there for someone.

does it mean? Well, chiasms are repetitive, so it shows us that Daniel's visions are repetitive. When we stand back and view the 1st chiasm in its entirety, its message appears to be:

During the time of the Gentiles there will be four major empires and their descendants ruling the Holy Land. During that time, God's people will suffer great persecution, but in the end, God will judge those nations that have made His land a desolation and taken His people captive.

DANIEL'S 2ND CHIASM

The 1st chiasm was primarily to and about Gentile nations, while the second is about the future of the Jews after the fall of the Babylonian Empire. The second chiasm is a AB=BA, and its central message appears to be:

		SUBJECT
A.	ch.8	2 Gentile Powers
B.	ch.9:24-26	Messiah dies in the Time of the Gentiles
B.	ch.9:26-27	The Time of the Gentiles
A.	ch.10-12	2 Gentile Powers

After the Jews return from captivity, there will be two major empires, and their descendants, who will rule the Holy Land into the distant future. During that same time Messiah will come to earth and be killed. The temple will be desolated, but in the end, the destroyer will go to final judgment.

Now that we understand the pattern, let's go to Revelation. The following summary is not intended as a full exegesis of the book, but only as an outline and study guide. Chiasms are, however, a foundational concept that will enable students of Scripture to understand almost every verse in the book. Some of the figurative language is still sealed. Maybe the Lord has left it for you to unravel.

CHIASMS IN REVELATION

In Rev 5:1, God the Father holds a scroll that is written on both sides and sealed with seven seals. This was very unusual in the time of John the prophet, 95-105AD. Most 1st Century scrolls were written on one side only, but there is a reason for this two-sided scroll.

Rev 5:1 “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.”

Rev 5:5-6 (*excerpts*) . . . “In the midst of the throne . . . and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.”

Careful study shows this “little book” to be the book of Revelation itself. It is a picture of the Christian Era and it was given to Jesus after His ascension. Jesus now opens the Seven Seals, the Seven Trumpets, and the Two Witnesses, which describes events that will “shortly come to pass.” But before the seventh trumpet blows, the Lord tells us what He is going to do with the side of the book He has not read. In the verse quoted above, the book was sealed, but in the verse below it is opened:

Rev 10:1-2 “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire (*Jesus, see Rev1:15*): And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.”

As used in Revelation, “angel” can refer to several different kinds of beings. He can be one of God’s angelic messengers, a fallen angel, Satan, a human messenger, the Holy Spirit, or Jesus Himself. Context is the key to his identity. A study of the description of the Lord Jesus elsewhere shows the angel of Rev 10:1-2 to be Jesus. The Lord now gives this little book to John.

Rev 10:10-11 “And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he

said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.”

Believe it or not, those verses explain it all. The little book is now open because Jesus has read the seals and trumpets and shortly the Two Witnesses. He then tells John, “you must prophesy again!” In other words: “Listen here John, I have read one side of this two-sided book, turn it over and read the other side. Repeat in different words what I have told you through the Seven Seals, the Seven Trumpets and Two Witnesses.”

The little book was written on both sides because the Lord was to read one side, and John the other. “Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses . . .” And what is John to prophesy about? The above verses tell us: the 2nd chiasm, Rev 12 through 20, are about “peoples, nations, tongues and kings.” The Lord is telling John to go back to square one, and tell the Church about the Christian Era again. “You must prophesy again!” Revelation is bifidic!

If Revelation is like Daniel, it should also have chiasms in both halves. It does, and here are the parallels: chs.2-3 are about churches, and so is ch. 11. Ch. 6 is about Seven Seals, and chs.8-9 are about Seven Trumpets, both of which are symbolic pictures of the Christian Era. The first half of ch.7 is about the Jewish saints, the second half is about the Gentile saints. So again, we have a perfect ABC=CBA chiasm!

		PROPHECY	SUBJECT
A.	ch.2-3	The Seven Churches	The Church
B.	ch.6	The Seven Seals	World Judged
C.	ch.7:4-8	The 144,000	Old Testament Saints
C.	ch.7:9-14	The Great Multitude	New Testament Saints
B.	ch.8-9	The Seven Trumpets	World Judged
A.	ch.11	The Two Witnesses	The Church

Revelation is chiasmic by design and we can now know with certainty which chapters are covering the same subjects in different words! In my opinion, the conclusion is now inescapable. Revelation also has a message hidden within the chiasm. The 1st chiasm is about the invisible spiritual world as God the Father sees

it, while the second chiasm is primarily about what will take place in our material world. The central message of the 1st chiasm is:

During the Christian Era there will be seven different church periods and seven different kinds of churches. The Jews and the Church will be God's Two Witnesses on Earth. Trials, plagues, famines, tribulation and wars will take place. But the saints, both Jew and Gentile, will be saved out of it, and in the fulness of time, God will set up His eternal kingdom.

(A-A) *The Seven Churches and the Two Witnesses: Rev 2-3, Rev 11.* In the seven churches of Rev 2-3, the Lord tells us what the Church will be like during the whole Christian Era. Sometimes good, sometimes fair, and sometimes very bad. In Rev 11, we learn that God has placed Two Witnesses on Earth to stand against the enemy and make Him known. Why the two witnesses? Because God honors His own word: "Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses shall anything be established." Throughout our era, the Church and the Jews Have been witnesses to the God of heaven in a sinful world. Those witnesses would be in great tribulation, but they would also be spiritually victorious.

And so it hnas turned out to be, though mighty empires have fallen around it, the true Church of Jesus stands. At the end of the Two Witnesses (1948AD), the Church and the Jews will lose their spiritual power. There will always be a faithful remnant, but in the last days Jesus will spit the lukewarm churches out of His mouth and the enemy would spiritually destroy it. We see that happening today, no waiting. (Rev 3:16 and Rev 11:7).

(B-B) *The Seven Seals and the Seven Trumpets: Rev 6, Rev 8-9.* During the Christian Era, God will pour out His wrath upon unbelievers. It didn't have to be that way and because of His Two Witnesses the world is without excuse. To bring the unsaved to repentance many terrible things will happen. Anarchy, wars, famines, and natural disasters will abound (Rev 6:1-8). At the end

there will be a mighty spiritual battle with 200,000,000 horsemen⁵ fighting, Man will hide in the caves in the ground and under mountains, but he will not repent of his rebellion and sorcery and idolatry (Rev 9:20-21). That sounds like today, doesn't it?

(C-C) *The 144,000 and the Great Multitude*: Central in it all are the redeemed of the Christian Era: they from this great tribulation of this era whom the Lord Jesus has reconciled to God the Father. Included are the physical seed of Israel (Rev 7:4-8) and the Gentile church (Rev 7:9). The seal on the heads of the 144,000 is the name of the Father (Rev 14:1). The fifth seal (Rev 6:9) describes the brethren who have gone before us. They are clothed in white robes (*the righteousness of Christ*) and stand beneath the altar in heaven (*a symbol of the cross*). They do not cease to cry, "how long, Oh Lord, how long?"

Rev 7:13-17 "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

REVELATION'S 2ND CHIASM

Now that we understand the chiasmic pattern, the last half of Revelation is quite open. Most of these later visions can be related to world history. It is not the author's intent to belabor the chiasmic form, but it is one of the major tools proving Revelation is repetitive in an organized way. Remember in Daniel, how half of that book was to Gentile nations, while the other half was to

⁵ Throughout Scripture, angelic hosts are depicted as horsemen (2Ki 2:11, 2Ki 6:15-18, 2Ki 7:6; Zec 1:8, Zec 6:2-6; Rev 6:2-8, Rev 9:16, Rev 19:14). Consequently, a major portion of the 200,000,000 horsemen of Rev 9:16 may be unseen spiritual forces. If that is correct, then we may not see vast human armies massed in the Middle East for this final battle.

the Jews? Revelation is a little different. The audience is the same, the Church, but the subjects are different. The 1st chiasm is God the Father's spiritual view of this era, the 2nd chiasm is His view of happenings in our material world. As a result, the central message of the 2nd chiasm appears to be:

Seven satanic empires will seize control of the Holy Land throughout history. Concurrent with those visible kingdoms, God will have a spiritual kingdom on Earth composed of the Jewish people and the Gentile church. In the fullness of time, Jesus will return to reward the saints and judge the wicked.

This second chiasm is about kingdoms, both earthly and spiritual. The Jews and the Church are the Lord's spiritual kingdom on earth, while the beasts and Babylon are various aspects of the enemy's satanic kingdom, both seen and unseen. Babylon centers on the world socioeconomic system, while the beasts are governmental.

- 1. As the Scarlet beast, Satan is the embodiment of the sin in the world. He finally goes forth to deceive the nations as an 8th beast who has been loosed. That's today!*
- 2. Through Leopard-Bear-Lion beast, Satan displays his control of the kingdoms of the Middle East where the seat of his earthly throne lies. The Islamic world!*

Sometimes man's chapter breaks are in the wrong place, or don't belong in the passage at all because they interfere with the flow of Scripture. The last half of Revelation is an example.

- 1. Rev 13 and 14 appears to be all one vision.*
- 2. Rev 17 through 19 appears to be one vision.*

This 2nd Chiasm shows us both godly and satanic kingdoms and the final outcomes for both. The rejoicing of the saints is the subject of Ch 15, while God's wrath on those who have rejected His Son is the subject of Rev 16. This ABC=CBA structure is a little complicated, and there are alternative views, but careful study appears to support this version.

		CONTENTS	SUBJECT
A.	ch.12	Woman with 12 Stars	Israel
B.	ch.13 ch.14	Leopard-Lion-Bear Beast 144,000 & The Gospel	Satanic Kingdom The Saved Within It
C.	ch.15	Song of Moses and Lamb	Victory for Redeemed
C.	ch.16	Bowls of Wrath	Wrath for the Wicked
B.	ch.17 ch.18 ch.19	Seven-Headed Beast Babylon King of Kings	Satanic Kingdoms Satanic System Destruction of Wicked
A.	ch.20	The Thousand Years	The Church

(A-A) *Israel and the Church: Rev 12, Rev 20.* The Woman with Twelve Stars, and the reign of Christ. Many take Rev 20, the so-called millennium literally,⁶ because it appears to use literal language. The fact that Revelation is figurative, as are all other biblical visions, makes that view difficult to support.

More likely, this is the whole body of Christ, all the redeemed both Jew and Gentile. From the time of Moses, Israel has been the caretaker of the oracles of God (Rom 3:2). Israel was the line through whom the Savior of the world would come. After Jesus was glorified, Israel and the Church (the spiritual kingdom over which the Lord now reigns, Rev 20:4), would be persecuted but not destroyed. Satan would be bound so as not to deceive the nations during the Christian Era (Rev 20:2, Mat 12:29, Joh 12:31).

At the end of the Christian Era, Satan would be released for a little season (Rev 12:12-13 and 20:7). Jesus is the first and only resurrection. There is no other resurrection in scripture. Blessed, indeed, are those who have part in Him as born-again believers. Over them the second death has no power (Rev 20:6). In the

⁶ The Greek *χίλιοι* (chilioi) Strong's No. G5507, is an indefinite plural form of *χιλιάς* (chilias), the word for a single thousand. This indefinite chilioi is the only word translated "thousand" in Rev 20, so it cannot be proven that the "thousand" in Rev 20 represents only one thousand years. Instead, this chilioi could be referring any number of thousands of years. As a result, Rev 20:1-6 can be a pictorial representation of the whole Christian Era, regardless of length.

culmination of all things on this present Earth, there is a final battle (Rev 12:17 and 20:7-9). Please notice how the account in Rev 12 parallels Rev 20, and the many parallel verses indicate that they are about the same time and events.

(B-B) *The Beast with Seven Heads, and the Leopard, Bear, Lion: Rev 13, Rev 17.* Throughout history there have been only seven major empires and their descendants ruling in the Earth. They have been satanically empowered (Rev 17:3) because they are his domain (Luk 4:6). Out of the Middle East we now have an empire that is the combination of three ancient ones, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece. The whole Middle East is the home of the Islamic world. Those nations are held together by a common religion and have a satanically inspired hatred for the Church and Israel. They will always be at war with the spiritual kingdom of Jesus (Rev 13:12 and 17:14).

The 144,000, the Eternal Gospel and Babylon: Rev 14-15, Rev 17-19. The servants of the Lord are compared with servants of the enemy. Now in the Christian Era, the Old Testament saints sing about Jesus.⁷ For them He is a new song (Rev 14:3). The eternal gospel is preached to the Church (Rev 14:6). The trials of the Christian Era are foretold, followed by the Lord coming in the clouds to reap the Earth of the saints (Rev 14:14-16). In the Grapes of Wrath, more is told about the final battle (Rev 14:17-19). The battlefield will be 200 miles long, from Jerusalem northward. Knowing that the prophecies in Revelation are parallel makes this a lot easier. The various little pieces at the end of each prophecy, about a great battle, appear to be about the same great battle - at least partially spiritual - of Armageddon.

Mighty Babylon falls (Rev 18). She is the haunt for every evil beast and bird and creeping thing. Who is she? Since every death on Earth is attributed to her, from the prophets of the Old Testament to the saints of the Church, Babylon is far broader than one single empire or city, no matter how great and long-lasting. Babylon is every unsaved rebellious person, land, and empire that has ever existed on Earth.

⁷ That the 144,000 are the Old Testament Israelites is provable by comparing their identification as "first-fruits" (Rev 14:4) with Jer 2:3 and other Scriptures.

Rev 18:24 “And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of **ALL** that were slain upon the earth.”

Babylon began when Cain murdered his brother Abel and continues until the last Christian is impaled or beheaded in some spiritually dark and human-snake infested concrete jungle. Babylon means confusion. Satan is the author of confusion. Babylon is Satan’s world. We have been commanded throughout Scripture to separate ourselves from her. We haven’t listened very well, have we, so the Lord reminds us here:

Rev 18:4-5 “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”

Soon the light of the Word will be heard in her no more, nor the voice of Jesus the bridegroom, nor the witness of the bride (the Church is the bride of Christ), and Babylon will be no more...

Rev 18:23, 19:1 “And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived . . . And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God.”

(C-C) *The Songs of Moses and the Lamb and the Return of the King: Rev 19.* In the return of Jesus and the song of the redeemed, the Lord closes the doors on the great beasts of Revelation. For the world it is all over. As is true in the rest of Revelation, a dual address is made to distinguish between the Old Testament saints and the Church. The song of Moses is sung by Israel, while glory to the Lamb is sung by the Church.

The Seven Bowls: Rev 16. The judgment of the bowls is a terrible intensification of the seven trumpets. The plagues are similar. The bowls are directed at one geographic area, the throne of the beast. Spiritual in nature, these bowls tell us of the spiritual darkness that now engulfs the Middle East and that darkness will intensify until the end.

Rev 16:13-14 “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast (*notice there are three, the Leopard-Bear-Lion, i.e., the Middle East*), and out of the mouth of the false prophet (*Muhammad*). For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”

The only threefold enemy the Lord mentions in Revelation is the Leopard-Bear-Lion, so these three unclean spirits, *like frogs*, are probably the satanic princes who spiritually control those lands, Muhammad being the false prophet. These spirits have remained in the Middle East throughout the Christian Era, but the poison of Islam is now spreading all over the world. As is true of the other prophecies which tell us of man’s final rebellion, this one also ends with Armageddon.

We can now see how the Lord had planned the Christian Era all along. There have been Two Witnesses, the Jews and the Gentile church. The Lord never forgot His chosen people, and through the Gentile church untold numbers of Ephraim have unknowingly returned to the Lord. Through bifids and chiasms we can now understand that both Daniel and Revelation are repetitive in an organized way. Since the time of the Gentiles was over in 1967, Daniel, for the most part, is fulfilled.

Using the same bifidic and chiasmic style as Daniel, Revelation continues where Daniel left off. With 12 parallel prophecies in two chiasms, Revelation reviews the Old Testament Era and amplifies what Daniel told us about the time of the Gentiles. Then it expounds on the satanically controlled empires of the world and identifies the final enemies of his Two Witnesses. Revelation closes with a brief description of the eternal kingdom of God.

A NOTE ON DANIEL EIGHT

Daniel 8:17-19 declares that the last half of the vision of the Ram and the He Goat is a vision of the time of the very end, so we should probably look at it for a bit.

The angelic being speaking to Daniel was not battling some mere mortal. Those were satanic princes, as Dan 10:20 points out! At the end of time, out of the area controlled by those spiritual

princes, a little horn -- a wicked ruler -- will arise who will lead the enemy's forces at the end of time, however, he will be brought to ultimate defeat when Messiah returns.⁸

"Finally," you say, "there is your Antichrist. We knew it all along." Not at all. This will undoubtedly be a political or military leader, but he will be coming from the Middle East. The "little horn" of Dan 8 could be Ben Laden of Al Queda or one of those deranged mullahs from Iran. He could also be someone acting behind the scenes that we don't think very important, like Hassan al-Tourabi, of Sudan:

DAN 8:9-11 "And out of one of them came forth a little horn⁹, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them."

DAN 8:23-25 "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, **and by peace shall destroy many**: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

This is indeed a vision of the end (Dan 8:17 and 19), and this little horn does not come out of the Roman Empire, but out of the

⁸ Many try to identify the little horn of Dan 8:9-11 and 8:23-25 as Antiochus Epiphanies, the Greek king who desecrated the temple in 168BC. The problem with that interpretation is that 168BC was not "the ultimate time of the end" v.17, or "the appointed time of the end" v.19. Scripture declares this to be an end-time vision and we see it now being fulfilled in satanically inspired shadow empires like Al Queda.

⁹ There is no reason to believe that we will be able to recognize the "little horn" of Dan 8 when he appears, any more than we were able to recognize Adolf Hitler as the "little horn" of Dan 7 until after Hitler was killed.

lands once ruled by Greece (Dan 8:21). The Grecian Empire of Alexander the Great covered the whole Middle East. Notice that this final ruler is going to use peace talks to put people off their guard. Sound familiar? Read the newspaper.

There is so much Scripture for the location and behavior of the final enemy of the Jews and the Church that it is difficult to avoid duplication. All end-time prophecy points to the Middle East. The final enemy of God's people is the Islamic world. However, from what we now know about Ten-Horns of the Scarlet Beast, the Islamic states won't be in this war by themselves. They will be supported by the rest of the world. Nevertheless, at the very end, it won't be man's weaponry but the voice of the King of kings who will defeat them.¹⁰

¹⁰ Included in the prophecy of the Ram and the He-Goat is a time period of 2300 *evenings and mornings* (Dan 8:14). From Scripture we know that evenings and mornings are not days, and not times. The Lord gave us a day (a *yom*) for a year, and a *time* (*iddan* or *mowada*) has been identified with some certainty, as 1000 years. God did not give us evenings and mornings for years. The author confesses that he is not sure what these *evenings and mornings* mean. Are they 2300 days, or since an evening and morning appears in each day, are they 1150 days? Impossible to tell, but these *evening and mornings* probably refer to the evening and morning sacrifices offered by the priests on the alter of burnt offerings.