

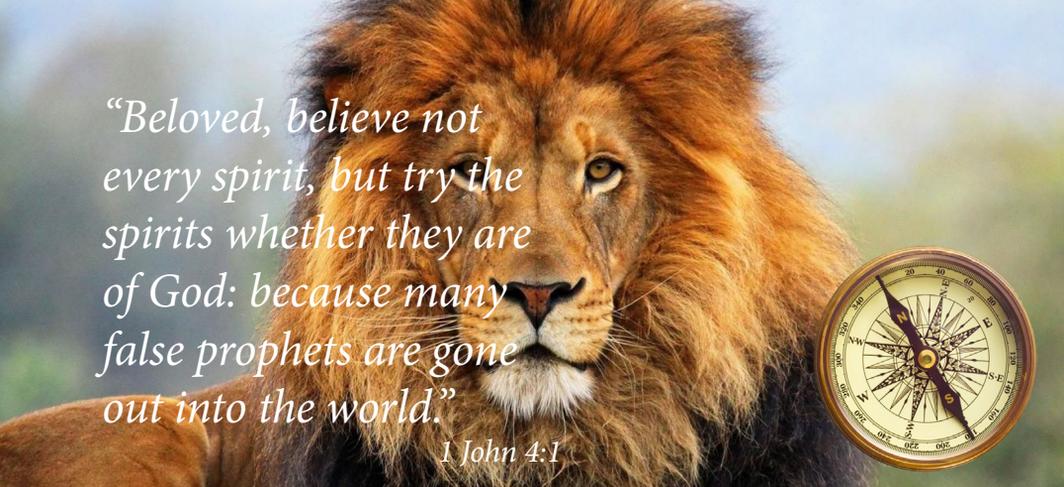
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# Study Guide

How the Days & Law of Yahweh Were “Changed”...



# ATTACK *of the* *Big* LITTLE HORN



*“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”*

*1 John 4:1*

It is a dangerous thing to believe a lie. And it is deadly to take the word of a false prophet over the Word of *Yahweh*. This point is tragically exemplified in 1 Kings Chapter 13, where we read the sobering end of a former prophet of *Yahweh*, who left God’s Word for the “updated” message of a man.

In this story *Yahweh* gives an unnamed prophet an amazing mission. The man of God was instructed to go to Bethel, find the idolatrous king Jeroboam - catch him

in the act of preparing to sacrifice to false gods - and powerfully stop him. The story that followed is one of the most dramatic and miraculous accounts in Scripture.

The prophet obeyed God and went to Bethel. There, just as *Yahweh* said, the prophet found Israel’s king Jeroboam standing before an idolatrous altar. Faithfully, the prophet spoke the Word of *Yahweh*:

*“And he cried against the altar in the Word of Yahweh, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith Yahweh; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men’s bones shall be burnt upon thee. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which Yahweh hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.”*

*1 Kings 13:2-3*

#### KEY POINT



Once the Word of *Yahweh* has been given, *Yahweh* does not change His Mind. (Malachi 3:6). Further, He does not alter the Word which He previously gave (Psalm 89:34). It is dangerous to believe anyone who tells you that God has changed His Mind. See 1 Kings 13.

King Jeroboam, disrespecting *Yahweh* and the prophet stretched out his hand and pointed at the prophet, to command his soldiers to arrest the man. But as the king did so, his hand and arm instantly shriveled up - so badly, in fact, that he couldn't move to return it to his side. In the same moment, the altar was broken and the ashes poured out upon the ground, just as *Yahweh* had foretold through the prophet, moments before.

With a dramatically new attitude, the stricken king cried out and begged the faithful prophet to intercede on his behalf. The prophet did so and king Jeroboam's hand was immediately restored. Talk about a dramatic day! Wow! But the story isn't over. Completely contrite, the king graciously invited the obviously Spirit-filled prophet to dine with him. The king also promised to give him a handsome reward. But the prophet refused to be paid or entertained by the king.

*“And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place. For so was it charged me by the Word of Yahweh, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.”*

1 Kings 13:7-10

## **Yahweh Does Not Change - Nor Change His Mind**

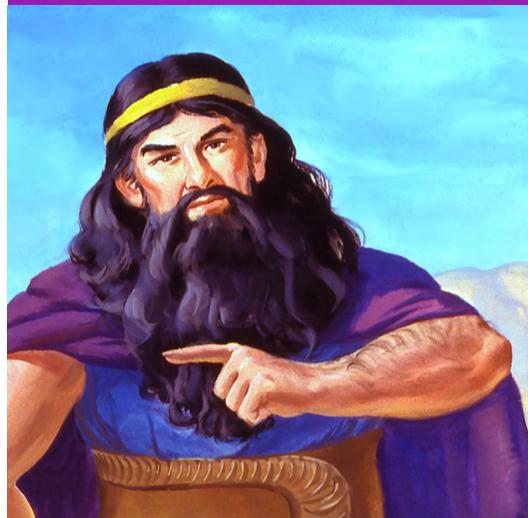
*“For I Am Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”*

Malachi 3:6

## **Yahweh Spoke His Law and Gave His Covenant. He Will Not Break Nor Alter It**

*“My Covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My Lips.”*

Psalms 89:34



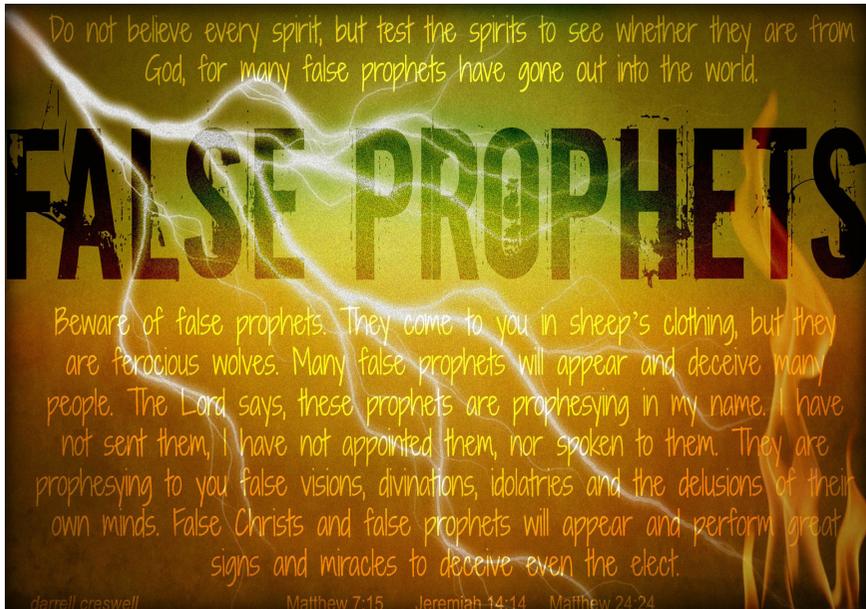
How wonderful it would be if the story ended there, with the obedient prophet returning home in victory, leaving behind a reformed king and land of Israel. But there is more...

As the true prophet began his journey homeward, an older false prophet decided to intercept him. The false prophet caught up with the obedient man and encouraged him to come home with him, eat and be refreshed. Again the true prophet explained that *Yahweh* had given His Word, telling the prophet not to eat or drink with anyone. And then the story shifted.

The false prophet told the true prophet a whopping lie (*which*

*went something like this, in modern English*), "I know what *Yahweh* told you. I've heard all about it. But an angel of *Yahweh* appeared to me and told me that God has changed His Mind. The **new** Word of *Yahweh* is that you're supposed to come to my home, be my guest and be refreshed."

The former true prophet heeded the false prophet's word and went to his house. There, during dinner, the real Word of *Yahweh* was put in the mouth of the lying prophet. Suddenly the old man looked at the younger prophet and said, "*Yahweh* says that **because you have disobeyed His Word, you will die before you reach your house.** And you will not be buried in your fam-



ily gravesite.”

Sure enough, on his journey homeward, a lion attacked and killed him, without harming the prophet’s donkey. Then, a strange testimony was seen in the land. By the side of the road lay the slain body of the prophet. Alongside it stood the lion who had killed him and the donkey who had carried him.

Some time later the old false prophet - who for unknown reasons had lied to the young prophet - found and buried his body. The old man obviously felt some remorse for what he had done, for the Bible tells us that he buried the slain prophet in his own tomb.



Tragic was the end of the man who listened to the claims of a false prophet. He believed the lie that God’s Word was changed and that *Yahweh* had changed His Mind - and it cost him his life.

At first, it may seem that *Yahweh* was a bit unfair in meting out punishments in this story. Why do things go so hard for the young prophet, who had previously been so faithful, while the older false prophet appears to go unpunished?

### KEY POINT



*Yahweh* did not change His Law, nor do away with it. He does not alter or change. The Holy Days which He ordained are still kept (by Heaven). And *Yahshua* said that He would not do away with the tiniest part of the Law, til Heaven and Earth pass away. Clearly then, the teaching that God changed His Mind about the Law or the Sabbaths is a false one. We must take care to not heed lies over God’s Word!

The difference between the prophets and their judgments lies in the Word of *Yahweh*. The young prophet had been entrusted with the Word of *Yahweh*. It was his responsibility to obey *Yahweh*’s Word! Going after the old, false prophet in the story is similar to a jilted wife attacking the “other woman” with whom her husband has had an affair. Is the “other woman” wrong? Yes! But when a husband strays from his Marriage Covenant and gets involved with another woman, the greater offense is **his**. For it was he, not the “lover”, who had

exchanged vows with his wife and had entered into a Covenant with her. Thus it was the young prophet who had the greater responsibility, since *Yahweh* had blessed him with His Word.

Will it be any different when nearly an entire generation of Christians stands before the Judgment Seat of *Yahweh*, with similar excuses? Will it help when these Christians explain that their pastors and leaders told them *Yahweh* had changed His Mind about keeping the Feasts and *Torah*? Excuses didn't help the prophet. When *Yahweh* gives His Word, He expects us to believe and obey.

*“Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the Commandments of Yahweh your God... And a curse, if ye will not obey the Commandments of Yahweh your God, but turn aside out of the Way which I command you...”* Deuteronomy 11:26-28

From the story of the slain prophet, we should learn to always go with the original Word of *Yahweh*. He does not change. Since *Yahweh* doesn't change His Mind or alter what He has ordained, one may well wonder how such a huge lie started, which today is believed by almost every Christian around the world.

## Little Horn - Big Lie!

So what “false prophet” has lied to the world, telling Christians that *Yahweh* changed His Mind and that His Law and Holy Days were ended? Daniel Chapter Seven tells us of a world power which would claim the power and authority of God Himself and work to change His Holy Days and the *Torah*. **The Bible identifies this power as the “Little Horn.”**

*“And he (the Little Horn) shall speak great (blasphemous) words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, **and think to change Times and Laws...**”*

(Daniel 7:25 - King James Version)

*And he (the Little Horn) shall speak words against the most High God, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, **and think to change times of sacred Feasts and holy Days and the Law**” .*

(Daniel 7:25 – Amplified Bible)



But, which power, on earth fits the Biblical description of the Little Horn? Daniel Chapter Seven gives 10 identifying characteristics of the Little Horn. When we find which power fulfilled all ten of these qualifiers, we have rightly identified the Little Horn power.

Actually, in all of human history, there is only one power which has

**KEY POINT**



**Bible Prophecy tells us that the Little Horn power also works to dominate the world and possess the “Holy Land”**

*“(Then) came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.”*

Daniel 8:9

fulfilled all ten of Daniel 7’s identifying characteristics: Papal Rome. Let’s pause a moment to demonstrate that this is true.

**Little Horn Clue #1: Arises Out of the 4<sup>th</sup> Beast**

The first identifying clue to the identity of the Little Horn power is that it would arise out of the “fourth beast” from Daniel chapter 7 (Dan. 7:7-8). These beasts represent global powers - both anciently and future. In fact, the Little Horn power rose to global dominance in the past, and will do so again, in the future. Scripture and history show the identity of these Beasts. The first beast was a lion with eagle’s wings, which came up from the sea. Then there arose a bear power, with three ribs in its mouth.

**Identifying Characteristics of the Little Horn Power**

| Identifying Clues from Daniel 7                         | Verse (Daniel 7)  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| The Little Horn arises out of the 4 <sup>th</sup> beast | Daniel 7:7-8      |
| It arises among 10 horns (political powers)             | Daniel 7:8        |
| Little Horn rises to power after the 10 horns           | Daniel 7:24       |
| The Little Horn uproots 3 kingdoms                      | Daniel 7:8, 20-21 |
| The Little Horn is different from the 10 horns          | Daniel 7:24       |
| The Little Horn is “stouter” than the others            | Daniel 7:20       |
| It speaks “great” words against <i>Yahweh</i>           | Daniel 7:25       |
| The Little Horn persecutes God’s people                 | Daniel 7:25       |
| It’s power lasts for 1260 days/years                    | Daniel 7:25       |
| It works to change God’s Feasts and <i>Torah</i>        | Daniel 7:25       |

After the bear came a leopard with four wings of a fowl. And finally there arose the dreaded, dragon-like fourth beast.

These four beasts from the vision of Daniel Chapter 7 appeared as an “image” in Daniel’s earlier vision, recorded in Chapter 2. Historically, the first kingdom, represented as the golden head of the image (Daniel 2) and as the lion with eagle’s wings (Daniel 7) was the kingdom of Babylon (Daniel 2:37-38). The global powers which followed Babylon in dominating the world



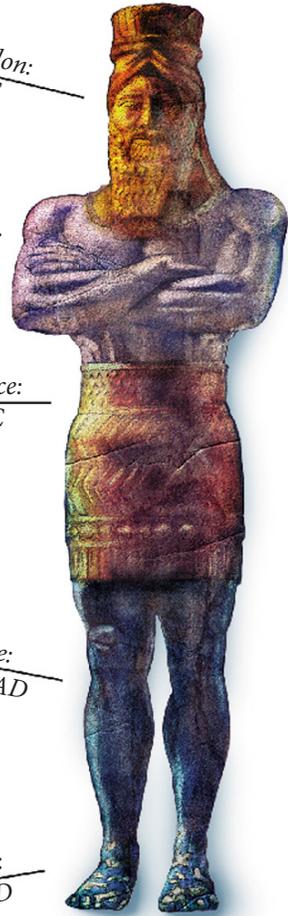
*Ancient Babylon:*  
606-538 BC

*Ancient Persia:*  
538-331 BC

*Ancient Greece:*  
331-168 BC

*Pagan Rome:*  
168 BC - 476 AD

*Papal Rome:*  
538-1798 AD



were the remaining three beasts, and the rest of the image.

In the End-Time fulfillment of these same powers - which are even now arising, and out of which the Little Horn will again dominate the world - the political powers they represent are nations which even have the respective Beast of Daniel 7 as their national symbol.

Historically, the fourth beast was pagan Rome. And the political power which grew out of it, dominating the world after it, was Papal Rome.

**Little Horn Clues #2-4: The Little Arises Among Ten Horns, Coming up After the Others - and Uprooting Three Horns in the Process**

In Bible prophecy, a horn is identified as a “king” (Daniel 8:21). In modern English, a horn is a political power. So, Dan-