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Bible prophecy reveals events of our time and world-shaking events soon to change your life. A Major world-shaking event is foretold in the symbolic language of a mysterious world-dominating wild beast. The Bible is God’s book of history, prophecy and revealed knowledge of God’s purpose and master plan for humanity from its beginning on into eternity. But the Bible is primarily a book about the chosen nation of Israel, and other nations that have come into direct contact with Israel.

We know little concerning nations, or whether there were nations on earth, prior to the great Flood. But soon after the Flood, Nimrod founded the city-states of Babylon, Nineveh and others. In due time such nations as Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, the Aramean states, Israel, Phoenicia and others developed in the Middle East. By the end of the 7th century B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar had founded the first world empire or union of nations. The Bible does reveal the history, and prophecy from now, of the system of gentile world empires starting with Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon on to the Second Coming of Christ, as well as the history and yet future prophecy concerning Israel. This booklet will cover the true significance of these two systems of nations, and what it means to us today, as well what is prophesied for the imminent future.

First, then, who is the mysterious wild “beast” of Revelation 13 and 17? If you have his mark, you must suffer the seven last PLACES! Is he a mysterious superman world dictator yet to appear? ... Is he the Antichrist? ... or a government? ... or a church? THE MOST important question of the hour is: What, or who, is the BEAST, the IMAGE of the beast, and the MARK of the beast spoken of in the Apocalypse or book of Revelation? Whatever this weird beast — whatever the baffling image — whatever the mysterious mark — it behooves you and me to find out! For it is those of this very present generation who shall be worshiping this beast or his image, or shall have received his mark, that will suffer the unspeakable torture of the seven last plagues! Ignorance will not excuse! “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,” says the Eternal, in Hosea 4:6. And the illustration of Ezekiel’s watchman shows that those who are unaware, because they are not warned, will suffer just the same (Ezek. 33:6; and 3:18). God expects the spiritual leader of His people to be His “watchman” (Ezek. 33:7) and to warn the people. The time is at hand! The plagues of God’s wrath will soon be poured out, unmixed and undiluted — full strength upon a heedless, God-defying world, and a careless, lukewarm, indifferent Christianity!

Who Shall Suffer the PLACES?

Listen! John in the Apocalypse or book of Revelation describes the last warning message: “If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture” (Rev. 14:9, 10).

This prophecy is most significant because it is revealing, in advance, events immediately ahead of us at this present time. Listen again! John, carried forward in vision into the terrible “day of the Lord,” sees these plagues beginning to fall! “And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven last plagues ... and the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and
there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image” (Rev. 15:6 and 16:2). Every sign tells us these things will happen, plunging the world into the most frantic, frenzied state of anguish ever known, almost certainly within a matter of the next several years! Those who suffer the wrath of Almighty God are described as those who worship the beast, or his image, or have his mark. It is futile to try to imagine, as so many are doing, what the mark of the beast may be. These prophecies are real. They are imminent. Because these and other prophecies have never been understood until now, even churches, the theologians, evangelists have been ignoring prophecies in general and these imminent prophecies in particular. Too many are trying to speculate in their imaginations. But God says, “My thoughts are not your thoughts” (Isa. 55:8). We can’t work this out in our minds. We are face to face with a stern reality, not an imaginary fairy tale! There is only one way to learn the truth. That is to study carefully, cautiously, prayerfully, with an open mind yielded to and guided by the Holy Spirit, all the testimony of all the scriptures that bear on this question. We cannot determine what the mark of the beast may be, until we have learned what, or who, the beast is! For, of course, the mark is the beast’s mark. Who, what then, is the beast?

The Bible DESCRIPTION of the BEAST

The beast, the image of the beast and the mark of the beast are all described primarily in the 13th chapter of Revelation. Notice carefully this Bible description. The apostle John was being given this message for you and me of this day. In the vision he 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. “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” (Rev. 13:1-2). Now most of those who are teaching and preaching to others on these subjects overlook entirely this description. For this description will IDENTIFY the beast. If the beast is some mysterious superman, or antichrist, soon to appear as world dictator, he will be a peculiar-looking individual indeed, for he will have seven heads, and ten horns! Have you ever seen a man with seven heads, and ten horns growing out of one of his heads? And did you ever see a man who was like a leopard, and can you imagine a superman coming who will have the feet of a bear, and the mouth of a lion? And will he appear by coming up out of some ocean? Now these, of course, are all symbols. The very word beast is a symbol. And our problem is to interpret the symbols, for they stand for real, literal things. But man cannot interpret biblical symbols. And when we know what the heads and the horns are, what the feet of the bear, the mouth of the lion, and likeness to a leopard all mean, then we can know what, or who, the beast really is!

The Bible Interprets Its Own Symbols

The point we want to stress is that the Bible interprets its own symbols! If we want the truth, we must be guided solely by the Bible interpretation, not man’s interpretations and imaginations. And the Bible itself tells us what they represent! In the 7th chapter of Daniel, we find exactly these same symbols described. Here again are the beasts, the seven heads, the ten horns, and here also is the lion, the bear, and the leopard. And here the Bible tells us what these symbols represent. God had given Daniel understanding in dreams and visions (Dan. 1:17). And Daniel
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had a dream and a vision (Dan. 7:1) in which he saw four great beasts (verse 3). And notice, as in Revelation, the beasts came up out of the sea. The first was like a “lion” (verse 4), the second was like a “bear” (verse 5), the third like a “leopard” (verse 6), and the fourth was so dreadful and terrible it could not be compared to any wild beast known to inhabit the earth (verse 7)! Now there was only one head described on the lion, one for the bear, one for the fourth beast — but the third beast, the leopard, had four heads — thus making seven heads in all! And out of this great and dreadful fourth beast grew ten horns! Now notice verse 16, latter part. Here comes the interpretation of the things!

The question is, will we accept this Bible interpretation of the seven heads, the ten horns, the lion, the bear and the leopard? “These great beasts, which are four, are four kings which shall arise out of the earth,” is the interpretation of verse 17. And the word king is synonymous with kingdom, and used only in the sense that the king represents the kingdom over which he rules, for in verse 23 we read, “The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon the earth.” Notice also the word kingdom is used to explain the beasts in verses 18, 22, 24, and 27. Now what do the “horns” represent? Notice verse 24: “And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise.” Notice the ten horns, or ten kings or governments, come OUT OF THIS KINGDOM, not out of a man, or a superman. This alone makes plain that the beast is not some mysterious personal superman yet to come. Also this does not mean a church as some claim. The description is obvious that it comes out of the fourth empire or kingdom, not a church. And so it follows that these ten horns are ten succeeding kings which of course have governments-that will grow out of the fourth kingdom, which was to rule the earth!

Identification of the Kingdoms

These same four world-ruling gentile kingdoms are described in the second chapter of Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldean Empire, who had taken the Jews captive, had a dream, the meaning of which God revealed to Daniel. The dream is described in verses 31-35. The king saw a great image. Its head was of gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of brass, its legs of iron and its feet and toes were part iron and part clay. Finally, a stone, not in men’s hands, but supernaturally, smote the image upon his feet and toes. It was broken in pieces and was blown away like chaff. Then the stone that smashed it became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. “This,” Daniel says, beginning verse 36, “is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.” “... Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise” (verses 36-40).

The interpretation of the stone smashing the image at its toes is found in the 44th verse: “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.” The Stone is Christ and His world-ruling kingdom. The interpretation of the stone is given many places in the Bible. “Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner” (Acts 4:10-11).
And so we see that here are four universal world-ruling gentile kingdoms. They begin with the Chaldean Empire, which took the Jews captive to Babylon. God had promised ancient Israel that if they would keep His commandments, be His obedient nation, they would grow into a multitude of nations — or an empire that would dominate the entire earth. But for disobedience they would have to be taken captive by gentile nations (Lev. 26 and other prophecies). Ancient Israel had been tried through the generations and centuries. They had disobeyed. Now they had been taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, who had raised up the world’s first empire. They continue through four great universal kingdoms and out of the fourth grows ten succeeding governments. These carry to the time of the Second Coming of Christ, and the setting up of the kingdom of God to fill the whole earth and last forever.

The New Commentary on the Whole Bible, by JFB says: “The Kingdoms represented are mentioned in terms of their relationship with God. Babylon, the Head of Gold, Medo-Persia, the Breast and two arms of silver; Greco-Macedonia the belly and two thighs of brass; and Rome and its GERMANIC/SлавIC offshoots as legs of iron and feet of clay...Although the kingdoms are different, they are essentially ONE AND THE SAME POWER [Babylon] under DIFFERENT PHASES, JUST AS THE IMAGE IS ONE THOUGH MADE WITH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT METALS” (p.1170, emphasis mine).

**The Potter’s & Miry Clay?**

“And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

“And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of [potter’s] clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

“And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay” (Dan 2:41-43).

What does the clay symbolize in the Bible? Notice that this is a **brand new material added to the image**. If you notice in the passages there are **two types of clay**, POTTER’S CLAY, and MIRY CLAY. Potter’s clay is **adhesive** where as Miry clay is not, as the Psalmist said, “I sink in
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deep mire, where there is no standing...Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink;” (69:2, 14). Also with the Potter’s clay, the Kingdom is “divided,” with the Miry clay; the Kingdom is “mixed” together, so there are two different phases happening here.

Potter’s clay can be molded and formed, and in a spiritual sense, it means the righteous that have been formed by God, “But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.” (Isaiah 64:8).

“The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!” (Lam 4:2). The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says, “True clay, which is a highly aluminous soil, is found in certain localities in Palestine, and is used in making pottery” (under article “clay”).

Miry clay on the other hand simply means “dirt.” Something to be swept away and unusable. Strong’s writes of this word “miry” as, “From an unused root meaning apparently to be sticky (rather perhaps a denominative from H2894, through the idea of dirt to be swept away); mud or clay; figuratively calamity: - clay, dirt, mire” (Strong’s # 2916). Mire in the scriptures usually refers to the wicked, “But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire [Strong’s #7516 “mud”] and dirt [Strong’s 2916 “mire, dirt”].”(Isaiah 57:20). Miry clay is not adhesive and cannot be formed, a perfect description of wicked people and nations.

So what does the Potter’s clay symbolize in the Bible pertaining to nations? Jeremiah 18:6 says: “O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith YHWH. Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.” So the Potter’s clay represents the HOUSE OF ISRAEL! (For a full explanation of who the house of Israel is in the end time read our book The U.S.A. and the British on Prophecy). Yes the House of Israel is the U.S.A., The British, Canada, and Northwestern Europe. The Iron of course is the Holy Roman Empire. What is this scripture obviously telling us! The Iron with potter’s clay is NATO! The North Atlantic Treaty Organization. “And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, [House of Israel] and part of iron, [Holy Roman Empire] the kingdom shall be divided;” (Daniel 2:41). The Kingdom of Europe was divided between East and West, with NATO on one side and Russia with COMECON (Russian Satellites, their version of NATO, Eastern Europe on the other). Not to mention Germany divided right down the middle by the Americans and the British in the West, and Russia in the East.

Even today Europe is “divided” into two camps, The European Union and its Economic Alliances, and NATO. Many people do not realize that NATO is an Anglo-Saxon phenomenon [Potter’s clay] and the E.U. is a GERMAN [Iron] phenomenon. Yet Germany as well as other European Nations plays a role in both alliances so the Kingdom is “divided.”

“And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of [Potter’s] clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.” This part of the verse is interesting. It’s not giving us information about the identity of the kingdom and its alliances with other nations, but it’s giving
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us an analogy of the kingdom, notice it says “and AS the toes.” The analogy is on how the kingdom is governed, as these symbols are interpreted in other scriptures as it pertains to nations.

The “iron” is a symbol of with severity and rigor. Jesus is said to “…rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.” (Rev 2:27; Psalm 2:9). The K&D Commentary says, “…(1 Corinthians 4:21). The staff of iron, according to the Hebrew text the instrument of punitive power, becomes thus with reference to שֵׁבֶט as the shepherd’s staff Psa 23:4; Mic 7:14, an instrument of despotism” (emphasis added). The whole history of Europe has been a history of dictators and despots. Caesar’s ruled the day during the Roman Empire, and the Holy Roman Empire right up to the time of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. Eastern European nations during the Cold War were ruled by Dictators as well.

The “potter’s clay” in this analogy means a fragile governmental structure, it’s “partly broken.” Not despots or dictators with absolute rule. This can only mean as we see today the democratic nations of Europe mainly coming from the Potter’s clay nations of the House of Israel. The nations of North Western Europe, Britain, Canada, and the USA are all democratic nations, and these governments have no staying power like dictatorships with their long duration like iron.

A president comes and goes every 4-8 years. Governments in Britain, Canada come and go when elections are held, truly, democracy is meant, as democracies break and are reformed over and over again as God says to Jeremiah, “Then I went down to the potter’s house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

“Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

“At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; (18:3-7).

Bullinger’s Companion Bible agrees: “What elements are in view in the figures of iron and clay? Obviously one substance is very strong and the other is quite weak. The other metals apparently represent forms of government that were more desirable or less desirable from Nebuchadnezzar’s viewpoint, and stronger or weaker in controlling populations in terms of their sovereigns’ personal authority. That is probably what is in view here too. The iron is quite clearly the well-organized imperial rule that allowed Rome to dominate her world. The clay may refer to some form of government that gives more rule to the people, perhaps democracy and or socialism. Perhaps the clay represents the democratic Roman Republic and the iron the imperial Roman Empire. While democratic government has many obvious advantages over other forms of government, particularly the freedoms that its citizens enjoy, it is essentially weak. Its rulers must operate under many checks and balances imposed by the people whom they serve.

“The political weakness of democracy is becoming increasingly obvious in America, which has led the world in exemplifying and promoting this form of government. Self-interest gets in the way of political efficiency. People can block political action with demonstrations and lawsuits.
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In one sense, this is good because it checks the government's powers. However, in another sense, it makes the job of political leaders much more difficult than if they could simply do what they want...

“Another indication that democracy, or socialism, may be what is in view in the clay figure, is that people are essentially clay physically (Gen 2:7). Rule by the people (i.e., democracy) is rule by clay…” (under “The interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream 2:36-45,” emphasis added).

What of the “Miry Clay”? “…but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay...And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they [the Iron] shall mingle themselves with the seed of men [Miry Clay]: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with [Miry] clay.” (Dan 2:41, 43).

As above shown, mire is dirt that is not adhesive and cannot be formed. The Bible shows this is a symbol of wicked nations, that hate God and Israel. “Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.” (Psalm 69:14). These Iron dictators of the Roman Empire will “mingle” themselves with nations that hate the Israelitish nations of the USA, Canada, and Britain etc… These will be nations who are pagan as shown above, mire is dirt that is not adhesive and cannot be formed. What does the “seed of men” mean? When we understand what this means, we can understand the events that will happen in prophecy.

The phrase, “they [the Iron] shall mingle themselves with the seed of men [Miry Clay]” “…seems to refer to Gen 6:2, where the marriages of the seed of godly Seth with the daughters of ungodly Cain are described in similar words...The expression ‘seed of men,’ as here used, would therefore denote some intermingling of an inferior race with the original stock; some union or alliance under the one sovereignty, which would greatly weaken it as a whole, though the original strength still was great. The language would represent a race of mighty and powerful men, constituting the stamina - the bone and the sinew of the empire - mixed up with another race or other races, with whom, though they were associated in the government, they could never be blended; could never assimilate. This foreign admixture in the empire would be a constant source of weakness, and would constantly tend to division and faction, for such elements could never harmonize.” (JFB Commentary emphasis added).

When Abel died Eve had another son Seth, who was the “appointed” “seed” (Gen 4:25). Chosen by God do his work. “Thus in the family of Adam, Seth was chosen; in the family of Noah, Shem; in the family of Abraham, Isaac; and in that of David, Solomon and Nathan. All these things God watched over by an especial providence from the beginning,” (Clarke’s Commentary).

There was also a cursed line, the line of Cain. Cain’s line was cursed “thou cursed from the earth” (v.11). His curse consisted of, “When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.” (v.12). Cain’s seed cursed with no crops produced for them, and they would be a nomadic people.
Genesis chapter five we read of Adam, “begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:” (v.3). Seth chosen by God, as Adam was created by God, and chosen. Then in chapter six we read “That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.” (v.2). Some groups believe that the “sons of God” were angels that had sex with the “daughters of men” and produced “giants” (v.4). But scripture shows that angels cannot reproduce, “For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.” (Matthew 22:30). Angels are not the only ones called the sons of God. The appointed seed of Israel were called “sons of God (see Hosea 1:10; Deut 14:1). It was the appointed seed that was called the sons of God. Adam was called the Son of God (Luke 3:38).

The “sons of God” was the appointed seed of Seth. The “daughters of men” were the cursed line of Cain. There were the only two races at that time, and since Seth begot “sons and daughters” (Gen 5:4), these would be the sons and daughters of God, the appointed seed. So the “daughters of men” and of course Cain had sons as well, they can be called the “seed” or “sons of men.” This can only mean Cain’s line.

Now when we get to the post-flood world, only the godly line of Seth survived through Noah and his sons. Now that the world died in the flood, all nations would descend from the three sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth. The blessings and the curses were appointed once again due to the sins of the fathers. Noah pronounces the seed appointed to receive God’s blessings and to do his work, and the seed to be cursed. One would be the sons and daughters of God, the other the daughters and sons, or “seed of men.”

Genesis 9 we read the account and prophecy of the nations that would be blessed and be the appointed seed, the blessings carried over from Seth to Noah’s sons, and also the curse carried over from Cain to Noah’s sons as well. It’s not due to race but sin.

“And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: “And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. “And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. “And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father’s nakedness. “And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. “And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. “And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. “God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.” (Gen 9:20-27).

We are told that Ham “saw the nakedness of his father.” Leviticus 18, verses 6 through 18, covers the subject of incest. Of particular interest is verse 7, which says this: “You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother.”
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Here, we have a direct correspondence between the nakedness of the father and the nakedness of the mother. Since the wife belonged to the husband, her nakedness was his nakedness, because she belonged to him, and no one else was allowed to uncover it. In those days, the only reason a woman would have to uncover herself was for a bath, elimination or sex. Peter J. Leithart writes in his article “Noah’s Nakedness,” says, “1.) The language of ‘uncover nakedness’ is not used in Leviticus to describe homosexual incest but heterosexual incest. 2.) Specifically, the ‘nakedness of the father’ is identified with the ‘nakedness of the mother.’ 3.) If this is about Ham’s incestuous sex with his mother, the emphasis on Canaan comes clear. Canaan, is, on this interpretation, the product of the incestuous union, as Moab and Ammon are the product of Lot and his daughters. That is why Canaan is cursed, and why the text consistently identifies Ham as the ‘father of Canaan.’...4.) The maternal incest interpretation better shows the connections of Gen. 9 with Gen. 6, 19, Lev. 18 and 20.” (http://www.leithart.com, emphasis added).

Leviticus, 20:11, plainly states: “The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness.” Although, it is not hinted in the Bible, some scholars think that the story is about Ham trying to assume authority over Noah, by sleeping with his mother. If that is true, then I think Noah would have highly resented this, and probably would have cursed Ham as well. The account is too brief to say much more, except that it is possible that Ham was just as drunk as Noah and his wife. Could Ham have been so drunk that he mistook his mother for another? Stranger things have happened!! Suffice it to say that Leviticus 18:7 and 20:11 give us sufficient cause to suspect a case of incest, and that is why the Bible specifically says Ham is the father of Canaan, NOT NOAH, ALTHOUGH CANAAN CAME FROM NOAH’S WIFE!

Now let’s examine the prophecy. “And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” (Gen 9:25). Why is Canaan the only one cursed and not the rest of Ham’s seed? Why is all of Shem and Japheth’s seed mentioned in the prophecy in vv.26-27 but not all of Ham’s?

There is a reasonable answer to this. If you notice the other passages, it continually says “And Ham, the father of Canaan,” (Gen 9:18, 22). Gill’s Commentary says, “It may seem strange that Canaan should be cursed, and not Ham, who seems to be the only aggressor, by what is said in the context; hence one copy of the Septuagint, as Ainsworth observes, reads Ham, and the Arabic writers the father of Canaan; and so Saadiah Gaon supplies it, as Aben Ezra relates; and the same supplement is made by others (see Vatablus).” Keeping with the context of the chapter, and some ancient manuscripts it should read, “And he said, Cursed be [The Father of] Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.” “Canaan[‘s] [Father] shall be his servant.” (vv.26-27). The reason why it is said this way is for the simple reason of reminding the family that Canaan is the reason why Ham’s descendants are cursed.

Therefore Ham and his descendants could not be leader nations on the earth. That title went to Shem, and Japheth lived off of the blessings and Shem. This scenario is perfectly seen today in the world. The Semites are the leader nations, Europe, the Americas, Australia, and New Zealand. The Oriental nations of Japheth-copying and absorbing everything that the Western nations have achieved and then applying it to their societies.
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Then there is the third world, Africa, the Middle East, Arab Nations who have the curse of Ham-Cain upon them as Nomadic peoples who do not produce anything out of the ground, even crude oil is taken out by Americans in those countries. They live in desert lands and have no power but are under submission to the will of the first world power.

Now the prophecy of the Miry Clay can be understood! Europe, the Iron being of the appointed line of Shem, Noah and Seth. The “seed of Men” the Miry clay are the cursed nations of Ham, the curse of Cain placed upon them! As noted earlier in Barnes about the miry clay, “The word rendered ‘men’ (‘anasha’) is employed in Hebrew and in Chaldee to denote men of an inferior class - the lower orders, the common herd - in contradistinction from the more elevated and noble classes, represented by the word ‘iysh’”

So after NATO breaks apart (Potter’s Clay) we will see an alliance with Europe and the third world, primarily the people of the descendants of Ham (Miry Clay)!

They shall “mingle”

The Prophecy of Daniel says “…they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.” (Daniel 2:43). The European governments will mingle with the nations of Ham. Europe is the one who pursues the miry clay as one can see in this prophecy. The Hebrew word is “arab” (Strong’s #6151). This is the Aramaic, “corresponding to” 6148 (the Hebrew). [6151 is the word which occurs (only) in Dan 2:41,43]. The Strong’s definition of “arab” is, “A primitive root; to braid, that is, intermix; technically to traffic (as if by barter); also to give or be security (as a kind of exchange): - engage, (inter-) meddle (with), mingle (self), mortgage, occupy, give pledges, be (-come, put in) surety, undertake.” (Strong’s #6148, emphasis his and mine).

Back in verse 41 as well indicates Europe as the aggressor, “but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.” (V.41). The strength of this alliance will be the European nations led by their kings, or dictators. These will have the resources and the will to enforce their military, economic and religious policies. Does this mean colonization into North Africa and central Africa once again?

These certain definitions in the context of nations “to give or be security (as a kind of exchange)” “occupy, give pledges” are what nations do one with the other, as well as “meddle” with one another’s affairs.

A king has power over its military, economy and foreign policy, and these 10 kings will give their power over to the Beast (Rev 17:12-13). These will have the resources and the will to enforce their military, economic and religious policies over weaker nations. So there will be an attempt to mix European and African nations together. Europe will give Africa security, money; Europe will occupy and have influence over Africa’s affairs. The Bible seems to indicate a future colonization!

The Israelites when they conquered the Promised Land, “They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:
“But were mingled [Strong’s “arab” #6148] among the heathen, and learned their works.” (Psalm 106:34-35). The Israelites “occupied” the Promised Land and secured it for themselves and ruled over the heathen and made alliances with them (see Deut 7:2; Ex 34:12-17); in other words they colonized it. The land was theirs already, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob purchased huge portions of the land of Israel; and so in the time of the Exodus Israel was taking back what was rightfully theirs anyways but the heathen were in their land and Israel ended up being their rulers instead of taking them out of the land.

The European nations will provide security by colonizing once again these nations of Ham, and create alliances with them and be a part of the coming Roman Empire. But this will be different than the colonization of Africa in the past.

When Europe colonized Africa, many of the colonies were founded by the Europeans themselves. The Europeans found unoccupied land, colonized and establish the country like Rhodesia and South Africa. The black Africans took over those colonies later. In this case, it is black established nations or former colonies now in the hands of the black races that will “mix” with Europe.

Already Germany (the Iron) has purposed a Marshall Plan for Africa. The same type of plan the USA implemented in Europe after the Second World War. The USA provided Europe with over $13 billion (approximately $130 billion in current dollar value as of June 2016) in economic support to help rebuild Western European economies. Also it led to the forming of NATO and the USA military in Europe to protect Europe from the Soviet Union.

The Iron (Europe) will provide security, money, and social influence over Africa and form a military alliance with Africa occupying it.

The strength of the Roman Empire will again prevail in Europe once again. A return to Fascism could likely be the scenario, or at least an extreme socialist dictatorship-and many African nations are socialist in nature. This will be the last attempt to resurrect the Roman Empire. This final time that the Holy Roman Empire will rear its ugly head once again (quotes from Rev 17:9-10), it will mix itself with Africa.

The end result will be as Daniel says, “but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay” (2 v.43). More differences than similarities between Europe, Africa and the Arab world, due to religion and past histories with each other, this alliance & colonization just will not mix itself together even though an attempt will be made.

**Descendants of Ham**

Who are these peoples? The tribes of Ham are, “Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan” (Gen 10:6).

**Cush**-The Cushites are basically the African peoples. There were two branches of Cush. One settled in India the other in Africa. The Indian branch will be allied with Gog in the end time in the East, (Ezekiel 38), and Africa with Europe as other prophecies reveal. The 19th-century
author George Faber wrote: “Their military nobility is acknowledged to be of the same family as the Sacas or Chasas, who maintain that their great common ancestor was Cusa or Cush... But we read in a special manner of two lands of Cush, the Asiatic and the African. These were by the Greeks called two Ethiopias...but by the Hindoos [Hindus], as by the sacred writers, they are denominated the land of Cush within and the land of Cush without” (The Origin of Pagan Idolatry, 1816, qtd. By White, p. 99, emphasis added).

**Mizraim**- Of course is Egypt, Libya and Tunisia.

**In Egypt:**

**The Pathrusim**- of Genesis 10:14 migrated from Asia Minor to central Egypt. Every prophecy shows Pathros to be a part of Egypt along the Nile (Jer.44:1,5 and Ezek.29:14).

**Naphtuhim**: “The Naphtuhim are in southern Egypt today. They were originally in the Nile Delta (or Lower Egypt) giving their name to it. It is they who were the Memphites—‘the people of the god Ptah’. Memphis was originally known as Naph, and in more modern times as Abusir. The name “Memphis” is the Greek corruption of the Egyptian name, Men-nefer, which became, Menfe in Coptic. Later they migrated south-wards founding the city of Napata in southern Egypt” (Creation Wiki).

**In Libya:**

**Lehabim**-”Inhabitants of Northern Africa 2Ch_12:3; 2Ch_16:8. The region they inhabited was called Phut” (Nave’s under “Lubim.”). Eastons says, “The inhabitants of a thirsty or scorched land; the Libyans, an African nation under tribute to Egypt (2Ch_12:3; 2Ch_16:8). Their territory was apparently near Egypt. They were probably the Mizraite Lehabim.” Daniel 11:43 shows them in Africa with Ethiopia. Josephus confirms, “Josephus writes, “Phut also was the founder of Libya, and called the inhabitants Phutites, from himself: there is also a river in the country of Moors which bears that name; whence it is that we may see the greatest part of the Grecian historiographers mention that river and the adjoining country by the appellation of Phut: but the name it has now has been by change given it from one of the sons of Mesraim [Mizraim], who was called Lybyos” (Josephus, Antiquities 1:6:2). Eventually Phut got pushed out of Libya, and Mizraim’s sons took it over. We see them together in Ezekiel 27:10, but in the end time we just see Libya, Daniel 11:43.

**Ludim**-”The Ludim (plural for Lud) appear to be very scattered. Seemingly known in later records as the Lubim, this people settled on the north coast of Africa and gave their name to the nation of Libya. They are known to have provided Egypt on more than one occasion with mercenary troops, the records that tell us this giving their name as the Lebu. Otherwise, Josephus records their destruction, or father defeat, in the Ethiopic War.

“Robert Gayre locates them in Egypt, near the border with Libya. “(Creation wiki under Ludim).

**Anamin**-”Anamin, the sons of Mizraim, could be located in Libya since a people of Cyrene called Anami mentioned in a cuneiform text of the time of Sargon II” (The Amazing History of the World’s Races, P.16).
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Tunisia - Today the Tunisians, “appear to have some elements from Casluh and Caphtor, the sons of Mizraim.” Certain African histories describe Goliath, a Philistine, as “Goliath the Berber” because many of these tribes claim descent from Jalut (the Goliath of the Bible). (*Tribe and Society in Rural Morocco*, which discusses the role of Goliath in Moroccan Berber genealogies).

Palestinians - The Philistines have always been an enemy of Israel. The Philistines were known to the Assyrians as the *Palashtu*, and to the Greeks as ‘he Palaiistine’ - hence the later name of Palestine. After the Assyrian conquest of the 8th Century BC, however, the Philistines effectively disappear as a coherent nation. The came from Crete, originally Caphtor. They migrated into Canaan and fought many wars against Israel. These are still there today. In an end time prophecy of Judah migrating to Israel, God says, “Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cretans! The word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.” (Zaphaniah 2:5). “Cherethites-the Cretans, a name applied to the Philistines as sprung from Crete (Deu_2:23; Jer_47:4; Amo_9:7). Philistine means ‘an emigrant.’” (JFB Commentary). So when we read of Mizraim, it is mentioning not only Egypt, but these other nations as well.

There are prophecies of Assyria and Egypt together against the house of Israel in the end time. Assyria being modern day Germany who will lead the Beast power. (Isaiah 7:17-19).

Phut - Although Phut can be found in India and Pakistan today. This was the branch of Phut that migrated from Libya to that area. But also another branch migrated to western, central and south Africa as well (History of the World’s Race, p.18 Henry M. Anderson).

Canaan - Too long to quote here but in summary the Canaanites today are from Algeria, Morrocco, Sudan, Somaliland, Nigeria, Somalia. (Ibid, p.19-27). Interesting enough, these were all former European colonies. All third world nations with the curse of Ham-Cain of nomadic peoples who do not produce from the ground, but the ground being cursed.

The House of Israel (Modern USA & The British Commonwealth) is allied with and is involved in the reign of the Babylonian Empire and System. God says, “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye Receive not of her plagues” (Rev 18:4).

The First Three Beasts

The Four Beasts of Daniel 7 correspond exactly with Daniel 2. Let’s go through them one by one: “I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.
“And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. “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” (v.2-4).

The Lion: “...like a lion-signifying strength and courage, and in the case pointing to Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom (Jer 4:7). The BEAST CORRESPONDS TO THE GOLDEN HEAD OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S IMAGE...eagle’s wings-denoting the rapidity with which his kingdom rose and flourished (Jer 48:40). The lion and the eagle are both used by Jeremiah the prophet to describe Nebuchadnezzar (Jer 49:19-22). Wings...were plucked-This reminds us of Nebuchadnezzar’s period of insanity (Dan 4) when the proud self sufficient man was humbled (c.f. Psalms 49:20) a man’s heart was given-Only after Nebuchadnezzar learned that he could not succeed through his own strength, did a man’s heart replace the heart of a beast ([Dan] 4:35, 36; Psalm 9:20)” (ibid., pp.1183-84, emphasis mine). So clearly through secular history and other scriptures in the Bible, the LION IS BABYLON!

The Bear: “...symbolizing both the life of the Persians in their mountains and their cruelty (Isa. 13:17-18). This BEAST CORRESPONDS TO THE SILVER CHEST AND ARMS...[of the] IMAGE. Cambyses, Ochus, and other Persian princes were notoriously cruel [like the bear]...three ribs in the mouth-These probably represent Media, Lydia and Babylon who were brought under Persian control. They are represented as three ribs because they strengthened the Medo-Persian Empire. ‘Arise and devour flesh’-The ribs after becoming part of the Kingdom, then urged the bear to devour even more” (ibid, p.1184, emphasis mine).
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The Bear is Medo-Persia

"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." (v.6).

The Leopard: “Though smaller than the lion, the leopard is swift and cruel, and always ready to spring from its hiding place on its prey (Hosea 13:7). This BEAST CORRESPONDS TO THE BELLY AND THIGHS OF...[the] IMAGE ([Dan] 2:32, 39). Alexander the Great, the king of originally a small kingdom [the Leopard], Macedonia, is represented here. He attacked the Persians, taking their empire [see Daniel 8], and making it his own; in just twelve years [the swiftness of the leopard] he conquered much of Europe and all of Asia...Four Wings-While two wings represent Babylon [on the lion], Macedonia has four because of its rapid conquests. The spots on the leopard denote the various nations incorporated into Alexander’s empire...four heads-The four heads...represent the four divisions of Alexander’s empire marked out after his death ([Dan] c.f. 8:8, 22). Macedonia and Greece went to Cassander [1st Head], Thrace and Bithynia to Lysimachus [2nd Head], Egypt to Ptolemy [3rd Head], and Syria to Seleucus [4th Head]” (ibid, p.1184, emphasis mine). These three beasts are clearly identified as Babylon, Persia and Greece. Note: Daniel 8 clearly shows that Greece was the next empire to rule after Persia.

The Leopard is the Greco-Macedonian Empire. The 4 Heads are:
1) Greece
2) Central Asia
3) Egypt
4) Syria
The Fourth Beast

Plainly, here are described the SAME FOUR universal world-ruling Gentile powers that are described by Daniel’s four beasts as this dream-image identifies WHO they are. The first was Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom, the Chaldean Empire, called “Babylon” after the name of its capital city, 625-539 B.C.

The second kingdom, which followed, then, we know from history was the Persian Empire, 558-330 B.C., often called Medo-Persia, composed of Medes and Persians.

All ancient history students know the third world kingdom was Greece, or Macedonia under Alexander the Great, who conquered the great Persian Empire 333-330 B.C. Daniel 8 also demonstrates that fact as well. But Alexander lived only a short year after his swift conquest, and his four generals divided his vast empire into four regions:

1) Macedonia and Greece  
2) Thrace and Western Asia  
3) Syria and territory east to the Indus River, and  
4) Egypt. So these were the four heads of the third beast of Daniel 7.

And the FOURTH KINGDOM, which, developing from Rome, spread out and gradually absorbed one after another of these four divisions — “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns” was the ROMAN EMPIRE (31 B.C. to A.D. 476). This fourth beast that has “iron teeth” corresponds to the Iron legs of Daniel 2.

It had absorbed all the others, occupied all their territory, and was greater and stronger than all. It included all the royal splendor of ancient Babylon, thus having the head — the strongest part — of the lion. It had all the massiveness and numerically powerful army of the Persian Empire — symbolized by the LEGS, the most powerful part of the BEAR. It was the greatest war-making machine the world had ever seen, and it also possessed the swiftness, the cunning, the cruelty of Alexander’s army, symbolized by the LEOPARD. And thus, this fourth beast was unlike any wild beast of the earth. It was stronger, greater, and more terrible than any.

Daniel’s fourth beast  
“dreadful” and  
“terrible.”

It had “Ten horns.”

The fourth beast was the Roman Empire 31 B.C. to 476 A.D.
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The Description of the Beast in Revelation 13

Now, when we get to Revelation 13, John sees not four beasts, but ONE beast but with parts of ALL FOUR of the other beasts in it.

“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. “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.” (Rev 13:1-2). Notice, Not a leopard, but LIKE a leopard —possessing all its cunning, cruelty, and speed. But it also possessed the dominant characteristics of the two other most powerful beasts — the FEET of a bear, and the MOUTH of a lion.

Daniel’s fourth beast, the Roman Empire, had absorbed and therefore it included the three beasts before it. Daniel 7:23 says, “The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all [previous v.7] kingdoms, and shall devour [absorbed] the whole earth [meaning the previous kingdoms that ruled the whole earth, see Dan 2:38-40], and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.” When the Roman Empire conquered the previous kingdoms, it did not destroy their cultures, religions, their methods of warfare, or governments, but absorbed it, and added it to the empire, and functioned within the empire.

The reason why Daniel saw four beasts, and John saw one beast, is for the simple reason, in Daniel’s time, none of these kingdoms have conquered one another and so they are portrayed separately. In John’s time, the Roman Empire absorbed them all, and all the enemies were destroyed. Thus it included all seven HEADS. And John’s beast also has SEVEN HEADS. It was Daniel’s fourth beast, ONLY, which had TEN HORNs and John’s beast has TEN HORNs.

And so, if we are willing to be guided solely by the BIBLE description of this “beast” and to let the BIBLE interpret the symbols used to describe it, we come to the inevitable conclusion that the beast of Rev.13 is the ROMAN EMPIRE, of 31B.C. to A.D. 476!

Nebuchadnezzar’s image, by the TWO legs, describes the TWO DIVISIONS of the Roman Empire, after A.D. 330; West, with capital at Rome, and East, with capital at Constantinople. John also pictures this BEAST, not as a church, or as an individual man, but as a powerful GOVERNMENT having a great ARMY. For they worshiped the beast by saying: “WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?” (Rev. 13:4).
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Of course, many man-imagined THEORIES, widely taught and published, interpret this BEAST otherwise — some as the Roman Catholic Church, some as a mysterious, individual, superman yet to come. But these theories will not stand the Test of applying the Bible interpretation to all the symbols that describe this Beast.

The Beast of Revelation 13 is the Roman Empire that ruled from 31 B.C to 476 A.D.

The Deadly Wound

Now let us return to our description of the beast in Revelation 13. “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.

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?

“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” (Rev. 13:3-5).

The only existing head at the time John saw this beast (which included the most powerful characteristics of all the beasts symbolizing its predecessors) was that of the fourth beast of Daniel which was the SEVENTH HEAD OF ALL THE HEADS OF DANIEL-THE HEAD OUT OF WHICH THE TEN HORMS GREW! The ten horns, as Daniel interprets, represent ten successive governments out of the Roman Empire, which were going to continue until the setting up of the Kingdom of God at the second coming of Christ.

The “deadly wound”, then, was the one administered to the Roman Empire, when, in its last decaying stages, the Barbarians overran it, ending its government in A.D. 476. But when the 7th head of this beast received its deadly wound in 476 A.D. was that the end? No, prophecy says “his deadly wound was healed...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months” (v.3, 5).

John sees this beast living in the days of its seventh head, the Roman Empire. And when the head of this beast was suffering from its deadly wound, his-the beast’s-deadly wound was healed. THE 10 HORNS NOW REIGN ONE BY ONE Why? Because Daniel said, “...out of this Kingdom [after its fall]” the “ten horns grew” meaning, they were taking their position of power.
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The Symbolism of the Horns

Let us now notice the symbolism of the horns of the fourth beast of Daniel 7 and of the beast of Revelation 13.

The ten horns symbolize the same thing — the ten stages of government continuing out of the Roman Empire after its fall, A.D. 476. The ten horns “out of this kingdom” (the fourth — the Roman Empire, 31 B.C. to A.D. 476) “ARE TEN KINGS that shall arise ... and the KINGDOM and the dominion, and the greatness of the KINGDOM under the whole heaven” (not IN heaven) “shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High.” (Dan. 7:24, 27.)

The ten horns, then, are ten KINGDOMS to arise out of the fourth kingdom, the Roman Empire. These kings, also called Kingdoms, continue from A.D. 476 until the time when the Stone, Christ and His Kingdom, smashes the image on its toes, and the KINGDOM is given to the SAINTS. THESE TEN HORNs ARE ALSO ON THE SEVENTH HEAD OF THE BEAST IN REVELATION 13. THE SEVENTH HEAD OF DANIEL, WHICH IS ON THE FOURTH BEAST OF DANIEL, IS THE SAME AS THE SEVENTH HEAD OF THE BEAST IN REVELATION 13, AND OUT OF THAT HEAD, THE TEN HORNs GREW. Remember, 1st head is Babylon, 2nd head is Persia 3rd 4th 5th and 6th head is Greece, and the 7th is Rome. And on this head were TEN HORNs. Revelation 13, there were seven heads and ten horns. The seventh head is Rome, and the ten horns grew out of this head.

Therefore, we will now show you in history and the Bible, that these horns are SUCCESSIVE KINGDOMS down through history, after the fall of Imperial Rome in 476 A.D. And that these horns ARE NOT THE SAME AS THE TEN TOES OF THE IMAGE OF DANIEL 2 which are CONTEMPORANEOUS. These successive kingdoms actually represent the LEGS OF IRON of the Image, from 476 A.D. to our time. Nine successive kingdoms have come and gone, and the tenth and final kingdom is coming very soon!

The Story of the First Three Horns

To understand the story of the first three horns we must go back into the book of Daniel to get the full history of these three kingdoms.

As the Roman Empire in the West collapsed, the leaders of three groups of barbarian invaders— the Vandals, the Heruli, and the Ostrogoths—sought to succeed the Western emperors. As we shall see, each barbarian group sought and received official recognition of its kingdom from the emperor in the East as a continuation of legitimate Roman government in the West. There was another emerging ruler in the West, however, who eventually affected their overthrow and ouster—the Bishop at Rome known eventually as the Pope!

The Vandals (First Horn)

The Vandals invaded North Africa in 429, and several years of fighting with Rome ensued. But through a treaty in 435, these barbarians were “recognized” by the Romans as the legitimate continuation of the Empire in North Africa (cf. Langer, p. 135). Still not satisfied, the Vandals sought to expand their power as Roman successors. In 455 they even pillaged the city of Rome itself—so thoroughly that, to this day, the term “vandal” describes anyone who maliciously
defaces the property of others. The Vandals left Rome with the Western emperor still on the throne—but they continued to exercise power throughout Roman North Africa. Ultimately, however, they were **uprooted**. “In Africa the Vandals were hated as Arian’s [by the Catholics]... but their power was not broken until the 533-548 Vandalic Wars of [East Roman Emperor] Justinian” (p. 159). In 533, Justinian would dispatch his brilliant general, Belisarius, with 500 transport ships and 92 warships to rid Africa of the Vandals. But first, two more kingdoms would be established in Italy.

**The Herulii (2nd Horn)**

In 476, about 20 years after the Vandals sacked Rome, the **Heruli** under Odoacer (or Odovacar) deposed the last West Roman emperor, Romulus Augustulus. This official end of the Western imperial monarchy—the end of the West Roman Empire—was Rome’s “deadly wound.” Odoacer was “recognized” by Eastern Emperor Zeno in Constantinople as the legitimate continuation of Roman government in Italy (cf. p. 135). But he too was an Arian—a fact greatly resented by the **Roman pope**, who appealed to Zeno. So Zeno sent Theodoric, the leader of the barbarian Ostrogoths, as his “agent” to drive out the Heruli in 488 (p. 135). “The orthodox **bishops of Italy**, disliking Odoacer’s Arianism, supported the Arian invader [Theodoric] as representing an almost orthodox emperor. With their help Theodoric broke Odoacer’s sturdy resistance in five years of war, and persuaded him to a compromise peace [in 493]. He invited Odoacer and his son to dine with him in Ravenna, fed them generously, and slew them with his own hand” (Will Durant, *The Story of Civilization*, vol. 4, pp. 97-98). **Thus, the Heruli were uprooted.**

**The Ostrogoths (3rd Horn)**

Ostrogothic rule of Italy was accepted for a while as a necessary evil in getting rid of the Heruli. For Theodoric “maintained a formal subordination to Byzantium.... He accepted the laws and institutions of the Late Western Empire.... [And] though an Arian, [he] protected the orthodox Church in her property and worship” (p. 98). But over time, the Arian Ostrogoths became increasingly unpopular with **Rome’s pope** and the Catholic population. “The Catholics were attached to [East Emperor Justinian], who... trod the narrow path of inflexible and intolerant orthodoxy” (Edward Gibbon, *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, vol. 2, p. 477). And in 535, during Justinian’s Vandalic Wars (already mentioned), the Byzantine forces led by Belisarius arrived in Italy to drive out the Ostrogoths. The Roman population “hailed Belisarius as a liberator, the clergy welcomed him as a Trinitarian” (Durant, p. 109). This began the Gothic Wars, which ended 18 years later when Justinian’s troops finally expelled the remaining Ostrogoths from Italy.

The whole reason why these three kingdoms got uprooted from their place in the Empire, is for one reason, **THE POPE AT ROME!** As we read in the book of Daniel a “little horn” among the ten horns, and this little horn, “coming up among them, before whom THREE OF THE FIRST HORNS WERE PLUCKED OUT BY THE ROOTS” (Dan 7:8) The “Little Horn” is the POPE AT ROME! And he was “coming up.” His power was beginning to take shape at the time of the first three horns. These were “plucked out by the roots.” History shows that there is no trace of these three kingdoms in Europe. They simply vanished! “[By] mid 6th century they [Heruli] vanished from
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Now during this time, of the three horns, this did not heal the wound on the beast- For this was a government in Rome, but it was NOT A ROMAN GOVERNMENT, but one of foreign barbarians.

These three kingdoms sweeping into the Roman territory filled the period known to history as the “transition age” (see Myer’s Ancient History, p.571). That is, the “transition” between the deadly wound and the healing of the Roman Empire!

Now Daniel as we have seen, saw a “little horn” coming up among these ten, before whom the first three were “plucked up by the roots.” That leaves seven horns to come. And that little Horn, Daniel 7 says “...his look was more stout than his fellows” (v.20). The PAPACY DOMINATED ALL THE HORNS TO FOLLOW, AND WILL DOMINATE UNTIL THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, see Dan 7:8-11, 21-22.

*Map on Previous Page- The Vandals, The Herulii, The Ostrogoths shown here in their kingdoms of the Roman Empire. These were the first three horns “plucked up” by their roots at the behest of the “little horn” identified as the Pope, the Bishop of Rome head of the Roman Church.*
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The Little Horn

Can we positively identify that it’s the Pope at Rome? Let’s see what Bible Prophecy has to say!

“I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things…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…I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them…and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

“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: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” (Daniel 7:8, 20, 21, 24-25).

Notice the important points that scripture makes about the “little horn:”

1) He “came up” and is “among” the ten. So he comes out of the Roman Empire, and he reigns when the ten horns arise one by one.
2) The three horns “fell” before the little horn.
3) He had “eyes” and a “mouth” speaking “great things.”
4) Had a stout look more than his “fellow” horns claiming an authority over them.
5) He made war with the saints of God
6) He is “diverse” different from the other horns
7) He thinks to “change times and laws.”

This horn was different from the other kings i.e. the horns, in what way? This horn was a RELIGIOUS LEADER AS WELL AS A POLITICIAN!

Let’s compare other scriptures. Revelation 13:11-18 another beast coming up out of the earth.

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

“And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed...And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (v.11-12, 15). Of course the people who will not worship the beast or his image are God’s chosen people, so here we see this second beast making “war with the saints” just like the little horn of Daniel 7.

When Justinian fought the Vandals, the Herulii and the Ostrogoths it was at the behest of the Pope’s. The little horn had these three horn plucked up by the roots.

Notice the description of the second Beast. A beast in prophecy as we know is a symbol of a king and his kingdom. Now the lamb is a symbol of Christ, see John 1:29; Rev 5:6-14. And who is the
dragon? Satan the devil, see Rev 12:9. So this is obviously a description of a political leader proclaiming FALSE CHRISTIANITY. This is how the little horn is different from the other horns. He was a politician as well as a religious leader. What is his kingdom? The Papal States! This was land given to him by Pepin called the “donation of Pepin.” The Papal State(s), the State(s) of the Church, the Pontifical States, the Ecclesiastical States, or the Roman States (Italian: Stato Pontificio, also Stato della Chiesa, Stati della Chiesa, Stati Pontifici, and Stato Ecclesiastico; Latin: Status Pontificius, also Dicio Pontificia) were among the major historical states of Italy from roughly the 6th century until the Italian peninsula was unified in 1861 by the Kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia. After 1861 the Papal States, in less territorially extensive form, continued to exist until 1850-1870.

The Papal States were territories under the direct sovereign rule of the papacy, and at their most extensive they covered most of the modern Italian regions of Romagna, Marche, Umbria and Lazio.

The Little Horn

A horn is a symbol of a king and his kingdom. The dominion of the Popes is a very small area but yields a great amount of power. The Papal States were given to the Pope as the power of the pope grew and peaked. It reigned 1260 years from the beginning of the Papacy till 1850-1870.

Also notice that he exercises the authority of the first beast, the Roman Empire. The little horn rises among the ten horns out of the kingdom of the 4th beast. So he is ruling with the other horns like this second beast. As we shall see in history and Prophecy, the Roman Empire from the time of Justinian until now was a CHURCH STATE/GOVERNMENT!
In all of history one organization matches this description of the “little Horn” in prophecy. Who uprooted the three horns? Who is a politician and a religious leader? Who governed the Roman Empire with the Emperors? None other than the Pope at Rome! So the Pope stands identified as the “Little Horn”!

The Woman That Rides the Beast

Now in Daniel 7, we read how the little horn plucked from the roots the first three horns (indicating succession in the ten horns and not contemporaries), and now we are left with 7 HORMS WITH THE LITTLE HORN! Now this little horn was to last until the second coming of Christ, see Daniel 7:20-22, 26.

This little horn has an *alliance* with the rest of the 7 horns. Daniel writes in verse 8 that he rises “among them [the other horns].” Verse 24 also says that the little horn shall rise “after [or “beside” see Strong’s # 310-311] them [the other horns].” Then the saints will “take away his dominion” (verse 26). And of course his dominion is with the other horns as shown in verses 8, 24. So he holds a position of power WITH THE 7 HORNS! Like the second beast of Rev 13, exercising all the power of the first beast! So its obvious that this little horn reigns with the LAST SEVEN HORNS UNTIL THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, PERSECUTING THE CHURCH (Daniel 7:21-22, 26).

Now we come to Revelation 17! “I saw a WOMAN sit upon a scarlet colored BEAST, full of names of blasphemy, HAVING SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS.” (v.3). What is the “Woman”? A Woman is a symbol of a church, see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-27; Rev 19:7. But this is an apostate church for she is called a “whore.” (v.1). The true church is a “virgin” (2 Corinthians 11:2). She committed “fornication” spiritual adultery with the religions of this world, and became apostate-Christian in name, but satanic in practice, like the second beast of Revelation 13:11.

This woman that rides the Beast, meaning it guides and has control of the state, the Roman Empire, the CHURCH/STATE GOVERNMENT. This, like the little horn and the second beast, which are one and the same, “exerciseth all the power of the first beast” (Rev 13:12). This “Woman” like the “little horn” and the second Beast of Rev 13 was, “...drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus;” (Rev 17:6). The little horn, persecutes the saints (Dan 7:21-22), and the second beast who causes people who don’t worship the image “to be killed” (Rev 13:15). They are all one and the same. Also, since the “woman” is a church, and
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the second beast is a political leader who heads up a false Christian organization, then it can only mean that these are all one and the same! So we see the Woman, in a church/state government with SEVEN HEADS or kings! Obviously the seven heads ARE the SEVEN HORNS OF DANIEL 7.

The seven heads are “...seven kings: five are fallen, and ONE IS, and the other is not YET TO COME...” (Rev 17:10). This proves that the 7 horns that are left in Daniel 7 and the seven heads here in Rev 17 are NOT contemporaneous but SUCCESSIVE!

Summary:

1) Woman, second beast, and little Horn are a church as well as a state
2) All three persecute the true church of God
3) All three have an alliance, and rule with the Secular Roman governments
4) The 7 Horns, the 7 Heads rule with the little horn and the woman. The second beast rules with the State.

Conclusion, the woman, the second beast, and the little horn are all one and the same. The leader is the Pope. The church that he leads is the Roman Catholic Church. The Papacy is the government which he leads.

Revelation 17:10 makes an interesting statement about the seven heads of the Beast ridden by the woman: “There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.” Notice the time frame here. “Five have fallen,” i.e. Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto, Charles V and Napoleon-spanning the 1,260 years the Beast was to continue, from 554 to 1814 (As we shall see later in the booklet). Then the verse says, “one IS.” This is the 6th head that reigns today. One must understand that these kings or kingdoms are symbolized as “mountains,” “The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.” (v.9). Mountains rise, peak and fall. The 6th head rose to power during the union of Italy and Germany, by King Victor Emmanuelle of Italy, and William I of Prussia. It peaked with the Axis powers of Mussolini and Hitler, and now reigning as the E.U and NATO as we shall see later in the booklet. The time frame also must be reckoned from when this prophecy was to be revealed. All these prophecies shown were to be revealed during the 6th head of the beast! “One IS.”

This parallels a statement in Daniel, a book that must be read in conjunction with Revelation to properly understand end-time events. The prophecies in these books were not meant to be understood until this modern age. Daniel recorded, “Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, ‘My lord, what shall be the end of these things?’ And he said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand” (12:8-10). Daniel 2 &11 as we have proven earlier in the booklet reveals as well that we are living in the time of the end, see Daniel 11:40. We are in the Potter’s clay phase.

And indeed the meaning of these prophecies came to be generally understood by God’s Church at the very time indicated the time of the “sixth head,” the Hitler-Mussolini Axis and the E.U. NATO alliance. How truly remarkable this is! Furthermore, it gives added proof that since that
revival, humanity has been living in the end time. Notice also that “the other [revival] has not yet come” (Rev. 17:10). The Miry Clay phase! This is how God’s people knew and know today that another world dictator would yet emerge from a united Europe after World War II. Are you, too-like the “wise”-beginning to understand?

Now Revelation 17:11 continues and says, “And the beast which was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes to perdition.” Now what does this mean?

As we have learned, the seven heads on the scarlet Beast of Revelation 17 are seven successive kingdoms (v. 10)-the seven resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire. We have already examined the first six. The coming seventh head is also described as “the eighth, and is of the seven” (v. 11). The last revival is the “eighth” Roman system IF YOU COUNT THE ORIGINAL IMPERIAL ROMAN SYSTEM THAT REIGN BETWEEN 31 B.C. TO 476 A.D. Remember the 10 horns “came out of” the 4th beast, “The fourth beast [Imperial Rome 31 B.C. to 476 A.D.] shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces....And the ten horns out of this kingdom [Imperial Rome] are ten kings that shall arise:” (Dan 7:23, 24). So Imperial Rome is the first system. The first three were “plucked out” so are not counted. Then the last remaining seven horns make 8 systems of the Roman Empire which makes the seventh, the 8th system but “is of the seven.”

What about the Ten Horns on the last head of this beast in Rev 17? “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

“These [ten kings] shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful” (v.12-14).
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These ten kings are CONTEMPORANEOUS. AND THESE TEN KINGS ARE THE TEN TOES OF DANIEL 2. In Daniel 2 we see the Stone which is Christ smash the image on its “feet” (Daniel 2:34). And as Daniel 2:44 says: “In the days of these KINGS [ten Toes] the God of Heaven will set up a KINGDOM...” So the truth becomes plain. The woman is the Roman Catholic Church which is in a church/state alliance with the beast throughout its seven revivals, which is called in history the Holy Roman Empire. And on the last head of the Beast, the Ten Kings, which are the ten toes, will fight Christ at his coming, this is when the great image of Daniel 2 is smashed and God will set up his kingdom forever!

“Thou sawest till that a STONE was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces...And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.” (Daniel 2:34, 44).

That Rock was Christ (1 Cor 10:4)

The Woman and Her Symbols Explained!

The Book of Revelation is a book of symbols. And the only one that can interpret those symbols is the Bible Itself! The Bible is its own commentary. So what is the meaning of the woman, her fornication, the waters which she sits etc...?

“...I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: “With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” (Rev 17:1-2). The most important symbols here are the “whore,” “sitteth,” “waters,” “fornication,” and the “wine.” How does the Bible interpret these?

“Harlot”-She is a “woman” (v.3). A woman is a symbol of a church see 2 Corinthians 11:2;
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Ephesians 5:22-27; Rev 19:7. There is a woman that is a virgin, like the bride of Christ that stays faithful to her husband. see 2 Corinthians 11:2. Then there is a harlot. It’s a woman who commits adultery with other gods and becomes apostate, “How is the faithful city become an harlot!” (Isaiah 1:21). A Church is also a city, see Heb 12:22. She commits fornication with other gods and allies with them and not God, like Jezebel, “Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

“And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

“Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.” (Rev 2:20-22). Spiritual Adultery. Other examples in the Bible are here, Jeremiah 3:6-9; Ezekiel 23:37. So basically she is called a harlot, meaning she is an apostate church. Started faithful to God, but then swore allegiance with other gods as well. Idolatrous worship with the name of Christ, a church “fallen away,” but still a church.

“Sitteth”-This phrase “sit” or “sitteth” is found in vv.1, 3, 9, 15. Two meanings for this word, “kathemai.” Thayers defines it as, “to have a fixed abode, to dwell.” A permanent dwelling place. But it also means thrones and ruling, as Jesus told his disciples, “ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” (Matthew 19:28, see also Dan 7:9, 26). The man of sin in the future, “...sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.” (2 Thess 2:4). So this church will have a fixed location where her throne is, where she rules and executes judgment. She sits on the Beast v.3, who we now know is Europe, the Roman Empire, the place of the church’s permanent dwelling. She sits in Europe her permanent dwelling place, also known as the Iron in Daniel 2.

“Waters”-This symbol is pretty straightforward, the Bible says, “And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (Rev 17:15). The woman has become a global Papacy, over Latin America, Africa, the Philippines etc... due to European colonialism and expansion. But even after World War Two, Catholicism spread due to immigration of people around the world. In an article called “The Papacy for a Global Church; The contemporary world situation demands a successor of Peter who, with divine assistance, can teach and direct the entire people of God, by Avery Dulles, July 15, 2000” writes, “...Vatican II initiated several structural changes. It called for the internationalization of the Roman Curia, which up to then had been almost exclusively Italian. It erected a system of Episcopal conferences, one for each major nation or territory in the world. In concert with Paul VI, the council also set up a totally new institution: the Synod of Bishops, which meets periodically in Rome to deal with matters of concern to the universal church.

“Pope Paul VI, faithfully implementing the council’s program, made the papacy a truly global institution. He internationalized the Roman Curia and supervised the establishment of the Episcopal conferences and the Synod of Bishops” (America; The National Catholic Weekly, emphasis added).

“Fornication”-As shown above fornication is spiritual adultery, allegiance to other gods, yet still a church. The second Beast looks like a lamb, but spoke as a dragon, see Rev 13:11. Jesus said, “Take heed that no man deceive you.

“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” (Matthew 24:4-5). They come in the name of Jesus, but are deceivers, preaching a false Christ and Gospel.
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Paul warned, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light” (2 Corinth 11:14).

But the scripture also says she commits fornication with kings, “With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” (Rev 17:2). This is also in other scriptures. Israel was accused of “...committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

“Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet coudest not be satisfied.
“Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.” (Ezekiel 16:26, 28-29). Gill says, “ By entering into leagues and alliances with them, and seeking to them for help and assistance against their enemies;...and joined themselves to them by solemn covenant; and not only so, but fell into the worship of their idols, who were a people of all others the most superstitious, and given to idolatry; and many of their idolatrous rites and ceremonies were received and retained by the Jews, as the worshipping of Tammuz, and other idols:” Entering into a church/state agreement with the kings of the earth, co-rulers with the state.

“Wine”- The scripture says, “With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” (Rev 17:2). Revelation 14:8 adds, “...she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

First, Rev. 17:2 is a parallel verse to Rev 13’s description of the second beast and its relation to the first beast who deadly wound was healed. The second beast “exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him” (v.12). To have this power, the second beast must be in an alliance with the first beast (commits fornication). Then, the second beast, “causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” (v.12). The second beast “causes” people to worship the first beast. The woman makes people “drink” her wine, the wine of fornication which is her Idolatrous doctrines. Do her doctrines have anything to do with the Roman Empire, the first Beast? (Part 3 will cover this is great detail).

The second beast also “causes” people to receive the “mark” of the beast (vv.16, 17). It’s the mark of the Beast, not the false prophet, or the second beast, or the woman, but the Mark of the Roman Empire. This is again the religion of the Beast, whom the second beast causes people to worship. (Part 3 will cover this is great detail).

Wine is an intoxicating drink. Over indulgence of wine cause people to become drunk and their judgment process becomes unreasonable, and illogical. The woman causes “the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication” (v.2). Her fornication is her idolatrous doctrines that have become a part of everyday life, that people’s judgments become unreasonable and illogical. Inhabitants of the earth praying to manmade idols, and endless prayers believing God will hear them. Bodily torturing themselves in an act called “penance,” thinking God will accept something like this as repentance. Living a life in a monastery,
secluded from the outside world, depriving oneself of the basic staples of life, believing God approves of these things. Drunk with these doctrines, and having no judgment.

But, she also has “all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” (Rev 14:8). God told Jeremiah, “Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it” (25:15). God’s judgment was poured on many nations. This scripture is similar to one in Jeremiah speaking of Babylon, “Babylon had been a golden cup in the LORD’S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.” (Jer. 51:7). In this context, during the time of Nebuchadnezzar, “The cup of God’s wrath is the plenitude of punishment, that he inflicts on transgressors. It is represented as intoxicating and making them mad.” (Clarke’s Commentary). With the inquisitions, the crusades, the persecution of true Christians, the reformation, and the endless martyrdom during the reign of the Catholic Church, many nations “drank the wine” of her wrath, her vengeance, her punishment, for not adhering to her doctrines.

The Woman with the golden cup makes the nations drunk with her doctrines, so the nations are void of clear judgment. (Rev 17:4)

The First Head (4th Horn) and the Woman (Little Horn) “The Deadly Wound was Healed”:

Let’s look at the pope-sanctioned revivals in history. With the conclusion of the Gothic Wars in A.D. 553, Italy was left in poverty and disorder. Rome had been besieged, starved, captured and looted. Finally the Byzantine armies succeeded in re-conquering Italy and remnants of the Western Empire. Justinian, already the emperor in the East, was now the restored emperor in the West. But how was he to govern this recovered territory? The answer lay in an alliance of church and state that has shaped the history of Western Europe ever since. Though secular authority in the West had collapsed, “the survival of ecclesiastical organization [under the bishop of Rome] appeared even to the emperors as the salvation of the state. In 554 Justinian promulgated a decree requiring that ‘fit and proper persons, able to administer the local government, be chosen
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as governors of the provinces **by the bishops** and chief persons of each province”” (Durant, pp. 519-520, emphasis added).

This healing of Rome’s “deadly wound” is known in history as the “Imperial Restoration.” The emperors in Byzantium would continue as nominal rulers of a revived *Imperium Romanum* (“Roman Empire”) in the West from 554 until 800. By the terms of Justinian’s decree, however, **the Roman popes took the real reins of government in the West—metaphorically sitting astride and riding the imperial Beast.**

Emperor Justinian caused the restoration of the empire in the west called “Imperial Restoration” Emperors continued as rulers of a revived *Imperium Romanum*

**The Second Head (5th Horn) and the Woman (Little Horn):**

In the years following Justinian’s Imperial Restoration, the Eastern emperors generally focused their attention and resources closer to home. The security provided for the West by Constantinople became negligible. Meanwhile, the Carolingian dynasty, which ruled over the Franks (in modern France), was emerging as the protector of Western Christendom. To secure this role, private negotiations were held between Carolingian King Charlemagne and Pope Leo III—the results of which were made manifest in A.D. 800.

“On Christmas Day, as Charlemagne, in the [mantle] and sandals of a *patricius Romanus* [Roman noble], knelt before St. Peter’s altar in prayer, Leo suddenly produced a jeweled crown, and set it upon the King’s head. The congregation, perhaps instructed beforehand to act according to ancient ritual as the *senatus populusque Romanus* [senate and people of Rome] confirming a coronation, thrice cried out: ‘Hail to Charles the Augustus, crowned by God the great and peace-bringing Emperor of the Romans!’

“The royal head was anointed with holy oil, the **Pope saluted Charlemagne as Emperor and Augustus**” (Durant, pp. 468-469). After several years of dispute, the Byzantine emperor recognized the Frankish king as co-emperor. Thus the *Imperium* in the West passed to the second “head” of the Beast of Revelation 17 & the 5th horn of Daniel 7 following the first three uprootings.
Both “heads” mentioned so far—Justinian and Charlemagne—were allied with the bishop of Rome, having arisen at papal behest and with papal blessing. Historian Will Durant explains, “Out of this intimate cooperation of Church and state came one of the most brilliant ideas in the history of statesmanship: the transformation of Charlemagne’s realm into a Holy Roman Empire that should have behind it all the prestige, sanctity, and stability of both Imperial and papal Rome” (p.468).

The Third Head (6th Horn) and the Woman (Little Horn):

During the century and a half that followed Charlemagne’s coronation, his empire slowly disintegrated under weak successors. By 936 the German Saxons had become the most powerful group in central Europe. In 955 Otto, Duke of the Saxons and now King of the Germans, defeated the Magyars, who were attempting to invade Western Europe from the east. Several years later he entered Italy at the request of Pope John XII to restore him to power and, in the aftermath, received the crown of the Roman Empire of the German Nation—the first German Reich—in 962.

“Thus once again the ghost of the Roman empire was summoned to sanction the successful state building of a semi-barbarian king” (William McNiel, Handbook of Western Civilization, p. 317). The coronation of Otto the Great as emperor marked the inauguration of the third head in the continuity of the restored Western Empire.

What was the significance of Otto’s revival of the Empire to his contemporaries and their successors? Note what historian Robert Hertzstein wrote in his introduction to The Holy Roman Empire in the Middle Ages: “The Empire was understood not as a mere term, but as a universal Christian regent for God on Earth, to exist until the coming of the Anti-Christ. Like Charlemagne, Otto received his throne through the Papal claim that the Roman Church had been the only Imperial elector since the early fourth century.... The Holy Roman Empire was thus to a large extent German in its ethnic and political base, Christian in its moral justification, and Roman in its claim to legitimacy and universality” (p. viii).

In an essay titled “The Empire as a Regency for God on Earth,” noted Austrian historian Friedrich Heer writes, “The task of the Empire was to be God’s protagonist on earth, to fulfill His aims here, to protect Christianity and the Church, and to preserve the righteousness of God and the divine order of the universe on earth. The earthly Empire was the transitory reflection of the eternal City of God.... In the imperial symbols this claim was displayed to the whole world:
with the imperial apple, filled with earth from the four corners of the world, the Emperor holds the whole world in his hand.... [The emperor] called the imperial crown *corona urbis et orbis* [the crown of the city, i.e. Rome, and of the globe]; he viewed himself as the *caput mundi* [head of the world] and as the *dominator orbis et urbis* [ruler of the globe and of the city]” (Hertzstein, pp. 64-65).

**Otto the Great Crowned in 962 A.D.**

The Fourth Head (7th Horn) and the Woman (Little Horn):

Otto’s revived Holy Roman Empire continued for almost 300 years. Finally, with the death of Conrad IV in 1254, the Empire became so rent by rival factions that 19 years went by without an emperor. Afterward, Rudolph I was elected Emperor in 1273. He was the first of the Hapsburg family to be elevated to the imperial throne.

The apex of this fourth revival of the Roman *Imperium* was the crowning of Rudolph’s descendant, Charles I of Spain, as Holy Roman Emperor *Charles V by Pope Clement VII in 1530*. Charles ruled over a vast empire. From his mother Joan, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, he had inherited Spain and all its possessions in the New World. From his father he inherited vast Hapsburg domains in Germany, Italy and Central Europe. After Charles V, Hapsburg power waned. And by the 18th century, “Holy Roman Emperor” was an increasingly empty title.
Rudolph I (also known as Rudolph of Habsburg) (German: Rudolf von Habsburg, Latin: Rudolphus) (1 May 1218 – 15 July 1291) was King of the Romans from 1273 until his death.

“King of the Romans” (Latin: Romanorum Rex) It was the title used by the ruler of the Holy Roman Empire following his election to the office.

The Fifth Head (8th Horn) and the Woman (Little Horn):

In the final decade of the 18th century, all of Europe was shaken by the French Revolution. In its wake, a man both highly gifted and supremely ambitious came to power in France. His name was Napoleon. Aspiring to far more than the French presidency or even to being a new king of France, his ambition could only be satisfied by the re-establishment of the Roman Empire with himself as emperor. As Will Durant notes, “he dreamt of rivaling Charlemagne and uniting Western Europe” (vol. 11, p. 243). In 1798, Napoleon Bonaparte’s General Louis Alexandre Berthier invaded Italy, imprisoning Pope Pius VI, who died in captivity. Napoleon later re-established the Catholic Church in France through the Concordat of 1801. This solidified the Roman Catholic Church as the majority church of France and brought back most of its civil status. Napoleon considered himself successor to Caesar and Charlemagne. Staging a popular election that he won almost unanimously, Napoleon had the French Senate proclaim him emperor on May 18, 1804. Immediately he began negotiations with Pope Pius VII to come to Paris and consecrate him as emperor. The negotiations were successful and the coronation occurred December 2.

Meanwhile, the Hapsburgs of Austria, who maintained their claim on the title of Holy Roman Emperor, were hit hard by the successive military and diplomatic advances of Napoleon-including his assumption of the imperial title. This was particularly so when, two years after he did so, 16 princes and their states withdrew from the Hapsburg’s Holy Roman Empire, formed the Confederation of the Rhine and asked Napoleon to take them under his protection as a part of his empire. The following month, on August 6, 1806, Francis II of Austria renounced his now-empty title of Holy Roman Emperor. Napoleon’s European empire now stretched from the
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Atlantic Ocean to the Elbe River. France, Spain, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Germany and all French and Spanish New World territories—the greater part of the Americas—formed his vast empire. Napoleon thus became the fifth head of the revived Western Imperium.

Napoleon’s empire was not destined to be long-lived, however. A British led coalition brought about his defeat and abdication in 1814. This ended a period of 1,260 years since the Imperial Restoration under Justinian in 554. Thus the prophecy in Revelation 13:3-5 of the Beast’s mortal wound, subsequent healing and continuation for “forty-two months “was fulfilled (42 thirty-day “months” is equal to 1,260 prophetic “days” or actual years—see box: “Forty and Two Months”). Napoleon’s abdication marked the end of an era. According to historian Willis Mason West, “so closed a government that dated from Augustus Caesar” (Modern History: Europe from Charlemagne to the Present Time, 1944, p. 377). Now we can understand why God groups 5 together, then the 6th, then the 7th, “ five are fallen, [1260 years the beast continued] and one is, and the other is not yet come;” (Rev 17:10).

The Sixth Head (9th Horn) and the Woman (Little Horn) “One IS”:

After Napoleon’s collapse in 1814, Germany and Italy remained divided and powerless for the next half-century. Each was rent with internal squabbles among a number of small states and principalities. By 1871, Bismarck had succeeded in uniting all of non-Hapsburg Germany under the Prussian King, William—forming the second German Reich—while Garibaldi succeeded in uniting all of Italy under the northern Italian King of Sardinia-Piedmont, Victor Emmanuel. These kingdoms are “mountains” as symbolized in the Bible. “The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth… 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” (Rev 17:9-10). The uniting of the kingdoms of Germany and Italy are the beginning of the rise up the mountain of power after the downward fall of the 5th mountain of Napoleon’s empire.

Fifty years after Garibaldi’s unification, a strongman rose to power in Italy with visions of restoring the grandeur and glory of ancient Rome once again. His name was Benito Mussolini. And in 1922, he led his Fascist party to power. The Fascists derived their name from the imperial Roman fasces— an ax wrapped in a bundle of rods, signifying unity and authority. It was carried in ancient times by a Roman consul as a symbol of his office.

In 1870, King Victor Emmanuel’s Italian army, led by General Garibaldi, defeated the armies of the Pope and captured Rome. From that time on, there was a tense standoff between the Popes and the new rulers of Italy. Finally, in 1929, Mussolini signed the Lateran Treaty with the Papacy. This Treaty established the Papal sovereignty of Vatican City, affirmed Roman Catholicism as the only religion of Italy and made Mussolini’s the first Italian government in modern history to be officially recognized by the pope.

Signing concordats is an “old practice of making agreements...with nations...”(Hitler, the War and the Pope, Ronald J. Rychlak, p.35), Pope Pius XII wrote of this treaty, “...as a result of the Lateran Pacts....like a new dawn of brotherly union in religious and in civil intercourse had its beginning with these pacts” (ibid, p.39, emphasis added). Catholicism became the “official religion of Italy”. (ibid, p.36). The Lateran Pacts had three parts: a political treaty (giving the
Vatican its own micro-state), a financial convention (giving the Vatican reparations) and a concordat (giving privileges within Italy, for instance by letting the Church influence public education). “All issues involving religion and politics were to be settled according to church law” (p.36). A concordat is basically, a union of civil and religious will, that help enforce Canon Law, meaning the Papacy’s laws.

Interestingly enough it was the Catholics that propelled the Fascists into power in Italy and Germany. “In 1929 the long wait finally paid off when Mussolini proved willing to enter an alliance with the Vatican. A precondition of the negotiations was destruction of the parliamentary Catholic Italian Popular Party. Pius XI disliked political Catholicism because he could not control it. Like his predecessors, he believed that Catholic party politics brought democracy into the church by the back door. The demise of the Popular Party caused a wholesale shift of Catholics into the Fascist Party and the collapse of democracy in Italy. A few years later the Pius would follow the same concordat strategy with Hitler to disband the democratic Catholic party there. Eliminating the Catholic Centre right party helped give Hitler the majority he needed in the last free election before he shut down German democracy.” (Concordat Watch, emphasis added). Mussolini then entered into an alliance with Adolf Hitler, ruler of Germany-now in its “Third Reich”—resulting in the Rome-Berlin Axis of World War II

Hitler & Mussolini were the axis Powers of World War two and revived the Holy Roman Empire.

The Woman “sits”-Many failed to realize that the Catholic Church, like other times in her history was steering, pulling the reigns of this Empire during that time. As shown above it was the Catholic Church’s maneuvering that got Mussolini and Hitler into power!

“Catholic Franz von Papen, the second in command to Hitler, put the essence of the Hitler-Vatican alliance very succinctly in these words: ‘The Third Reich,’ he said, ‘is the first power which not only recognizes, but puts into practice, the high principles of the Papacy.’ — Avro Manhattan, The Vatican Moscow Washington Alliance, Ozark Books, (quoted in Sydney Hunter, Is Alberto for Real, Chick Publications, pp. 42, 43). Mussolini too, According to Pius XI, “For today Rome considers the Fascist regime the nearest to its dogmas and interest. We have not merely the Reverend [Jesuit] Father Coughlin praising Mussolini’s Italy as ‘a Christian democracy,’ but Civiltà Cattolica, house organ of the Jesuits, says quite frankly... ‘Fascism is the regime that corresponds most closely to the concepts of the Church of Rome.’ (Pierre Van Paassen, Days of our Years, Hillman-Curl, p. 465, emphasis added). It wasn’t just a Nazi-Fascist Empire. It was a Catholic empire as well. Here we see the woman that great CITY “sitting” on the Beast, steering it to fulfill its will.
Seventh Head (10th Horn) and the Woman (Little Horn):

In summary, the Last Head of the Beast will be a church/state government. The Beast which will be the nation of Germany/Austria (Read our booklet Germany in Prophecy) will align itself with 10 nations, “And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

“These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.” (Rev 17:11:14). These 10 kings are the ten toes of Daniel 2.

These 10 toes or kings are “mixed” with the “miry clay” nations of Africa.

These make war with the Lamb being Christ, who is also the stone that strikes the image in Daniel 2 at the feet and toes. This will be the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, with the woman, the Catholic Church that will be in alliance with the Beast. The woman “sits” on all 7 mountains, kings or kingdoms.

This will be the Beast that will be destroyed and will never be resurrected again. Notice what Revelation 17:8 reveals, “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.” This is speaking of the history of the Beast from its beginning to its seventh and final revival. Notice how it all ties in, “And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.” (Rev 17:11). The Beast is the eighth as noted earlier; the 7th revival is the “eighth” Roman system IF YOU COUNT THE ORIGINAL IMPERIAL ROMAN SYSTEM THAT REIGN BETWEEN 31 B.C. TO 476 A.D. Imperial Rome is the first system. The first three were “plucked out” so are not counted. Then the last remaining seven horns make 8 systems of the Roman Empire which makes the seventh, the 8th system but “is of the seven heads.”

Understanding this one can understand the scripture, “The beast that thou sawest was [Imperial Rome], and is not [Rev 13:3 was “wounded to death”]; and shall ascend [7th and final revival which is the 8th] out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition:…they behold the beast that was [Imperial Rome], and is not [wounded to death], and yet is [revived 7 times throughout history].”

Currently we are under the 6th head of the Beast which is coming to an end.

“One IS”

The Bible says that the 6th head of the beast is still reigning in the end time. “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.” (Rev 17:10). Does this mean John’s time? “One IS”=John’s day? Many interpret it this way, but it cannot be for several reasons. The first, there was no Church
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and State government at the time of Imperial Rome. How does the woman fit in, and sit in this mountain?

“The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth” (Revelation 17:9). Others have also suggested the 5 are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia and Greece. But again how does the woman fit in this? She does not. These are the rises and falls of the Holy Roman Empire.

Furthermore, John sees that the woman is drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus (Rev 17:6). Jesus was not born during the time of these past Empires. These people had to be persecuted after Jesus was born, after the woman was formed, and persecuted by the woman, a false Church.

Time setting? - In Revelation 17 an angel gave John an invitation to come and see the “judgment” of the great harlot. The identification of this angel as one of the seven plague bearing angels of chapters 15 and 16 implies that the information about to be revealed to John is related to the seven last plagues. This relationship confirmed by the fact that the announced topic of this chapter- “the judgment of the great whore”-takes place under the seventh plague (see ch.16:17-19).

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.” This definitely happens during the 7th head of the beast and the woman in league with the 10 kings (see ch. 17:9, 10, 12, 16-17).

The word “Judgment” in the Greek is “krima.” This word means, “sentence,” “decision,” “verdict.”

Thayers defines, “ krima:

1) a decree, judgments
2) judgment
2a) condemnation of wrong, the decision (whether severe or mild) which one passes on the faults of others
2b) in a forensic sense
2b1) the sentence of a judge
2b2) the punishment with which one is sentenced
2b3) condemnatory sentence, penal judgment, sentence 3) a matter to be judicially decided, a lawsuit, a case in court.”

One commentary writes that Revelation 17 is basically set up into two parts in conjunction with chapters 15-16, “Chapter 17 consists of two distinct parts:...Part one sets forth the crimes of Babylon...a declaration of why the divine sentence is to be pronounced on her (see on v.6). Part
two sets forth the sentence itself and the means by which it is to be executed. Babylon’s criminal career reaches a climax under the sixth plague (see ch. 16:12-16), whereas the sentence decreed is executed under the seventh (see chs. 16:17-19; 17:13-17; 18:4, 8; 19:2). Accordingly, part one is concerned most particularly with events under the sixth plague, and part two with those under the seventh.” (Daniel & Revelation verse by verse, p.849). Revelation 17’s time setting tell us plainly that its speaking of the 6th head of the beast, “one IS” (v.10). All these judgments will take place in the final resurrection, “and the other is not yet come.” It is not speaking of Imperial Rome when John received the prophecy. John is projected forward into time to our day today during the reign of the 6th head of the beast. John said, “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness;” Other times when this happened he was carried away into the time of the end, (see ch. 1:10; 4:2; 21:10). Why should this episode be any different?

As shown earlier, the 6th mountain, king/kingdom that the woman sits on, rose during the time of the uniting of Italy, and Germany. It peaked under Mussolini, Hitler and the Catholic Church with its concordats that it had signed with them. After the war, it’s been on the downward slope.

The E.U is in fact a Nazi Plan “B” in case fascism was defeated.

The Telegraph reports, “In his election leaflet for his Louth and Horncastle constituency, Sir Peter told voters: ‘A single European currency was first proposed by the Nazi Reichsbank to Hitler at the time of Dunkirk as a means of perpetuating German dominance in Europe. Now it is EU policy.’” (The Telegraph, “Euro was Nazi idea, says Tory veteran,” By George Jones, Political Editor 12:00AM BST 23 May 2001).

EUropaische Wirtschaft Gemeinschaft as published in Nazi Germany in 1942 was their plan, and now is the foundations of today’s European Union. The back cover states: “Even as the Nazis invaded, their plans were drawn up - for the Final Solution, the harnessing of mineral wealth into vast Reich cartels and monopolies, and for the slave labor program. They dreamed of a ‘Common Market’, a post-war European Confederation within a common legal and currency system.

“And after the Nazis had surrendered, the planners lived on in the ministries of the Federal Republic, making their theories the cornerstone of policy” (emphasis added). Nazi’s still reign today under the E.U. So Europe is still under its reign, just under another name called the European Economic Union. Not as strong as it was during World War Two, now this mountain is on its downward slide toward its end, and then the seventh and final mountain will rise and Peak, then will make war with Christ, and Christ will shatter it into pieces.

End of Part One.
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The Second Beast and the Image of the Beast

The Papacy governs the entire Catholic Church. The Pope is its sovereign Ruler as Pontifex Maximus. Its College of Cardinals, and the Curia, the whole structure of it, what does it have to do with the Image of the Beast!

Several years ago I was watching Jack Van Impe, and he was preaching on the Beast as he always does every single week on his broadcast. Eventually he got to the scripture about the “image of the Beast” and said that the new science of cloning or maybe even robotics will lead to the “image of the Beast”! I said to myself, “I didn’t know robotics and cloning were in the Bible?”

Clearly he was using his own interpretation to explain the Bible, and instead letting the Bible interpret itself, “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.” (2 Peter 1:20). Many people accuse me of this but I always respond, “I have no interpretation.” The Bible is its own commentary! The Bible speaks to us, and not the other way around. What is the “image of the Beast” that so many preachers are speaking of? Can we know, and see its fulfillment in history?

The book of Revelation describes a beast in its first few verses. The second beast makes an image of the first beast as the chapter plainly says. But first we must find out what this first beast is, and how does the Bible interpret the symbol of a beast?

The description of the first Beast is this, “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. 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.” (Rev 13:1-2).

We know that the Beast of Rev.13 is the ROMAN EMPIRE, of 31B.C. to A.D. 476!
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The Second Beast

The second beast of Revelation 13 is an important figure, because it is this figure that makes an image to the First Beast, and makes people receive the Mark of the First Beast!

The Bible says, “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.” Now we know that a beast is a symbol of a King and His Kingdom that he rules. But, notice his description, he has two horns “like a lamb” and “speaks as a dragon.” Let the Bible interpret itself. The “Lamb” is Jesus (John 1:29). The dragon is the Devil (Rev 12:9). The horns symbolize governments. Now we put all the symbols together we get:

- A Lamb-Christ
- A Dragon-Devil
- A Beast-Kingdom
- Two Horns-Two governments

What does all this mean? The first is obvious! It’s Christian. But what of the second? It’s Satanic? Yes it’s Satanic Christianity! Christian in name but speaks Satanic doctrines, in the name of Christ. Jesus said, “Take heed that no man deceive you...For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” (Matthew 24:4-5). Many will come in a Christian name saying Jesus is the Christ but deceive. Paul also warned, “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. “Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). Satan has ministers that masquerade as the ministers of Jesus, but really are the ministers of Satan.

So we have come to the conclusion that this is a satanic religion with a ministry and a church, that has the name of Christ, but preaches false and Satanic doctrines.

This religious system has a king, a leader symbolized as a beast. It is a sovereign state. It has two branches of government, symbolized by the two horns. This can only be describing one organization that fits the Biblical description. The Protestant churches, the Orthodox churches never had this kind of power or government. Only the Roman Catholic Church fits this description perfectly. The Pope is again a “Sovereign in his own LITTLE KINGDOM” (Halley’s Bible Handbook, p.782 emphasis theirs).

The two branches of government are church and state. Clarke’s Commentary writes, “...two horns of this beast denote that the empire thus represented is composed of two distinct spiritual powers. These, therefore, can be no other, as Bishop Newton and Faber properly observe, than the two grand independent branches of the Romish hierarchy, viz., the Latin clergy, Regular and Secular. ‘The first of these comprehends all the various monastic orders, the second comprehends the whole body of parochial clergy.’ These two grand branches of the hierarchy originally constituted but one dominion” (emphasis added). It’s one Beast, one king, with two branches of governments, church and state, the two horns out of his head. This is the Papacy!
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The definition of the Papacy basically is the office of the pope, known as the *Papacy*. His ecclesiastical jurisdiction is often called the "Holy See" (*Sancta Sedes* in Latin), or the "Apostolic See" based upon the Church tradition that the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul were martyred in Rome. The pope is also head of state of Vatican City, a sovereign city-state entirely enclave within the city of Rome. *(see Vatican City State – “State and Government.” Vaticanstate.va. Retrieved 2010-08-11.)*

The Papacy was created by Pope Gregory I. Robert A. Guisepi writes, “As Europe gradually emerged from the destruction of the Roman Empire, the church became one of the mainstays of civilization. During the pontificate of Gregory I the Great (590-604), the medieval papacy began to assert its authority. Gregory’s achievement was to go beyond the claim of papal primacy in the church by beginning to establish the temporal power of the papacy.” *(A History Christianity: Europe’s Search For Stability The Church In The Early Middle Ages, emphasis added)*.

Bruce L. Shelly writes, “The city of the Caesars was fast becoming the city of the Popes; and it was Gregory’s fate to appear at the hour of transition.

“…Gregory found that the Emperor Justin had appointed him Perfect (mayor) of Rome, the highest *civil* position in the city and surrounding territory. The whole economy of Rome…rested on Gregory’s shoulders.

“…After Gregory, the pope was not longer a Christian leader; he was also an important political figure in European politics-God’s consul” *(Church History in Plain Language, pp.165, 167, emphasis added)*.

The second beast then is the Papacy. And it’s the Papacy that, “exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” *(Rev 13:12)*. This can only happen *after* the deadly wound “was healed” which occurred in 554 A.D. The papacy was created in 590 A.D. during the Restoration of the Roman Empire. A church/state alliance after the restoration of the empire. The worship of the Beast (explained in part 3) after the restoration of the empire.

Now the Papacy, the prophecy says, “…to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live…And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” *(Rev 13:14, 15)*. Notice again, after the restoration of the empire this occurs.

So what is this image of the Beast? The Beast is the Roman Empire. What is an image? Strong’s says, “*i-kone’...a likeness*, that is, (literally) *statue, profile*, or (figuratively) *representation, resemblance*: - image.” The context of this passage the figurative explanation is the best. So here is the Papacy saying, “Let us create an empire that RESMBLES the old *Roman Empire*” — for *that is what the beast is*!

Is the Papal Kingdom structured like the old Roman Empire?
How was the old Roman Empire structured?

**Caesar**- Called the Pontifex Maximus the “chief Pontiff.” This was an “office…formal position as ‘head of the national [Religion] church’” (Oxford History of the Roman world, p.161).

Another source writes, “Pontifex Maximus—Supreme head of Rome’s state religion. According to Roman custom, the Pontifex Maximus was the leader not only of the Pontifices but also the entire religious establishment, including colleges of priests and vestal virgins. This gave him vast powers. During the republic…the pontifex fixed the calendar and festivals, had absolute authority in questions and doctrines, and was in large measure above the jurisdiction of the Senate and the people of Rome…the post, which was held for life…Julius Caesar combined his position as dictator with that of Pontifex, making himself superior religiously as he was politically and militarily. Henceforth the Roman emperors made certain that the title of Pontifex Maximus was included in their numerous titular powers. The last emperor to serve as Pontifex was Gratian (reigned 367–383 c.e.), who instituted extreme anti-pagan activities, including the termination of the seat of the Pontiff” (The Encyclopedia of the Roman Empire, Matthew Bunson, p.443, emphasis added).

Important points to consider:

1) The Pontiff was the head of the national religion of the Empire.
2) Fixed dates and Festivals and had absolute authority on doctrines
3) The post was held for life
4) It was a church and state position
5) The seat was terminated
6) He was also called “Pater” meaning “Father” of the Fatherland (Oxford History of the Roman world, p.161).
7) Aurelian, emperor from 270–282AD. He sought to unite the whole empire in the “worship of the sun-god, and of the Emperor as the vicar of that deity on earth…” (Durant, p. 639, emphasis added).

Interesting, the first beast, the Roman Empire in Revelation 13:1, was, “given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.
“And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
“If any man have an ear, let him hear.
“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.” (13:5-8-10).

The mouth is obviously the Caesars of the Roman Empire. History shows they claimed “divinity.” They spoke great “things” pertaining to the “GLORY OF ROME AND EMPIRE.” They
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blasphemed the God of the Bible, and persecuted the “saints” of God, throwing them into the arena, watching them being slaughtered. Tortured the saints of God, telling the saints to give allegiance to Caesar and not Jesus as the only King. The mouth of the beast is truly Caesar. And he continued “forty and two months.” After its fall, the beast was revived in 554 A.D. and the rule of the Caesar was brought back to life and continued for 1260 years, 554-1814 which ended the government since the time of Augustus. (Durant).

Curia-Augustus created an administrative revolution “consisted in the creation of boards of senior magistrates in departments (curae)...” (ibid, p.191). This was an administrative system to manage cities, towns and anything else that came under the control of the empire, either civil or religious.

College-The College of Pontiffs (Latin Collegium Pontificum) was a body of the ancient Roman state whose members were the highest-ranking priests of the state religion. The college consisted of the Pontifex Maximus and the other pontifices, the college also elect their own pontifex maximus. The college of pontiffs had the supreme superintendence of all matters of religion, and of things and persons connected with public as well as private worship. A general outline of their rights and functions is given by Livy (Liv. I.20) and Dionysius (II.73). The college of pontiffs continued to exist until the overthrow of paganism (Arnob. IV.35; Symmach. Epit. IX.128, 129);

Diocese- A Roman or civil diocese (Latin: dīœcēsĭs, from the Greek: διοίκησις, "administration") was one of the administrative divisions of the later Roman Empire. “The word originally referred to a governmental area in the Roman Empire, governed by an imperial vicar. The secular diocese was subdivided into provinces, each with its own governor” (Britannica 2001 cd). It formed the intermediate level of government, grouping several provinces and being in turn subordinated to a praetorian prefecture. Eventually in the West, the dioceses were disbanded as Roman power receded, but in the East, they survived. Seeing their role as somewhat ineffectual, the emperor Justinian I abolished most of the dioceses in his great reform in the 530s.

So the Roman Empire was governed by Caesar as Pontifex Maximus, the Curia, the College of Pontiffs and its Dioceses. All these offices were put to death, terminated before the institution of the Papacy.

Pope Gregory laid the ground work for temporal power. From 590-610 A.D. was the building of the Papacy’s full temporal power. The Second Beast rises from the earth (Rev 13:11). Gregory however “attended to the need for reform in the government of the Church” (Lives of the Popes by R.P. McBrien, p.97, emphasis added).

This false Christian ruler, “… saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” (Rev 13:14-15).

Now, because of “Papal Primacy,” the Pope had the “power to give life” to those old dead institutions of the Roman Empire. The Sovereign Pontiff, the Curia, Collegia and the dioceses.
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Notice the plain statement by British historian and statesman James Bryce that the “papal [system] itself had been modeled after the elder Empire” (The Holy Roman Empire in the Middle Ages, p. 53, emphasis mine).

Will Durant says: “It became a triumphant Church by inheriting the organizing patterns and genius of Rome.... As Judea had given Christianity ethics, and Greece had given it theology, so now Rome gave it organization.... The Roman gift was above all a vast framework of government, which, as secular authority failed, became the structure of ecclesiastical rule. Soon the bishops, rather than the Roman prefects, would be the source of order and the seat of power in the cities; the metropolitans, or archbishops, would support, if not supplant, the provincial governors; and the synod of bishops would succeed the provincial assembly. The Roman Church followed in the footsteps of the Roman state” (vol. 3, pp. 575, 618-619, emphasis mine). In fact, the “college” of Pagan Priests of the Roman civil government, of the Roman Pagan Empire, was the forerunner of the “College of Cardinals,” which today elects the Pope in the same way the Sovereign Pontiff was “elected” in ancient Rome (see Short History of the Papacy in the Middle Ages by W. Ullman, p.136).

Alex Hislop writes in his Two Babylons, “The College of Cardinals, with the Pope at its head, is just the counterpart of the Pagan College of Pontiffs, with its ‘Pontifex Maximus,’ or ‘Sovereign Pontiff,’ which had existed in Rome from the earliest times, and which is known to have been framed on the model of the grand original Council of Pontiffs at Babylon....title of ‘Cardinals’—the priests of the ‘hinge.’ This title had been previously borne by the high officials of the Roman Emperor, who, as ‘Pontifex Maximus...’” (pp.206, 211, emphasis mine).

In fact “By the time Stephen III [768-772 A.D.] became Pope, the church was thoroughly CONVERTED TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE...the Bishop of Rome LOOKED LIKE CONSTANTINE, LIVED LIKE HIM DRESSED LIKE HIM, inhabited his palaces, ruled over his lands, had exactly the SAME IMPERIAL OUTLOOK...” (Peter De Rosa, Vicars of Christ, p.61, emphasis mine).

The large visible church demanded total allegiance to its governmental structure—the “image of the beast.” This allegiance basically amounted to idolatrous worship, because its adherents were required unquestionably to obey the church government, even if it went against the Holy Bible, and sought to “change times and laws”—which it would (Dan 7:25). Those who refused to obey the image would “cause” them to be killed (Rev 13:15). They were branded heretics “anathema” (cut off) from Christ by the church. Those branded were considered enemies of the state and were, more often than not, punished by the CIVIL GOVERNMENT, i.e. “exercised the power of the first beast,” see Halley’s Bible Handbook, p.777. THE PAPACY IS THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST!

Miracles that deceived—“Nothing could possibly be more descriptive of the papacy than this. It has been kept up by deception and delusion, and its pretended miracles have been, and are to this day, the means by which this is done. Anyone in the slightest degree acquainted with the pretended miracles practiced at Rome, will see the propriety of this description as applied to the papacy. The main fact here stated, that the papacy would endeavor to sustain itself by pretended miracles, is confirmed by an incidental remark of Mr. Gibbon, when speaking of the pontificate
of Gregory the Great; he says: ‘The credulity or the prudence of Gregory was always disposed to confirm the truths of religion by the evidence of ghosts, miracles, and resurrections’ (Decline and Fall, 3:210). Even within a month of the time that I am writing (October 5, 1850), intelligence has been received in this country of extraordinary privileges conferred on some city in Italy, because the eyes of a picture of the Virgin in that city have miraculously moved - greatly to the ‘confirmation of the faithful.’ Such things are constantly occurring; and it is by these that the supremacy of the papacy has been and is sustained. The Breviary teems with examples of miracles performed by the saints. For instance: Francis Xavier turned a sufficient quantity of salt water into fresh to save the lives of five hundred travelers who were dying of thirst, enough being left to allow a large exportation to different parts of the world, where it performed astonishing cures. Raymond de Pennafort laid his cloak on the sea, and sailed from Majorca to Barcelona, a distance of a hundred and sixty miles, in six hours. Juliana lay on her death-bed; her stomach rejected all solid food, and in consequence she was prevented from receiving the eucharist. In compliance with her earnest solicitations, the consecrated wafer was laid on her breast; the priest prayed; the wafer vanished, and Juliana expired. Many pages might be filled with accounts of modern miracles of the most ridiculous description, yet believed by Roman Catholics - the undoubted means by which papal Rome ‘deceives the world,’ and keeps up its ascendency in this age. See Forsyth’s Italy, ii. pp. 154-157; Rome in the Nineteenth Century, i.p. 40,86, ii. p. 356, 3, pp. 193-201; Lady Morgan’s Italy, ii. p. 306, iii. p. 189; Graham’s Three Months’ Residence, etc., p. 241.” (Barnes Notes, emphasis added).

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Origins of the Pope’s Dress- “The two-horned mitre, which the Pope wears, when he sits on the high altar at Rome and receives the adoration of the Cardinals, is the very mitre worn by Dagon, the fish-god of the Philistines and Babylonians...Whence came the crosier? The answer to this, in the first place, is, that the Pope stole it from the Roman augur...Now, so manifestly was the ‘lituus,’ or crooked rod of the Roman augurs, identical with the pontifical crozier...so the Chaldean soothsayers and priests, in the performance of their magic rites, were generally equipped with a crook or crosier. This magic crook can be traced up directly to the first king of Babylon, that is, Nimrod.” (Two Babylons, Hislop, pp.214-217).
Daniel writes that the Little horn would “... speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” (Dan 7:25). This happens after plucking the first three horns out by the roots (Dan 7:24). So this must happen during the reign of the 4th horn.

The authority of the Pope over Europe and the church of God was to be for a “a time and times and the dividing of time.” As we have seen in Scripture, it shows that a day can sometimes symbolize a year in Bible prophecy (cf. Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6). So if time, times and half a time equals 1,260 days, then a day for a year here gives us 1,260 years. Was there such a period of exactly 1,260 years that the Pope had dominion over Europe and the Church of God? Absolutely!

Pope Gregory began the temporal power of the Papacy in 590-610 A.D. Its power “peaked” under Pope Innocent III (1198-1216 a.d.). 700 years after the beginning of its power.

Now during the reign of the Popes in the 1260 year period, it was prophesied that the little horn would “think to change times and laws:” Like Caesar, when he was Pontifex Maximus. The Popes during the middle ages changed times like the Calendar. Prior to its change, it was called the Julian calendar, because it originated at the time of Julius Caesar, 45 B.C—several years before the birth of Christ. The one change was ordered by Pope Gregory, and since then it has been called the Gregorian calendar. The Julian calendar was imperfect—it inserted leap years too frequently. Back in 45 B.C. they supposed the year was exactly 365 1/4 days long, and to take care of the extra one-fourth day each year, added a day to the month of February every four years. But it was found later the year was 12 minutes and 14 seconds shorter than this. Consequently, by the time of Pope Gregory, the calendar had drifted TEN DAYS away from the seasons. The spring equinox, consequently, fell on March 11th, instead of March 21st.

In the Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, p. 740, article “Chronology,” we read: “It is to be noted that in the Christian period, the order of days in the week has never been interrupted. Thus, when Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1582, Thursday, 4 October was followed by Friday, 15 October. So in England, in 1752, Wednesday, 2 September, was followed by Thursday, 14 September.”

What “laws” did he change?

The laws of the Sabbath and Sunday, Easter and Passover, and the other festivals of God. “Sunday is our MARK of authority. The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact” (The Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923) In the second century the church in Rome and in Alexandria took up the “first day of the week” Sunday and when the church in Rome received its temporal power tried to enforce it on the whole world (see below for details).

Afterward during that time it began to “speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High,” The Catholic church branded Sabbath keeping churches as heretics and persecuted the people of God during its 1260 year reign.
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The papacy acknowledges that it has persecuted, and defends such acts as a legitimate exercise of power presumably granted her by Christ. The following is from *The Catholic Encyclopedia*: “In the Bull ‘Ad exstirpanda’ (1252) Innocent IV says: ‘When those adjudged guilty of heresy have been given up to the civil power by the bishop or his representative, or the Inquisition, the podesta or chief magistrate of the city shall take them at once, and shall, within five days at the most, execute the laws made against them.’ . . . Nor could any doubt remain as to what civil regulations were meant, for the passages which ordered the burning of impenitent heretics were inserted in the papal decretals from the imperial constitutions ‘Commissis nobis’ and ‘Inconsutibilem tunicam.’ The aforesaid Bull ‘Ad exstirpanda’ remained thenceforth a fundamental document of the Inquisition, renewed or re-enforced by several popes, Alexander IV (1254-61), Clement IV (1265-68), Nicholas IV (1288-92), Boniface VIII (1294-1303), and others. The civil authorities, therefore, were enjoined by the popes, under pain of excommunication to execute the legal sentences that condemned impenitent heretics to the stake” (Joseph Bilotzter, art. “Inquisition,” Vol. VIII, p. 34). This is how the image of the beast “SPEAKS,” through its Papal Bulls. Papal bulls were originally issued by the pope for many kinds of communication of a public nature (see Britannica “bull”). Also “…the calling of General Councils which were actually said to ‘voice’ the will of the church” (The Book of Revelation by Charles Jennings, p.176). Many of the Sabbath keeping churches were branded as “heretics” and suffered death. Groups like the Albigenses and the Waldenses the Bogomils etc… (see Halley’s Bible Handbook for details).

“Speak great words against the most High”- Pope proclaimed to be the “Vicar of Christ” proclaimed “Papal infallibility,” and more “blood was shed under his direction” than any of his predecessors, except for the attempt to “crush the reformation.” Halley’s puts it, “…one would think, Nero, the beast had come to life in the name of the lamb…making itself over into the image of the Roman Empire, (Halley’s Bible Handbook, all quotes from pp.770, 776).

Interesting how the “mouth” of the first beast spoke great things and blasphemies against God, and made war with the saints. And the Little horn does the exact same thing. Is this not a resemblance (image) of the first beast?

Ecclesiastical literature is replete with exhibits of the arrogant, blasphemous claims of the papacy. Typical examples are the following extracts from a large encyclopedia work written by a Roman Catholic divine of the 18th century: “The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God...

“The Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions…”

“The Pope is as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief of kings, having plenitude of power, to whom has been entrusted by the omnipotent God direction not only of the earthly but also of the heavenly kingdom...

“The Pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws. . . .
“The Pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth with most ample power of binding and loosing his sheep.

“Whatever the Lord God himself, and the Redeemer, is said to do, that his vicar does, provided that he does nothing contrary to the faith” (translated from Lucius Ferraris, “Papa II,” Prompta Bibliotheca, Vol. VI, pp. 25-29).

When did the tearing down of Papal power take place?

“Among the political results which followed, Rome was declared the capital of the Kingdom of Italy. The Papal States were now merged in the Kingdom, and the political sovereignty of the Pope was abolished—September 20, 1870...Italian annexation of the Papal States in 1870 put an end to the temporal power of the Holy See, which had been exercised for more than 1,000 years.” (Outline of Christian history, A.D. 50-1880 By Joseph Henry Allen, p.145; Eureka: Papal See, emphasis added).

Pope Gregory started his Papacy in September 3rd 590 A.D. He continued to build the Papacy till 610 A.D. At 1260 years we get to 1850-1870! Exactly a time times and half a time as the Bible prophesied! From Gregory the Great to Pius IX. In October 2, 1850 the victors held a plebiscite. The inhabitants of the Papal States voted to join the Italian republic. Officially it was over in 1850. But it took till 1870 to dismantle its rule totally!

World War Two?-After the Papal States we taken from the Pope, and his power taken away. Did he receive his power once again?

Mussolini, in the 6th revival of the Roman empire, gave back “...temporal power [to the Pope] [and] was restored on a miniature scale (1929), by MUSSOLINI .The Pope is again a Sovereign in his own LITTLE KINGDOM” (Halley’s Bible Handbook, pp.771-772, 782, emphasis theirs).

During World War 2 in John Cornwell’s, Hitler’s Pope, pp. 233-234 shows, that the Pope helped Hitler get into power. Pope Pius XII was in pursuit of absolute power. He helped Adolf Hitler destroy German Catholic political opposition. Pope Pius XI when he ruled the Vatican said, “After Mussolini came to power in Italy, Pope Pius XI declared: ‘if there is a totalitarian regime, it is the Church regime, given that man belongs wholly to the Church.’ (The Vatican did not make its peace with liberal democracy until the 1960s.)” (Which Civilization? By Michael Lind).

Pope Pius XI and Mussolini signed the conciliatory Lateran Treaty, which, among other things, restored some African countries as Italian territory, guaranteed the role of the church in the life of Italy, especially as the official religion and educator, and gave the pope’s approval for Mussolini’s dictatorship. The Lateran Treaty, also formed Vatican City as an independent state within Italy. This action gives the Roman System precedence over all Christian religions of the world because it now has ambassadors and political influence in every major country. The agreement signed 74 years ago by Benito Mussolini and Cardinal Gaspari, on behalf of the King Victor Emmanuel III and Pope Pius XI, restored the full diplomatic and political power of the Holy See of Rome, see The San Francisco Chronicle, July 7, 1929.
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Did the Pope Persecute Christians? “...Catholic Franz von Papen, the second in command to Hitler, put the essence of the Hitler-Vatican alliance very succinctly in these words: “The Third Reich,” he said, “is the first power which not only recognizes, but puts into practice, the high principles of the Papacy.” — Avro Manhattan, The Vatican Moscow Washington Alliance, Ozark Books, “(quoted in Sydney Hunter, Is Alberto for Real, Chick Publications, pp. 42, 43, emphasis added).

“...the Lateran Treaty, to seal the union of Fascism and the Papacy, the conquest of Ethiopia blessed by the clergy-and, on Good Friday 1939, the aggression against Albania.” (Edmond Paris, The Vatican Against Europe, The Wickliffe Press, p. 15). In this church state government, “the aggression into these territories, the Catholic Church used these agreements to spread Catholicism all over Europe that paved the way for the persecution of Christians again by the Roman Catholic Church...The mass expulsion or forced conversion of the Orthodox Christians to Roman Catholicism was on the agenda. All measures, aiming at the elimination of Serbdom in Croatia were carried out under the slogan enunciated by one of the Croatian ministers: ‘We shall massacre the first third of the Serbs, expel the second third from the country and force the final third to accept the Catholic faith, whereby they will be absorbed by the Catholic element.’” (Lazo M. Kostich, Holocaust in the Independent State of Croatia, Liberty, p. 18, emphasis added). There were also persecutions of orthodox churches in Ethiopia, Albania, Russia etc...All places where Sabbath keeping churches assembled and no doubt they were persecuted as well.

It will happen again—Prophecies clearly show that the persecution of the saints will continue till the second coming of Jesus Christ. We must remember the little horn arises with the successive horns, “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them [the 10 horns] another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots...And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them [the 10 horns]; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings” (Dan 7:8, 24). So every time one of the horns arise, there is the little horn that takes power no matter how small or large his power may be. Now he plucked the three horns by the roots and then began his uninterrupted reign for 1260 years during which the other 5 horns came and went. Then the 9th horn which was the 6th head of the Beast of Revelation 17 came which was the axis powers of Germany and Italy in World War 2, and the Pope took power once again. Then shall arise one more Revival of the Holy Roman Empire, with Germany as its state head, and the Pope as its spiritual Head once again, and it will be a church/state government in Europe.

Daniel writes, “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. “I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; ’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’ (vv.20-22). Scripture shows that the same horn will make war against the saints of God “UNTIL” the ancient of Days came, and judgment was give to the saints of the most high, which happens in Revelation 20:4.

Notice: “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and
which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Here we see what Daniel told us, the persecution of the saints and the saints receiving judgment or power to rule.

When this little horn receives its power once again in the last revival of the Roman Empire, the persecution of the saints will begin one more time in the great tribulation. But then “the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his [little horn’s] dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.” (v.26). Who are the saints? “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Rev 14:2).

End of Part Two
Part Three:

What is the MARK of the BEAST?
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No subject has been more intriguing and baffling to our generation. Thousands of sermons have been preached on it — by professed ministers and evangelists who themselves did not know what it is! Millions have been curious. The average sermon on this subject considers one text of Scripture, only!

Only Text Usually Read This is the sole passage ordinarily quoted: “And he [the second “beast”] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev. 13:16-17).

But there are many more passages in the Bible on this subject. Instead of looking at just one passage only, then turning away from God’s own revelation of this mystery, then use MAN’S INTERPRETATION of scripture, instead of the Bible INTERPRETING ITSELF! As Isaiah describes how the Bible is written: “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:” (28:9-10). The Bible is like a big jigsaw puzzle, put the pieces together and you get the whole story.

Many a preacher will tell you that the mark of the beast is some identity card that you have to wear under your skin, controlled by a huge computer in Brussels called the “Beast.” But again that’s MAN’S INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE, WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

First, from the text universally quoted (Rev. 13:16-17), notice this: “mark” is something that will be very popular — something the majority of people will be in favor of, will seek — which custom will approve as right. Everyone wants to be able to “buy or sell.” In this scriptural usage the expression “buy or sell” more literally indicates being able to buy — not that stores or those from whom one might make purchases of the necessities of life would refuse to accept the money, but that the one refusing the “mark” would not be able to buy, would not be able to earn a living, to earn a wage or salary, or to engage himself in business. The “mark of the beast,” then, has direct bearing on ability to engage in business, or to hold a job and earn a living.

The Apostle James writes, “Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:” (4:13). He is writing here about everyday life, the life of merchants and traders. The buying and selling meaning here is to make a living, as a merchant or traders, to get "gain"! This is why all of us get up in the morning to work and get paid so we can live! Those who do not have the mark of the beast, then, will not be able to make a living.

Who’s Mark?

Revelation 16: 2 says, “And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.” The beast has an image. The second beast in Revelation13:11 brought this image to life and, “saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.” So the beast spoken of that has a
“mark” and an “image” is speaking of the first beast, the Roman Empire, not the second, the ecclesiastical government.

Note this well! The “mark” is the mark of the “beast” the ROMAN EMPIRE! Not the mark of the church or the False prophet! This is fact number one! Keep that in mind!

Second, we have, a church depicted as the second beast, and the woman, causing people to be killed if they do not take the Mark! This church causes people to receive the MARK OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, or else they will be killed. The mark of the beast is also YOUR CHOICE TO MAKE as scripture says: “If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,...The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,” (Rev 14:9-10). The seven last plagues, full force, unmixed with mercy (Rev 14:9-10). God would not pour out his wrath on people who were FORCED to take the mark! This is clearly a mark of OBEDIENCE! For the wrath of God comes upon “the children of DISOBEDIENCE” (Colossians 3:6; Ephesians 5:6).

**Mark of Obedience**

We begin now to see that the MARK of the beast involves a point of OBEDIENCE — whether we shall OBEY GOD, or reject the commandment of God and obey MAN’S rule. Looking through the scriptures it becomes clear that the mark of the beast is in contrast to the COMMANDMENTS OF GOD! Notice, there are, in general, two classes — one has the MARK, the other rejects it and is martyred. Notice now the description of those who refuse this evil MARK: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Rev. 14:12).

The false church persecutes the people who don’t have the mark of the Beast. These can only mean people who are obeying God, as scripture says: “And the dragon [Satan and he gave power to the Beast, Rev 13:1-2] was wroth with the woman, [God’s Church] and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Rev 12:17). There it is again, people yielding to God’s rule, and living by every word of God, and they are being persecuted by the Dragon.

**The Biblical Interpretation of a “Mark”**

Does the Bible reveal a contrasting sign of obedience that identifies God’s true people? First, how does the Bible interpret this mark? According to the Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon, the Greek word here, charagma, means “a stamp, an imprinted mark... [used] of the mark stamped on the forehead or the right hand as the BADGE of the followers of the [Beast].... [and] the mark branded upon horses” (entry 5480). **So it is probably some kind of badge or brand of identification!**

We find an equivalent word in the Old Testament as well. The word “sign” in Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance says: “owth...a signal, as a flag, beacon...MARK...(entry 226). So this word also is a MARK OF IDENTIFICATION! A flag identifies a country! Is there a mark or a sign in the bible that is on the foreheads and hands of people that is a mark or a sign of identification, and also a mark of OBEDIENCE? THERE IS ONLY ONE! God’s Laws including and specifying an
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**important part of this mark of God** His weekly and annual Sabbath days that HONORS, AND WORSHIPS THE KING, THE YAHWEH OF HOSTS! “I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts” (Malachi 1:14). God's law is the way God governs the universe, and his people. It is how we worship the Lord, and the laws of God identify us as his people!

God says “...Verily my **Sabbaths** ye shall keep: for it is a **sign** [mark, flag beacon of identity] between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am YHWH that doth sanctify you” (Ex 31:12). This is God’s Mark, his Sabbaths. These were kept in the worship of the Lord God as Paul said, “But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets;” (Acts 24:14).

**Is God's mark in the Forehead and Hand?**- Regarding one of God’s annual **SABBATHS**, we read: “And it shall be for a **sign** [mark] unto thee upon thine **hand**, and for a memorial between thine eyes, [Forehead] that the YHWH’s law may be in thy mouth...” (Ex 13:9).

Clearly from the scripture above, and understanding that the mark is a mark of obedience to the Beast, then the forehead and hand in the scriptures about the mark of the beast **cannot be taken literally**! Inserting something like a microchip or stamp **cannot** be the meaning of the mark if we solely follow biblical interpretation. These are obviously symbols. What is the symbolic meaning of the forehead and hand in the bible? The Forehead represents the mind, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;” (Hebrews 10:16).

“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God;** but with the flesh the law of sin.” (Romans 7:25). It is here, in the frontal lobes of the brain, that our will resides—our power to choose, our volition, our free moral agency. Other parts of the brain control our motor facility, our memory, our ability to walk, sit, eat, cough, sleep. But in the portion behind the forehead is where character resides! So the people who receive this mark, receive it with their own will to choose, to follow God or the beast, and are willing to follow him, it is their choice!

The Hand is a symbol of practice and work, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.” (Ecclesiastes 9:10). The people who follow God or the beasts mark then, will choose to follow the beast, and put it into practice, and make it part of their lives and live it everyday.

Here are more examples of God’s mark in the foreheads and hands of people that follow him: Deuteronomy 6:1, 6-8, “Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments...And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart...**And thou shalt bind them for a sign** [Mark] **upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes** [Forehead].” God's mark or sign is his laws and his Annual and weekly Sabbath days!

Ezekiel 20:20: “And hallow my SABBATHS; and they shall be a **sign** between me and you...” What are God’s Sabbaths? **HIS WEEKLY AND ANNUAL FEAST DAYS OF LEVITICUS 23.** The Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of First Fruits, the Feast of Trumpets, the
Feast of Tabernacles, and the Day of Atonement. These feasts are called Sabbaths, see Lev 23:3, 7-8, 21, 24, 28, 32, 36, 38-39. This is the SIGN OR MARK OF GOD’S PEOPLE! HIS WEEKLY SABBATH AND ANNUAL FEAST DAYS! Now since this is God’s Mark, does the Beast have his own LAWS that venerate and worship him including and specifying his WEEKLY DAY OF REST, AND FEAST DAYS? You will be shocked when you find out what they are!

The Beast’s Mark

Now that we know God’s mark is his laws that must be obeyed and his weekly and annual Sabbaths must be observed, in the WORSHIP OF THE KING, YHWH OF HOSTS, that must be our choice to keep. So what is the beast’s mark?

We know that the Beast IS THE ROMAN EMPIRE! We also know that the symbol of the beast is a symbol of the king as well as his kingdom, you cannot have one without the other, “These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth...The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth” (Daniel 7:17, 23). A kingdom has territory, subjects, a king, and LAWS to govern that kingdom! A government!

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder...

“Of the increase of his government [Heb. mis´ra^h] and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, [Heb. mamla^ka^h] to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the L ORD of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7). Though two different Hebrew words, they have the same meaning, and used interchangeably, “mis´ra^h” 1) rule, dominion, government (Brown’s Hebrew Definitions).

“mamla^ka^h” 1) kingdom, dominion, reign, sovereignty
1a) kingdom, realm
1b) sovereignty, dominion
1c) reign” (ibid.).

You cannot govern a kingdom without a government and laws!

God laid down for Israel his laws. This was God’s way of governing his people. His laws will be administered in the Kingdom of God (Isaiah 2; Micah 4; Zechariah 14). And Jesus will be the King, and the saints will rule with him (Rev 20).

So the Beast [the Roman Empire's] Mark, like God's mark, must be his laws in obedience to THE KING, CAESAR that people choose to obey, if not they were killed! State worship! Adolf Hitler had people worship the State, and him as their Savior, the Savior of the German People. Germany is Hitler, Hitler is Germany they sang! The Bible says they “worshipped the Beast” “Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (Rev 13:4).

History is full of accounts of the worship of the EMPERORS! The following is from Robinson’s Medieval and Modern Times, an older College Textbook, p.7, “The worship of the Emperor: In a
Word the Roman government was not only wonderfully organized...everyone was REQUIRED to join the in the WORSHIP OF THE EMPEROR because he stood for the majesty and the glory of the dominion...all were obliged, as good citizens, to join in the sacrifices to the head of state AS A GOD” (emphasis mine).

This is called Roman Imperium, Rome’s rule over its subjects, and the Imperator or Emperor was its Supreme Ruler. During this time of Augustus Cesar the Imperial cult was formed, this phenomenon was when “...the Roman Emperors were worshipped like gods...[and] the refusal to take part in emperor worship became one of the black marks against the Christians and cause of their persecution” (Ancient Rome, Don Nardo, p.109, emphasis added). These were killed for not worshiping the Beast [Cesar]. Though there was the Senate during the years of the Empire, it “...operated largely according to the whims of the emperor...And following Octavian's [renamed Augustus] seizure of absolute power...the senators had no choice but to support his sweeping reforms, which rapidly transformed the dead Republic into what became known as the Roman Empire...” (ibid pp.130-131, 139).

Cesar was the lawmaker, the King, and god of the republic. If you did not worship Cesar, obey his laws you were killed. As the Bible interprets the Mark, one is the mark of God, the other for the Beast. If God’s mark is his laws, annual Holydays and weekly Sabbath to worship the KING, YAHWEH, then going solely by biblical interpretation, the Beast’s Mark must be his laws, annual Holy Days, and weekly Sabbath to worship the KING CEASARE! Can we find examples of this in history?

Rome’s State Religion

In the time of the Cesar’s, this imperial cult worship, these kings were worshipped and they claim they were the SUN-GOD INCARNATE! Remember, Caesar was the, “Pontifex Maximus-Supreme head of Rome’s state religion. According to Roman custom, the Pontifex Maximus was the leader not only of the Pontifices but also the entire religious establishment, including colleges of priests and vestal virgins. This gave him vast powers. During the republic...the pontifex fixed the calendar and festivals, had absolute authority in questions and doctrines, and was in large measure above the jurisdiction of the Senate and the people of Rome...the post, which was held for life...Julius Caesar combined his position as dictator with that of Pontifex, making himself superior religiously as he was politically and militarily. Henceforth the Roman emperors made certain that the title of Potifex Maximus was included in their numerous titular powers...” (The Encyclopedia of the Roman Empire, Matthew Bunson, p.443, emphasis added).

Parrinder’s World Religions from Ancient History to the Present writes, “It was natural that as the centre of gravity of the Roman Empire moved eastwards, sun-worship should grow in power. It was already strong in imperial propaganda; Nero’s Golden House was an appropriate home for the incarnate sun, and Antonius accorded the sun peculiar honour. Under the Severan dynasty sun-worship became dominant; the sun-god was portrayed with Severus’s characteristic beard, and the emperor took the title INVICTVS (unconquered), which was the peculiar epithet of the sun... The sun was a superb unifying symbol and rallying point for the whole empire... in AD 274 Aurelian established the sun-god as the supreme god of the Roman empire” (p. 175, emphasis added).
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Aurelian, emperor from 270–282AD, ascribed much of Rome’s third-century moral and political chaos to religious disunity. He sought to unite the whole empire in the “worship of the sun-god, and of the Emperor as the vicar of that deity on earth… He built at Rome a resplendent Temple of the Sun, in which, he hoped, the Baal of Emesa and the god of Mithraism would merge… Aurelian advanced that Orientalization of the monarchy which had begun with Elagabalus and would complete itself in Diocletian and Constantine” (Durant, p. 639).

Samuele Biacchiocchi in his book From Sabbath to Sunday, points out in history, that many Emperors identified themselves with the worship of the SUN, like Emperors “Augustus (31 B.C.), and Nero (54-68 A.D.), Hadrian (117-138 A.D.), the Vespian (69-79 A.D.)” (pp.239-240). This religion was called the “Cult of Sol Invictus” the “Invincible Sun” Gastone H. Halsberghe in his monograph, The Cult Sol Invictus presents texts that shows that Sun worship was “one of the oldest components of the Roman religion” (p.26).

Biacchiocchi writes that the Romans, “…designated the Sun at their NATIONAL GOD, though in actuality it was an IMPORTED DEITY,” and “…the fact remains that it was regarded as a ROMAN GOD” (p.239, emphasis mine).

Roman law demanded that the Emperor be worshipped as the Sun god on earth, and sacrifices were to be given to him as a sign of allegiance to Rome, the state and the emperor. It was state worship! Adolf Hitler enforced the same thing. Those who did not obey the laws of the state were killed! Of course it was the Christians that were persecuted. Here we see in history evidence of God’s mark and the Beast’s mark; God’s laws or the Beast’s laws.

Now the Emperor also had the power to enforce the festivals of Sol, the Sun god, or Mithra on the populace as well. What were the Feast days of MITHRA?

“DECEMBER 25TH the god’s [Mithra’s] BIRTHDAY…” (Holman Bible Dictionary, p.981, emphasis mine). December 25th was the Feast of Sol Invictus! Christmas is really the Feast of Sol Invictus, the worship of the Sun god, the Emperor of the Roman Empire. It was part of their state religion!

“Christmas was originally a Pagan festival, is beyond all doubt…the 25th of December, the day that was observed at Rome as the day when the victorious god reappeared on earth, was held at the Natalis invicti solis, “The birth-day of the unconquered Sun “(The Two Babylons, Hislop, pp.93, 98, emphasis mine).

This festival originated in “… in honor of the birth of the son of the Babylonian queen of heaven;” (ibid, p.93, emphasis mine).

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge gives a clear explanation in the article on “Christmas” writes: “…The pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit and in manner. Christian preachers of the West and the Near East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which Christ's birthday was celebrated, while Christians of Mesopotamia
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ACCUSED THEIR WESTERN BRETHREN OF IDOLATRY AND SUN WORSHIP FOR ADOPTING AS CHRISTIAN THIS PAGAN FESTIVAL” (Emphasis mine).

Easter?—Easter was also part of the state religion: “…under the name MITHRA…she [wife of Mithra] as Aphrodite…was called Mylitta…” (ibid, p.157-158, 264). Who is Aphrodite?

“Aphrodite is primarily a descendant of the Mesopotamian goddess Inanna-ISHTAR, who became ASTARTE in Phoenicia and was called …ASHTORETH by the Hebrews…” (Myth of the Goddess, Anne Baring, pp.145-147, emphasis mine).

Another source says: “Aphrodite. A goddess of erotic love, identified by the Romans as Venus...The Greeks always known that Aphrodite was an ASIATIC GODDESS...He [Homer, the historian] further reported that the goddess was widely worshipped in Asian lands where she was called MYLITTA by the Assyrians MITRA [female version of Mythra] by the Persians...There is little doubt that Aphrodite was originally a mother goddess...and is perhaps best known under the name ISHTAR OR ASTARTE” (Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology, pp.57, 60, emphasis mine). Ishtar is nothing more than Easter that was celebrated by the Romans in the spring. Easter also originated in Babylon. She was Nimrod’s Mother-wife called Seneramis: “the mystic egg, [was] another emblem of Easter, the goddess queen of Babylon” (Two Babylons, p.110, emphasis mine).

“The festival of Rome are innumerable; but five of the most important may be singled out for elucidation-viz., CHRISTMAS DAY...EASTER...and all can be proved to be BABYLONIAN” (Two Babylons, p.91, emphasis mine).

Weekly Day of Rest?—What was the weekly day of rest and holy day of the Beast?

“The ancient sources...do pinpoint on religion as the vehicle that promulgated SUNDAY [day of the Sun god] RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE...it was the so-called PERSIAN RELIGION OF THE GOD MITHRA THAT EXTOLLED SUNDAY as the most IMPORTANT DAY OF THE WEEK” (Sabbath in Scripture and History, p.314, emphasis mine).

In the first century, the seven-day “planetary week” was popularized in Rome. Origination in the “BABYLONIAN” religion, it associated each day of the week with the god attached to a particular “planet.” In Roman times, the “seven planets” were-in week- day-order-Sol (the sun), Luna (moon), Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. The first day of the week belonged to the SUN (see ibid., p.314-317).

For the Sun god “…SUNDAY, [was] the holy day…” (Holman Bible Dictionary, p.981, emphasis mine).

So now the truth becomes Plain! Just like God’s Mark, the Beast, i.e. the Roman Empire has his Laws, weekly day of Rest, and Festivals!

WORSHIP CAESER! OBEY HIS LAWS TAKE PART IN THE STATE WORSHIP OF SACRIFICE & HIS FEASTIVALS, THE BIRTH OF SOL [CHRISTMAS] AND
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How can this be? Are these not cherished Christian Holydays? No they are not. Their roots are in paganism. How did these old pagan holydays become Christianized?

Rome’s State Religion and the Catholic Church

Origin of Sunday and the Church: Sunday was adopted by the church from the Romans around the second century A.D. As Durant says: “Christianity DID NOT destroy paganism it ADOPTED IT” (vol. 3, p.595, emphasis mine).

In regard to the Sabbath to Sunday: “Even the Jewish Sabbath, which BOTH JEWISH AND GENTILE CHRISTIANS FIRST OBSERVED ON THE SEVENTH-DAY was given up in favor of the MITHRAIC SUNDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK” (A Powell Davis, The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls, p.25, emphasis mine).

Durant writes: “The serious temper of the Jewish Sabbath was transferred to the Christian Sunday that replaced it [the Sabbath] in the second century” (p. 599, emphasis mine).

The original true apostles continued to observe the same Sabbath the Jews did—Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. Indeed, the Catholic Church itself proudly admits, “You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday” (James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers, 1917). “The Church,” a Catholic study course tells us, “transferred the obligation from Saturday to Sunday” (Father Smith Instructs Jackson).

Does this surprise you that Sunday worship is the Mark of the Beast? Here is a more telling quote the Roman Church itself: “Sunday is our MARK of authority. The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact” (The Catholic Record, Sept. 1, 1923). Their “MARK of authority”? Could this have anything to do with the “mark” mentioned in Revelation 13? This fulfills the prophecy of the little horn who “changes times and laws”—God’s law, the law of the Sabbath. It is clear that the Roman Catholic Church adopted paganism and put a Christian label on it!

And what about her daughter churches that came out of her in “protest.” They worship on Sunday? Are they just as guilty? The Protestant churches that came out of Roman Catholicism repudiated many Catholic teachings. Unfortunately, Sunday worship was not one of them. For though they often don’t realize it, by continuing in Sunday observance, the Protestant churches acknowledge the supremacy of the Catholic Church over the Bible. This is why the Church of Rome is happy to announce that it changed the day! Catholic Monsignor Segur wrote, “The observance of Sunday by Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church” (Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today, p. 213).

What of the Festivals?
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Christmas was “not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church” but “established in the fourth century [And] In the **fifth century** the WESTERN CHURCH ORDER IT CELEBRATED FOREVER ON THE OLD ROMAN FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF SOL...” (The Encyclopedia Americana, 1944, edition “Christmas.”) So it was by Papal authority that these feasts were established and enforced on the public, including Sunday, Easter other celebrations.

With this power the Catholic Church caused all its subjects to worship the first beast, with the religion of Imperial Rome now called Catholicism! “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark [His holy day, Sunday, and his Festivals, Sol Invictus i.e. Christmas, Aphrodite i.e. Easter] in their right hand, or in their foreheads:” (v.16). People who did not keep Sunday, and adopt these festivals were persecuted, and put to death.

The Papacy “caused them to be killed,” and “exercising the power of the first beast” would call the state police of the Empire and tortured them. Unless he recanted, he was tortured until he died or except he receive this MARK OF THE BEAST!

This continued until the Protestant Reformation of the 15th and 16th centuries!

In history, during the reign of the Pope’s in Europe, there are accounts of people not willing to follow Catholicism and were slapped with Papal bulls excommunicating them. If anyone was found keeping the Sabbath, they would brand them anathema, and the Papacy “caused them to be killed,” and “exercising the power of the first beast” would call the state police of the Empire and began torturing him. **Laws became so strict no man could hold a job, or engage in business, unless he worked on Saturday and rested on Sunday.** And the world will be so geared that it will be almost impossible for one to “buy or sell” except he receive this MARK OF THE BEAST!

Clarkes Commentary writes, “‘If any,’ observes Bishop Newton, ‘dissent from the stated and authorized forms; they are condemned and excommunicated as heretics; and in consequence of that they are no longer suffered to buy or sell; they are interdicted from traffic and commerce, and all the benefits of civil society. So Roger Hoveden relates of William the Conqueror, that he was so dutiful to the pope that he would not permit any one in his power to buy or sell any thing whom he found disobedient to the apostolic see. So the canon of the council of Lateran, under Pope Alexander III., made against the Waldenses and Albigenses, enjoins, upon pain of anathema, that no man presume to entertain or cherish them in his house or land, or exercise traffic with them. The synod of Tours, in France, under the same pope, orders, that no man should presume to receive or assist them, no, not so much as hold any communion with them, in selling or buying; that, being deprived of the comfort of humanity they may be compelled to repent of the error of their way.’ In the tenth and eleventh centuries the severity against the excommunicated was carried to so high a pitch, that nobody might come near them, not even their own wives, children, or servants; they forfeited all their natural legal rights and privileges, and were excluded from all kinds of offices. The form of excommunication in the Romish Church is to take lighted torches, throw them upon the ground with curses and anathemas, and trample them out under foot to the ringing of the bells...” (emphasis added).
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They “Worshipped” the Dragon

It is interesting that that the prophecy of the Beast and the second Beast both speak of the “Dragon” that is worshipped and preached, notice: “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?... And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.” (Rev 13:4, 11). As we have proved above, Rome's state religion the Apostate Church adopted and incorporated it into its system of worship.

The first half of the verses quoted reveals that the people worshipped the dragon and the beast, Robertson's Word Pictures writes the Greek language reveals, “First aorist active indicative of proskuneō, with dative case drakonti (from drakōn). They really worshipped Satan (the dragon) when 'they worshipped the beast' (prosekunēsan tōi thēriōi) or any one of the heads (like Caligula, Nero, Domitian) of the beast. The beast is merely the tool of the devil for worship.” (emphasis added). They worshipped the Dragon by worshipping the Beast. The Emperors were the vicar of their Sun god on earth. The religion of the Sun-god is how they worshipped the Beast, hence the devil. Gill's Commentary says, “The devil, in the idols, images, angels, and saints departed, to whom they gave adoration, as did the Gentiles, whose successors they are, and whose name they bear; see 1Corinth 10:20; ” The passage quoted in 1 Corinthians 10:20 Paul is speaking of the gentiles of the Roman Empire; their idolatry was in reality the worship of Satan the Devil.

Now the second half of the two verses quoted above shows that that the second beast “spake as a dragon.” It preaches what? If this second beast causes all to receive the mark of the first Beast which was his day of rest, and festivals, and laws- all designed to worship the Emperor who was the Sun-god on earth, then he is preaching Rome's state religion, therefore speaking as a dragon, preaching Rome's state religion, which Catholicism is!

The name of the Beast

What does it mean the “name of the Beast”? You can’t earn a living without it. There’s one other scripture we need to examine with Revelation 13:17.

“And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” (Rev 14:11).

Now Rev 13:17 says, “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” The mark of the Beast and the name of the Beast are linked together. It is the mark of his name. What does this mean?

The word “name” in Greek is “ονομα onoma” (Strong’s 3686). It means what a person or thing is called, but it also means “(2)...for all that a ‘name’ implies, of authority, character, rank, majesty, power, excellence, etc., of everything that the ‘name’ covers: (a) of the ‘Name’ of God as expressing His attributes, etc., e.g., Matt. 6:9; Luke 1:49; John 12:28; 17:6,26; Rom. 15:9; 1 Tim. 6:1; Heb. 13:15; Rev. 13:6; (b) of the ‘Name’ of Christ, e.g., Matt. 10:22; 19:29; John 1:12;
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2:23; 3:18; Acts 26:9; Rom. 1:5; Jas. 2:7; 1 John 3:23; 3 John 1:7; Rev. 2:13; 3:8; also the phrases rendered ‘in the name;' these may be analyzed as follows: (1) representing the authority of Christ, e.g., Matt. 18:5 (with epi, ‘on the ground of My authority');” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words under “name” emphasis added). Many come “in the name of Christ” meaning by his authority. Many demons were cast out in “his name.” Christ by his authority things were done.

The definition of Authority is this, “2a : power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior ; b : freedom granted by one in authority : right ; 3a : persons in command; specifically : government ” (Merriam Webster). This fits with the context of the prophecy. You cannot buy or sell without the “name [authority] of the Beast.” The mark of the beast is the “mark of his name [authority]” As noted above, Sunday is the “Mark” of their authority. Those who want to make a living can but only if the Beast allows them to, by his authority. History shows this was the case.

The Emperor Constantine decreed (March 7, 321) dies Solis—day of the sun, “Sunday”—as the Roman day of rest “On the venerable day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed” (Codex Justinianus 3:12:3). This is one of many from the Emperors who did not allow people to make a living without obeying the commands, or the authority of the Roman government (the beast).

In contrast to this, Revelation 14:1 reveals Jesus on Mount Zion setting up his throne with the 144, 000, “having his Father's name written in their foreheads.” Christians govern by the authority of the Father. Wicked men govern with the name of the beast in their foreheads.

The Number of the Beast 666

What does this mysterious number mean? Many tried to link names of leaders and people with the number 666. The reason is, in the Greek and the Latin languages, letters had numerical value. So many have tried to calculate 666 with names like Reagan, Kissinger, and the Pope’s crown etc…

Two examples: Some attempt to find in the word Lateinos, the “Latin” kingdom. Thus they make, by what rule we do not understand, L stand for 30; A, for 1 ; T, for 300; E, for 5; I, for 10, N, for 50; 0, for 70; and S, for 200; which numbers, added together, make 666.

The other is this: Vicarius Filii Dei, “Viceregent of the Son of God.” Taking the letters out of this title which the Latin’s used as numerals, and giving them their numerical value, we have just 666. Thus we have V, 5; I, 1 C, 100 (a and r not used as numerals); I, 1 ; U, (formerly the same as V), 5 (s and f not used as numerals) ; I, 1; L, 50; I, 1; I, 1; D, 500; (e not used as a numeral); I, 1. Adding these numbers together, we have just 666.

The examination however of the scriptures does not say that we should calculate a man’s name with the number 666. Bullinger writes, “We have a list of about forty such gematria. Most of them are ridiculous, inasmuch as instead of the gematria being confined to Hebrew and Greek (which have no Arabic or other special signs for figures), the principle is extended to names in
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English, French, and other modern languages, on the assumption that they would have been spelt in exactly the same way; whereas we know that names both of persons and places are not simply transliterated in various languages. It is absurd therefore to attempt to take words from the modern European languages...

“Gematria is not a means by which the name is to be discovered;” (Numbers in Scripture, Its Supernatural Design and Spiritual Significance by E.W. Bullinger, p.282). Everybody and his brother have attempted to “count the number of the beast.” In English and other modern languages, we do not use letters for numerals as the Romans, Greeks, and Jews did. Therefore I fail to see the assigning of numerical values to the names of modern personages as a valid exercise, so gematria is useless. Since it is useless in the English alphabet — make one up! And that's exactly what many “666 counters” have done.

Gematria or gimatria is a traditional Jewish system of assigning numerical value to a word or phrase, in the belief that words or phrases with identical numerical values bear some relation to each other, or bear some relation to the number itself as it may apply to a person's age, the calendar year, or the like. Of course this is of man’s devising and not the Bible’s. Maxwell writes, “…the Bible doesn’t actually state that 666 is to be calculated on the basis of numeric value of the letters in a name…” (God Care’s, p.414).

The scripture says, “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.” (13:18).

Many get led astray because it says it’s the “number of a man.” But it should really say the “number of man” (EMTV; LEB; NET BIBLE; DARBY TRANSL). The NIV has in the margin “humanity’s number” 6 is man’s number. “…it is the number of imperfection; the human number; the number of MAN as destitute of God, without God, without Christ… At any rate it is certain that man was created on the sixth day, and thus he has the number six impressed upon him.” (Numbers in Scripture, E.W. Bullinger,). Maxwell sums it up this way, “So seven is a number that honors God. The number 666 is a ‘human’ number (R.S.V ). The underlying Greek can be translated fairly as ‘the number of a man’ or as ‘the number of man [mankind].’ The sixth day, Friday, is the day when man was created. Does 666 then, with its triple sixes, point to man focused inward on himself, on his own ways of doing things, on his own creativity-like the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, boasting of his own activity in defiance or neglect of the true Source of all creativity? See Daniel 4:30” (God Care’s, p.415, emphasis mine and his).

Now it is man’s number we are to “count.” This word is “psephizo” (Strong’s #5585). It’s only found here and Luke 14:28, where Jesus says, “For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?” Now the number of the beast is also the “number of his name” (v.17). You cannot buy or sell without the authority [name] of this number! The number 6 is man’s number. Man was created on the 6th day. On this day he was given “dominion” over all the earth (Gen 1:26). The beast is given dominion over the world Rev 13:1-4. So 6 is man’s way of having dominion over all the earth. We are to “count” or “add” up the number of governments that the beast has to have dominion and authority over the earth.
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The first 6 is the Beast’s secular government. Man’s way to rule over the earth.
The second 6 is the Image of the Beast. Those who would not worship that image would be
killed; exercising their dominion is over the people. A replica of the first man made government.
This is the Ecclesiastical government that the Beast has dominion over the earth.
The Third 6 is the Mark of the Beast. The Beast’s way of having dominion over the earth
through religion.

Professor Neall on pages 153-155, in Character in the Apocalypse has discussed this interesting
concept: “…The beasts of Rev 13 represent man exercising his sovereignty apart from God, man
conformed to the image of the beast rather than to the image of God. Man apart from god
becomes bestial, demonic....

“The mark of the beast, then, is a rejection of the sovereignty of God the Sabbath principle which
is designed to encourage man to seek his dignity not in himself or in nature, but in communion
with God and participation in God’s rest. It is the Sabbath which distinguishes between the
creature and the Creator, which reveals who deserves worship and who does not. It is the
Sabbath which demonstrates God’s sovereignty and man’s dependence. Six hundred sixty-six by
contrast is the symbol of the worship of the creature rather than the Creator” (emphasis added).

So “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:

6-Beast’s secular Government
6-The Beast’s Ecclesiastical government
6-The Beast’s Mark, the religion of the Beast.

This makes a lot more sense. Another prophecy says, “And I saw as it were a sea of glass
mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the VICTORY over the beast [6], and over his
image,[6] and over his mark [6], and [Italics not in original] over [“of” Literal Translation] the
number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God” (Rev. 15:2). How do
you get “victory” over a person’s name that adds up to 666? It doesn’t make sense. But
overcoming the beast, his image, and his mark is true victory over man’s dominion over this
earth. This is the true meaning of 666.

Two Martyrdom’s

The reveals Bible two martyrdom’s that did and are going to take place in this end time, when
the mark of the Beast is going to be enforced once again, Notice: “And when he had opened the
fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the
testimony which they held:
“And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge
and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” (Rev 6:9-10).

Here we find pictured the martyrs of the middle Ages already dead, at the time of this vision —
which is the approximate present. They know “Vengeance is MINE, saith the Lord.” They know
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God’s judgments against this persecuting, deceiving, false church, as described in Revelation 18, are to be the seven last plagues, poured out “in the presence of the Lamb” at the Second Coming of Christ. These dead saints are pictured as crying out to ask “HOW LONG” before the Second Coming of Christ and the seven last plagues which will avenge their martyrdom.

History tells us that in the middle Ages more than fifty MILLION were killed, many for their BIBLE faith and obedience to God instead of obedience to this church government of man and the devil. Notice, now, what must again happen before the seven last plagues and the coming of Christ! “And white robes [symbolizing righteousness and purity] were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled” (Rev. 6:11). Christ will not come to take vengeance on this great false church UNTIL another great martyrdom has taken place! God will let man fulfill his own destiny until after the Great Tribulation, until the vengeance of God will take place on sinning evil mankind. And God will shortened those days for his people’s sake. Yes! In this end time the seventh and final resurrection called a “United States of Europe” will emerge enforcing this Mark of the beast through this great false church and many of the true church of God are going to be put to death for their faith, may God make us strong. But in the end we receive eternal life and receive our ultimate reward, so how can persecution even compare to our ultimate destiny that lies ahead!

End