

Who, What is the Beast of Revelation?



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Part I

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 **PLAQUES**! 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 **PLAGUES**?

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

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 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 succeeding kingdoms or governments, come OUT OF A 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 that the beast is not a church as some claim, for no ten kingdoms ever did, or will, come out of a church. And since “king” in these prophecies only stands for the kingdom he represents, and since the words are used interchangeably, it follows that these ten horns are ten succeeding kingdoms growing 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 IMAGE of Daniel 2 symbolized four world ruling empires, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Since this is ONE IMAGE, then these Empires are *modeled after and have the same people* of the First Babylonian Empire of Nebuchadnezzar. That's why in Revelation 17 calls the last world ruling empire **BABYLON THE GREAT.**

“Interpretation of these things.”

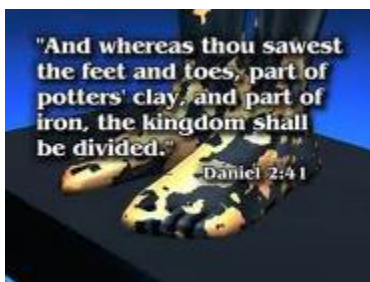
- **Babylon=Head of Gold**
- **Medes & Persians=Arms & Breast of Silver**
- **Greece=Belly & Thighs of Brass**
- **Rome=Legs of Iron**
- **Potter's Clay=House of Israel**
- **Miry Clay=Catholic Church's Kingdom**

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/SLAVIC 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).

“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 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).



The House of Israel (Modern USA & The British Commonwealth) are allied with and are 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 “Potter’s” Clay

And what does the clay symbolize in the Bible? Notice that this is a *brand new material added to this 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 deep **mire**, where *there is no standing*.” (69:2). *Also with the Potter’s clay, the Kingdom is “divided,” with the Miry clay, the Kingdom is “mixed” together, so there are two different events that are happening here.* So what does the Potter’s clay symbolize in the Bible? 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, North Western 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. Germany is prophesied to lead the Holy Roman Empire once again (*Read our Book Germany in Prophecy For Details*).

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. Its not giving us information of the Kingdom and its alliances with other nations here, *but an analogy of the kingdom*, notice it says “and AS the toes.” It’s an analogy of the internal relationship this alliance, the iron and the Potter’s clay has. The NATO Alliance of course has the strong, Rich, and Military Anglo-Saxon Nations, Germany, Italy as the strong part of the alliance. Then it has the weaker poorer nations in it from the eastern European block.

Barnes Notes puts it, “such a diversity in the internal constitution that, while there would be the element of great power, there would be also an element of weakness;” The policies of each nation of NATO has shown us that they do not always agree with one another and that is it’s weakness, yet when they do agree, they take action for example to stop terrorism, or protect citizens from wars like Bosnia, and Afghanistan. And for many years protected Europe from being dominated by the Soviet Union. This is the great power it has when it agrees on policy.

What is 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 clay.” (Dan 2;41,43).

Again, we know that the Iron is the Holy Roman Empire. And the strength of the Roman Empire will again prevail in Europe. A return to Fascism could likely be the scenario, or at least a right wing dictatorship. This will be the last attempt to resurrect the Roman Empire. The Miry clay has to do with the “mingling” with the “seeds of men.” What does this mean? Virtually all commentaries say that the mingling with the seed of men means marriage, or alliance with the seed of men. One example is JFB Commentary, it writes, “The ‘mingling with the seed of men’ (Dan_2:44) 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... (emphasis added)*. Welesly’s Explanatory Notes also complies, “Mingle themselves - By marriage, but they shall never knit well together, because ambition is stronger than affinity” But they will not cleave to one another. The Miry Clay then is an alliance with Europe just like the NATO alliance but with another race of people. Barne’s Notes says, “ 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. See Isa_2:9; Isa_5:15; Pro_8:4.*

“The word here used also (from ‘*anash*’) - ...would properly denote feebleness or inferiority, and would be aptly represented by clay as contrasted with iron. 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.*” (Emphasis added).

Who are these inferior nations? The clue is in the phrase “seed of men” JFB Commentary said, “...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... (emphasis added)*. This remember is a description of nations. There are certain racial lines that were appointed to do God’s work, and be God’s chosen, then there are nations that were cursed. Genesis 4 records the story of Cain and Abel, and how Cain slew his brother, then when Seth was Born the scripture says, “For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.”(v.25). Seth’s seed was appointed to be the chosen race of people to do God’s work on the earth, and 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 5 we see the Godly appointed line of Seth from Adam, then the story continues in Chapter 6 and “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). Its 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 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 can only mean Cain’s line.

When the two lines married, “There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.” (6:4). The giants or Nephilim resulted in these marriages. All this means is “nephilim, from naphal, ‘he fell.’ *Those who had apostatized or fallen from the true religion...*” (Clarke’s Commentary). This is why God wanted Israel not to mix marriages with the pagans for the same reason, “Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

“For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.” (Deut 7:3-4).

Now when we get to the post-flood world, only the godly line of Seth survived through Noah and his sons. When Abel died Adam appointed Seth as the seed (Gen 4:25). Now that the world died in the flood, and 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. These blessings were to be determined to the nations that descend from them. “And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham *is* the father of Canaan.

“These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.” (Gen 9:18-19).

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.* In Genesis we read, “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.*”

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 *Saadia 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, New Zealand. The Oriental nations of Japheth copying, absorbing everything that the Western nations have achieved and applying it to their societies. 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 powers.

Now the prophecy of the Miry Clay can be understood! Europe, the Iron being of the appointed line of Shem, Noah and Seth, and 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).

Descendants of Ham

Who are these peoples? The tribes of Ham are, “Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan” (Gen 10:6). 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 Cush 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 the *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” (ⲙⲉⲛⲉⲫⲏ) is the Greek corruption of the Egyptian name, *Men-nefer*, which became, *Menfe* in Coptic. Later they migrated southwards 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 Lybians, 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 Eithiopia. 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).

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 Palaistine*’ - hence the later name of Palestine. After the Assyrian conquest of the 8th Century BC, however, the Philistines effectively disappear as a coherent nation. They 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 Cherethites! 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, Morocco, 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.

These are the “miry clay” nations that will “mix” itself with the Iron in the end time. Then the prophecy in 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 and Africa, the Arab world due to religion and past histories with each other, this alliance will not hold but fall apart.

The 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 NEBUCADNEZZAR'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!

"And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh" (v.5).

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).

"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 Fourth Beast

Plainly, here are described the SAME FOUR universal world-ruling Gentile powers that are described by Daniel's four beasts. And 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. 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 — "Dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly," was the ROMAN EMPIRE (31 B.C. to A.D. 476).

It had absorbed all the others, occupied all their territory, 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, more terrible, than any.

And so John, in Rev. 13, sees, not four beasts, but ONE beast but with parts of ALL FOUR of the other beasts in it. 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 [including the previous kingdoms that ruled], and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." The reason why Daniel saw four beasts, and John saw one beast, is for the simple reason, in Daniel’s time, these kingdoms were all enemies. 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.



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.

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! 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.



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).



BEAST OF (REV 13)

Near the end of the first century A.D., the now-elderly Apostle John gazed out over the Mediterranean Sea across the sandy shore of the Isle of Patmos. As dark clouds lowered and the sea seemed to churn, a very strange creature appeared to rise up out of the water. It had the body of a leopard, the mouth of a lion and the feet of a bear. It thus embodied the strongest characteristics of the first three creatures Daniel had seen in his vision recorded in Daniel 7.

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 HORNS 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 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.

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 effected their overthrow and ouster—the Bishop at Rome known 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! (More details on the Pope in prophecy later). These were “plucked out *by the roots*.” History shows that there is no trace of these three kingdoms in Europe. They has simply vanished! “[By] mid 6th century they [Heruli] vanished from history” (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1990 edition, art. Heruli). After the Vandals were overthrown in 536. “After this,” the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1963 edition, Vol. 22, p. 973, reports, “the Vandals disappeared from history.” Another historical work described the demise of the Vandals in the words, they “disappeared as a mist” (C. W. Previt -Orton, *Shorter*

Now we see in Revelation 13:11-18 another beast coming up out of the earth. This is the same description as the Little Horn as well: “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.

But 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. Also notice that he exercises the authority of the first beast, the Roman Empire. When Justinian fought the Vandals, the Herulii and the Ostrogoths it was at the behest of the Pope’s. 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 HORNS WITH THE LITTLE HORN! Now this little horn was to last until the second coming of Christ, see Daniel 7:20-22.

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).

Now we come to Revelation 17! Here we see a beast: “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. 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 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!

But 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 Emanuele 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?



THE APOSTLE JOHN saw in vision a Scarlet colored Beast ridden by a Woman, which is the Holy Roman Empire (Rev 17).

The Woman had written on her Forehead “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

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 makes 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).

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).

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; 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. Its 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. he 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 straight forward, 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 Phillipines 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. 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 Cor 11:14). False ministers, apostles, portraying themselves as ministers of Christ, but are not.

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 couldest 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 in great detail). The second beast also “causes” people to receive the “mark” of the beast (vv.16, 17). It is 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 in great detail).

Wine is an intoxicating drink. Over indulgence of wine causes people to become drunk, and their judgment process becomes unreasonable, and illogical. The woman “the inhabitants of the earth have been made *drunk* with the wine of her fornication” (v.2). Her fornication are 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 man-made 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 yourself 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 *hath 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 and the Woman:

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 reconquering 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* as governors of the provinces **by the bishops** and chief persons of each province'" (Durant, pp. 519-520, emphasis added).



Emperor Justinian

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.**

The Second Head and the Woman:

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 "horn" of the Beast of Revelation 13 & Daniel 7 following the three uprootings—also the second "head" of the scarlet Beast of chapter 17.



The Coronation of Charlemagne

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 and the Woman:

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.



Otto the Great, crowned in A.D. 962

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).

The Fourth Head and the Woman:

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 and the Woman:

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.



Coronation of Napoleon

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 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 ("One IS") and the Woman:

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 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 *fascis*—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 its 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.

Why have so many "forgotten" the role of the Vatican in World War Two? There is an interesting prophecy in Isaiah 23 that says, "Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot."(v.15). In our booklet "End Time Tyre" we have identified Tyre as Rome/ Vatican City. What did people forget? Verse 16 says, "Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered." She makes people remember, so the opposite must be true she made people forget as well. But forget what? What does singing songs mean in prophecy?

Jesus said about the evil generation in his day, "But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

"And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented" (Matthew 11:16-17). Preaching the Gospel is likened unto playing music. Paul said about the Gospel, "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

"But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (Romans 10:16-18). The word "sound" in the Greek means, "phthoggos; fthong'-gos; From G5350; utterance, that is, a musical note (vocal or instrumental): - sound." (Strong's # 5353). Jesus preach the Gospel to them, and they did not respond to it, they did not "dance."

Tyre will sing, but not the true Gospel, "another Gospel" which is not another, but a perverted Gospel of Christ, see Galatians 1:6-7. A version filled with the doctrines of men, and with the Babylonian Religion, masquerading as the Gospel, but really is the Babylonian Mystery Religion. She will sing as a "harlot." The image of a Harlot is commonly used as a metaphor for false religious worship (Isaiah 1:12; Ezekiel 16:15). This is what she is preaching.

"...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.

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev 17:1-5). The "wine of her fornication" are her idolatrous doctrines received by the kings of the earth, see Hosea 4:9-13. Her will of executing

church law, and fulfill the will of the Pope. What she did in the past she wants to do in the future. Including merging with the state as in the days of the glory of the Empire. Isaiah goes on to say, "And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth." (v.17). A Church/State alliance between the Catholic Church and the State. She did it in world war Two, and she'll do it again after the 70 year period.

Isaiah 47 speaks of the "daughter of the Chaldeans." She is an offspring of old Babylon which Vatican city is. This chapter speaks of the agenda of the end time "Lady." God says, "...for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms." She wants to be the church of the ten kingdoms of Europe. Catholicism to dominate the world and proclaim as she did in the middle ages "the Kingdom of God" on earth.

"I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke." (v.6) To subject end time Israel to his will and receive the mark of the Beast, meaning its religion and church laws. "I shall be a lady for ever:" (v.7). The church of Rome to endure and rule over Europe forever.

"...that sayest in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me; I shall not sit *as* a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:" (v.8). To proclaim the kingdom of God on Earth, and the rule of the Pope as the "Vicar of Christ." To Commit fornication again, to marry, meaning a concordat with the Beast. A union of church and State once again. She will get into politics and ride the beast, steer it to fulfill its will.

"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.

"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." (Rev 17:9-12). She will become the "lady" of these kingdoms. Also on the agenda will be getting back her "children." The Orthodox churches and Protestant daughters that came out of her. The Pope will want to unite all of Christendom, to lead and control it.

Jerusalem will also be on the agenda. The Apostle Paul wrote of the Man of Sin, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). To sit in the temple and proclaim " I *am*, and none else beside me." (Isa 47:8). After the 70 years, watch the Vatican move aggressively to achieve this and proclaim God's kingdom on Earth. But the earth has "forgotten" all of this, How?

The Vatican has done quite a job of covering up what it did in the war, and caused all to forget its role in World War Two. "When World War II ended, the Vatican had egg all over its face. Pope Pius

XII...immediately jumped to the other side as he saw the handwriting on the wall. General Eisenhower saved his neck. Pope Pius XII should have stood before the judges in Nuremburg. His war crimes were worthy of death. But the Vatican was pulling every string she could, and Pope Pius XII came out smelling like a rose.

“Too many people knew that the Vatican was responsible for World War II so it was time for a face lift. *Time to start up smokescreens.* The Vatican II Council came into existence and the mother of harlots put on a new make-up job. She wiped her mouth with her bloody hands and said, “I’ve changed. Now I like the Protestants. I’m not going to call them heretics any more, but separated brethren.’ She told the Protestants to *forget the past.* It was now time to push the love gospel. A time of healing. Just like in France and Ireland. Remember...?”

“Bishop Fulton J. Sheen launched the anti-communist attack, and behold, like mushrooms, we saw anti-communist ministries popping up exposing the monster in Moscow.

“The Jesuits were busy on many fronts. The John Birch Society blossomed, aided by the Jesuits, *because it served their purpose to have the attention of the Protestants shifted from the Vatican to Communism. At this time, Senator McCarthy was riding high. Publishers stopped publishing books exposing the whore and turned their attention to Communism.* Some Christian publishers were bought out, others didn’t want to make a stand because it would raise eyebrows.

“*So the Vatican was succeeding in their goals.* Their boys, planted in Protestant denominations, frowned on anti-Catholic sermons and discouraged them across the nation. We were locked into a cold war...”(Smokescreen, by John t Chick, Chapter 6: Cover up). Another good source is Hitler’s Pope and The Secret History of the Jesuits by Edmond Paris. He writes, “*The public is practically unaware of the overwhelming responsibility carried by the Vatican and its Jesuits in the start of the two world wars...In fact, the part they took in those tragic events has hardly been mentioned until the present time, except by apologists eager to disguise it.*” (*emphasis added*). This will last for 70 years but afterwards, the Vatican will sing that tune once again, and be “remembered.” They made people forget, they will make people remember once again.

This countdown of 70 years started with the fall of Tyre/Rome June 4th 1944. A year in the Bible is 360 days in prophecy not 365 the way we count time. 1944 plus 70 years of 365 days is the year 2014. But its 360 days, so we must take away 5 days off each year which is 350 days. So we must subtract almost a year which brings us to 2013! This will be the year that will end the 6th Head of the Beast, and the beginning of the rise of the 7th Head and the last resurrection will occur. Are we still under the reign of the 6th head of the Beast?

“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 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, Babyon, 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. Babylons 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, its been on the downward slope. The E.U Is in fact a Nazi Plan “B” in case fascism was defeated, and it was! The Roman Catholic Church became a “widow” (Rev 18:7; Isaiah 47:8, 10) losing her husbands in their defeat.

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).

Europäische Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft 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. This is where the prophecy of Tyre comes in. This prophecy actually shows the time span between the 6th and 7th Head of the Beast! We can actually know the year when the transition will take place between the EU and NATO [potter's clay], and the Revived Holy Roman Empire [Miry clay]. Tyre/Rome fell June 4th, 1944 add 70 years of 360 days, and **we come to 2013!**

She Commits Fornication with Who?

The Bible says the woman "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication," (Rev 17:2). It says the "kings of the Earth." As we know, the second beast of Rev. 13:11, the "little horn" of Daniel 7, and the "woman" are all one and the same entity. The second beast is in league with the first beast, Rev. 13:12. The little horn reigns with the other horns on the same beast Daniel 7:8, 24. So she commits fornication with the Beast, meaning the Roman Empire. But it says commits fornication with the "kings of the Earth." Does this contradict in any way?

The Holy Roman Empire has been the leader of this earth for centuries. They have led the world, and the Emperors have been kings of the Earth. Robertson's Word Pictures, writes of this phrase, "**The kings of the earth** (*hoi basileis tes ges*)... 'the kings of the inhabited earth' either for human rulers in general or *the vassal kings absorbed by the Roman Empire* [depending on the context]." (emphasis theirs and mine). The woman rides the beast with its many heads and kings. It is these kings absorbed by the Roman empire that she commits fornication with. It's all in the context of the Roman Empire.

European colonialism expanded the Roman Empire into a global phenomenon, and it enabled all the "inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." (v.2). She commits fornication with the kings of the Roman empire and her [global] colonies, and with her missionary work made all the earth drink her doctrines. There is no contradiction. These Kings are the rulers of the Earth, the European peoples, and in her colonies, the Woman has spread her doctrines all over the world, "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 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 13:12, 16-17).

Part Two: What is the Image of the Beast?



Forty-Two Months

Revelation 13:5 says the Beast would continue for “forty-two months” after its “healing.” Are these 42 literal months?

Let’s look at another 42-month period. Revelation 11 is wholly set in the end time (vv. 14-15). The beginning of the chapter mentions Jerusalem being trodden down by Gentiles for 42 months. We also read of God’s two end-time witnesses prophesying then for 1,260 days (v. 3). These two periods are synonymous. And a little arithmetic shows that each month must be 30 days (for $42 \times 30 = 1,260$). This period is also 3 1/2 years (42 months divided by 12 months in a year). Since the context makes clear that the two witnesses are actual individuals who are killed and then resurrected in the very end time (vv. 7-14), we conclude that the 42 months here equals 1,260 literal days.

The Beast chapter (Rev. 13), however, does not occur in such a short period. It spans centuries, from the time the Beast (the Roman Empire) receives a deadly wound (the fall of Rome in A.D. 476) and is subsequently healed (Justinian’s Imperial Restoration in 554) all the way to the end time. If the 42 months of verse 5 were 1,260 literal days, the revived Roman Beast would have continued for 3 1/2 years from 554 to 558. Yet Justinian himself did not even die until 565! So there must be another explanation.

Scripture shows that a *day* can sometimes symbolize a *year* in Bible prophecy (cf. Num. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6). So if 42 months 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 of imperial continuity since Justinian’s restoration?

Yes—from then (554) to Napoleon’s abdication and exile in 1814! This interpretation certainly makes the most sense.

The Second Beast and the Image of the Beast

As we have learned, the second beast is the same as the little horn in prophecy: “...[the] second beast corresponds to the little horn” (New Commentary on the Whole Bible, New Test volume, p.788).

A few more points about the second beast. In 2 Corith 11:14 we find Satan transforming himself as an “angel of light” meaning a minister of righteousness. According to Revelation 12:9 and 20:3, he has deceived the whole world. How? Paul tells us in II Corinthians 11:13-15.

Satan has his ministers who pretend to be the ministers of righteousness, but are actually false apostles, deceitful workers, calling themselves the ministers of Christ!

Therefore they claim to be Christian ministers. They are the many, not the few, because all prophecies say it is the many, not the few, who have been deceived. Satan’s main labor for six thousand years has been the deceiving of the world.

Now turn to Rev 13:11 in this context that Paul put it in: “And I beheld another beast [civil government] coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon [false Christian leader].” Notice John saw one beast, which we have proved was the Roman Empire. He now sees another beast—a different beast rise up. This beast has a lamb like-Satanic government appearing as that of Christ, or the KINGDOM OF GOD!



The second beast is also a symbol of a king. The Pope is again a Sovereign in his own LITTLE KINGDOM” (Halley’s Bible Handbook, pp.771-772, 782, emphasis theirs). Christ did not set up a government

(kingdom) at His first appearing on earth. After His resurrection the disciples asked Him if He would at that time restore the kingdom (Acts 1:6); but He did not. The Church is not the Kingdom. Because some thought it was, Jesus spoke the parable of Luke 19:11-27 to show that He first must ascend to His Father's throne in heaven to receive the royal power to become King of kings, to set up the world-ruling Kingdom of God. But Satan is a deceiver, and he has deceived the world into supposing his (Satan's) system of churches is the Kingdom of God. Now notice carefully Revelation 13:12: "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him." The first beast is the Roman Empire. Here is another government pretending to be Christ's government, the Kingdom of God, taking, exercising, using, employing, all the power of the first kingdom. Now when? "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" (verse 12). So, it was after the deadly wound (of A.D. 476) was healed. It was healed when Justinian brought about the restoration of the Empire in the West in A.D. 554. Consequently this religious government exercised power after A.D. 554 when the Roman Empire was restored. So here we have pictured a government — a religious government — appearing as Christ's government, masquerading as the Kingdom of God, actually ruling the civil Roman Empire after A.D. 554. The teaching in that day was that the Second Coming of Christ is fulfilled in the person of the leaders of the church. The millennium had begun.

For the entire 1260 years, the emperors acknowledged the supreme power of religion. The church was organized as a two-fold government (symbolized by its two horns or kingdoms — for "horns" symbolize kingdoms also — see Dan. 7:24). It embodied church government, and it also was a state or civil government, always occupying a certain amount of territory over which it, alone, ruled as an independent sovereign State in addition to actually ruling over the vast civil kingdom called the Holy Roman Empire. Even today, it is a separate, independent, sovereign state.

In most any encyclopedia, under "Millennium," you will read the history of this very event — of how the "Holy Roman Empire" was called the "Kingdom of God upon earth." They claimed the Millennium had arrived! As scripture says, the beast had names of "Blasphemy."

Notice this second i.e. the religious leader commands "...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 this ecclesiastical organization, which is a twofold government, deceived the people by "miracles." One of those miracles was to make an "image" to the beast and give "life" to it. Note it (Rev. 13:14-15) — *through this image it deceived people.*

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 a church saying, "Let us make a model, or counterpart, of the **civil Roman government**" — **for that is what the beast is.**

Where, then, did this human church government derive its present form? 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).

“The power of the Caesars *lived again* in the universal dominion of the popes.”—H.G. Guinness, “Romanism and the Reformation.” (emphasis added). It gave “life” to a dead form of government, living again in the Papacy, the image of old Roman Imperium.

Note also the analysis of historian Will Durant: “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). This church government or organization is the IMAGE OF THE BEAST! 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. *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). Did you read that! BABYLON, yes BABYLON! That’s why on the head of the whore that rides the beast you find: “MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” (Rev 17:4). Yes she is a “mother” because “daughters” came out of her in “protest” and call themselves “Protestants,” yet they are still daughters. And in the future this church will again say: “Nor shall I know the loss of CHILDREN” (Isa 47:8). They will become one, and have the world under its control, see Rev 17:5; 18:3

Now the Pope, who actually “made” and “gave life” to this image of the beast was Stephen III: “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).

As portrayed in Rev 13, 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!



“Between the pontificate of Stephen II and Stephen IV, a period of some 65 yrs, a politico-ecclesiastical revolution of almost titanic proportions with ramifications almost beyond counting” (A History of the Popes, John W. O’Malley, S.J.p.72). The acquisition of vast territories & and creation of the Papacy.

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 ascendancy 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).

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 crosier...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).



“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 13:11).

The Little Horn Reign for a “Time Times and Half a Time” “1260 years”

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.*” 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!

The little horn is a king as well as a spiritual leader. When did he Pope really receive power as a king, even though he was in league with Justinian and his Empire that lasted until 800 A.D. Temporal power of the Pope came to be when? First the meaning of Temporal power of the Pope “...power of the Popes is the political and governmental activity of the Popes of the Roman Catholic Church, as distinguished from their spiritual and pastoral activity, which by Catholics is sometimes also called *eternal power*, to contrast it with the Church’s *secular power*, that is, power exercised within time rather than in eternity.” (Wikipedia, Temporal power (Papal)). When did the Pope really become a King as well as a spiritual leader?

Robert A. Guiseppi 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*). Pope Gregory laid the ground work for Temporal power. But real power was given to the Papacy in 607-610 A.D. During the reign of Boniface III & IV. Roman Emperor Phocas conceded to Pope Boniface III headship over all the Churches of Christendom East and West. (This decree has been confirmed by two Latin historians: Paulus Diaconus and Anastasius quoted in Elliot’s *Horae Apoc.3:163*). Then in 610 when Emperor Phocas died Boniface received full state Powers. From 590-610 A.D. was the building of the Papacy’s full temporal power. Well exactly 1260 years later between, 1850-1870 was the tearing down of the Papacy’s temporal power.

“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*). Between 1850-1870 European Nationalism took hold and eroded the Power of the Papacy.



From Gregory the Great to Pius IX 1260 Years of Temporal Papal Rule.



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:” 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.” So the Pope did change the times but what about the laws? What laws did he change? Well the laws of the Sabbath and Sunday, the laws of 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 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.

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 extirpanda’ (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 extirpanda’ 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 Blotzer, art. “Inquisition,” Vol. VIII, p. 34). Many of the Sabbath keeping churches were branded as “heretics” and suffered death. Groups like the Albigenses and the Waldenses the Bogomils etc..

“Speak great words against the most High”- Ecclesiastical literature is replete with exhibits of the arrogant, blasphemous claims of the papacy. Typical examples are the following extracts from a large encyclopaedia 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).

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.

Review again what history says happened in World War 2. 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 Plus 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 Civilisation? 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.

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. **In the last Revival of the Roman Empire the Pope will yield power once again.**

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). And 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).

Part Three: What is the Mark of the Beast?



*“And he 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)*

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.

Whose Mark?

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] 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”

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? THERE IS ONLY ONE! God's Sabbaths! 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 Hands?- 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).

What is the 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, 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 Firstfruits, 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 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). What is a 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 LORD 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.) A government has laws in which it governs. So the Beast [the Roman Empire's] Mark, like God's mark, must be his laws, weekly and annual Sabbaths must be observed in the WORSHIP OF THE KING, CAESAR that people choose to obey, if not they were killed!

Notice how, in the Bible, they "worshipped the Beast" (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 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 Emperor 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 worshipping 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 HolyDays, 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!

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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 Vespians (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). Biacchicchi 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). The imported deity came from Persia, as Halsberghe notes, and the Romans worshipped the “Sol Invictus of Mithra” (p.173). Mithaism was the sun worshipping cult from Persia!

“Dating from around the 15th century B.C. Mithraism emerged in ancient Persia. Mithr’ was the word not only for the SUN but also for a friend: and that seems to be how this god was originally worshipped-as both SUPREME SUN GOD [Sol Invictus] and the god of love” (Quest for the Past, p.173, emphasis mine). This same source says that in the third century B.C. the religion became more “militaristic” and that, it was “backed by Imperial approval” (ibid., p.173).

The Emperors and the Sun god Mithra were worshipped as ONE AND THE SAME! The theology was that the Emperors were the INCARNATION OF THE SUN GOD ON EARTH: “The identification of the Emperor AS SUN GOD encouraged by eastern theology [Persia] of the KING SUN’ and by political considerations, undoubtably contributed to the diffusion of a public sun-cult” (The Mysteries of Mithra, by Fanz Cumont, p.101, emphasis mine).

What were the Feast days of MITHRA?

“**DECEMBER 25TH** the god’s [Mithra’s] BIRTHDAY, **SUNDAY**, the holy day...”(Holman Bible Dictionary, p.981, emphasis mine).December 25th was the Feast of Sol Invictus

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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 “a festival was celebrated among the heathen, at that precise time of the year, 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 ACCUSED THEIR WESTERN BRETHREN OF IDOLATRY AND SUN WORSHIP FOR ADOPTING AS CHRISTIAN THIS PAGAN

FESTIVAL" (Emphasis mine). The decorating of the trees, the lights, the shopping and all the other things we celebrate at Christmas time have nothing to do with Christ, but has everything to do with sun worship, the worship of the Cesar's in Rome.

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?-“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 weekly day of Rest, and Festivals!

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS AND EASTER, THIS IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST!!

How can this Be? Are these not cherished Christian Holydays? And if they are not, and have their roots 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).

The Roman Church also adopted as we have seen the feast from the Pagans and put a Christian label on it!

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.

Easter-"There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament" (Encyclopedia Britannica 11th edition, "Easter").

This is why the second beast looks like a "lamb" but spoke as a "dragon." He was proclaiming false Christianity! Forcing people to take the Mark of the beast and disguising it with a CHRISTIAN LABEL!

This second Beast of Rev. 13:11 receives its power after the deadly wound was healed, "... he exerciseth all the power of the first beast...whose deadly wound was healed" 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!**

Buy or Sell?

"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 13:17). Many preachers says that without this computer chip you cannot buy anything in the stores, they apply this to our modern day way of life, of computers, bar scanners etc... But now that we understand what the mark is, we know this cannot be the case. 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.*

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

Clarks 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, under the like intermination, 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).

The mysterious number of the “Beast”—666-Whose Number Is It?

Where shall we find that mysterious number 666? Does the pope, as some claim, wear it on his crown, identifying him as the beast of Revelation 13? Or must we look for it elsewhere? Here are all the scriptures speaking directly of this number: “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. 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” (Rev. 13:17-18). “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God” (Rev. 15:2). Note These Points From these scriptures, we have the following definite points:

1. The beast has a number and may be identified, if we have wisdom, by this number.
2. The number is 666.
3. We are told to count this number — that is, add it up. The same Greek word is used elsewhere only in Luke 14:28: “count the cost.”
4. This number, 666, is the number of the beast. The only Bible interpretation of this symbol, “beast,” is a kingdom or the king who rules it and, therefore, really is the kingdom (Dan. 7:17-18, 22-24, 27). Therefore 666 must be the number of the KINGDOM, or GOVERNMENT, or EMPIRE, as well as that of the king who founds or rules it.
5. The expression “the name of the beast, or the number of his name” makes plain that the number 666 is the number of the name of the kingdom or empire.
6. The expression “it is the number of a man” shows we must also count this number in the name of the king, or ruler, over the kingdom identified as the “beast.”

The Founder of Rome

The founder and first king of Rome was Romulus. The Roman Empire was named after him. His name, the name of a man, also is the name of the kingdom. And every citizen in the kingdom bears the same name — a Roman. When John wrote this Revelation, telling us to count the number of the beast, he wrote in the Greek language. Consequently, we should look for this name, and the number 666, in this language recognized in the Bible, not in the Latin. We are all familiar with the Roman numerals, where letters are used for numbers. All understand that I is 1, V is 5, X is 10, etc. But many do not know that the Greek the language in which Revelation was written, this name was understood in the second century A.D. to have originally been spelled Lateinos. It signifies “Latin

man” or “the name of Latium,” from which region the Romans derived their origin and their language. This word, too, signifies “Roman.” In the Greek, L is 30, A is 1, T is 300, E is 5, I is 10, N is 50, O is 70, S is 200. Count these figures. They count to exactly 666! It is indeed no coincidence that the name of the kingdom, its founder and first king, and of each man in the kingdom, counts to exactly 666! Certainly the beast stands identified!

And Mussolini, Too: But the same numbers also branded in Latin on the man who dominated the puny sixth head of the symbolic beast. Mussolini called himself “Il Duce.” Italians shouted “Viva Il Duce!” which means

The ancient Greek word for “the Latin speaking man” is LATEINOS

L = 30 lambda

A = 1 alpha

T = 300 tau

E = 5 epsilon

I = 10 iota

N = 50 nu

O = 70 omicron

S = 200 sigma

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“long live the chief.” Everywhere in Italy was the printed sign, “vv il duce.” The “VV” is the abbreviation used for “Viva.” A “V” is used instead of the “U” as is very commonly done. While this is a greeting, or title, Mussolini actually employed “Il Duce” as a name. It is in Latin. Count it. V is 5, V is 5, I is 1, L is 50, D is 500, V is 5, C is 100, E has no number. Now count them, and you have exactly 666! Thus this number 666 is indelibly branded upon the Roman Empire! The number 666 “...is contained in the Greek letters of Lateinos” (JFB Commentary on the Whole Bible, p.789., New Test vol.2).

Two Martyrdom’s

We see in the 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 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. Read of it in Revelation 18. 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 shorten 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!

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