

Revelation 13, Part 2

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Revelation 13:11

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

NOTE: Another beast is introduced. The other kingdoms that ruled the world were presented as beasts of prey, rising out of the sea. In **Revelation 17** an angel explained that waters represent “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” But this second beast was seen “coming up out of the *earth*.” The earth, then, being the opposite of the sea, means this nation arises in a territory that is sparsely populated. It could not, then, arise among the nations of the Old World, it must be sought in the Western Continent.

What nation of the New World was rising into power in 1798 at the time the papacy lost its power; a nation giving promise of strength and greatness, and attracting the attention of the whole world? Only one nation meets the specifications of this prophecy; it points unmistakably to the United States of America.

The founding of this country was originally meant to be a place where Christians could escape persecution and flourish. The freedoms we have enjoyed are what makes America great. And this greatness is foretold in the prophecy. Notice that this beast is **Lamb-like** when it arises. The United States has the honor to be prophetically characterized as resembling Jesus Christ. It says it has **two horns**. Yet unlike the horns of the other beasts, this is a beast whose horns have no crowns. It is a nation without a king, and without a pope. Horns denote power, and **religious and civil freedoms** have been this nation's strength. Freedom to worship as you wish without government interference or control—and with government protection. This is Christ-like because Jesus never forces obedience. God is love. Perfect love is obtained and nurtured only by the means of freedom to choose.

But, sadly, the description of this beast does not

stay Lamb-like. **Verse 11** says it will speak like a **dragon**. The dragon is Satan. A nation “speaks” through legislation. The prophecy is telling us that in our immediate future, the United States will pass laws that will reflect an anti-Jesus agenda. Freedom of religion, and freedom of conscience are threatened.

Revelation 13:

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell there in to _____ the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

NOTE: The statement that the beast with two horns “causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast” indicates that the government of this U.S. is to be exercised in enforcing some observance which will be an act of homage to the papacy. This nation, which was founded on religious freedom from the papacy, will eventually join with it to restore its power, even causing the world to recognize the papacy as the one-world religious authority. Such action would contradict the principles of this government established by the *Declaration of Independence*, and the *Constitution*. The founders of this nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result—intolerance and persecution. The Constitution provides that, “*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*” Only in flagrant violation of these safeguards to the nation's liberty, can any religious observance be enforced by civil authority. The prophecy says it is the beast with lamb-like horns that will speak as a dragon.

Revelation 13:13

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh _____ come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Acts 2:3

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

NOTE: This “fire” in **Acts** was a revival of Godly worship that harvested 3,000 converts to Christ in a single day. The fire in **verse 13** represents a *false* revival. God warns in **Revelation 16:14** that “the spirits of devils, working miracles, go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world... And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; 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.” **Revelation 13:14.**

What is the “image to the beast”? and how is it to be formed?

An image is something that resembles something else, either in appearance, and/or in actions. The image is made by the two-horned beast, and is an image to the beast. It is also called an image of the beast. To learn what the image is and how it is to be formed we must study the characteristics of the beast itself—the papacy.

When the early church became corrupted by abandoning the simplicity of the gospel and accepting pagan rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God. In order to control the consciences of the people, the church sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and used it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of so-called “heresy.” In order for the United States to form an image of the papacy, a religious power must likewise control the civil government so that the authority of the state will also be used by the church to accomplish her agenda.

History proves that whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has used it to punish dissent from her doctrines and to restrict liberty of conscience. History is about to repeat itself. The Bible declares that before the coming of the Lord there will exist a state of religious decline similar to that in the first centuries.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

NOTE: Satan will work “with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.” And all that “received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,” will be left to accept “strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” **2 Thessalonians 2:9-11.** When this state of ungodliness is reached, the same results will follow as in the first centuries.

Revelation 13:15

And he had power to give _____ 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 _____.

NOTE: This is proof that the devil is behind this coming together of church and state. It is the spirit of Satan that forces worship, with strict penalties and death decrees for dissenters.

There has been for years, in the Protestant faith, a strong and growing sentiment in favor of a *union* based upon common points of doctrine. To secure such a union, debates on subjects of disagreement—however important they might be from a Bible standpoint—must, out of necessity, be waived.

When the leading Protestant churches of the United States, uniting upon doctrines that are held by them in common, will influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an **image of the Roman papacy**, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result.

The leaders of the Protestant churches in America have reached out to Pope Francis in an unprecedented move to unite all the churches. On **October 31 of 2017**, on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, under the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, together they declared that Protestantism is dead. *“And the whole world wondered after the beast.”*

Revelation 13:16-17

¹⁶ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a _____ in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

¹⁷ 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.

NOTE: Those who will accept allegiance to the beast and his image will receive a mark. There has been much speculation about what this mark of the beast is. Many wonder if it is visible mark, or a computer chip implanted in the skin. However, upon careful study of the prophecy, the answer is not so difficult to discern. Once the laws are in place that pay homage to the papacy all those who refuse the mark will suffer persecution. Revelation tells us who these dissenters are: **They who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.** If the enemies of the beast and his image are those that keep the commandments of God, then it is logical to conclude that the mark of the beast will be a law in opposition to one of those Ten Commandments.

Where else in the Bible can we find reference to something being in the hand and forehead?

Deuteronomy 6:8

Thou shalt bind them (the Ten Commandments) for a **sign** upon thine **hand**, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes (or **forehead**).

NOTE: Moses said that the **law of God** should symbolically be upon the **hand** and in the **forehead** as a sign or mark of their allegiance to God. Likewise, the mark of the beast will also be symbolically bound to those who will receive it, as something they either believe (forehead), or practice (hand).

History will be repeated. In the book of **Daniel**, there are two accounts of pagan governments making laws that force their citizens to disobey one of God's Ten Commandments. In the story of the fiery furnace in **Daniel 3**, the law to bow to a golden image of the king was in opposition to the second commandment. It was refused by three Hebrews; Shadrach, Meeshack and Abednego. They were sentenced to death, but Jesus intervened and delivered them out of the fire. In **Daniel 6**, Daniel was thrown into a den of lions because he refused to obey a civil/religious law passed stating that for one month all citizens had to pray only to the king. This law was in opposition of the first commandment. Again, God delivered His faithful servant.

Throughout the Bible God's true followers have always been in the minority. It will be the same during this time of terrible persecution just before the coming of the Lord. Even now, those who keep all ten of God's commandments, and hold fast to the teachings of the entire Bible are in the minority among the Christian churches. Once again a law will be passed that is contrary to one of the Ten Commandments. The one commandment in modern times that is ignored and forgotten by nearly all of Christianity is the fourth command that begins with the word "remember"—**The seventh day Sabbath**.

Exodus 31:13

Verily my **sabbaths** ye shall keep: for it is a **sign** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.

Ezekiel 20:20

And hallow my **sabbaths**; and they shall be a **sign** between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

NOTE: The seventh day Sabbath is God's sign of His authority as our Creator and Sanctifier, whereas Sunday is the sign, or "mark" of the Catholic churches claimed authority—an authority that nearly all Protestant churches agree, or else they would not recognize it above the clear command of God.

Consider this Letter by C. F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons on October 28, 1895:

*"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [from Sabbath to Sunday] was her act...And that act is a **mark** of her ecclesiastical power and authority..."*

Notice they refer to Sunday as the church's "mark."
From the *Catholic American Sentinel* (June 1893):

"Sunday...is a law of the Catholic Church alone..."

NOTE: Today, Pope Francis is pushing to convince world leaders to pass laws making Sunday a mandatory day of rest. He is doing this under the guise of combating climate change. However, according to the prophecy, the beast's true agenda is a *one-world religion* under Catholic doctrines, which are contrary to the Bible, and with a one-world government, led by the United States to enforce it.

In America all attempts to make Sunday the law of states, or of the land, until now have failed, as they are unconstitutional. But with all the chaos that is happening in the world, the masses will eventually be clamoring for order. Compromises in the name of safety will yield up freedoms, and a proposed Sunday law will seem the best solution by *man* to secure peace, for what the pope calls, the "common good."

1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them.

NOTE: When the Christian world shall make void the law of God when church and state are united, when Protestantism shall reach its hands across the gulf to unite with Romanism, allegiance to the law of God will be fully thrown away and the decree will go forth against the people of God. But when men trample on the plainest requirements of God's word, the prayer will go up to heaven, "It is time for thee, Lord to work; **for they have made void thy law.**" [**Psalm 119:126.**] And God will work.

To further identify the beast, the apostle John gave one last clue.

Revelation 13:18

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the _____ of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).

NOTE: Ancient languages had no written icons representing numbers as we have today. Back then letters had numeric value.

As we learned in **Part One** of this study, the official title of the pope in Latin is **Vicarius Filii Dei**, meaning "**In Place of The Son of God.**" Most of these letters have numeric value.

Vicarious:

V = 5

I = 1

C = 100

A and R have no value

I = 1

U = 5

S has no value.

Vicarious has a total numeric value of **112**.

Filii:

F has no value

Three I's = 3

L = 50

Filii has a total numeric value of **53**.

Dei:

D = 500

E has no value

I = 1

Dei has a total numeric value of **501**.

Add them together:

112 + 53 + 501 = **666**.



The beast and his image