

“The Beast Empire”

Part 11 Sub-Part A

In this series, readers have learned the book of Daniel interestingly only uses one word for the word “Beast” and does so consistently. Daniel uses the word (חַיָּוִיָּהּ) “*chêwāh*” and Revelation uses the word (Θηρίον) “*thērion*” . The word in Revelation “*thērion*” appears **43X** times in the New Testament; of these **35X** are found in the book of Revelation. Revelation 13 contains the most occurrences of this word, **16X** times and Revelation 17 contains the second most occurrences at **9X** times. Since I have dealt with each of these words in some depth, there is no need to be repetitive.

One of the most intriguing terms in the Bible is that of “Mystery, Babylon the Great”, a single term that is found only once in the Bible, in Revelation 17:5. The KJV Bible translates it exactly as:

“And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

The name written on her forehead indicates her character. “Mystery” may mean that up to this time her true nature and character have not been fully revealed. According to Oates, the name “Babylon” was once thought to have originated from the earlier Sumerian name Ka-dinga. This Sumerian name was translated by the Akkadians as Bab-ilim and by the Hebrews as Bābēl. The city's earlier Akkadian name is now believed to be a secondary, popular spelling of Babil, the meaning of which is uncertain. In a later period the name appears in the plural form Bab-ilani, “gate of the gods.” The Greeks then translated it Babulōn, thus the modern name Babylon (*Ancient People and Places*’ 94:60). It came to symbolize false religion, sorcery, astrology, the occult, human pride, and rebellion against the one true God. In Revelation 17:5 Babylon is the name given to the entire godless religious system that has dominated the world and that will climax in the religious system of the Antichrist and his false prophet.

Not only is her cup full of abominations, but she is the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth. From her has been spawned all the false religions and false cults that have arisen from the time of the tower of Babel until now. The word “abomination” is used of anything that is detestable in the sight of God, especially everything connected with idolatry, astrology, fortune telling, spiritualist mediums, heathen magic, witchcraft, drug-induced experiences, and the occult. It can well be applied also to all the secular, humanistic, satanic, and new age philosophies and teachings that are spreading today.

If you note closely the above verse from the KJV Bible, it has a comma after the word “**MYSTERY,**” and my allusion above about it being descriptive of her character is most significant. All too many writers overlook this point, to the deficit of what they are writing

about. Readers of the Bible are often guilty of missing punctuation, particularly where it matters!



Just in analyzing Scriptures alone from the Book of Revelation, a consistent theme can be seen of an apostate church that persecuted the Christian saints for 1260 years through the dark ages. Further analysis reveals that this apostate church is the key element of “Mystery, Babylon” and changed God’s law in favor of pagan traditions. The ultimate climax seen is God’s justice on this apostate church and those that supported her, for her crimes and fornication just before the Second coming of Christ, which is also part of what is known as the [Battle of Armageddon](#). Just before this happens the issue of [the Mark of the Beast](#) will be enforced and all will have the choice to bow down to the image made to this apostate church or to worship God only and keep His Commandments. Those who willingly disobey God in favor of bowing down to the commandments of this church will ultimately receive her ‘Mark’ and **“shall drink of the wine**

of the wrath of God.”

Allow me to emphasize that this document is not intended to offend any person or their church. Some of the best missionaries and humanitarians have been part of this apostate church and have taken no part in her crimes. What the Scripture refers to in these chapters of Revelation are not all the wonderful Christians that have been in this church, but the system itself. No offence is intended in any way towards people that belong to this church or have ever been part of this apostate church. Much of this is very distressing and as much as it may hurt to hear these truths, we must teach what the Bible says as God’s true Church is called to do. God does not want “Mystery, Babylon the Great” to remain a mystery.

We are going to begin by examining the clues to the identity of this “Mystery Babylon the Great”. In Revelation, the Apostle John tells the tale of two women. One is dressed in pure white, revealing the purity of true faith and doctrine. This pure woman of Revelation 12 is committed to Christ. She is absolutely loyal to Him and her heart burns with a love for Jesus. Nothing can break her loyalty to the One she loves so much. This woman represents all the faithful believers who have loved Jesus Christ, kept His commandments and been obedient to Him down through the ages. Revelation 17 pictures another woman. Now we have the opposite picture. Who is this woman in scarlet riding on a Beast?

“Mystery, Babylon the great...” is a church: In the Bible a woman symbolizes a church. This is an extremely important point that must absolutely not be overlooked as it proves beyond all shadow of a doubt that this “Woman” with **“Mystery, Babylon...”** written upon head and riding a “Beast” (Kingdom) has to be a “Church.” Below are several scriptures that prove this undeniable fact. The only question that then remains is which Church? Note that an unfaithful Church commits spiritual adultery.

NOTE: God also refers to Israel as a “Woman” (Her) as it represents the Old Testament equivalent of the Church or Wife of God that brought forth the Man child (Jesus Christ) in Revelation 12. Do not miss this really important point which is that God called Israel a “Harlot” and a “Whore” when she worshipped other gods and committed spiritual adultery. This is the underlying theme of the Old Testament book of Hosea. Which Church deleted the Commandment on idolatry and worshipped the SUN and has many pagan traditions? Which Church [changed the Sabbath to SUNDAY](#) in favor of SUN worship? The major distinction that differentiates this church is her preference for “SUN” worship and not “SON” worship. Many of her daughter churches fall for the trick of “Sunrise” worship services on Easter or Resurrection Sunday. Which Church has the statue of St. Peter in St. Peter's Cathedral which was originally the statue of the pagan god Jupiter? This statue has had its foot kissed away and replaced several times because of the multitude that have bowed down to this statue and kissed its foot. This is unmistakable idolatry and especially so when this statue was originally a pagan god.

In the following verse, note that God calls the fourth Commandment **“MY”** Sabbath. ***“Speak you also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily MY Sabbaths you shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am the LORD that does sanctify you.”*** -(Exodus 31:13)

Now note the following verse refers to the ceremonial Sabbaths and the various Feast days and new moons which were associated with a temporary law that was for Israel only. It is called the Book of the law, Mosaic Law and the ordinances. The term Ceremonial law is also used. Speaking of Israel, note that God calls them **HER** Sabbaths and **HER** Feast days etc. All throughout the Old Testament, Israel is referred to as a “Woman” (**HER**) and when she worshipped other gods, was called a “Harlot.”

“I will also cause all HER mirth to cease, HER feast days, HER new moons, and HER Sabbaths, and all HER solemn feasts.” -(Hosea 2:11). When the Church apostatized, it was compared with a corrupt Woman.

“...If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? ...but you have played the HARLOT with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. ²...you have polluted the land with your WHOREDOMS and with your wickedness. ³...you hadst a WHORE'S FOREHEAD, you refusedst to be ashamed... ⁶ The LORD said also unto me... Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the HARLOT... ⁸ And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed ADULTERY I had put

her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the HARLOT also... ²⁰Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.” - (Jeremiah 31:1-25).

“You have also committed FORNICATION with the Egyptians your neighbours, great of flesh; and have increased your WHOREDOMS, to provoke me to anger... ²⁸You have played the WHORE also with the Assyrians, because you were unsatiable; yes, you have played the HARLOT with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. ³⁰How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing you doest all these things, the work of an imperious WHORISH WOMAN; ³¹In that you buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and have not been as an HARLOT, in that you scornest hire; ³²But as a wife that committeth ADULTERY, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!” - (Ezekiel 16:26-32).

“...Come hither; I will show unto you the judgment of the great WHORE that sitteth upon many waters: ²With 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. ³...I saw a WOMAN sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy... ⁵And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON the great, the MOTHER OF HARLOTS and abominations of the earth.” - (Revelation 17:1-5).

God's true Church is also frequently represented as a Woman. *“For your Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and your Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. ⁶For the LORD has called you as a WOMAN forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were refused, saith your God.” - (Isaiah 54:5-6).*

2 Corinthians 11:2 - *“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”*

Ephesians 5:31-32 - *“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. ³²This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.”*

Christ is represented as the Bridegroom and the Church is the bride which of course is metaphorically spoken of as a “Woman.”

Matthew 9:14-15 - *“Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but your disciples fast not? ¹⁵And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.”*

Revelation 19:7-8 - ***“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his WIFE has made HERSELF ready. ⁸And to HER was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”***

Revelation 12:1 - ***“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a WOMAN clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:”***

Some have wrongly concluded that this woman is Mary but the following verse demonstrates that this woman represents God’s true Church by the symbolism used. The time period here represents the 1,260 years called the dark ages where the Church had to flee into the wilderness to survive the persecution. Mary did not live for 1,260 years or have eagle wings! Revelation 12:1-6 is a “dual” prophecy, there is a paragraph break in the Greek text between 12:1-2 and 12:3-6. A new paragraph begins with 12:7. The “dual” prophecy relates to Jesus Christ’s “First” Advent and His “Second” Advent.

Revelation 12:14 - ***“And to the WOMAN were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”***

“Mystery, Babylon...” is a CORRUPT Church: Just as a pure woman represents a pure Church, a corrupt woman represents a corrupt Church. The *woman in white* is Christ’s bride, the true Church. But Revelation 17:1, 15-16 and 19:2 call this second woman a “WHORE” or “HARLOT”, a *fallen* Church teaching false doctrines.

“Mystery, Babylon...” is a RICH Church: This symbolic wicked woman, this corrupt Church is a rich one with gorgeous display. Revelation 17:4 says she’s *“decked with GOLD and PRECIOUS STONES and PEARLS, having a GOLDEN cup in her hand.”* Which Church would you say is the richest in the world?

“Mystery, Babylon...” is a Church built on SEVEN HILLS or MOUNTAINS: This identification given in Revelation 17:9, is impressive and clear, for ROME is *proverbially* known as *“the city built on seven hills.”* Webster’s large unabridged dictionary says this under the entry “seven-hilled”: *“as, the SEVEN-HILLED CITY, that is, ROME, Italy.”* Furthermore, Revelation 17:18 tells John, ***“The woman whom you saw is that GREAT CITY which reigns over the kings of the earth.”*** John wrote this using the *present* tense for the word “reigns” and he knew as well as anyone else that *“that great city”* was ROME.

“Mystery, Babylon...” is a LARGE, WORLDWIDE Church: She sits on *“many WATERS,”* explained as being many *“peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”* Revelation 17:1 and 15. The very word *catholic* means “universal,” and the Papal Church has the largest, most widespread membership in Christendom.

“Mystery, Babylon...” is a Church that revives BABYLON’S pagan teachings: “On her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT...” Revelation 17:5. Long before John wrote the Book of Revelation, the ancient city of Babylon had been completely destroyed and never rebuilt. For centuries it lay in ruins and had faded into insignificance. The apostle Peter could not have been referring to literal Babylon when he wrote in 1st Peter 5:13 that: **“She who is in Babylon ... greets you.”** For there was no Church, or any other human institution in the desolate ruins of ancient Babylon. He was referring to ROME as all authorities agree. It is easy to see why early Christians used **“Babylon”** as a *code word* or *nickname* for Rome, for there are many striking parallels between the twin cities of literal Babylon of ancient times and figurative **“Babylon”** or Rome. Consider just a few: Babylon was the dominant warring power of its day and Rome was the dominant warring power of its own era. Babylon conquered Israel and centuries later, Rome also conquered Israel. Babylon destroyed the first Jerusalem Temple and Rome destroyed the second. Each carried sacred vessels from the Jewish Temple back to Babylon in the east and Rome in the west; each completely destroyed and devastated the city of Jerusalem; each carried away surviving Jews into captivity. Rome was Babylon all over again - as Babylon’s “carbon copy,”

Rome provides a perfect example of *history repeating itself!* But more to the point, this woman who sits on seven hills (which is this Church located in Rome), has revived the same pagan teachings that ancient Babylon taught ages ago. She baptizes them, sanctifies them, and brings them into the Christian Church. Ages ago, when presumptuous men tried to build the Tower of Babel at Babylon, God confused their language. –(Genesis 11:1-9) So here in the last book of the Bible, **“Babylon”** is a spiritual term referring to *confusion*, not the confusion of languages in the Old Testament but religious confusion as the Church drifted away from God’s Word.

“Mystery, Babylon...” is a RELIGIOUS power dominating the CIVIL powers: Revelation 17:3 and [7](#) tell us the harlot, or fallen Church, is RIDING the beast. Daniel 7:17 and 23 tell us a beast represents a king or kingdom. When we ride a horse, we direct it and control it, so the picture God gives here is of a *Church* dominating the *civil* power. For centuries, the Papacy dictated to kings. When she wanted to punish or execute any who dared to question her teaching, she would often call on *the police power of the state*. Revelation 17:2 describes this harlot: **“with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication.”** She has influence over the kings of the earth, great influence over heads of state. Today, unlike other Churches, the Vatican exchanges ambassadors with every major nation on earth. They come to her city on seven mountains, and they bow before her, having *“lived luxuriously with her.”* –(Revelation 18:9).

The Harlot and NATURAL Immortality: Sincere Catholics often bow down before a statue of a SAINT and devoutly pray, even though the saint is DEAD. But the Roman Church doesn’t teach that they are dead. Even though the idea that man’s soul is naturally immortal is a PAGAN one. All the ancient pagan religions, without exception had the idea that the soul, or man’s essential being, was immortal. That non-biblical concept, inherited from Babylon was a common thread running through them all. In Egypt for instance, the pyramids were great monuments, great houses for the dead to hold their immortal spirits. But the heathen idea of man’s soul being

naturally immortal comes from Egypt, Babylon and Greece, not the Bible whose teaching directly contradicts it. –(See such verses as 1st Timothy 6:15-16, Ezekiel 18:4, 20, Ecclesiastes 9:5, Psalm 6:5; 13:3; 115:17, John 11:11-14, Ephesians 5:14, etc.).

The Harlot and IMAGE Worship: *Many* false doctrines entered the Church, but let's focus on just three: IMAGE worship, IMMORTALITY of the soul, and SUN worship. First of all, Babylon was the center of idol worship. Everywhere you turned there were images, idols representing the pagan gods, not just statues of Bel-Marduk, their chief god. King Nebuchadnezzar set up a huge golden idol and commanded all to bow down before it. But God's Second Commandment in Exodus 20:4-5 FORBIDS using images in religious worship, FORBIDS bowing down before them. Today the Papal Church not only fosters those very things but also has DELETED the Second Commandment from its catechisms (official training manuals).

The Harlot and SUN Worship: The main deity of Babylon and Egypt was the Sun god. Astrology and worship of the heavens originated in Babylon. But God calls it one of the greatest of "abominations" in Ezekiel 8:15-16. Roman Emperor Constantine was a sun worshiper who never gave it up. The Roman Church disregards not only the Second Commandment about image worship but also the Fourth Commandment about the Creator's Seventh-day Sabbath, substituting the unscriptural SUNDAY.

"Mystery, Babylon..." is the Mother of Harlots: This is because SHE has continued to have a massive impact on what truly does matter to God, i.e., His Church. She is the root of many false doctrines, has changed God's law and shed the blood of millions of Christians etc. When Israel committed spiritual adultery, God called His Old Testament Church a "WHORE", a "HARLOT" and a "WHORISH WOMAN" and accused her of "FORNICATION" and "ADULTERY." The Catholic Church is guilty of much worse than Israel. In a recent address to the nations, Pope Benedict caused a major uproar among many Churches as he referred to the Catholic Church as being the "MOTHER" Church and called for all the daughter Churches to come back to HER. They are referred to as 'daughter' Churches because they originally came from the Catholic Church.

Martin Luther, who had been a Catholic priest is associated with the establishment of the Lutheran Church. Some say "**Mystery, Babylon...**" represents all false religion but not so as she is the Mother of Harlots, she has many daughters that came from her so she is one Church. It is very sad that so many of the daughter Churches have ignorantly inherited her various false doctrines and again, this is why she is called the "[Mother Of Harlots.](#)" See "[Mark of the Beast](#)" [and paganism](#) for many images that reveal more on why God also calls her Babylon. In an earlier segment of this series I discussed [the origins of 666](#) and how it relates to Babylon and the Catholic Church.

The educational system of the USA has intentionally kept true history from the young minds of the nation. History is not a required subject in most America's colleges and universities today. This might be laughable if it was not so tragic but a few colleges do not require "history majors" to take courses in U.S. or World History. I graduated from a Christian college with a double-major, one of which was History. I took a heavy course load in Church

history as well in seminary education. The following are but a few examples of what Joel Richardson and Walid Shoebat would never tell their readers and viewers:

- *"It has often been charged... that Catholicism is overlaid with many pagan incrustations. Catholicism is ready to accept that accusation and even to make it her boast... the great god Pan is not really dead, he is baptized"* — The Story of Catholicism p 37.
- *"The use of temples, and these dedicated to particular saints, and ornamented on occasions with branches of trees; incense, lamps, and candles; votive offerings on recovery from illness; holy water; asylums; holydays and seasons, use of calendars, processions, blessings on the fields; sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure, the ring in marriage, turning to the East, images at a later date, perhaps the ecclesiastical chant, and the Kyrie Eleison are all of pagan origin, and sanctified by their adoption into the Church."* — An Essay on The Development of the Christian Doctrine John Henry "Cardinal Newman" p.373.
- *"It is interesting to note how often our Church has availed herself of practices which were in common use among pagans ... Thus it is true, in a certain sense, that some Catholic rites and ceremonies are a reproduction of those pagan creeds..."* — (The Externals of the Catholic Church, Her Government, Ceremonies, Festivals, Sacramentals and Devotions, by John F. Sullivan, p 156, published by P.J. Kennedy, NY, 1942).
- *"The Sun was a foremost god with heathendom. ... The sun has worshippers at this hour in Persia and other lands. ... The PAGAN Sunday dedicated to Balder, became the Christian Sunday, sacred to Jesus."* — Catholic William Gildea, Doctor of Divinity, wrote in The Catholic World, March, 1894, page 809.
- Doctor Alexander Hislop, in his classic work, The Two Babylon's, page 105, says this: *"To conciliate the Pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and Pagan festivals [that's the Sabbath and Sunday] amalgamated, and ... to get Paganism and Christianity now far sunk in idolatry in this as in so many other things, to shake hands."* He says further: *"A glance at the main pillars of the Papal system will sufficiently prove that its doctrine and discipline in all essential respects have been derived from BABYLON."*
- *"In ancient Babylonia the SUN was WORSHIPPED from immemorial antiquity."* — Sir James G. Frazer, an authoritative scholar, makes this statement in his book The Worship of Nature, Volume 1, page 529.
- *"The doctrine of natural, as distinguished from Christian, immortality ... crept into the Church, by a BACK DOOR. ... When arguments are offered for the purely natural immortality of the soul, they are rarely, if ever, derived from Scripture. ... The natural immortality of the soul is a doctrine wholly unknown to the Holy Scriptures, and standing on no higher plane than that of ... PHILOSOPHICAL OPINION ... of philosophical speculations DISGUISED as truths of Divine Revelation."* — William E. Gladstone, four-time Prime Minister of Great Britain and a theologian in his own right, wrote in Studies Subsidiary to the Works of Bishop Butler, pp. 195-198.

- *“The adoration of idols that is in Babylon was succeeded by the adoration of saints.”* — Henry Thomas Buckle, a world-famous historian, says in his book *The History of Civilization*, Volume 1, page 188.
- The book *Catholic Belief*, by Roman Catholic scholar Father Joseph Faà di Bruno, page 45, states this: *“Like two sacred rivers flowing from Paradise, the Bible AND divine Tradition contain the Word of God, the precious gems of revealed truths. Though these two divine streams are in themselves, on account of their divine origin, of EQUAL sacredness, and are both full of revealed truths, still, of the two, Tradition is to us MORE clear and safe.”* Are the traditions, customs and practices of man safer than the Bible? Rome baptizes tradition with the word “divine” and dares to hold it above the Bible.
- *“Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicity and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is IMPOSSIBLE.”* — Cardinal James Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore and noted writer, said in *The Catholic Mirror*, December 23, 1893.
- *“One cannot well refer to those cults of Babylon and Egypt and the rest as DEAD religions. For the echo of their ancient thunder is still to be heard reverberating in almost every form of faith existing today. Ancient Babylonian image worship is in the church today. Ancient Babylonian sun worship is there. Ancient Babylonian belief in the immortality of the soul is there. Yes, the echo of that thunder is still heard in the church today!”* — Lewis Brown says this in *The Believing World*, page 112.
- *“His coins bore on the one side the letters of the name of Christ; on the other, the figure of the SUN GOD, as if he could not bear to relinquish the patronage of the bright luminary.”* — Historian Arthur P. Stanley in his book, *The History of the Eastern Church*, page 184, says this about the Roman Emperor Constantine.

The late Richard Coombes authored two books on ‘*America, Mystery Babylon*’ and he was totally convinced that America was this entity. I quote from Richard Coombes writings: *“Empirical data suggests that it is America, not Rome, or London, nor some resurrected Iraqi empire, nor the United States of Europe. Textually, from the scriptures, there is overwhelming evidence that is ironclad in its data pointing only to the identity of mystery Babylon’ as being that of the United States of America. Revelation chapters 17 and 18 give us 65 major identifying data points, which are identifying markers that point out the identifying characteristics that point out the identity of this ‘Babylon’, and what its future will be. This book will bring this material into analysis.”* Unfortunately, Richard Coombes failed to see the depth of the key word “**Mystery**,” in “**Mystery, Babylon...**”

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My intuition was confirmed when I learned Richard was seriously ill just before his passing, as I suspected his health was failing by his remarks to me back then.

Some have assumed the USA to be **"Mystery, Babylon..."** but this is impossible. I can understand people having that view, but for what I already knew about the role the Roman Catholic Institution played in America even before it declared its independence from Great Britain precludes that possibility. Here are a few points, of which more could be given, that prove America is an erroneous conclusion for the identity of Mystery, Babylon.

- America is not responsible for the **"blood of the saints, and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."** Revelation 17:6. The proponents (most coming against the obvious truth would be Catholics) claim it cannot refer to them based on Revelation 18:24 that says **"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."** They say the blood of the prophets would have to refer to a time before the Catholic Church existed. This erroneous idea however does not take into account that the Roman Catholic Church, while being referred to as Babylon in Scripture, is shown as being the culmination of the entire Babylonian system. For example: The first beast of Revelation 13 which is synonymous with the little horn of Daniel 7, is shown as a composite beast as it was **"like unto a leopard, [Greece] and his feet were as the feet of a bear [Medo Persia], and his mouth as the mouth of a lion [Babylon]: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."** Revelation 13:2 See Daniel 7:3-6 for detail. So the Catholic Church is being shown to be the culmination of all these previous powers in the same sense.

Jesus also says the Pharisees have the blood of the prophets on their hands. Obviously they are not directly responsible for all the blood of the prophets and this again is in the same scenario as Revelation 18:24. So this reasoning to exclude the Roman Catholic Church is a nice try but wrong. Matthew 23:29-35 says, **"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore you be witnesses unto yourselves, that you are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill you up then the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell. Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them you shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall you scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom you slew between the temple and the altar."**

- America is not a Church. Revelation 17:3 reads: **"I saw a WOMAN sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy...⁵And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON the great, the MOTHER OF HARLOTS."** A "Woman" symbolically in Bible prophecy as we have already seen is always a Church and this point cannot be debated. The woman [Church] is the bride of Christ. Revelation 19:7-8 states: **"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his WIFE has made HERSELF ready. And to HER was granted that she should be arrayed in fine**

linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” To make this point clear, for example, Jesus is not returning for America as His bride.

- Revelation 18:4 says **“come out of HER my people.”** How do you come out of America? You can of course come out of an apostate Church and her daughter Churches. Revelation 18:4 says: **“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues.”**



- The false prophet is America being synonymous with the second beast of Revelation 13 and so cannot be both the first and second beast.
- Purple, scarlet and gold are the colors of the Catholic Church, which is missing the color blue (represent the law of God). Blue is excluded as they believe they can change the law of God and so are lawless in God’s eyes. Numbers 15:38, 40 states: **“Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that you may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that you seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you use to go a whoring: That you may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.”** Note also that purple, scarlet, gold and blue were the colors of the robes of the Levi priests. Exodus 28:4-6 **“And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a brodered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your**

brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen. And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work." America is NOT represented by the colors purple, scarlet and gold but these are Papal Church colors. Revelation 17:4 says: **"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold..."**

- Mystery, Babylon is described in Revelation 17:5 as the **"Mother of Harlots,"** which means by Bible symbolism that SHE being a WOMAN is the *mother* Church that other Churches came from that are hence HER daughters. These other Churches originated from the Protestant Reformation but in ignorance took on some of HER Babylonian pagan practices. America is *not* a Church and does not have *daughters* that came from it. Note that the Catholic Church also claims to be the mother of all the churches. At the entrance of St. John Lateran Cathedral in Rome there is a very large Latin inscription that says, *"Sacrosancta Lateranensis ecclesia omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput."* which translated in English reads, *"Sacred Lateran Church. Church mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world."* The Catechism of the Catholic Church also calls the Church, *"Mother and Teacher."* The *"Dominus Iesus"* faith declaration says, *"It must be always clear that the one, holy, catholic and apostolic universal church is not the sister, but the mother of all the churches."*
- Have you ever wondered why God used symbolism to hide the identity of mystery Babylon in Bible prophecy so that it would not be understood until the end of the dark ages where the Catholic Church ruled as Church and state? The Bible was in the hands of the Catholic Church all through these years and if they were identified directly, what would they have done to the Bible? They would have changed what the Bible said! If the Bible did not refer to the Catholic Church in any way, then God would not have needed to hide Bible prophecy meaning in symbolism as there would have been no risk of it being changed. The wise will realize that this alone reveals Scripture is referring to the Papal Church extensively and why God did hide things in symbolism in such a way that it would not be understood until the end of the time where the Catholic Church no longer had control over Scripture.

Through Bible commentary, a little study of history and assisted by some highlighting of various key phrases, we will further demonstrate that this woman riding a beast is in fact a Church and can be no other than a Church that ruled as Church and State for 1,260 years called the dark ages. A study of history and the inquisition would also reveal who this persecuting apostate church is. You will observe that a large percentage of Revelation deals with this woman that persecutes the saints and God's resulting judgment. The word "Babylon" denotes confusion and originated from the Tower of Babel where God confounded their language so that they could not understand each other. God also calls this woman Babylon because of her unholy blend of truth and error which causes **"the inhabitants of the earth"** to be **"made drunk with the wine of her fornication."**

“Mystery, Babylon...” is very much a mirror image of ancient Babylon with its man-made system of religion and there are many Protestant daughter Churches who have inherited the many empty traditions of their Catholic forebears. Some of the most popular doctrines have roots in ancient Babylon which are inundated by pagan influences. These are rampant all through this man-made Papal system of religious confusion which is based heavily upon man’s tradition rather than God’s Word.

If one performs an internet search on **“Mystery, Babylon...”** to find what people are speculating who or what **“Mystery Babylon...”** is, you will find that Mystery Babylon is identified as anything from Iraq, to Islam, to New York. Since **“Mystery, Babylon...”** is a woman and a woman in prophecy is beyond all doubt a Church, this rules out most of these speculative theories from the beginning. To accomplish the task of proving this woman is an apostate church, we will need to cover a little bit of the symbolism used in prophecy in order to understand the many references in Revelation and this church’s part as mystery Babylon.

A very important rule for understanding a vast amount of symbolic Bible prophecy is what is known as the ‘day for a year’ rule. This is a well-proven and established rule by the fact that all symbolic prophecy that uses this rule, when applied, is proven by the evidence that the Prophecy concerned lines up with history perfectly in all cases. Below are the three scriptures that gave light to this rule in understanding symbolic prophetic time periods.

Note in Luke 13:32-33, Jesus refers to His 3.5 year’s ministry. At this point in time, Jesus is half a year into His ministry and has three years before His death in which He **“shall be perfected.”** Jesus Himself here uses the day for a year principle. If the day for a year rule was invalid, Jerusalem would have had to have been rebuilt in 49 days (impossible) instead of the 49 years it did take, and Jesus’ ministry would have been only 3.5 days instead of the actual 3.5 years. Daniel was told to seal up the 2,300 day prophecy as it applied to a long time in the future which the angel called the “time of the end” (Daniel 8:17; 12:4, 9) and 2,300 days into the future would not even have made 400 BC. Hardly what one could call the “time of the end” in which we are now living.

“And he said unto them, Go you, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. ³³Nevertheless I must walk to day, and tomorrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.” - (Luke 13:32-33).

“And when you have accomplished them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed you each day for a year.” -(Ezekiel 4:6).

“After the number of the days in which you searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall you bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you shall know my breach of promise.” -(Numbers 14:34).

The most significant time period in Bible Prophecy is the dark ages where God’s true Church was persecuted for 1,260 years. See also how this time period relates to the two

witnesses of Revelation. An estimated 50-100 million Christians were tortured and falsely murdered as heretics. Many historians agree this period is from 538 AD to 1798 AD which = 1,260 years. During this period, God's hand was over the Church, preserving it from total extinction. When prophecy is symbolic the day for a year principle is applied so 1,260 days = 1,260 years. This is a very significant time period as you can see from the verses below that all refer to the same period of time.

42 Months = 3.5 Years or 1260 Days (Jewish calendar = 360 days, Lunar month = 30 days):

Revelation 11:2 - ***“But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.”***

Revelation 13:5 - ***“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.”***

1260 Days = 3.5 Years or 42 Months:

Revelation 11:3 - ***“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.”***

Revelation 12:6 - ***“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.”***

Time = 1 Year, times = 2 Years and half a time = .5 Year = total 3.5 Years which = 42 Months or 1260 Days:

Daniel 7:25 - ***“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”***

Daniel 12:7 - ***“And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.”***

Revelation 12:14 - ***“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”***

Other important Symbols:

Beast = Kingdom/Government/Political power. Daniel 7:23 - ***“Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth...”*** And the third beast would be the third kingdom and

the second beast the second kingdom, etc. Daniel 7:17 - ***“These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.”***

Dragon = Satan or his agency. Ezekiel 29:3 - ***“Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which has said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.”*** (See also Jeremiah 51:34)

Serpent/Dragon = Satan. Revelation 12:9 - ***“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*** Revelation 20:2 - ***“And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,”***

The following chapters have been condensed to a point where it is easy to see the consistent theme of a ***“Seven headed, Ten horned beast”*** representing the Papacy and as ***“SHE”*** or ***“HER”*** as a woman (Church) that made all nations drink of the wine of HER fornication, shed the blood of the saints and whose mark will be forced upon all the inhabitants of the earth. Note the beast of Revelation 13 and 14 is called ***“BABYLON that GREAT CITY”*** as is mystery Babylon, which is also called ***“BABYLON THE GREAT”*** or ***“GREAT BABYLON.”*** The climax is God’s final judgment on HER and those that received her ***“mark.”***

Revelation 12 - ***“a...dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads...the woman fled into the wilderness...they...feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days...the dragon...persecuted the woman...the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness...where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the...serpent.”***

Revelation 13 - ***“I...saw a beast...having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy...power was given...to continue forty and two months...[and] make war with the saints, and to overcome them”***

Revelation 14 - ***“there followed another angel, saying, BABYLON is fallen, is fallen, that GREAT CITY, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand... shall [receive]...the wrath of God.”***

Revelation 15 - ***“I saw...them that had...victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.”***

Revelation 16 - ***“...there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image...Lord...you have judged. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets...and GREAT BABYLON came in remembrance before God, to give her the...fierceness of his wrath.”***

Revelation 17 - *"I will show you the judgment of the great whore...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...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. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus"*

Revelation 18 - *"...another angel...cried mightily...saying, BABYLON THE GREAT is fallen, is fallen...all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her...she shall be utterly burned with fire...the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication...shall see the smoke of her burning...alas, that GREAT CITY BABYLON,...in one hour is your judgment come...with violence shall that GREAT CITY BABYLON be thrown down...And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."*

Revelation 19 - *"God...has judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand...the beast and...the false prophet...which...deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."*

Revelation 12 Commentary: God's true Church is described as a "great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars" in strong contrast to the "great whore" of "Mystery, Babylon..."; "the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication."

Revelation 17:4 - God likens His Church to a "wife" (woman) that "has made herself ready" for "the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Revelation 19:7-9 - *"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready. ... ⁹And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."*

Here Christ is the bridegroom and the Church is the bride (woman). The Babylonian woman who has "**fallen**" -(Revelation 14:8; 18:2) therefore has to signify that "**Mystery, Babylon...**" represents a globally supported Church that has "**fallen**" away from her true lover, Jesus Christ, and from Bible truth and God's law. The woman "**clothed with the sun**" (vs. 1) on the other hand is God's true Church bringing light into the world and still keeps God's Commandments (vs. 17) in loving obedience the same way the early Church did, hence the term remnant. Note how the 12 stars constitute the crown (vs. 1). The crown denotes rulership and organization. In the Old Testament you had 12 tribes of Israel and 12 judges and in the New

Testament you had 12 Apostles and the final remnant Church that will be translated is symbolized by the number 144,000 which is a multiple of 12.

What we find in this chapter is Satan trying to destroy Jesus the **“man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron”** who has been **“caught up unto God, and to his throne”** (vs. 4-5). Satan of course failed and so he then pursues God’s true Church with a **“flood”** of persecution (vs. 15) through his agent Pagan Rome followed by Papal Rome which persecuted the Church for 1,260 years (vs. 6, 14). God preserved a remnant of His true Church by opening up the way for America to give refuge to those seeking a safe haven (vs. 16). Satan hates God’s surviving remnant Church that keeps all the Commandments of God (vs. 17). Satan through the Papacy changed God’s true sanctified day of worship to a day that God abhorred which was used for sun worship hence the name Sunday and has very deep roots in paganism. Satan knew this would be a day detestable to God and is no doubt why he chose it in opposition to God’s true day of worship.

Observe the woman (Church) fleeing into the wilderness during the 1,260 years of persecution. For those who thought this woman is Mary rather than a Church, no woman lives 1,260 years (vs. 6) and no woman has wings of a great eagle. (vs. 14) This is clearly symbolic of the woman **“clothed with the sun”** being symbolic of God’s true Church. This chapter is not totally written in chronological order like many books of Revelation. This can easily be seen on the matter of there being war in heaven and Satan being thrown out taking a third of the angels with him (vs. 4, 7). Chapter 12 is a brief overview of the following chapters of Revelation which progressively gives more and more detail of an apostate church that persecutes God’s true Church, God’s final judgment and Christ’s return.

Revelation 12:1-17 - **“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ²And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. ³And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. ⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. ⁷And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell in them. Woe to the**

inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time. ¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. ¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵ And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. ¹⁶ And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon [Satan] was wroth with the woman, [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."

Revelation 13 Commentary: The following commentary is quite long as Revelation 13 goes together with Daniel 7 like a lock and key and proves beyond doubt when referenced with history that mystery Babylon is primarily the Papacy and all false religions that came from her. You can observe that we are still referencing the same persecuting power by the same reference to the 1,260 years of persecution of the saints by the beast with seven heads and ten horns (vs. 1, 5 and 7). This and the following chapters will continue to reveal this persecuting power to be an apostate church (Papacy) that changed God's law and murdered millions of saints as heretics falsely through the dark ages.

In Daniel 7:3, we find him in vision and he sees ***"four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another."*** These four beasts were like a lion (*Babylon*), a bear (*Medo-Persia*), a leopard



(Greece) with four heads

(Alexander's four generals that took over when he died suddenly) and some dreadful, terrible beast (Rome) with iron teeth and ten horns. Verse 23 says, **"The fourth beast (Rome) 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."** Verse 24 tells us that **"the ten horns out of this kingdom (Rome) are ten kings (divided Europe) that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings."** The king that subdued three kingdoms is called the little horn in verse 8 and it destroyed the Vandals, the Heruli, and the Ostrogoths. A history check already reveals that this diverse kingdom was a religious/political power that was responsible for their demise. Verse 25 says this little horn power would **"speak great words against the most High"** (God) and oppress God's people and very importantly it states that he will **"think to change times and laws."** Note how the image below from Daniel 2, represents the same time line as the four beasts. The head of gold: the lion, chest of silver: the bear, belly and thighs of brass: the leopard, legs of iron: the bizarre beast with iron teeth and the ten toes the ten horns, which represent divided Europe. The book of Daniel continues to enlarge with more detail in each chapter.



In Revelation chapter 13, John sees exactly the same thing that Daniel saw in his vision as a composite beast. Note the perfect parallel to Daniel chapter seven. It says that a beast (*kingdom government or political power*) with *seven heads* and *ten horns* rises out of the sea with a crown upon each horn (*ten kings*) and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. Verse 2 goes on to say the beast was like unto a *leopard* and feet of a *bear* and mouth of a *lion* (*same four beasts*) and that the dragon (*Satan*) gave this beast his power, his throne, and his vast authority. The meaning of these beasts come out of the sea is found in Revelation 17:15 which reads, **"And he saith unto me, The waters which you sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."**

Verses 3 to 6 then states that one of the seven heads (Papacy head) received a fatal wound (*causing death*) but his deadly wound was healed and all the world would wonder after the beast and they worshipped the dragon which gave power to the beast and they worshipped the beast also. Note that when this wound fully heals, the Papacy will be back as before the deadly wound (vs. 12-18). The beast was allowed to make proud claims which were insulting to God, and it was permitted to have authority for 42 months. Daniel 7:25 says, **"a time (1 year) and times (2 years) and the dividing of time (half a year = total 3.5 years * 12 Months = 42 months)"** which of course is the same period of time. (*Bible time works in lunar months which = 30 days * 42 months = 1,260 days and using the day for a year rule = 1,260 years*). It opened its mouth and uttered *blasphemies against God* and blasphemed his name and his residence, that is, those who are living in heaven. Verse 7 states that it was also allowed to fight against God's people and defeat them, and it was given authority over every tribe, nation, language, and race.

In 321 A.D. after the severest persecution, Constantine who was a pagan became Caesar in Rome and he began to see the balance of power shift from paganism to the Church. So, in 321 A.D. he passed the first law enforcing Sunday worship. Until then, there had never been a law enforcing Sunday observance. Two years later Constantine joined the Roman Church and so now we had a mingling of paganism and the Church. In order to control the eastern and western halves of his empire, he moved his empire from Rome to Byzantium by building a new city there, which he named Constantinople after himself and hence transferred his headquarters over to Constantinople leaving Rome vacant. As a result the Papacy moved in and sat on the throne of Caesar and so the Church took over Rome. This explains what the Bible said, ***“and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”*** The dragon as previously stated is the devil. In the Vatican there’s a tapestry on the wall about 75 feet long, and underneath the tapestry it says “The donation of Constantine to the Pope” What did he donate? He donated the city of Rome and the Church became a kingdom.

This is the first beast. Revelation 13:5-6 states that he would blaspheme God. Luke 5:21 reads, ***“And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?”*** Today in the Roman Church they allege that every Priest can forgive sins. No man on Earth can forgive sins. As for power, Elizabeth I defied the Pope and he sent word to all Catholics in England not to obey the Queen. Henry of Germany offended the Pope and he had to stand barefoot in the snow for three days to pay penance to the Pope before he would forgive him. Verse 7 says the beast would fight against God’s people and defeat them. The Roman Church murdered an estimated 50-100 million people as heretics with one reason being for keeping God’s Sabbath rather than Satan’s counterfeit day made law by the Papacy. All this is a matter of history and can be read in your local library. There has only been one power that has persecuted Christians for 1,260 years and only one power had the privilege of taking out three of the ten kingdoms from the collapse of the Roman Empire. It can be no other than the Papacy on these two points alone, and as we have seen there are far more identifying points.

Every criteria mentioned in the Bible is met by this first beast power. The Bible says that this beast would receive a deadly wound to one of its heads (the Papacy head). The Pope took over Rome and rose to power in 538 A.D. The Bible says he would have power for 1,260 years which takes us to 1798. What happened in 1798? Precisely on time as prophesied in the Bible, in [1798 Napoleon’s General Berthier](#) was sent down to Rome to kidnap the Pope and exiled and imprisoned him in France.

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General <i>Berthier</i> published the following Procla- mation on entering Rome:— "The Roman People are restored to their rights of Sovereignty by proclaiming their independence, by assuming the Government of Ancient Rome, and by constituting the Roman Republic. The General in Chief of the French Army in Italy declares, in the name of the French Republic, that he acknowledges the independent Roman Republic, and that it is under the special protection of the French arms. The General in Chief also acknowledges, in the name of the French Republic, the provisional Government chosen by the Roman People. All temporal authorities proceeding from the Pope are therefore suppressed, and shall exercise no functions whatever. The General in Chief shall make every disposition necessary to secure the independence of the Roman People, and to perfect the organization of their Government, in order that their new laws may be founded on the basis of Liberty and Equality. He will adopt every measure calculated to promote the happiness of the Romans. The French General <i>CRAVONT</i> is charged with the direction of the Police, and providing for the security of the City of Rome; and also with the installation of the new Government. The Roman Republic acknowledged by the French Republic, comprehends all the territory which remained under the temporal authority of the Pope after the Treaty of Campo Formio. "ALEX. BERTHIER." When the people at Rome came out to meet Genl <i>Berthier</i> , they presented him with a crown of olive, but in accepting it he said, "that it belonged to	ing lan I wel ver the Fra det rou get the the tha the me Ye abi adi tiz the an co ze co all
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The excerpt above is from page 3 of the 'London Times' dated 12-3-1798. In 1799 the Pope got sick and died. The head of the Catholic Church was dead! This is the deadly head wound. For a while there was no head of the Roman Church but the Bible says the deadly head wound would be healed, and in 1800 they elected a new Pope and the healing of the deadly wound began.

However, this new Pope had no real power until 1929. At that time a man in Italy called Benito Mussolini signed a concordat in Rome giving back to the Pope, not the whole city but about 108 acres called the Vatican and so the deadly wound begins to be healed. As a result, the Bible says, "*the whole world wondered after the beast*" (vs. 2). In this picture, Benito Mussolini reads his credentials prior to signing the Lateran Treaty on behalf of King Victor Emmanuel III. Cardinal Gasparri signed on behalf of Pope Pius XI. American Presidents have bowed before the Pope but they have never bowed before the head of any other Church.

In 1562 the Archbishop of Reggio openly declared that tradition now stood above scripture. This is what he wrote. "*The authority of the Church is illustrated most clearly by the scriptures, for on one hand she recommends them, declares them to be divine, and offers them to us to be read, and on the other hand, the legal precepts in the scriptures taught by the Lord have ceased by virtue of the same authority. The Sabbath, the most glorious day in the law, has been changed into the Lord's day. These and other similar matters have not ceased by virtue of Christ's teaching (for He says that He has come to fulfill the law, not to destroy it), but they have*

been changed by the authority of the Church.” — Gaspare de Posso, Archbishop of Reggio, Council of Trent.

“The pope has power to change times, abrogate laws, and dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.” — Decretal De Translat. Espiscop. Cap.

“The authority of the Church could therefore not be bound to the authority of the Scriptures, because the Church had changed...the Sabbath to Sunday, not by command of Christ, but by its own authority.” — Cannon and Tradition, p.263.

When people hear the word antichrist today, they instantly think of someone sinister and against Christ but the word antichrist also means in place of Christ. When John spoke of antichrists, he was NOT referring to people who were against Christ and illustrates this well by pointing out that they were originally part of the early Church but went out on their own as did the Church of Rome. See 1 John 2:18-19. The Pope claims to be God on Earth and therefore puts himself in Christ' place which matches the Bible definition of antichrist. These quotes made by the Catholic Church show they meet this criteria perfectly.

“The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of human flesh.” — Catholic National, July 1895.

“The Pope and God are the same, so he has all power in Heaven and earth.” — Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, Chapter XXVII, p. 218, “Cities Petrus Bertanous.”

“We hold upon this earth the place of God almighty.” — Pope Leo XIII, Encyclical Letter, June 20, 1894.

Remember that what is written here is not intended to offend anyone and applies to the Papal system and not the many wonderful Christians in this Church. Below is a statement of what the Roman Catholic Church feel they have a right to do to anyone they consider a heretic. They demonstrated this for 1,260 years by burning millions of innocent Christians.

“The church may by divine right confiscate the property of heretics, imprison their person, and condemn them to flames. In our age, the right to inflict the severest penalties, even death, belongs to the church. There is no graver offense than heresy, therefore it must be rooted out.” — Public Eccliaistical, Vol. 2, p.142.

Sub-Part B will continue with the Protestant Reformation.

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