



TWO BEASTS AND THE DEVIL'S DEADLY MARK

For centuries, perhaps millennia, military operations have depended on coded messages to prevent the enemy from detecting their plans and intentions. Prior to The Pacific War (1941-1945) involving the U.S. and Japan, the Japanese used a special code only for diplomatic messages. U.S. cryptologists nicknamed that code "Purple."



Fortunately, as early as 1940, through a top-secret code-cracking operation called "Magic," Americans cracked "Purple," thereby allowing U.S. Intelligence to eavesdrop on secretive Japanese communications. With this advance knowledge, the U.S. knew the enemy's plans, which helped America win that war. The secret of U.S. success, of course, was "Magic."

We had cracked the enemy's code.

Unfortunately, as everyone knows, on December 7, 1941, Americans were surprised and slaughtered by deadly Japanese warplanes at Pearl Harbor. Why the dismal failure? The reason was that although we *did* have advance knowledge that a probable attack was pending, America's warning message to the Hawaiian islands wasn't sent with enough urgency. When the alert was finally delivered—through Western Union—it reached Pearl Harbor when it was too late.

Is it possible that God Himself is now trying to warn us in advance of a fast-approaching, secretive attack against humanity by His ancient enemy? The answer is YES. Through a careful study of the symbolic predictions in the biblical books of Daniel and Revelation, we can

indeed crack the code of satanic subtlety and decipher the devil's end-time strategy to enforce his greatest delusion, "the mark of the beast" (see Revelation 13:16,17; 19:20), during earth's last crisis.

But here's one frightening problem. Similar to what occurred at Pearl Harbor in 1941, Bible prophecy predicts that literally billions of earth's end-time inhabitants will still get slaughtered, and lose their souls, *because they didn't receive in advance—and act upon—God's urgent warning message.*

We must learn the lessons of history.

NOW is the time to receive God's warning, before it's too late.

The Beast on the Move

"I saw a beast rising up out of the sea," reports the Bible's last book, "having seven heads and ten horns ... 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" (Revelation 13:3).

According to countless Protestant pastors, teachers, missionaries, scholars and historians—who for nearly 400 years cracked the code of ancient prophetic symbols—the first "beast" of Revelation 13:1-10 is a symbol of the worldwide religious system (not individuals) of The Roman Catholic Church, whose authority is centered in the Pope.

The papal power *does* have "a mouth speaking great things" (Revelation 13:5), *has* made "war with the saints" (Revelation 13:7) during the Dark Ages when the Inquisition tortured and slew between 50-100 million martyrs, and *is now* achieving global "authority ... over every tribe, tongue, and nation" (Revelation 13:7)—*exactly as Bible prophecy predicts.*

"We here are of the conviction," wrote Martin Luther, who ignited the Protestant Reformation, "that the papacy is the seat

of the true and real Antichrist." "Martin Luther" did "identify the papacy as such with the antichrist," admitted *Newsweek* magazine in an October, 31 1999 article entitled, "The Way the World Ends." *Newsweek* even reported that Luther's view "became dogma for all Protestant churches."¹

Historically, the Roman Church received a "deadly wound" in the pivotal year of 1798 when an army of Napoleon, led by his French general Berthier, marched into the Vatican itself, took the pope prisoner, and abolished the Papacy's political power.

Yet Revelation 13:3 predicts that in the closing moments of time, Rome's "deadly wound was healed, and all the world wondered after the beast." Is the world wondering now at the popularity of Francis, Rome's current Pope? No doubt. But there's more. Highly unusual supernatural experiences are connected with Pope Francis' meteoric rise to global influence. Consider these strange details:

- Francis was elected Pope because Pope Benedict resigned. Historically, Pope's rarely resign.
- According to an August 22, 2013 report from CathNews (a Catholic news service), the 86-year-old Pope Benedict stated that he resigned because he had some sort of "mystical experience" during which he had a deep sense that *it was time* to step down, thus paving the way for Pope Francis.
- Amazingly, according to a February 11, 2013 *USA Today* article entitled, "Lightning Strikes the Vatican—Literally," lightning actually struck the Vatican two times on the same day Pope Benedict announced his resignation. Was this a sign from God that a prophetic countdown had begun?

- A March 9, 2015 *Catholic World News* article entitled, “Did mystical experience change approach of Pope Francis?” reported that Francis himself also had “a mystical experience on the night after his election to the papacy” that “accounts for a dramatic transformation of the Pontiff’s public persona.”



- A March 7, 2015 *All Things Catholic* article entitled, “What’s really miraculous about Pope Francis?” quotes Maria Elena Bergoglio, the Pope’s only surviving sibling, as jokingly stating about her brother, “I don’t recognize this guy!” because his personality changed so dramatically.
- Francis is the first Jesuit ever elected as Pope. Established in 1540, the Jesuits have been well-known as a militant order of Catholic soldiers commissioned to counter and destroy the Protestant Reformation and help establish world papal dominion. “God’s marines,” “elite troops,” “the pope’s secret service,” “the Pope’s KGB,” are some nicknames for the Jesuits.

Speaking of the world “wondering after the beast,” take note:

- Political and religious world leaders are increasingly looking to Pope Francis to help combat deadly religious extremism (such as ISIS) and assist in solving the world’s global problems.
- News media have glowingly credited Pope Francis as the key agent who helped normalize USA-Cuban relations.
- “When Pope Francis tweets, the world listens,” was the title of an April 28, 2015 article by the Catholic News Service. Pope Francis now has “the most influential Twitter ac-

count” on Planet Earth.

- September 22-27, 2015, Pope Francis addressed: a joint session of our U.S. Congress, a General Assembly of the United Nations in New York City, and the World Meeting of Families gathering in Philadelphia. This Pope has become the world’s most respected spiritual advisor.

The Second Beast

Immediately after God’s prophetic codebook depicts the rise of the first beast in Revelation 13:1-10, His prophecy continues:

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and spoke like a dragon (Revelation 13:11).

Prophetic intelligence cryptologists have discovered that a “beast” in Bible prophecy represents a great “kingdom” or nation (see Daniel 7:23). Decoded, we know that the first beast in Revelation 13:1-10 represents the global “kingdom” of Papal Rome (the Vatican is a politically sovereign state based in Italy). The second beast of Revelation 13:11:

1. Is depicted as “coming up” at the *same time* that the first beast receives its “deadly wound” (compare verses 3 and 10)—which took place in 1798.
2. Rises out of “the earth.” By contrast, the first beast rose from the “sea” (verse 1) or waters, which represent great multitudes of people (compare with Revelation 17:1,15). Thus the second beast “coming up out of the earth” represents its rise in more of a “wilderness” region (compare with Revelation 12:14,16).
3. Is “like a lamb.” The “lamb” in the book of Revelation is a symbol of Jesus Christ (see Revelation 13:8), suggesting that this new nation will have many mild, Christian features.
4. Has “two horns” *without crowns* (compare with Revelation 13:1), indicating that it will not be ruled by a king, but by someone duly elected through democratic processes.
5. Will speak “like a dragon” and enforce “the mark” of the first beast upon “all” (see Revelation

13:16) during a global crisis. This indicates that the second beast will attain *super-power* status.

Think about it. What new, great nation was “coming up” in 1798 in a wilderness area, has mild Christian features, isn’t ruled by a king, and has now achieved super-power status? Can you crack the code? *Only the United States.* Prophecy predicts that the second beast (America) will “exercise all the power of the first beast” (Papal Rome) and will lead humanity to “worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed” (Revelation 13:12).

Both Beasts Working Together

Is America connecting with the Roman Church? Consider this:

- The Roman Catholic Church is the most politically powerful church in America.
- Six out of the nine current U.S. Supreme Court Justices are Catholic.
- The December 2013 issue of New York City-based *Time* magazine honored Pope Francis as its “Person of the Year.”
- “TV Preachers Glowingly Describe Meeting with Pope to Tear Down ‘Walls of Division’” was the title of a July 3, 2014, Christian News Network article. Kenneth Copeland, James Robinson, Rick Warren, Joel Osteen, Jack Van Impe, and countless other Christian leaders now support cooperative efforts with the Pope of Rome.

The Mark of the Beast is Coming

Revelation 13 predicts that, as a misguided solution to a desperate global crisis, that the second beast (America) will finally legislate “the mark” of the first beast (Papal Rome) in the closing moments of time:

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark (Revelation 13:16,17).

What is this mysterious “mark” of the beast? Hold onto your seats. The beast is the papal power; thus the “mark” comes from the Roman Church. According to Revelation 14:6-12, those who worship the Creator of heaven and earth



(verse 7), and obey the Ten Commandments (verse 12), will alone avoid the mark when it is enforced by law. If you look closely at the Ten Commandments, the only commandment enjoining the worship of the Creator is number four, which states:

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy ... the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord ... for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day (Exodus 20:8-11).



Check any dictionary, or encyclopedia. Saturday is the seventh day. Sunday is the “first day of the week” (see Matthew 28:1,2). Additionally, here are some fast facts:

- Jesus Christ regularly observed the Sabbath (Luke 4:16).
- He declared himself “Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:28), thus revealing His true identity as Creator of all life (see John 1:10).
- Christ’s disciples kept the Sabbath “according to the commandment” (Luke 23:56) *after* His death, which proves that the Sabbath continues *after* the cross.
- Pointing far beyond His resurrection, Christ taught the importance of the Sabbath and connected it with earth’s final “tribulation” (Matthew 24:20,21).
- The Sabbath will be observed in the new earth, when all sin, suffering and death have vanished (Isaiah 66:22, 23).

Sadly, the Christian world as a whole has forgotten the *only* commandment God commanded us to “remember”!

“Protestants ... accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change ... But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that ... in observing Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the Church, the pope.”²

The Roman Church proclaims this change as a “mark” of its authority:

“Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [from Sabbath to Sunday] was her act ... the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things.”³

“Sunday as a Mark of Christian Unity” was the title of an April 18, 2015 article published by “The Lord’s Day Alliance of the U.S.”

Revelation 13 predicts that the second beast (USA) will legislate Sunday observance (the “mark” of the first beast’s authority) during a terrible crisis, causing the world to fully submit to the “dragon” (Satan) working slyly through both beasts. Is there a growing push for Sunday legislation today? Consider this:

- “Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church’s holy days as legal holidays ...” states the 1994 official Catechism of the Catholic Church (p. 538).
- “Keeping stores open on Sunday is not beneficial for society: [says] Pope Francis,” was the title of a July 6, 2014 Associated Press article. Pope Francis wants Sunday to be observed by the entire world, not just by Catholics.
- “Let’s Make Sunday a Day of Rest, for God’s Sake,” announced a Fox News article.
- The push for Sunday laws is growing, as evidenced by laws recently enacted in Germany, Hungary, Chile, Greece, Poland, and in other places.
- “Senator: Church Attendance Should be Mandatory” was the title of a March 27, 2015, CNN article reporting that, during a gun bill debate, Arizona State Senator Sylvia Allen asked, “How we get back to a moral

rebirth in this country, I don’t know, since we are slowly eroding religion at every opportunity that we have. Probably we should be debating a bill requiring every American to attend a church of their choice on Sunday ...” (emphasis added).

The Catalyst: Climate Change?

The issue of “climate change” is now being hotly debated. Many scientists, politicians, and thought leaders blame “climate change” for the recent uptick in violent storms, bizarre weather patterns, deadly heat waves, record cold temperatures, reduced crop yields, rapid melting of polar caps, resulting in rising sea levels forcing the relocation of entire populations. “Record California drought linked to climate change,” was the title of a March 2, 2015, *US News and World Report* article.



Again, *eyes are turning to the pope*. On June 18, 2015, Pope Francis’ 183-page encyclical addressing climate change was released worldwide. Its title, “Praised Be You,” is based on St. Francis of Assisi’s ancient poetic “Canticle of the Sun.” After bemoaning “the breakdown of society” because of humanity’s misguided materialism, secularism, and environmental exploitation, Pope Francis seeks to bring “the whole human family together” and help save the planet through a resurrection of spirituality and returning to God. Now don’t miss this. Nestled firmly within this 183-page encyclical is a definite appeal from Pope Francis to the entire world *to find “a new start” by keeping Sunday as a day of rest*.

“Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world,” penned the Pope. “In this way, Christian spirituality incorporates the value of relaxation and festivity” (*Praised Be You*, section 237). The fatal flaw of such reasoning is that Sunday isn’t the true Sabbath, but is rather a Roman Catholic institution rooted in idolatrous ancient sun wor-

ship. No matter what Sunday advocates claim, the Ten Commandments “written with the finger of God” (Exodus 31:18) state clearly that “the seventh day” (Exodus 20:10) is God’s “holy day” (Isaiah 58:13). *Sunday is Rome’s day—a mark of its own authority.*

Deadly natural disasters. Bizarre weather. Threatened food supply. Global warming. Working together. The common good. Saving the planet. “A new start.” “*Sunday.*” All of this shows that conditions are ripe for global Sunday legislation as a misguided, apparently “moral,” and supposedly “God-oriented” solution to humanity’s deepening woes. But whatever is promoted in God’s name doesn’t necessarily come from His throne. ISIS shows us that.

Bottom line: *The stage is set for the mark of the beast.*

Marco Politi, a Vatican expert, was quoted in a March 29, 2015 article in *The Daily Beast* as saying, “This pope [Francis] seems to be in a hurry to get as much done as he can, as if he’s got a deadline ... He keeps talking about how his time is short.” Lucifer realizes the same, which is why God’s prophetic Word warns:

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time (Revelation 12:12, emphasis added).

The True Path to Peace

As earth’s final “time of trouble, such as never was” (Daniel 12:1) fast approaches, people sense a desperate need for a strong Moral Voice truly capable of guiding each of us to inner peace, lasting security, and certain hope for the future. The Good News is that such a Moral Authority does exist—and it’s not the Pope. It is Jesus Christ Himself, “the Lord our Righteousness” (Jeremiah 23:6), “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29), “the good shepherd” (John 10:11), “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), “the Savior of the world” (1 John 4:14), the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

On history’s darkest day, Jesus hung on a cruel cross, and paid the full penalty for all human sin—which is clearly defined in Scripture as breaking the Ten Commandments (compare 1 Corinthians 15:3 with Romans 3:20; 7:7; James 2:8-12; 1 John 3:4). Jesus died for the sins of Pope Francis, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, witches, atheists, and everyone else—including YOU.

The Holy Spirit is now wooing us to repentance and simple trust in Christ’s once-and-for-all sacrifice for “the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). To those who repent, believe the Good News, are saved by grace, without works (Ephesians 2:8), and are washed in “the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 1:5; 12:11), Jesus says, “If you love Me, *keep My commandments*” (John 14:15, *emphasis added*).

Those who keep *all ten* of God’s commandments through His enabling grace during earth’s last crisis reveal their love and loyalty to the Savior.

They reject the beast (read Revelation 14:9-12).

As we witness astonishing events all around us, the producers of this tract plead with you to realize that the enemy code has been cracked. Not by “Magic,” but through God’s mercy. Similar to what happened at Pearl Harbor, the devil’s forces are now preparing for a final assault.

“The time is at hand!” (Revelation 22:10).

Now is the time to receive God’s warning, before it’s too late.

Will you follow the Bible, or the beast?

¹Leroy Froom, *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, vol. II (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald, 1948), p. 121.

²*Our Sunday Visitor*, February 5, 1950. See more at: <http://www.sabbathtruth.com>.

³In an official letter dated November 11, 1895, from C.F. Thomas, chancellor for Cardinal Gibbons.

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