

## **The Beast of Rev 13: is the Papacy**

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**Rev 13: 1** Another beast with 7 heads and 10 horns arises, but the crowns are on the horns, denoting that Rome has been divided into 10 European nations.

**Rev 13:2** The dragon, Pagan Rome, who tried to put Christ to death at His birth (Rev 12:4) gave his seat to this beast.

Pagan Rome was succeeded by the Papacy. "The removal of the capital of the empire from Rome to Constantinople in 330 left the western church practically free from imperial power. The Bishop of Rome, in the seat of the Caesars, was not the greatest man in the West." – The Rise of the Medieval Church by A.C. Flick, pp. 168, 169. .

"Stepping to the throne of Caesar, the vicar of Christ took up the scepter to which the emperors and kings of Europe were to bow in reverence through so many ages." J.P. Conroy, American Catholic Quarterly Review , April 1911.

"The abandonment of Rome -- left them free to become independent sovereigns, and to take up the sovereignty the Emperor had just laid down." Cardinal Manning in Temporal Power, p.50.

The beast is a composite of the 4 beasts of Dan 7. Its mouth is that of the lion indication its teachings were the same as those of old Babylon.

The Two Babylons by Hislop, p. 2: "The Paganism which Rome has baptized is, in all its essential elements, the very Paganism which prevailed in the ancient literal Babylon." P. 224: "The system first concocted in Babylon, has been modified and diluted in different ages and countries. In papal Rome only is it now found pure and entire." P. 247: "The Pagan title, Pontifex was bestowed upon the Bishop of Rome, who became the grand agent in pouring over all christendom all the doctrines of paganism derived from ancient Babylon."

Thus the paganism of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia and Rome is climaxed in the Papacy in Christian dress.

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**Rev 13:5** This beast was to reign 42 months or 1260 days. This is symbolic time and is therefore 1260 years. (Eze 4:6)

"Down to the Sixth century all popes are declared saints in the martyrologies. Vigilius . . . is the first of a series of popes who no longer bear this title ... From this time on the popes, more and more enveloped in worldly events, no longer belong solely to the church: they are men of the state, and then rulers of the state." Medieval Europe, Belmont and Monod, (revised by George B. Adams) , p. 120.

"Vigilius, a pliant creature of Theodore, ascended the papal chair under the military protection of Belisarius (538-555) ." History of the Christian Church by Dr. Philip Schaff, vol. 111, p. 327.

Thus in 538 the pope took the reigns. He was to hold them 1260 years or until 1798.

"Rome, the 21st of February (1798) , Pope Pius VI, has occupied the papal chair for all of twenty-eight years, but the 15th inst. his government in the Papal States was abolished, and five days later, guarded by one hundred French soldiers, he was taken away from his palace and his capital."-- The official Swedish newspaper, Stockholms Postindning for March 29, 1793.

**Rev 13:6,7** The papal power would blaspheme God, and His tabernacle, persecute the saints and rule the nations.

The Papacy blasphemes the name of God by presuming to apply to men the names that apply only to God. "All the names which in the scriptures are applied to Christ are applied to the pope." -- On the Authority of the Councils, Bellarmine, vol. 2, p. 266.

The Papacy blasphemes the tabernacle or sanctuary of God by presuming to forgive sins, which is the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. "The bishops and priests are justly called not only angels but also Gods, holding as they do amongst us the power and authority of the immortal God. For the power of remitting sins has been conferred on them." -- Catechism of Council of Trent , p. 275.

"The Catholic Church ... has, a 'horror of blood' . Nevertheless when confronted by heresy she does not content herself with persuasion. . . She has recourse to force, to corporal punishment, to torture. She creates tribunals like those of the Inquisition, she calls the laws of the State to her aid, if necessary she encourages a crusade, or a religious war and all her 'horror of blood' practically culminates into urging the secular power to shed it, which proceeding is almost more odious -- for it is less frank -- than shedding it herself. Especially did she act thus in the 16th century with regard to Protestants." The Catholic Church, the Renaissance, and Protestantism pp. 182-184. - Alfred Baudrillart, a Catholic Professor, who later became a Cardinal.

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"In the Bull 'Ad extripanda' (1252) Innocent IV says: 'When those adjudged guilty of heresy have been given up to the civil power by the bishop or his representative, or the Inquisition, the podesta or chief magistrate of the city shall take them at once, and shall within five days at the most, execute the laws made against them' ... The civil authorities, therefore, were enjoined by the popes, under pain of excommunication to execute the legal sentences that condemned impenitent heretics to the stake. It is to be noted that excommunication itself was to trifle, for, if the person excommunicated did not free himself from excommunication within a year, he was held by the legislation of that period to be a heretic, and incurred all the penalties that affected heresy." -- Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 8, p. 34.

"From the birth of Popery, to the present time, it is estimated by careful and credible historians, that more than 50 millions of the human family have been slaughtered for the crime of heresy by popish persecutors, an average of more than 40,000 religious murders for every year of the existence of popery." -- History of Romanism, pp. 541,542, by Dr. I. Dowling.

Concerning the former power of the Papacy over the nations, Bowers History of the Popes says on p. 20 of the preface to vol. 1: "Everybody knows that the popes acted for several ages as the umpires of Europe, or rather as the sovereigns."

JA. Wylie in his book, The Papacy says on page 102: "History presents us with a list of not less than sixty-four emperors and kings deposed by the popes."

**Rev 13:3,4,8** This 7th or papal head was wounded in 1798 when the pope was taken prisoner. This deadly wound will be healed and all the world will wonder after the beast except a few.

**Rev 13:8,9** We are admonished to open our ears and listen to the warning. Only those whose names are retained in the book of life will escape the snare and refuse to worship the beast. This beast has the teachings of Babylon, a system of sun worship and idolatry.

**Rev 3:5** If we overcome, our names will NOT be blotted out of the book of life.

**Ex 32:31-33** Sinners' names will be blotted out.

**1 John 3:4** Sin is the transgression of the law.

**Dan 12:1; Rev 22:14** Jesus comes for those whose names are in the book of life and they are privileged to eat of the tree of life as commandment keepers.