



PROPHECY EXPO

Will the United States also Support the Beast?

I. Being an admirer of the United States, and of our foundering fathers and mothers, I can hardly imagine this country pursuing anything other than the goal of bringing peace and expanding freedom in and to the world

- A. Sometimes our government is not well understood.
- B. Sometimes our tourists are not very appreciated
- C. Still Americans try to make a positive contribution to the world

II. Revelation 13 begins with the dragon standing on the shore welcoming another beast coming up out of the sea.

“And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten diadems, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names.”
(Relation 13:1; NASB195; SP1219)

A. This later animal is a composite creature made up of the parts from the four beasts recorded in Daniel 7

“And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.”
(Revelation 13:2; NASB195; SP1219)

B. That this animal comes from the sea, like the three other beasts from Daniel 7:2, is a clue to its origins, because in another prophecy an angel tells John that water represents “peoples, nations etc.,” which suggests that this beast comes from the populated territory of Europe

“And he said to me, ‘The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.’” (Revelation 17:15; NASB198; SP1222)

"And four great beasts were **coming up from the sea**, different from one another."
(Daniel 7:3, emphasis supplied; NASB635; SP874)

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C. Finally, we should note that both this beast and the dragon have seven heads and ten horns, showing that, if nothing else, they share the same personalities

“Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads *were* seven diadems.”
(Revelation 12:3; NASB195; SP1218)

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D. Or this one on the length of reign of the Papacy 1260 years like the prophecy foretold

When Pius VI fell ill in 1797, Napoleon gave orders that in the event of his death no successor should be elected to his office, and the Papacy should be ‘discontinued.’ Rickaby observes, ‘No wonder that half Europe thought Napoleon’s veto would be obeyed and that with the Pope the Papacy was dead.’”
(L.E. Froom, *Faith of Our Fathers*, p. 327)

“I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast.”
(Revelation 13:3; NASB; SP1219)

E. On two previous evenings (“The Mighty ‘Little Horn’ Attacks God” and “The Beast from the Sea”) we identified eight characteristics of this beast. From those characteristics we came to the conclusion that this power was the only power that arose from the rubble of ancient Rome, then grew into a great, world-wide power, and as it grew it persecuted and killed the “saints.” The power that did these things could only be the Roman Catholic Church; not its loyal members but the structure and place of power. Consider, these few quotations about human rights as it relates to the church of Rome

“History does not support the view that the Catholic church has always championed the rights of man. In the thirteenth century, it went so far as to teach what the early church condemned: heretics have no rights. They can be tortured without scruple. Like traitors to the state, heretics have put themselves outside the mercy of the law. They must be put to death. Not one pope for over three centuries opposed this teaching which should therefore by rights be a permanent part of Catholic doctrine. By means of it, the Inquisition achieved unprecedented power. The result was wholesale intimidation of those who had no protection against the charge or even slightest suspicion of heresy.”

Vicars of Christ: the Dark Side of the Papacy, Peter De Rosa, p. 163

The Inquisitors:

“Their guiding principle was: ‘Better for a hundred innocent people to die than for one heretic to go free.’”

Vicars of Christ: the Dark Side of the Papacy, Peter De Rosa, p. 163

“The inquisitors were paid out of the proceeds of confiscation. The rich feared them, therefore, even more than the poor. There were various methods of dividing the spoils but, when the expenses of scribes and executioners had been paid, usually half of the remainder went into the pope’s treasury and half to the inquisitors. Some popes, like Nicholas III (12-80) amassed a fortune.”

Vicars of Christ: the Dark Side of the Papacy, Peter De Rosa, p. 165

F. Or the new papacy. Has the wound of the Papacy been healed?

“The Pope told the great crowd that he had criticized communism not for its economic shortcomings but rather because it “violated or jeopardized the dignity of the person.” That was the same papal language used in Canada in 1984, and one hears traces of it today, most recently in Havana when the Pope met with Fidel Castro.”

Time Magazine, April 14, 1998 *William F. Buckley Jr.*

“But then intermittently the great light within flashes, and one sees the most radiant face on the public scene, a presence so commanding as to have arrested a generation of humankind, who wonder gratefully whether the Lord Himself had a hand in shaping the special charisma of this servant of the servants of God.”

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III. In the second half of Revelation 13 another animal appears

- A. This beast arises from the earth (a previously unknown area) with two horns. We suggest the powers that made America great were “republican democracy” and “freedom of religion”

“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.”
(Revelation 13:11; NASB195; SP1219)

- B. This beast comes on the scene after the first beast’s wound is healed

“He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.”
” (Revelation 13:12; NASB195; SP1219)

- C. But this second beast upholds and supports the first beast

“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.
¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.”
(Revelation 13:13-14; NASB196; SP1219)

- D. He forces the whole world to serve the first beast

“And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.
¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead.”
(Revelation 13:15-16; NASB196; SP1219)

“We believe that the rulers of a Catholic country have the right to restrict the activity of those who would lead their people away from their allegiance to the Catholic Church. . . .They possess the right to prevent propaganda against the Church. This is merely a logical conclusion from the basic Catholic tenet that the Son of God established one religion and commanded all men to accept it under pain of eternal damnation.”
American Ecclesiastical Review, January 1946

“Suppose that the constitutional obstacles to proscription of non-Catholics have been legitimately removed and they themselves have become numerically insignificant: what then would be the proper course of action for a Catholic State? Apparently, the latter State could logically tolerate only such religious activities as were confined to the members of the dissenting group. It could not permit them to carry on general propaganda nor accord their organization certain privileges that had formerly been extended to all religious corporations, for example, exemption from taxation.”
J.A. Ryan and Francis J. Boland, p. 320 *Catholic Principles of Politics*, Macmillian Company (A widely used text book with an official Imprimatur of Cardinal Francis J. Spellman)

IV. When popes for three hundred years encouraged and supported persecution and torture and, when in those countries where Roman Catholics are the majority, there is still religious intolerance against protestants, one apology is not reassuring.



By the pope's own admission, the Roman Catholic Church murdered 300,000 people, while claiming to be doing the work of Christ. If this wasn't the work of Jesus, for whom was the church working?