



PROPHECY EXPO

The Painted Lady and the Dragon

- I. Before we begin with our topic this evening, we need to finish some unfinished business
 - A. Anyone who has seen and heard the information I have presented in the last few evenings has to be curious about the response of the Church of Rome
 1. Their first response was to hide the Scriptures from the lay readers. In the Fifth Lateran Council (1512-17 A.D.), at the time of Martin Luther's 95 theses, the printing of books was strictly limited

On the printing and censorship of books

... "We therefore establish and ordain that henceforth, for all future time, no one may dare to print or have printed any book or other writing of whatever kind in Rome or in any other cities and dioceses, without the book or writings having first been closely examined, at Rome by our vicar and the master of the sacred palace, in other cities and dioceses by the bishop or some other person who knows about the printing of books and writings of this kind and who has been delegated to this office by the bishop in question, and also by the inquisitor of heresy for the city or diocese where the said printing is to take place, and unless the books or writings have been approved by a warrant signed in their own hand, which must be given, under pain of excommunication, freely and without delay."

"In addition to the printed books being seized and publicly burnt, payment of a hundred ducats to the fabric of the basilica of the prince of the apostles in Rome, without hope of relief, and suspension for a whole year from the possibility of engaging in printing, there is to be imposed upon anyone presuming to act otherwise the sentence of excommunication...."

Fifth Lateran Council (1512-17 A.D.) SESSION 10, 4 May 1515

2. Preaching about the Antichrist was also restricted:

“They are in no way to presume to preach or declare a fixed time for future evils, the coming of antichrist or the precise day of judgment; for Truth says, it is not for us to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. Let it be known that those who have hitherto dared to declare such things are liars, and that because of them not a little authority has been taken away from those who preach the truth.” ..

Fifth Lateran Council (1512-17 A.D.) SESSION 11, 19 December 1516S

3. What became more successful were their reinterpretations



FUTURISM

Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) was a Jesuit doctor of theology, born in Spain, who began writing a lengthy (500 page) commentary in 1585 on the book of Revelation (Apocalypse) titled *In Sacram Beati Ioannis Apostoli, & Evangelistae Apocalypsin Commentarij*, and published it about the year 1590. He died in 1591 at the age of fifty-four, so he was not able to expand on his work or write any other commentaries on Revelation. In order to remove the Catholic Church from consideration as the antichrist power, Ribera proposed that the first few chapters of the Apocalypse applied to ancient pagan Rome, and the rest he limited to a yet future period of 3 1/2 literal years, immediately prior to the second coming. During that time, the Roman Catholic Church would have fallen away from the pope into apostasy. Then, he proposed, *the antichrist would be a single individual,*



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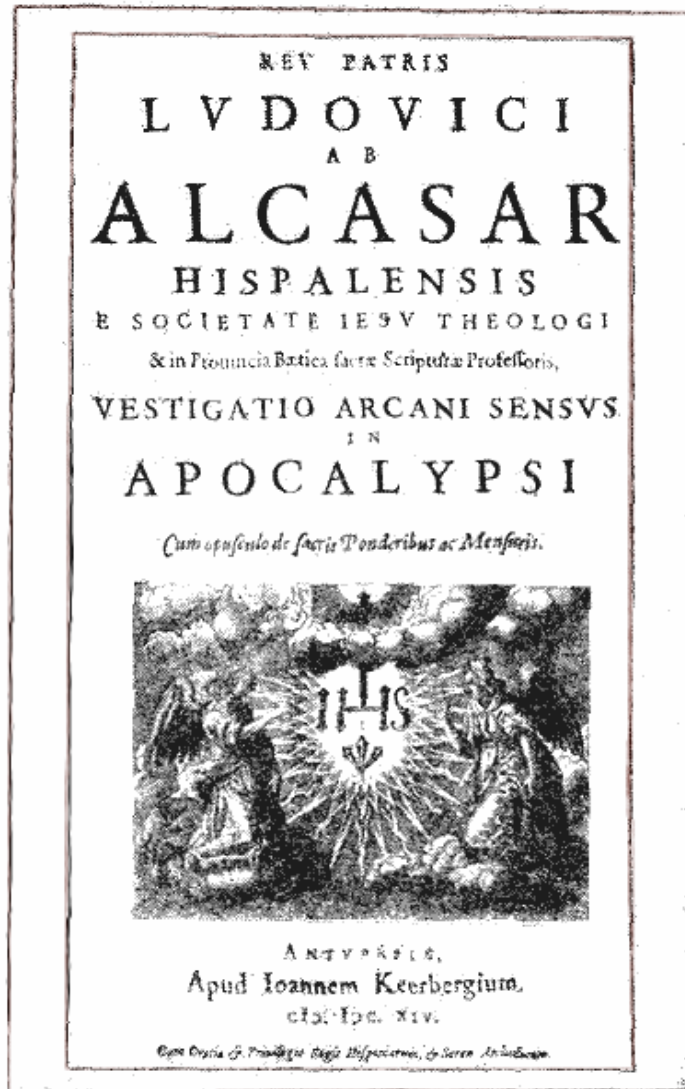
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GLORIA Y MAGESTAD.

OBSERVACIONES
DE
JUAN JOSAFAT BEN-EZRA,
HEBREO-CRISTIANO:
DIRIGIDAS AL SACERDOTE CRISTÓFILO.
SE DEDICAN
AL MESIAS JESUCRISTO,
HIJO DE DIOS, HIJO DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGEN MARIA, HIJO DE DAVID,
HIJO DE ABRAHAN.

EN TRES TOMOS.
TOMO I.

LONDRES:
LO PUBLICA R. ACKERMANN, STRAND,
Y EN SU ESTABLECIMIENTO EN MEXICO:
ASIMISMO
EN COLOMBIA, EN BUENOS AYRES, CHILE, PERU, Y GUATEMALA.
1826.

Manuel De Lacunza (1731–1801), a Jesuit from Chile, wrote a manuscript in Spanish titled *La Venida del Mesías en Gloria y Magestad* ("The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty"), under the pen name of Juan Josafa [Rabbi] Ben-Ezra about 1791. Lacunza wrote under an assumed Jewish name to obscure the fact that he was a Catholic, in order to give his book better acceptance in Protestantism, his intended audience. Also an advocate of Futurism, Lacunza was deliberately attempting to take the pressure off the papacy by proposing that the Antichrist was still off in the future. His manuscript was published in London, Spain, Mexico and Paris between 1811 and 1826.



Another counter-interpretation to the Historicism held by Protestantism was proposed by the Spanish Jesuit **Luis De Alcazar** (1554-1613), who also wrote a commentary called *Investigation of the Hidden Sense of the Apocalypse*, which ran to some 900 pages. In it he proposed that it *all* of Revelation applied to the era of pagan Rome and the first six centuries of Christianity. According to Alcazar (or Alcasar):

- Revelation chapters 1-11 describes the rejection of the Jews and the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.
- Revelation chapters 12 - 19 were the overthrow of Roman paganism (the great harlot) and the conversion of the empire to the church.
- Revelation 20 describe the final persecutions by Antichrist, who is identified as Cæsar Nero (54-68 A.D.), and judgment.

Revelation 21 -22 describe the triumph of the New Jerusalem, the Roman Catholic Church

B. Another issue we have not considered is the issue introduced in Revelation 13:18

“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”

(Revelation 13:18; NASB196; SP1219)

1. Roman Catholic apologists argue strongly that the text says, “the number is that of a man; and his number is. . .” which means, they say, that the number is only to be identified with one particular future antichrist person. On the contrary,

a. We have already seen several times that the apostle Paul makes it plain that the man of sin is already at work and will continue to do his worse until Jesus comes again

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.
⁸ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming.”
(2 Thessalonians 2:7-8; NASB161; SP1168)

b. And since that power governed for 1260 years, we have to assume that the 666 also applies to a system, not just one human

c. I would say that without all the information we have gained in our study the 666, would be of little help

2. One name that has been suggested several times is **Vicarius Filii Dei**. One reason for this suggestion is that Roman Catholic sources themselves have suggested that name. To suggest first, that it is a name the pope uses, then deny it, which they now do, is less than ingenious. Especially, when the name is used on the forgery called the Donation of Constantine, which the Roman church used for over 700 years to justify its temporal power

II. The Painted Lady and the Dragon

A. Revelation 17 is really the judgment of the apostate church with more clues to her identity. We acknowledge that there are many things we do not yet understand about the punishment of this evil woman, but some things are clear

1. She sits on many waters, which means she had millions people supporting her evil ways

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters.”

(Revelation 17:1; NASB197; SP1222)

2. She is drunk with the blood of the saints

“And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints,
and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. “
(Revelation 17:6; NASB197; SP1222)

3. She and her confederates will wage war against Christ

"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the
Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of
lords and King of kings, and those who are with
Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful."
(Revelation 17:14; NASB198; SP1222)

4. Those who supported her will in the end turn against her

"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will
hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and
will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.
(Revelation 17:16; NASB198; SP1222)

Bureau of Information

Questions are answered, as far as possible, in the order received; hence those who seek information through this Bureau must not become impatient if the answer to their queries does not appear for several weeks after we receive same.

Why does the priest wash his hands? Must he twist this text, for reasons of the age of Palestine in those days. In this language the sentence runs thus: "And I say unto thee that thou art *Kepha*, and upon this *Kepha* I will build my church."

When this sentence was translated into Greek why were the words changed? Why was one *Kepha* represented by *Petros* and the other *Kepha* by *Petra*? The grammatical structure demanded a change. The Greek word for rock, *Petra*, is feminine. To call Simon *Petra* would sound ridiculous to Greek ears. Hence to avoid the incongruity of referring to him as "she" the translator gave the name the masculine termination, *Petros*.

The words of Christ to Peter, spoken in the vulgar language of the Jews, were the same as if he had said in English, *Thou art a Rock, and upon this rock I will build my church.* Hence the change in gender in the Vulgate version does not show that Christ founded His Church on the truth of Peter's confession. Let us suppose Christ did refer to Peter's faith. When we say that the courage of a general won a battle, do we separate the general from his courage? If we declare that such and such a statue is a monument to the skill of a sculptor, do we divide the man from his ability? So, if we admit that St. Peter's faith was the rock foundation on which Christ would build a Church, what warrant have we for separating Peter from his faith? It was on Peter, as endowed with that "faith which fails not"; it was on Peter, the confinner of the brethren; it was on Peter, the shepherd of the sheep and lambs; it was on Peter in the concrete, that Christ founded His Church in such wise that the gates of hell should not prevail against it.

Almost every modern Protestant expositor of note holds that *Petros* is the rock. Those who

the supreme invisible head, Jesus Christ.

Is it true that the words of the Apocalypse in the 13th chapter, 18th verse refer to the Pope?

The words referred to are these: "There is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man; and the number of him is six hundred sixty-six." The title of the Pope of Rome is *Vicarius Filii Dei*. This is inscribed on his mitre; and if you take the letters of his title which represent Latin numerals (printed large) and add them together they come to 666:

VICARIUS FILII DEI
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Add these together and the result will be 666.

This "argument" was submitted to Rev. Ernest R. Hull, and answered in the following manner: "Almost every eminent man in Christendom, who has enjoyed the privilege of possessing enemies, has had his name turned and twisted till they could get the number 666 out of it. In past history there have been numberless beasts or Anti-Christa, all of whose names counted up to 666. I fancy that *my own name*, especially in Latin form, might give the number of the beast:

ERNESTVS REGINALDVSVS HVLL
5 200 5 1 50 50 5 5 50 50 666

Quod erat demonstrandum, namely, that Rev. Ernest R. Hull is Anti-christ, or the Beast of the Apocalypse!"

Perhaps a little ingenuity with your name will show that you are the beast of the Apocalypse too.

Inquirer, West Lafayette, O.—It is right so long as there is no law forbidding it. "Why do you think evil within your heart?" Personally we are acquainted with unmarried Protestant ministers who are held in highest esteem.

A Worried Girl—Mention it the next time. Don't worry about the past.

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- The April 18th, 1915 edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*, Rev. John F. Noll, editor, the following question was addressed on page 3, in the section titled Bureau of Information:
- What are the letters supposed to be in the Pope's crown, and what do they signify, if anything?
- The letters inscribed in the Pope's mitre are these: *Vicarius Filii Dei*, which is the Latin for the Vicar of the Son of God. Catholics hold that the church which is a visible society must have a visible head. Christ, before His ascension into heaven, appointed St. Peter to act as His representative. Upon the death of Peter the man who succeeded to the office of Peter as Bishop of Rome, was recognized as the head of the Church. Hence to the Bishop of Rome, as head of the Church, was given the title "Vicar of Christ."
- Enemies of the Papacy denounce this title as a malicious assumption. But the Bible informs us that Christ did not only give His Church authority to teach, but also to rule. Laying claim to the authority to rule in Christ's spiritual kingdom, in Christ's stead, is not a whit more malicious than laying claim to the authority to teach in Christ's name. And this every Christian minister does.

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