

The Study of Antichrist

PART - 3

STUDY # 37



**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF
THE BIBLE**

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



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Today we shall enter **INTO THE CONCLUDING PART** of the study of **ANTICHRIST**.



Having scripturally identified and exhaustively proven **THE IDENTITY** of this Antichrist **SYSTEM** we must now search further in the scriptures the **HISTORY** of this Antichrist system and **ALL** the prophecies about its "**BIRTH**" its "**DEVELOPMENT**" and of course its **FINAL DESTRUCTION**.

Having **IDENTIFIED** the "*abomination that causeth desolation*" system of **PAPACY**, as **THE ANTICHRIST** it is now necessary to study its development as recorded in the **scriptures**.

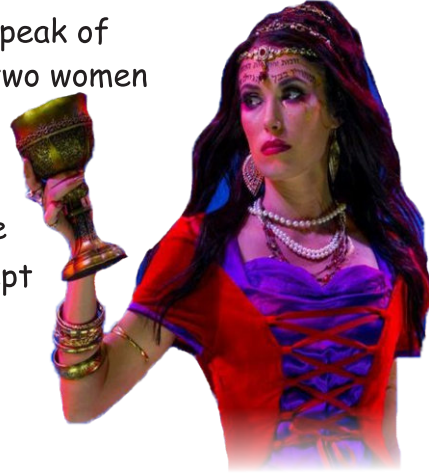
The Bible provides a clear **RECORD** and **INSIGHT** into

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this matter in the Book of Revelation in....the 12th and the 17th Chapters.



Both these chapters speak of TWO women but these two women as we will see in our study are TOTALLY DIFFERENT and have nothing in common except of them both being referred to as



 **“women” !**

Let us begin by studying REVELATION 12th chapter -
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”.



WHO is this “woman” ?

And WHAT does all this signify?





This is NOT literal language as we had studied in the first part of the **STUDY** of **ANTICHRIST**..

It is **SYMBOLIC** language and the **SYMBOLS** must be interpreted !

This is a **BEAUTIFUL SYMBOLIC** picture of the **TRUE** Christian church as it **BEGAN** in the **FIRST** century of the Gospel Age after Pentecost and in the days of the apostles.

The church is shown as a woman for she is to be the "bride" of Jesus.

➡ She had the "light" of the knowledge of the gospel ("the sun")

➡ ...and was well **GROUND**ED in the understanding of **the** Old Testament law and its types and prophecies ("the moon")

➡ ...and had as **DIVINELY** appointed teachers **the** twelve apostles ("the twelve stars").

Let us now read the next verse in -

Revelation 12:2

"And she being with child cried, travailing in birth and pained to be delivered".

What does THIS mean?

How does the church become "pregnant" ?

Let us see.....



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This is all wonderful **SYMBOLIC** language denoting that **WITHIN THE BODY** of the church **NEW LIFE** began to grow **UNSEEN** and **INVISIBLE** as takes place when a new life begins within the womb of a pregnant woman!

Yes! This **ANTICHRIST SYSTEM** whose **FIRST** members began to develop **INSIDE** the Body of the Church is clearly mentioned here and is further **CONFIRMED** by the Apostle John in **I John 2: 18, 19** -

“They went out FROM us.....”

Yes ! The **CHURCH** had **WITHIN** its body a new **GROWTH** !

... - the **BEGINNING** of the **ANTICHRIST SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT**.



“travailing in birth and pained to be delivered”

This represents **THE UNHAPPY FEELINGS** and circumstances among the members of the **TRUE CHURCH** as regarding this development **WITHIN**.

This is shown in another parable too in -

Matthew 13:27

**“So the servant of the owner came and said to him, sir did you not sow good seed in your field ?
How then does it have tares ?.”**



YES ! Notice the **UNHAPPY** feelings at the appearing of these “tares” !

This is the picture of the **CHURCH** in the end of the **FIRST CENTURY** and the **SECOND CENTURY A.D.**

And then we read in -

Revelation 12:3

“And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.”

Here in symbolic language is described the **RULING** powers at that time - **THE ROMAN EMPIRE !**

→ **“a great red dragon”**



This is a symbol of the pagan Roman Empire which is seen again in -

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Daniel 7:7

“it was different from all the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns.”

 **“seven heads”**

This represents the seven distinct and **DIFFERENT FORMS** of **GOVERNMENT** that controlled the Roman empire.”

The first four were :-

1. **CONSULAR** - BC 30
2. **IMPERIAL** - BC 27
3. **GOTHIC** - AD 476
4. **PAPAL** - AD 539

 **“ten horns”**

This is a representation of **TEN DIVISIONS** in the empire.

 **“wonder in heaven”**

This is a reference to the **ROMAN EMPIRE** - **“in heaven”**
or in **RELIGIOUS CONTROL** !

Yes ! The Roman empire was a **COMBINATION** of **CIVIL** and **RELIGIOUS** power, as was **THE CUSTOM WITH MOST KINGDOMS** in those days.

Example : The Babylonian empire, The Medo-Persian empire etc.



The kings of these empires would claim to be the **REPRESENTATIVES** of their “gods” and thus exercise **RELIGIOUS CONTROL ALSO** over the people.

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This greatly helped them to **CONSOLIDATE** their **CIVIL POWER** and rulership.



Yes! The "great red dragon" (the **ROMAN EMPIRE**)
was in "heaven" (in **RELIGIOUS CONTROL**)



This was the condition of **RELIGIOUS** matters in the
first three centuries - upto 300 A.D

Then we continue reading in -

Revelation 12:4

**"And 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."**

A PROPHETIC picture of what happened in the early church in the third and fourth century until around 325 A.D. !

Here in this verse we note a peculiar matter - and that is, this verse in its first half and second half have been scrambled !!

Yes ! The bottom part comes at the top and the top part at the bottom !!

Thus the verse in its real order is -

“And the dragon stood before the woman, which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth.”



Now let us see the meanings of the symbolic language -

 **“And the dragon stood before the woman”**



This represents the **PERSECUTIONS** and.....**OPPOSITIONS** faced by the "woman" from the "dragon" .

Or in other words the **PERSECUTIONS** of the **CHURCH** by the Pagan Roman Empire - "the dragon" !

This scriptural reference would perhaps have a more **SPECIFIC** reference to a 10 year severe persecution of the church by **THE ROMAN EMPEROR DIOCLETIAN** from **303-313 A.D** referred to in the scriptures in -

Revelation 2:10

“...behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days.....”

These are "ten days" in prophetic calculations which in literal terms is.....TEN YEARS.

➡ THIS WAS A PERIOD FROM 303-313 A.D.

The Diocletianic Persecution (303-313)

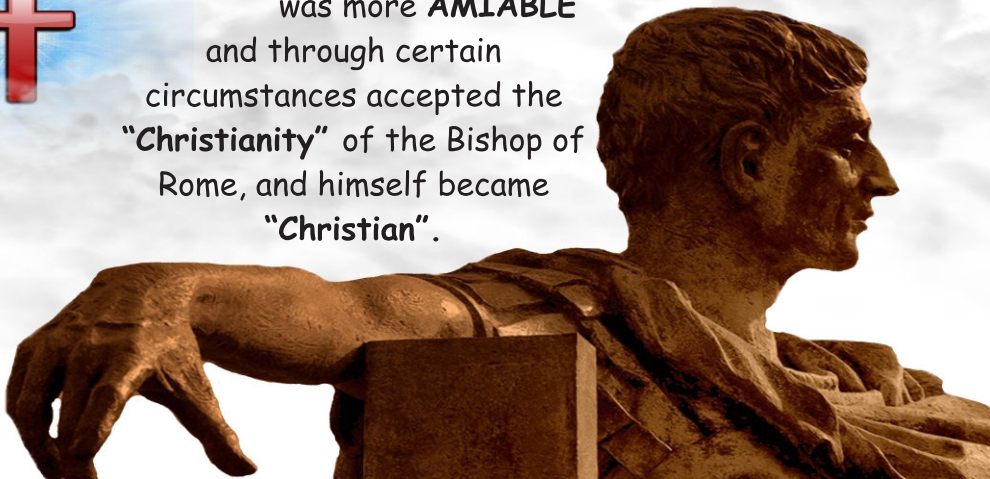


"the woman, which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

This is a symbolic picture of the conditions post 313 A.D when after the severe **PERSECUTIONS** of Diocletian, the next Roman Emperor **CONSTANTINE**



was more **AMIABLE** and through certain circumstances accepted the "Christianity" of the Bishop of Rome, and himself became "Christian".





This Bishop of Rome would go on to grow in power and become and be known as the **POPE** and thus would be developed the **ANTICHRIST** system of **PAPACY**.

But here the ANTICHRIST was "born" or made its FIRST TINY "VISIBLE" APPEARANCE.

And yes ! The "dragon" did "devour her child" or in other words the **ROMAN EMPIRE** did accept the "Christianity" of the Bishop of Rome and absorbed this "INFANTILE" **ANTICHRIST SYSTEM.**

And thus **PAGAN ROME** became "CHRISTIAN" ROME.



".....And his tail....."

Here "tail" would symbolize the furthest extremity of the body of the "dragon"

- or the **ENDING** portion of the length of its body !

So too "the tail" here would represent **THE LAST PORTION OF** the Roman Empire - **ITS LAST EMPERORS !!**

Here there is a specific reference to one of the last emperors - **EMPEROR CONSTANTINE !**



"....drew the third part of the stars of heaven...."

This is a reference to **A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN BISHOPS -**

"the stars in heaven"

arranged for by Constantine to discuss the question of the nature of Jesus with reference to the scripture of

The Council of Nicaea

A.D. 325



John 10:30 - “...I and my Father are one.”

About “one third” of the Christian bishops of that time accepted the invitation and attended that conference arranged by Emperor Constantine.



“.....And did cast them to the earth....”

This is the reference to the **EFFECT** of Emperor Constantine upon those bishops.

Yes ! His honours to them and material rewards caused them to be more attracted and taken in by the **EARTHLY** rather than the **SPIRITUAL** !!



Yes ! He did cause these bishops to become **WORLDLY** and fall from their positions of being **SPIRITUAL** -

“.....and did cast them to the earth.”

Then we continue reading in -

Revelation 12:5

“And 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.”

This verse speaks of the transformation gradually into PAPAL ROME and of the FUTURE growth and ESTABLISHMENT of the ANTICHRIST system
- the one that would grow up to be

“...the man of sin” (II Thessalonians 2:3).



“rule all nations with a rod of iron”

This represents the RULE of Papacy in the DARK AGES.



“was caught up unto God and to His throne”

This represents the SELF EXALTATION of this PAPAL system within the church **“sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” (II Thessalonians 2: 3,4).**

Yes ! This is a verse speaking PROPHETICALLY of the future of this - **“man child”**



.....at the time of the SMALL “VISIBLE” BEGINNING OF THE ANTICHRIST SYSTEM in the fourth century A.D.

And then we read in -

Revelation 12:6

“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.”

Yes ! Here the focus is turned back to the **“woman”**

....the **TRUE CHURCH** of Jesus Christ and its **CONDITION**
in the midst of all these developments of the
ANTICHRIST system !



“...the woman fled into the wilderness”

Yes ! This represents the **SEPARATION** of the **TRUE** church
members from the **ACTIONS** and **WORKS** of the members
of the **ANTICHRIST** system



- THE NOMINAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SYSTEM.

Now there was to be a **FIXED** time permitted for this
ANTICHRIST system to exercise its power as we read in -

“...a thousand and two hundred and three score days.”

**This of course was a TIME PROPHECY which pointed to a
period of 1260 years - from 539 A.D. to 1799 A.D**

Then we read further in -

Revelation 12:7

**“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against
the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.”**

**This verse returns back to the CIRCUMSTANCES and
HAPPENINGS in the Nominal church from the fourth to
the sixth century - from 325 AD onwards.**

Yes ! We read there was - “war in heaven” !

Let us remember that this is the same “heaven” of the **first**
and **third verses**

- the **RELIGIOUS WORLD !!**

The "war" is a symbol for a **STRUGGLE**.
Let us see who this "war" or **STRUGGLE** is between -



"Michael and his angels"...

WHO IS THIS A REFERENCE TO ?

We all know that the name
"Michael" is **JESUS** name in heaven which means -



"likeness of God" or "who is as of God"

"El" meaning God and

"Mika" meaning "likeness" or "who is as of".

THIS IS A SYMBOLIC reference to the one that **CLAIMED**
AUTHORITY to be "as of God" - the **REPRESENTATIVE**
OF GOD ON EARTH !

Yes ! A reference to the **PAPACY !**

Thus here "Michael and his angels" would represent the
Bishop of Rome and other **APOSTATE MEMBERS** in the
church who seeked for such **WORDLY** power that would later
develop into **THE SYSTEM** of **PAPACY**.



"the dragon and his angels"

This represents the Roman Empire in **BOTH CIVIL** and
RELIGIOUS control.

Now what was this "war" or STRUGGLE for ?

It was for the **CONTROL** of "heaven" or the **RELIGIOUS**
WORLD or **RELIGIOUS HEADSHIP**.

And this **STRUGGLE** was long !!
Let us continue reading in -

Revelation 12:8-9

“And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out ,that old serpent, called Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

This verse speaks of the fact that after the long struggle
from **325 AD till 539 AD**

the apostate Church members under the headship of the
Bishop of Rome “prevailed” and gained the **RELIGIOUS
CONTROL** from Pagan Rome.



**“the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent,
called the Devil and Satan.”**

Here the **SYMBOL** of “dragon” which is a reference to
the **ROMAN EMPIRE** changes to



“the Devil and Satan.”

....because the Roman Empire was itself **LIKE** the Devil and
Satan in many ways.

- such as its ability to change its “**form**” (of government)
as is with the devil !!

Further **QUALITIES** of Satan and the Devil were
embodied in the Roman Empire.

Thus the fitting use of Satan as a symbol for the
ROMAN EMPIRE !



“cast out into the earth”

This symbolizes the **UNSEATING** of the Roman Empire from **RELIGIOUS CONTROL** to only....**CIVIL CONTROL** -
“the earth”.

Also note the words -



“Neither was their place found anymore in heaven...”

Yes ! This was when the title of -

“PONTIFEX MAXIMUS”

(THE HEAD OF ALL RELIGIOUS MATTERS)

passed from the hands of the Roman Empire to the Bishop of Rome **in the year 539 A.D !**

Then we continue to read in -

Revelation 12:10-12

“And 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. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea ! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

In these verses are seen **A SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION** of the **FIRM ESTABLISHMENT** of the Papacy after 539 AD which was then strongly setup in great power in 799 AD with the establishment of



“THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

Then **GREAT CLAIMS** were made by this Bishop of Rome having gained power as we read the words -

“and I heard a loud voice saying in heaven.”

Let us now see some of those **CLAIMS** -



“Now is come salvation and strength.”

This is a reference to the **REACTION** of the Bishop of Rome at the gaining of the victory in the **STRUGGLE** with the Roman Empire which is the “salvation” meant here and.....the “strength” is the **POWER** gained as **PONTIFEX MAXIMUS.**



“and the kingdom of our God and the power of His Christ.”

This is reference to the **CLAIM** of the **PAPACY** to being the....“**Kingdom of God**” and claiming the 1000 year rule of Christ as mentioned in -

Revelation 20:4

“and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

Thus Papacy **CLAIMED** to exercise the “**power of Christ**” in their 1000 year rule from 799 to 1799 AD.




“for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

This is a reference to the reaction of the **PAPACY** at the **FALL** of the Roman Empire from the authority of **RELIGIOUS CONTROL.**

The words “**accuser of our brethren**” would refer to the **PERSECUTIONS** of the Roman empire against the Church

for a long period of time before this.

 **“And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death....”**

These are all **CLAIMS** by **PAPACY** to show that it gained that victory and power by

.....**DIVINE AUTHORITY** and **POWER !!**

It also speaks of **THE MARTYRS** of the **PAPACY** system -

“....and they loved not their lives unto death.”

Indeed ! There have been many **“SAINTS”** who laid down their lives for the establishment and the upholding of this **PAPAL SYSTEM.**

 **“Therefore rejoice ye heavens and ye that dwell in them.”**

This is a reference to the period of **GLORY** and **POWER** that would come to the **PAPAL SYSTEM** as it was now in -

“the heavens”

or in other words....**IN SPIRITUAL CONTROL !**

This was also a cause for “rejoicing” or **FAVOR** for

 **“ye that dwell in them”**


referring to those who were **PART OF THE PAPAL SYSTEM** - its **HEIRARCHY** of cardinals, archbishops, bishops, priests, nuns etc.

 **“Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth and the sea.”**

This represents the “woe” that the **PAPAL RULE** would be for -

➡ **“the earth”** - the organised society of civilized nations.

➡ **“the sea”** - the nations of irreligious (uncivilized) masses of humanity where Christian **BELIEF** had not entered.

The **“woe”** represents THE WARS waged under  the **BANNER** of the **CROSS** called **“CRUSADES”** in which through much **VIOLENCE** and **BLOODSHED** papal rule was forced upon the people and conversions brought about.



Finally we read in -

 **“For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”**

This is perhaps a reference to the **“you”** class
....meaning the **TRUE CHURCH** and how the **DEVIL** or Satan

would begin to use **DESPERATE** and **DRASTIC** measures in his efforts to destroy the church.

THIS IS A PROPHETIC WARNING TO THE CHURCH AS TO WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FUTURE FROM THIS TIME ONWARDS.

Then we continue reading in -

Revelation 12:13

“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”

Here we see that the “dragon” (**CIVIL POWERS**) having lost **SPIRITUAL CONTROL** were used by the subtlety of Papacy to severely persecute the “woman” or the **TRUE CHURCH** in what was called



..... **“THE INQUISITION”** (Daniel 7:21, 25).

This is where the **PAPACY** used the **CIVIL RULERS** in Europe as **INSTRUMENTS** to persecute and destroy the church causing **MASS SLAUGHTER** of the Bible believing Christians.

And then we continue to read in -

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.”

Here the “woman” or **TRUE CHURCH** is shown **UNDER THE DIVINE PROVIDENCE OF GOD** in that period of

“a time, times and half a time”

or 1 year + 2 years + $\frac{1}{2}$ year = “3-1/2 PROPHEIC years”

....or the period between 539 AD-1799 AD

(1260 LITERAL years or “42 PROPHEIC months”)



“NOURISHED”

This represents **SPIRITUAL FEEDING** for the new creatures..



“two wings of an eagle”

represents the **OLD** and **NEW TESTAMENTS** of the Word of God.



“wilderness”

This represents a condition of **SOLITUDE** and **SEPARATION**.

Yes ! The **TRUE** church SEPARATED ITSEL from all the activities of **THE ANTICHRIST SYSTEM !**

Then we continue to read in -

Revelation 12:15-16

“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. 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.”

Here in this verse is given in symbolic language a prophetic picture of **THE FRENCH REVOLUTION** of the eighteenth century !



 **“the serpent”**

represents **SATAN** (Genesis 3:13) who is the HEAD of the **ANTICHRIST SYSTEM**.

 **“Water”**

As is well known **“water”** in the scriptures is a symbol for truth (Revelation 22:17).

 **WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED OVER HERE?**

 **DID SATAN SEEK TO BRING FORTH TRUTH ???**

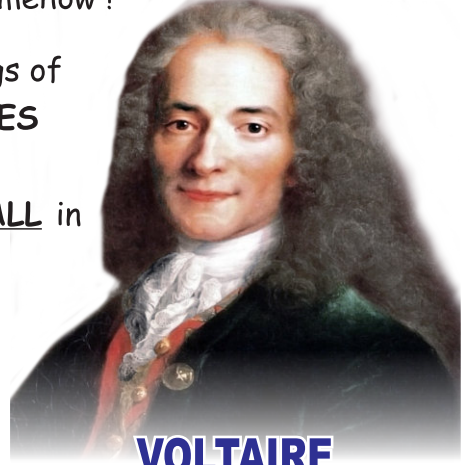
Yes ! Satan, changing his tactics caused certain truths
 “water as a flood”

to come out regarding **PRIESTCRAFT** and **KINGCRAFT**, and
the **INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES** of the people,
 thinking this would result in great confusion and damage to
 the **TRUE** church somehow !

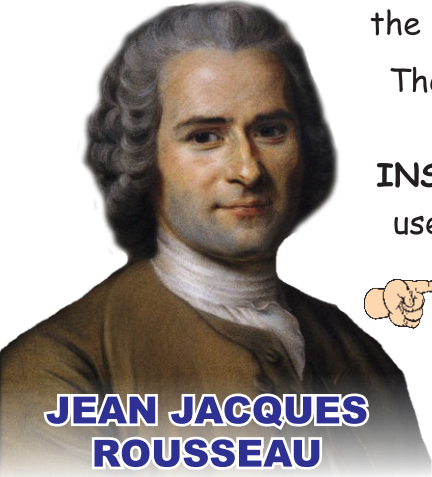


These **TRUTHS** were the writings of
VOLTAIRE and **JEAN JACQUES
 ROUSSEAU** in France who
 themselves had no real faith AT ALL in
 the Bible .

They were just
 suitable
INSTRUMENTS
 used by Satan.



VOLTAIRE



**JEAN JACQUES
 ROUSSEAU**



But these truths (“the flood”) were
 “swallowed” or **ABSORBED** and
ACCEPTED by



“the earth” or the **SOCIETY**

and this led to **THE FRENCH REVOLUTION** which brought
 an **END** to the reign of the Papacy in **1799** !

And then finally we read in -

Revelation 12:17

“And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with
 the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and
 have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

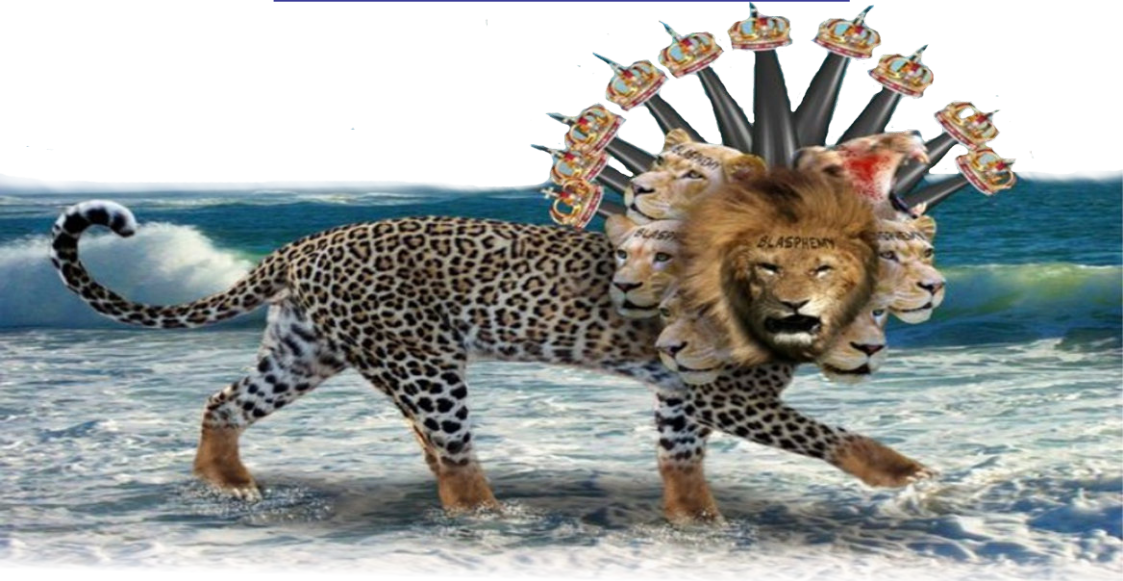
Finally in this prophecy in conclusion is a picture of how **SATAN** through his agencies of **PAPACY** and...the **CIVIL POWERS** will seek to persecute (“**make war**”) the **TRUE CHURCH** (“**the remnant of her seed**”) even unto the end of the Gospel Age.

Thus we have seen in **PROPHECY** the **CLEAR** and **DETAILED ACCOUNT** of the birth and **DEVELOPMENT** of this **ANTICHRIST SYSTEM**.

Let us now look at another prophecy of the **PAPACY** system in -

Revelation 13:1-3

“**And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 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.”**



This is AGAIN another picture of the **PAPACY** as a
"Beast"
 which is a symbol for **A KINGDOM OR EMPIRE** as seen in
Daniel 7th Chapter.

Here we see the symbolic meanings as -



"seven heads and ten horns"

A familiar symbol for the Roman empire (**Revelation 12:3**).

Yes ! Papacy rose to power only THROUGH the **ROMAN**
EMPIRE !!



"Upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads
the NAME of blasphemy"

This is a symbolic representation of how the
TEN DIVISIONS.

(**"ten horns"**) of Rome in Europe gradually developed into and
CLAIMED to be Christ's Kingdoms - **CHRISTENDOM !**

This was **BLASPHEMY** as they **NEVER WERE REALLY**
 Christ's **KINGDOMS** in any sense of **TRUTH** but were merely
CLAIMING to be so -

a **COUNTERFEIT**, using Christ's name **FALSELY !**



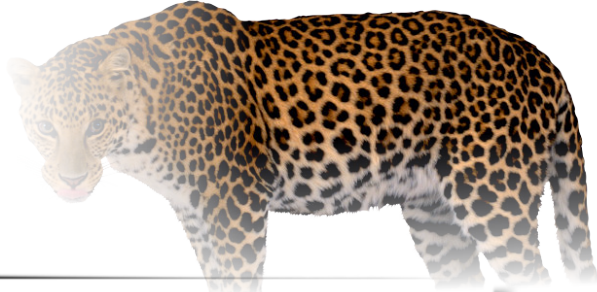
Then in verse 2 is a **DESCRIPTION** of Papal power or
 the **CHARACTERISTICS** of this
PAPAL KINGDOM.

Let us now see the **SYMBOLS** of description
 used here -



“was like unto a leopard.”

This is a reference to the
SYMBOL used for the
GREEK EMPIRE in
Daniel 7:6.



**In what way was the PAPAL KINGDOM like the
“leopard” or the GREEK EMPIRE ?**

We read about the **GREEKS** in -
Acts 17:22

**“Then Paul stood in the midst of Mar's hill and said, ye men of Athens
I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious
(religious - NIV)**



Yes! The **PAPACY** system too showed itself to be very
RELIGIOUS - in its **CONVENTS** and **MONASTERIES**
and....the **PIETY** practiced by its priests and nuns.

Further in the symbol of the leopard the “spots” with their **IRREGULARITY** symbolizes the **FLEXIBLE** and **FLUCTUATING** policies of the **PAPAL SYSTEM** in various countries according to the situation.

Example : The **WITCHCRAFT** like practices in Philippines which are acceptable there as also the many **HINDU RELIGION - LIKE CUSTOMS** followed in India, etc.



“.....his feet were as the feet of a bear....”

Here the “bear” is a reference to the **SYMBOL** used for the **MEDO PERSIAN** empire in **Daniel 7:5**.



In what way was “the feet” of the PAPAL KINGDOM like the “bear” or the MEDO PERSIAN empire ?

The Medo Persians were well known for their **TACTICS** of **SIEGE** and **PERSISTENCE** and....of **STRATEGY** !

The **PAPACY** system used these similar methods for its “feet” - that is to **GAIN** and **SUSTAIN** power throughout the centuries.

Yes ! To maintain its “standing” !



“And his mouth as the mouth of a lion...”

Here the “lion” is a reference to the **SYMBOL** used for

the **BABYLONIAN EMPIRE** in
Daniel 7:4.

Now Babylon was known for its
GREATNESS and **GLORY**
as we read in -



Daniel 4:22

**“.....For thy greatness is grown and reacheth unto heaven,
and thy dominion to the end of the earth.”**

But here the **PAPACY's** “mouth” or **CLAIMS ONLY** were
full of greatness and glory !!

Yes ! The **CLAIMS** of **DIVINELY AUTHORISED GLORY**
and **HONOR** !!

Remember....the 62 blasphemous **TITLES** of **PART II**
of Antichrist !



**“....and the dragon gave him his power and his
seat and great authority...”**

This is a **SYMBOLIC** picture of **HOW PAPACY RECEIVED
ITS POWER** from the “**dragon**”

- **THE PAGAN ROMAN EMPIRE**

through

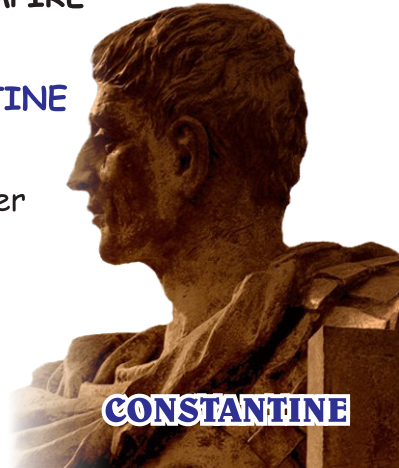
the emperors **CONSTANTINE**
and **JUSTINIAN.**

And the principal power
was the title of

**“PONTIFEX
MAXIMUS”**



JUSTINIAN.



CONSTANTINE

- the **HEAD** of **SPIRITUAL AFFAIRS** in the Roman empire.
And then we read in Vs -3-

 **“one of its heads as it were wounded to death.”**

This is a **SYMBOLIC** picture of the **EFFECT** of the **REFORMATION “blow”** to the Papacy which we read about again in the same chapter in -

Vs -14 - ““that they should make an image to the beast which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

 Yes ! This is the **“wound”** dealt by **“the sword”** which is the **“sword”** of the **WORD OF GOD** as we read in -

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword...”

Yes ! This refers to **MARTIN LUTHER'S** use of the scriptures to prove **PAPACY** publicly as **“ANTICHRIST”**

But we read finally that -

 **“and his deadly wound was healed.”**

This is a reference to the **RECOVERY** of the **PAPACY** from the **REFORMATION** blows of **1517 AD onwards** as after these **REFORMERS** died, their followers **THEMSELVES** fell into the same **“spirit”** -

 that of **CHURCH ALIGNING with STATE**

and gradually over the next 2-3 centuries forgot the **REFORMATION “protesting”** and the **TRUTHS** revealed by the **REFORMERS** about the **PAPACY** system.

Example : The Lutheran Church in **GERMANY** who received and accepted great favour from the **KINGS** of Germany.

So we have seen this prophecy of the **PAPACY** as a "beast" or **CHURCH-STATE GOVERNMENT** and **EMPIRE**.

THIS COMBINATION IS MORE CLEARLY SEEN IN REVELATION CHAPTER 17 WHERE WE SEE ANOTHER "WOMAN" DESCRIBED IN DETAIL.



WHO IS SHE ? Let us read about her in -

Revelation 17: 3-6

"...and 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.....having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication;"

"And upon her forehead was a name..."

MYSTERY - BABYLON THE GREAT -
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF
THE EARTH.

Vs -6- “and I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints
and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus....”

The key to understand who this woman is found in verse 6 !

Yes ! “She” is the PERSECUTOR of the saints of God -
BABYLON THE GREAT !!

 WHO is this woman, who persecutes the “saints of God” ?

 Let us first see the “beast” upon
which she sits upon ?

 “....a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy
having seven heads and ten horns.”

Yes ! Here the “beast” is
shown in SYMBOLS As
“scarlet coloured” !!

What does the
“scarlet” symbolise ?

We read that answer in -

Isaiah 1:18


“...though your sins be as scarlet, they
shall be as white as snow;”

Yes ! “scarlet” symbolises SIN !

Thus with “beast” meaning an empire and with “scarlet
colour” meaning SIN, this is a reference to an



EMPIRE or KINGDOM of SIN !

 Yes ! It is **“the man of sin”**

- the **ANTICHRIST** system of **PAPACY** (II Thessalonians 2:3,4)

The **“full of names of blasphemy”** would refer to what we read in -

Daniel 7:25

“...and he shall speak great words against the Most High...”

Yes ! A reference to the **BLASPHEMOUS TITLES** used by the **PAPACY** !

And the **“seven heads and ten horns”** further confirms this **“beast”** to be none other than the **PAPACY** who **ORIGINATED ITS POWER** from the Roman empire.

Now who then is this “woman” ?

In the scriptures a **“woman”** is a reference to the **CHURCH**.

But there are **TWO** women in the scriptures -

 The **TRUE CHURCH** shown as **“a chaste virgin”** in **II Corinthians 11:2**.

 ...And this woman in **Revelation 17:1** who is also a **CHURCH** !

But we see this **CHURCH** seated upon and supported by the **“scarlet coloured beast”** or.....**THE PAPACY SYSTEM**.

Yes ! This is the **CHURCH** that **ORIGINATED** from the **PAPACY** system -

“THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH”

➡ Notice, the "Roman" in the name !
It points to its **ORIGIN** !

This is **NOT** the church of Jesus Christ !
It is the Church of the **PAPACY** where the **HEAD** is
not the **LORD JESUS** but the **POPE** !!

Now what do we read about this "woman" or the **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** ?

Let us read in vs -4-

**"...and the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour
.....having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and
filthiness of her fornication."**

Here the colours "*purple and scarlet*" signify
ROYALTY for this "church"

REIGNED in glory
as part of the
"man of sin"
system.

➡ Even if seen in
another and
more **LITERAL**
way it is seen
that these

TWO COLOURS are most commonly and
PROMINENTLY worn by the priests and
cardinals and archbishops, etc.



The "**golden cup in her hand**"
represents



the DIVINE "VESSEL" of teaching which we read about in -

Isaiah 52:11

"...be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD."

Here "vessels" represents the teachings and words of the Lord !!



Yes ! The "golden cup" is the BIBLE !!

But note that it is "**full of abomination and filthiness of her fornication**" representing how the BIBLE was used to be the BASIS for ALL HER, ACTIONS and FALSE DOCTRINES.

Yes ! Every FALSE DOCTRINE and TEACHING was.....claimed to be IN THE BIBLE !

Example : The FALSE CLAIM to be GOD and CHRIST's Kingdom on earth which is confirmed in Revelation 12:10 -

"Now is comethe kingdom of our God and the power His Christ."

Then we read further in vs -5-

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

Yes ! Indeed this identity of the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH as being the CHURCH of the ANTICHRIST PAPACY SYSTEM and NOT REALLY the

Church of Jesus Christ is -



"the mystery of iniquity."



The symbol "Babylon" is a reference to the **TOWER OF BABEL** which was claimed to be the "gateway to heaven" but which became a **CONFUSION** of languages.

So too, the Roman Catholic Church is a **GREAT CONFUSION** of doctrines and teachings **NOT FOUND IN THE BIBLE AT ALL !!**

Example : Soul, Hell, Purgatory, Mary worship etc.



Finally we read she is the "Mother of harlots".

Yes ! The Roman Catholic Church is popularly known as -
"The Mother Church".

In India, in Tamil it is known as -
"Thaaisabe" meaning **"Mother Church"**.

Now what is meant by "harlots" ?

"Harlotry" or **"Whoredom"** or **"Prostitution"** is a word symbol for **SPIRITUAL UNFAITHFULNESS** of the so - called "Church of Christ" who instead of waiting for -



...."the Bridegroom" from **HEAVEN (Matthew 25:6)**



.....and the "marriage of the Lamb" (**Rev. 19:7**)

defiled themselves with **ALLIANCE WITH THE STATE** and the world referred to in the scriptures as

"friendship with the world" (James 4:4).



So the Roman Catholic Church from **THIS** viewpoint of the scriptures is called

"The mother of Prostitutes" (NIV).

Yes ! Not only is she a **SPIRITUAL PROSTITUTE** but she has also.....**"Daughter" SPIRITUAL PROSTITUTES !!**

Who are these daughters ?

They must be OTHER CHURCHES similarly involved in church_and - world alliances !

WHO ARE THEY ? Let us see as we read from -

Revelation 13:11

"...I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spake as a dragon".



This is a picture of

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND !

- which broke off from Papal support during the reign of Henry VIII in 1531 to form

→ - THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

which was another **CHURCH - STATE**



Henry VIII

government or empire or "beast".

Let us now look at the meaning of the symbols used
for this **CHURCH** -

 **"two horns"**

This is a reference to **ENGLAND** and **IRELAND** the two
parts of the alliance of this church which was
formed in **1537**.

 **"like a lamb"**

This denotes that this was not as **AGGRESSIVE** and
VIOLENT a kingdom or "beast" as was the Papacy.

 **"spake as a dragon"**

We have already seen in **REVELATION 12th Chapter** that
the **SYMBOL** of "dragon" represents
CIVIL POWERS.

This is a reference to the **FACT** that the **HEAD OF STATE**
or the **MONARCH** of England is



....the SPOKESPERSON (the mouth)
and.....HEAD

of this **CHURCH - STATE** alliance.

Thus it is common to see on Christmas day the Queen of
England speaking forth a message of greetings to the people
of England and Ireland on **BEHALF** of the **EPISCOPAL**
CHURCH !!!



After 1517 and THE REFORMATION came the



... **PROTESTING or
PROTESTANT Churches**

through the reformers
Martin Luther, John
Wesley, Johan Knox,
John Calvin,
Ridley, Zwingli,
etc.,



**Certain scriptural truths were found and
the Roman church was condemned and even identified
.....AS THE ANTICHRIST !**

But time passed on and 2-3 centuries after the
REFORMATION the followers of these reformers gradually
forgot those revealed truths and developed the spirit of the
"Mother" church,



.....**THAT OF SEEKING EARTHLY POWER AND
THE MIXING WITH THE STATE !**

**Yes ! They have since STOPPED PROTESTING for the
TRUTH sake completely !**

And thus we read this PECULIAR PROPHECY in -

Isaiah 4:1

**"And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man saying , We
will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel:"**

only let us be called by thy name....”



What is meant by this scripture ?

IS IT TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY ?

If so, it would seem to point to a time when every man would have **SEVEN WIVES** !!

This is something like the **MUSLIM QURANIC** belief that a time will come when every man will have **NINE WIVES** !!

But we know that this is **NOT** literal language !

IT IS A PROPHECY IN SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE !!

Here “women” is a reference to....**CHURCHES** and in this case



....the “women” in **PLURAL** is a **CONTRAST** to



....the **TRUE CHURCH** which is referred to as a “woman” in **SINGULAR**, referring to the **ONENESS** in the true Church !!

Here the “seven women” refer to the sum **TOTAL** of all the **FALSE CHURCHES** developed during the **SEVEN TIME STAGES** in the Gospel Age period.

(DETAILS OF THESE SEVEN TIME PERIODS WE WILL STUDY IN CLASS # 45)



Yes ! They all..... “**take hold of one man**”

This “**one man**” is **JESUS CHRIST** and all these “women” or **CHURCHES** seek to be called by - “**....thy name...**”

Yes ! They **ALL** seek to be called.....**CHRISTIAN CHURCHES !**

But **NOTE** what they do as we study the symbols in -



“eat our own bread”

Yes ! Their **“bread”** or **DOCTRINES** are **NOT** of Christ or of the Holy Word but are of the world.

They **DO NOT SEEK** to be **OBEDIENT** to the Word of God and to the **TRUTH** but seek **THE DOCTRINES OF TRADITION**

...**FALSE TEACHINGS** taught over many centuries !!!



“our own bread”.



“wear our own apparel”

They care **NOTHING** for the “robe of Christ's righteousness” (**Isaiah 61:10**) but prefer to be clothed with their own righteousness which are described in -

Isaiah 64:6 - **“...and all our righteousness are as filthy rags...”**

WHAT IS THIS “righteousness” ?

It is the **WORKS** of **CHARITY** and **SOCIAL WORK** like the opening of schools, hospitals, orphanages, colleges etc.

Though these by themselves are **“good works”** they surely **DO NOT HAVE** the power to cover or wash away sin.

THEY CAN NEVER MAKE THE SINNER RIGHTEOUS !

These churches **DON'T REALIZE THAT** a Christian's **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is the **“blood of Christ” ALONE** and....needs **no FURTHER WORKS.**

Yes ! They insist on wearing - "their own apparel."

Thus these "women" are a picture of these FALSE PROTESTANT CHURCHES and the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH !!

Now NOTE the picture of THE TRUE CHURCH as we read from -

Revelation 14:4

"These are they which were NOT defiled with women; for they are virgins,....."

Yes ! Remember we studied THIS verse in class # 18 and realised that it was NOT LITERAL language BUT SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE.

Today we shall see ITS REAL MEANING !

The "these" here refers to the members of the TRUE church of 144,000 !!

Now let us see the SIGNIFICANCE of the symbols used -



"not defiled with women"

This represents that on learning the truth these members do not FURTHER ASSOCIATE themselves with these

"women"

....the FALSE CHURCHES and their FALSE DOCTRINES !!!



"they are virgins"

This is a reference to the PURITY IN THE DOCTRINE and spirit of Christ.



.....the **LOVE** and **BELIEF** and **OBEDIENCE** to the
TRUTH !!

We see yet another picture of **THE TRUE CHURCH** in -
Revelation 20:4

“ and I saw the souls that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands.”

What is this “mark” that is mentioned over here ?



It is a “mark” of **IDENTIFICATION !**

It speaks of how the **TRUE** church members will **NOT** have these “marks” **OF IDENTIFICATION** of these systems called -



“the beast”



and....**“image of the beast”**.

Now the “beast” we know is the **SYMBOLIC** reference to the **PAPACY SYSTEM** and its **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**.

What then is meant by “the image of the beast” ?

We will see the **MEANING**, but before that let us see where **THE “marks”** are put upon and it's significance -



“...upon their foreheads....”

This is a **SYMBOLIC** reference to the **INTELLECT** and the **ACCEPTANCE** or **BELIEF** of the **TEACHINGS** and **DOCTRINES**.



“...or in their hands...”

This is a **SYMBOLIC** reference to **GIVING** and in this case **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** and **CONTRIBUTIONS** towards these systems.

It is **VERY** necessary **TO SUSTAIN THE SYSTEMS.**

THE TRUE CHURCH MEMBERS ON LEARNING THE TRUTH IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW THEIR SUPPORT IN BOTH BELIEFS AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Now what is meant by..... -“the image of the beast”.

Let us read now from -

Revelation 13:15

“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

The “beast” as we all know is the reference to the **PAPACY** system and its **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**



Then what is - “the image” ?

This represents the **EFFORTS** of the Protestant Churches to**BECOME LIKE THE PAPACY SYSTEM** in **ONENESS and POWER**



A WORLDWIDE SINGLE BODY !!



This “effort” for **UNION** has begun a long time back and has gone through **THREE stages** so far -



The **EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE** OF 1846 which brought into existence the **FEDERATION OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES**.



Then came the **WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES** (W.C.C.) in 1948.



Now finally we have today what is called the **ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT** which is seeking to bring a full **UNION OF ALL PROTESTANT CHURCHES**.

Now we read that this image is to receive "power" from the "two horned beast"

Yes ! The EPISCOPAL CHURCH of England will EMPOWER this ALLIANCE ?



What is meant by the "power" ?

This "power" is the means by which the church gains the **RECOGNITION** of being from the **ORIGINAL** church of Christ



.....right from the days of the apostles !!

Only **TWO** churches **CLAIM** that "power" !



the **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** and.....**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND** !

It is called APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION.

These two churches claim their ROOTS from the days of the apostles and.....**APOSTLE PETER** particularly !

Thus when blessings are conferred they call it
APOSTOLIC BLESSINGS !!

Now this **UNION** of all protestant churches needs this

“APOSTOLIC APPROVAL”

to be **RECOGNIZED** and **HONORED (RESPECTED)**

and prophecy here tells us it will come from the **EPISCOPAL
 CHURCH OF ENGLAND !**



Thus **FINALLY** the “daughters” will be in **ALLIANCE**
 with the “mother” as we read in -

Revelation 17:11-13

**“And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the
 seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest
 are ten kings , which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive
 power as kings one hour with the beast.**

Yes ! This prophetic scripture has great **MEANING** to
 us today.

**In fact a PORTION of it....IS ALREADY FULFILLED and
another PORTION awaits fulfillment !**


Let us now see the symbolic meanings -



**“the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth,
 and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.”**

This is a reference to the **ANTICHRIST PAPACY SYSTEM**
 who was **“of the seven”** referring to being one of the **SEVEN
 HEADS** of the **OLD ROMAN EMPIRE.**

It will be the "eighth".....meaning it will have

 a **RENEWED LEASE OF POWER** and **AUTHORITY** for a time but a **DIFFERENT** and **DISTINCT** power than which it enjoyed during the period of 539-1799.

- "the one thousand two hundred and sixty days."

 **HOW WILL THIS POWER BE ACQUIRED ?**

We read the answer in -

 **"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings which have received no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind...."**

Here the "ten horns" are none other than the "ten horns" which were upon **THE DRAGON** of the 12th chapter of **Revelation** which referred to the "ten divisions" of the Roman Empire.

These "ten horns" today are
THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE !!

These already have come into "one mind" which is

 **THE EU or THE EUROPEAN UNION.**

All borders have been broken down and now even the currencies have been unified to be one

...."the Euro". 

Indeed ! This prophecy is **HALF FULFILLED** and awaits



FULL FULFILLMENT very, very shortly!

Let us read the remaining portion of the prophecy -



"and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."


This is the portion that awaits fulfillment shortly when the "ten horns" or **THE EUROPEAN UNION** will offer **ITS FULL SUPPORT** to the Papacy system and its Roman Catholic church.

The steps towards this has already begun as you can see by this matter from **THE VATICAN** official newspaper called

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ANGELUS AT CASTEL GANDOLFO: SUNDAY, 20 JULY

Build a new Europe: renew her Christian roots

On Sunday, 20 July, the Holy Father led the recitation of the Angelus with the pilgrims who had gathered in the courtyard of his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo. The Pope introduced the Marian prayer with a Reflection on the importance of recalling Europe's Christian roots. In this period prior to the signing of the European Constitution in October, the Holy Father said, "The Church is also prompted to make her own contribution to this important task which involves all the members of European society". He pointed out that Christianity is a central and defining element, "established on the firm foundation of the classical heritage and the multiple contributions offered by the various ethnic and cultural streams which have succeeded one another down the centuries". Finally, the Holy Father recalled that 20 July is also the 100th anniversary of the death of Pope Leo XIII, "the Pope of Rerum Novarum", who published 10 Encyclicals on the Rosary and gave a renewed impetus to the study of St Thomas Aquinas. The following is a translation of the Pope's Reflection, which was given in Italian.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
1. In recent months intense work has



European culture universal. This heritage cannot be squandered. On the contrary, the new Europe should be helped "to build herself by revitalizing her original Christian roots" (cf. *ibid.*, n. 25).

May Europe become 'transparently open to the Gospel'

3. Mary, Mother of Hope, watch over the Church in Europe so that it may be more and more "transparently open to the Gospel" (*ibid.*, n. 125) and an authentic place for the growth of communion and unity, so that the full brightness of the face of Christ may shine out for the peace and joy of every inhabitant of the European Continent.

After praying the Angelus, the Holy Father said:

Today is the centenary of the death of Pope Leo XIII, Vincenzo Gioacchino Pecci. Remembered above all as the Pope of *Rerum Novarum*, the Encyclical that marked the beginning of the modern social teaching of the Church, he developed a broad and articulate Magisterium; in particular, he reintroduced Thomistic studies and encouraged a deeper spiritual life in the Christian people. In this Year of the Rosary, it cannot be forgotten that Leo XIII dedicated 10 Encyclicals to the Rosary. To

Thus the **STAGE** will be set for the **FINAL CONFLICT**
which we read about in -

Revelation 17:14 / 19:19

“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them;and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

“And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse , and against his army.”

Yes ! This is the **PROPHETIC PICTURE** of the final conflict and battle with the **ANTICHRIST** - “the beast” - the **PAPACY** system and -

“the kings of the earth”



the support of **THE POLITICAL POWERS.**

“and their armies”



The **SUPPORTERS AMONG MANKIND** of the **PAPACY** system and this **ALLIANCE.**

Now this **ALLIANCE** is further described in -

Revelation 16:13,14

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”

Here this alliance is between **THREE PARTIES** as described by three symbols !

The three symbols represent -



“beast”

the **PAPACY** system and its **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

 **“dragon”**

the **CIVIL POWERS** of the earth and perhaps referring to **ORGANIZATIONS** of Civil power such as

**THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION (UNO)**
and **THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)**

 **“The false prophet”**

This is the symbol God has given to the **PROTESTANT CHURCHES FEDERATION** who claim to be **PROPHETS** of God's Word through **meetings** and now **television** but are **actually** teachers of **FALSE DOCTRINES**

 Yes !**“the False Prophet”**.

Ah ! Yes ! The **ALLIANCE** of these **THREE** will seek to **DOMINATE** the world !!

**AND TO FIGHT AGAINST THE LAMB !!**

There will be a **UNION** or **ALLIANCE** so to speak of these **THREE** against

 **“the rider on the white horse and against his army”**
(Revelation 19:19)

The **“white horse”** here symbolises the **ONE PURE TRUTH** of **GOD'S WORD** and the **“rider”** is **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** who is

the **“LIVING WORD”** !



How can HUMAN power fight an INVISIBLE Jesus?

Ah ! It will be when they **OPPOSE** the **TRUE CHURCH MEMBERS** who represent the "**BODY MEMBERS**" of the Lamb !!

Yes ! There is to be a **FINAL CONFLICT** between the **LAST MEMBERS** of the **CHURCH** in the flesh and the **ANTICHRIST** system -

SIMILAR TO Jesus final conflict with the **JEWISH RELIGIOUS SYSTEM** of His day !

There are **many deeper details** here which **WE WILL NOT** be going into for the moment.

But let us look at the final **CLIMAX** in -

II Thessalonians 2:8

"And then shalt that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming."

Yes ! Here the reference is that



the "**Wicked**"

or **THE ANTICHRIST SYSTEM** will be "revealed"



...that is, the "mystery of iniquity" will be **OPENED** and made **PLAIN**.

This will be accomplished through the "**spirit**" of the Lord's mouth which **REFERS** to a **TESTIMONY** and **CONFESSION** made through the mouths of the last "**body members**" which causes the **IDENTIFICATION** and the **EXPOSURE** of the

TRUE NATURE of this ANTICHRIST SYSTEM.

The deeper details of these matters we will not get into at the moment !

But this will lead to the **END** and the **FINAL DESTRUCTION** of this **ANTICHRIST** system.

This we read about in prophecy in -

Revelation 17:16

“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast these shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.”

Yes ! This is a picture of **A REVERSAL** of the **SUPPORT** that the **PAPAL SYSTEM** received from the “ten horns”.

It will cause **A BREAKDOWN OF THE POWER AND AUTHORITY** shared by the **PAPACY** system and the **CIVIL POWERS** as we read in -

Revelation 16:19 - **“and the great city was divided into three parts...”**



Yes ! The “great city” represents the **ALLIANCE** of the “beast”, the “dragon” and the “false prophet”.

This **UNION** will **THEN** fully breakdown.

And then what do we read in the symbols ?

Let us see -



“.....shall make her desolate and naked.”

This represents the **STRIPPING OF THE POWER** and **AUTHORITY** previously given, by means of the support.

These **CIVIL POWERS** will then **DISTANCE** themselves and **SEPARATE** themselves from the **ANTICHRIST SYSTEM** when they learn her **TRUE IDENTITY** to be

 "a whore".

And further we read -

 "...and shall eat her flesh..."

This represents the **CONSUMING** and **DESTRUCTION** of the entire **BODY** of the system.

 ".....and burn her with fire."

This represents the **JUDGEMENTS** - the **RETRIBUTIVE JUDGEMENTS** and the "wrath" of God which will utterly destroy this system.

These **JUDGEMENTS** are described in -

Revelation 14:10

"the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."

A picture of the **MENTAL TORMENT** to be experienced by all **THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS** of those systems when they behold the **JUDGEMENTS** ("fire") and the **FINAL DESTRUCTION** ("brimstone") of the very **SYSTEMS** they thought were of God.....and that they were so **FAITHFUL** members of !!

And again we read in -

Revelation 18:21

“And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”

Yes ! A FINAL DESTRUCTIVE END TO THE ANTICHRIST SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS !

And THE FINAL DESTRUCTIVE END is further described in -

Revelation 19:20

“And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

Let us see the symbolic picture now -

 **“the beast”**

This represents the Roman Catholic RELIGIO-POLITICAL (Church + State) PAPAL SYSTEM.

 **“the false prophet”**

This is another symbol for the UNION of the various sects of PROTESTANTISM

- FALSE TEACHERS OF GOD'S WORD !!

This we read of in the scriptures too in -

Jeremiah 14:14

“then the Lord said unto me, the prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing

of nought ,and the deceit of their heart.”

Jeremiah 23:16 – 18

“thus saith the Lord of hosts, hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. They say still unto them that despise me. The Lord hath said, ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, no evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word ? Who hath marked his word, and heard it?”



“cast alive”

This represents THEIR CONDITION at the time of being DESTROYED, to be fully ACTIVE SYSTEMS IN GREAT POWER !



“a lake of fire”

This symbolizes COMPLETE AND ETERNAL DESTRUCTION through the JUDGEMENTS OF GOD !

Yes ! Thus the ANTICHRIST SYSTEM will be completely DESTROYED FOREVER !

Yes ! This UTTER DESTRUCTION of these ANTICHRIST SYSTEMS of BABYLON



- the “mother and the daughters”

WILL CAUSE A GREAT EFFECT upon the nations which will then lead to the great time of trouble's CLIMAX and.....the END OF THE SECOND WORLD.

We read of this in -
Jeremiah 50:46

“At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.”

**DID YOU SEE THAT !?
IS N'T THIS SO VERY CLEAR.....!?!**

Yes ! Thus this **ANTICHRIST SYSTEM** of **SYSTEMS**
we have studied today -

 ...**poses** as A **SYSTEM OF CHRIST**.

 ...**claims to be** “His Kingdom on earth” **BEFORE** the second coming (Matthew 25:31).

 **Is full of FALSE DOCTRINES AND ERRORS**.

 ... **causes** **DESTRUCTION** to God's **TRUTH** and **HIS SERVANTS**. (Revelation 17:6).

 **is a CREATION OF SATAN**, and has deluded the churches and kept them in **COMPLETE DARKNESS !!**

Indeed it is - “The MYSTERY OF INIQUITY”.

 Today the **PROTESTANTS** call the Roman Catholics **ANTICHRIST !!**

and **ROMAN CATHOLICS** call the Protestants **ANTICHRIST !!**

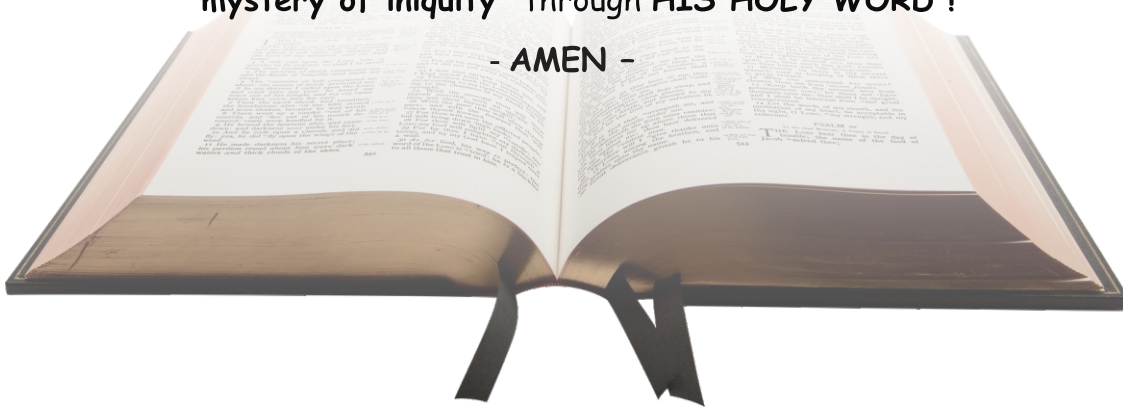
**IN THIS MATTER BOTH ARE ACTUALLY
RIGHT AND ARE SPEAKING THE TRUTH !!.**

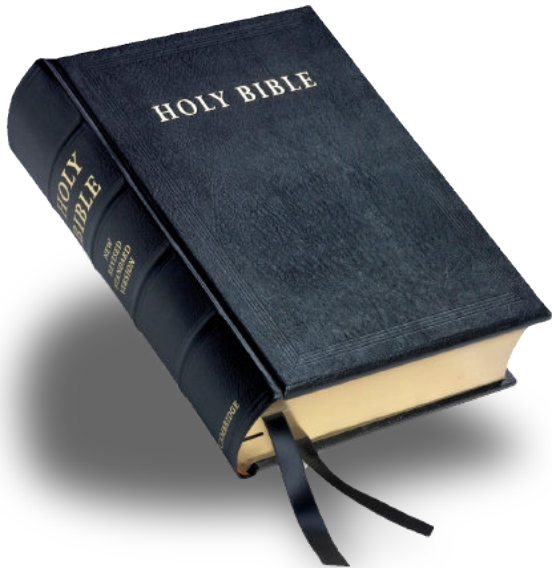
**BOTH ARE.....MEMBERS OF THE TWO PARTS OF THE
ONE GREAT ANTICHRIST SYSTEM
.....WRITTEN ABOUT IN THE BIBLE !**

Yes ! We thank the **LORD** for this great **TRUTH** we have
received today and having our "**EYES OF UNDERSTANDING**
opened to a **CLEAR UNDERSTANDING** of this -

"mystery of iniquity" through **HIS HOLY WORD !**

- AMEN -





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