

# Outline of Papal Reign

## Revelation 13

### The Beast from the Sea

Then [a] I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having [b] seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup> Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

<sup>3</sup> I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded,

and his deadly wound was healed;

And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

## Historical Application

### Dark Ages

(1260 Years)

#### Rise of the Papacy

Description of Church/State Power of Rome – [GC 54 – “In the sixth century the papacy had become firmly established. Its seat of power was fixed in the imperial city and the bishop of Rome was declared to be the head over the entire church. Paganism had given place to the papacy {Rev 13:2b quoted}

#### Deadly Wound = 1798

{Pope taken into Captivity under Napoleon/France). Political power was cut off in 1798, but the church still had ecclesiastical authority.

[Further demise of the papacy during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century occurred in 1870, when Italian troops entered Rome Sept. 20, and what was left of Papal States was annexed to the

#### Wound Healed in stages

- 1929 – Healing of the wound was already occurring. Mussolini’s concordat known as the “Lateran Treaty” compensated the papacy due to the loss of temporal power.

## Contemporary Application

### Last Days

(1260 Days)

Description of Church/State Power again coming to power

-also known as:

- Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots (Rev 17:5)
- The Little Horn (Dan 7:8)
- The Mystery of Iniquity / That Wicked one (2 Thes 2:7,8)
- Son of Perdition (2 Thes 2:3)

#### Resurrection/Resurgence

of the Papacy after 1798

(much of which occurred in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, but it has been in progressive stages up to today)

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<sup>4</sup> So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

<sup>5</sup> And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to **l**continue for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

<sup>7</sup> It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every **l**tribe, tongue, and nation.

<sup>8</sup> All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the **Lamb slain** from the foundation of the world.

See GC 54-60 – Commenting on Rev 13:5-7: "Now began the 1260 years of papal oppression foretold in the prophecies of Dan & Rev..."

How successful the arch enemy of God has been since his deceptions in heaven, where he drew a third of the angels to distrust their Creator. During the dark ages Satan worked through the Roman element to "speak great things and blasphemies" against the Most High.

No greater form of deception could be concocted by the devil, but to create a religious system, with the pretentious attributes of God, but in actuality exhibiting the spirit of Satan in words and actions. Hence, "blasphemy against God" — "His name, His tabernacle and those that dwell in heaven."

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This is a remarkable statement for it clearly shows that in worshipping the beast you are worshipping and giving homage to the dragon. Applying the interpretation would mean that in worshipping the papal power you are giving your homage and worship to Satan himself. This will certainly become a world-wide reality, universally after the 'wound is healed' completely.

Daniel 7:21 confirms this passage (Rev 13:7) as happening in the last days, 'making war with the saints' especially since it is right before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (7:22)

This is under the International Sunday Law, which will lead to the death decree typified in Daniel 3, golden image worship.

{All the 'dwellers of earth will worship him' whose names are not written in the Book of Life.}