The Sea Beast

As we look at these verses in the second part of the first half of Rev 13, we will be looking at them in conjunction with the "Outline of Papal Reign" Table. The Lord will give us wisdom on these matters, for truth is ever unfolding for the people of God.

Below we will find snippets of the majority of SOP statements on these verses.

Revelation 13

- Vs. 5:
- GC 306 1260 years of papal persecution. Christ promised tribulation should be shortened before end of this period.
- GC 356 The 'man of sin, son of perdition', "mystery of iniquity."
 Prophecy foretold was to maintain its supremacy for 1260 yrs.
- GC 439 Time period of papal oppression on God's people –42 months, time, times & dividing of times, 3 years and a half (Dan 7), 1260 days [She also quotes vs.9 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity."
- GC 266-67 This period of 42 months, 1260 days are the same when Church of Christ suffered oppression from Rome.

Vs. 6 & 7:

- GC 54-55 When the papacy came to power in the 6th Century...

 Christians were forced to choose either to yield their integrity and accept the papal ceremonies and worship, or to wear away their lives in dungeons or suffer death by the rack, the fagot, or the headsman's ax.
- GC 571 The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world...

 The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that loaded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High.

Vs. 8:

EW 36-37 - [Rome] will indirectly be behind the death decree to slay the saints during the time of trouble, when the plagues are poured out which enraged the wicked against the righteous.]

7BC 960.7 - This statement is taken to show those whose names are written in the Book of Life. But note the last line, which reveals those whose names a not written in the book of life.

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Christ says of the overcomer, "I will not blot out his name out of the book of life." The names of all those who have once given themselves to God are written in the book of life, and their characters are now passing in review before Him. Angels of God are weighing moral worth. They are watching the development of character in those now living, to see if their names can be retained in the book of life. A probation is granted us in which to wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Who is doing this work? Who is separating from himself sin and selfishness? {HS 138)

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7BC 987 - When we become children of God, our names are written in the Lamb's book of life, and they remain there until the time of the investigative judgment. Then the name of every individual will be called, and his record examined, by Him who declares, "I know thy works." If in that day it shall appear that all our wicked deed have not been fully repented of, our names will be blotted from the book of life, and our sins will stand against us.

There were several more SOP statements commenting on verse 8, that I'll list, but we will not go over. {You can look at these statements on your own}. GC 579, AA 229, 1 BC 1111 (SD 226), 7BC 932, and PP 63-64.

We will discuss all the statements written out above in our meeting Monday evening. We will also look at verse 9 and 10 briefly, before we close out Part I.

The Lord is gracious in giving His people over 100 years to grasp this material and be watchful as these events unfold. We are seeing it happen in this last generation. Thank you, Lord for your mercies to us.

End of Part I