

THE SEVEN HEADS OF THE DRAGON

In Revelation 12, the dragon is shown to have seven heads with seven crowns and ten horns. It also identifies the dragon as Satan, and as Rome.

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:

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

The twelve stars are interpreted in Genesis 37, where Joseph's dreams employ the exact same elements of the Sun, Moon and Twelve Stars;

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

The twelve stars that were present about the woman when she was about to be delivered were the twelve tribes of Israel. This was the heritage of the woman in the days of her child.

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.

4a. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:

One third of the angels of heaven were deceived by Satan. These were also cast out with the dragon to the earth, after the cross of Christ.

4b. and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Matthew identifies this same account:

Matthew 2

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
- 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
- 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
- 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.
- 7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.
- 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.
9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
- 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.
- 11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.
- 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.
13. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.
- 14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
- 15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.
16. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the

coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Thus the Bible identifies the dragon as Satan, and as Rome.

There are many parallels that are seen between the portrayal of the dragon, and the beast. These parallels also serve to help identify the dragon's heads and horns.

From all the commentary I have seen written regarding the seven heads, I find a common error among them; They do not differentiate between the passages of the prophecy regarding the dragon, and the passages of the prophecy regarding the beast, and by intermingling these elements of prophecy, they always produce error.

Beware also of the "wisdom" of men who make up their own rules of interpretation, and tell you that all the heads and horns of the beast and the dragon in Rev 12, 13, and 17 are all the same. The Bible does give its own direction to its study, and is simple enough for children to understand;

2Timothy 3: 15 And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The 7 heads and 10 horns of the dragon, are not the same 7 heads and 10 horns as those that are on the beast.

Alexander's kingdom was divided among his four generals - - - Cassandra, Lysemachus, Ptolemy and Seleucid. These four heads of the Grecian beast are also Grecian. Thus it sets forth a very clear principle of interpretation that the heads of a beast, are of a like nature to the beast which they are on. Therefore, the seven heads of the "Papal beast" are also "Papal."

By identifying correctly the identity of the dragon's seven heads, it is easier to understand the identity of the beast's heads.

"The line of prophecy in which these symbols are found begins with Revelation 12, with the dragon that sought to destroy Christ at His birth. The dragon is said to be Satan (Revelation 12:9); he it was that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to

death. But the chief agent of Satan in making war upon Christ and His people during the first centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the prevailing religion. Thus while the dragon, primarily, represents Satan, it is, in a secondary sense, a symbol of pagan Rome." GREAT CONTROVERSY p. 438

"It was Satan that moved upon Herod to put the Saviour to death. But the chief agent of the archrebel in making war upon Christ and His people during the early centuries of the Christian Era was the Roman Empire, in which paganism was the dominant religion. Thus, while the dragon primarily represents Satan, it is in a secondary sense representative of pagan Rome." Page 557 Uriah Smith, in his Book; Daniel and Revelation.

The dragon - beast transition differs from being a representation of Satan's control as it was through the dragon's heads, but a new investiture in a beast that rounds up all the kingdoms of the earth and puts them under this new beast's control; the "kings of the earth" commit fornication with this beast. Thus the dragon persecutes the woman who is represented by Christ's people, apart from the communion of the papal beast. The ten horns of Rome are subjected to the rule of the papacy.

There is an equation in Revelation 12, that Satan is the dragon, and the dragon is equated to Rome. In Daniel's prophecy, the terrible beast, and seventh head since ancient Babylon, had ten horns. And another "little" horn arose among the ten, uprooting three other horns. This "little" eleventh horn of the dragon's seventh head, is the beast of Revelation 13. The eleventh horn emanating from the dragon's seventh head, is the beast. And this beast is seen coming up from the sea, also with seven heads and ten horns. The account of the dragon continues into Revelation 13, where the dragon gives great power and his seat to the beast. Rome, is also portrayed, as having ten horns. It was three of these ten horns of Rome that the dragon gave up to accomplish the transferring of his seat and power to the beast. The Roman empire is the dragon, and therefore, Rome's ten horns are the dragon's ten horns.

Daniel 7 depicts the same transfer of power from the dragon to the beast in the outline of the little horn, being papal, arising from Rome, the terrible beast, and plucking three other horns out of their place.

Thus in Daniel 7, there are four beasts, bearing seven heads, and ten horns. Since the

dragon has been directly equated with Rome, and the dragon is also said to have seven heads and ten horns, that during the time the dragon is represented through Rome, it shows that the head of Rome, is the seventh head and is a subset of the others.

“The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message:

‘Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown:... exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’ Ezekiel 21: 26, 27.

The crown removed from Israel passed successively to the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. God says, ‘It shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him.’ Edu 179

Ezekiel 21: 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

25 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

26 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

The dragon's seven heads are said to have seven crowns. These are the crowns of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia and Rome. Seven crowns, seven heads, and the last head of Rome bearing ten horns, of which three of these; the Ostrogoths, Vandals and Heruli, were uprooted, to give the papal beast its power and its seat. These are the seven heads and ten horns of the dragon.

In the latest commentary by Ranko Stefanovic; “The Revelation of Jesus Christ,” published by Andrews University in 2002 reads;

“However, as William G. Johnsson states, the seven heads of the dragon represent

`the kingdoms through which Satan has worked to oppress God's people throughout the ages.' "

"It is significant that the beasts of Daniel 7 have together seven heads and ten horns in total." THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST Ranko Stefanovic 2002 p. 404

"However, while the dragon had the seven crowns on his heads, the beast has ten crowns on his horns. We saw earlier that the seven crowns on the dragon's heads denote Satan's false claim of full authority and power over the world." THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST Ranko Stefanovic 2002 p. 405

If Babylon was a head, and Medo-Persia was a head, and Grecia has four of them and Rome was the terrible beast that had one head and ten horns, then you have the recipe for the prophecy that identifies the dragon as having these seven heads and ten horns. Indeed, it was Rome that broke into ten parts which are represented as horns, and of which the Dragon gave up three horns to give its power and a seat to the beast. (Another dragon-beast parallel is also shown; The dragon's head Medo-Persia is depicted with three ribs in its mouth, having uprooted three kingdoms and the beast had uprooted three of the dragon's ten horns.)

This is the Biblical explanation of the heads and horns of the dragon, as it is evidenced within Revelation 12 and 13, which cover the same prophetic details written in Daniel.

Both chapters reference Rome. Israel was free, until it was taken captive by Babylon. It was then transferred to Medo-Persia, then to Grecia, and finally to Rome. All of these kingdoms have held the Jews captive.

When the papal beast came, power was then transferred from the political agents of Satan, to the religious institution of the papacy.

To say the crown passed means simply that these world powers that persecuted the people of God, were allowed by God to rule. Only one ruling kingdom on the earth at any time. There were 7 crowns thus it is said; The "crown" passed.

If you align the imagery of Daniel and Revelation placing the little horn with the

leopard-like beast, the chronology will show that the papal horn is one of a subset, placed on par with the ten horns of the beast of Rome, and uprooting three of them.

“Chapter 12

3-6, 13-17 (ch. 13:1, 2, 11). God's People in the Minority.-- Under the symbols of a great red dragon, a leopard-like beast, and a beast with lamblike horns, the earthly governments which would especially engage in trampling upon God's law and persecuting His people, were presented to John. The war is carried on till the close of time." Vol 7 SDA BIBLE COMMENTARY p. 972

“It was the same Herodian spirit, only in another personality, as `the dragon' of Revelation 12: 17 is the same as the dragon of verse 3, the real inspiring power in each being the dragon of verse 9. In the one case he works through pagan Rome; in the other through our own government." (Notes from the EGW Estate in Early Writings p. 186)

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.

Revelation 12: 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12: 17 And the dragon was wroth 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.

Satan the dragon is from Eden Rev 12: 9 "that old serpent" and is also who claims the kingdoms of this earth that Christ had said these are not of His kingdom. Satan is represented as the dragon in John's prophecy, and in John's time, Rome was the dragon's last head. John did not write any explanation of the dragon's seven heads. He wrote from his time, and his prophecy is not a rehash of history, and since the dragon's six previous heads were already history, John only writes from Rome the seventh head of the dragon. From there, we follow the action of the dragon's ten horns. First, to continue the persecution of the people of God, and then after the eleventh horn arose, he invested the beast with his power. The beast is not one of the dragon's heads, it is

one of the dragon's horns. As much as pagan Rome was in the power of Satan, so also is the beast;

"Paganism had given place to the Papacy. The dragon had given to the beast `his power, and his seat, and great authority.' Rev. 13:2." GREAT CONTROVERSY p. 54

"As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God...." Maranatha p. 32

"Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints--with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ." TM p. 38

These also represent the ten horns of the dragon that are seen making war on the remnant of the seed of the woman.

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

Rome held dominion for a few hundred years after Christ's death, and the early Christians were persecuted by the horns of the dragon which still held power.

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.

The face of the serpent is upon his head, which was Rome. When Rome ended, the dragon's face is no longer seen.

During the time of the Apostles, the Gospel had been spread over the world, into the far remote corners, beyond the reach of the dragon or the beast. At the time when the dragon imbued the beast with power to persecute the saints, the bearers of the Gospel freely exercised their faith away from persecution. During the time from 538 to 1798, the beast dominated over the kings of the earth.

15 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.

16 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.

17 And the dragon was wroth 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.

The dragon is cast to the earth after his place is no longer found in heaven. His role in the death of Christ on the cross, sealed his fate, and his presence was cast out from heaven. His head was wounded, and Rome was doomed to fall. Genesis 3: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Here is another parallel to the beast; The dragon while Rome was its head, it received the head wound. Later, the beast would suffer a wounded head in 1798.)

The ending of the power of the Roman government in 476 A.D. corresponds to the end of the time of the dragon's heads. Then the time of the ten horns of the dragon begins. These would remain until the end of the world at the second coming, as many nations that are some strong and some weak, never able to be mixed into one. Three of these ten horns were plucked up as the dragon gave his seat and great power to the beast. Hence the dragon employs the newly formed beast to persecute the woman. For 1,260 years, the people of God endured suffering for the Gospel's sake.

The means that the dragon sought to persecute the woman, is through the beast, because his face is hidden from the woman during this 1,260 years.

The Differences Between the Seven Heads and Ten Horns of the Dragon and the Beast

The dragon is spoken of during the time before the earth began, and is seen to extend to the remnant of God's people. The beast begins shortly after the dragon was cast down to the earth, and later receives power from the dragon in 538 A.D., and also continues to the end.

The dragon has seven heads that have seven crowns upon them. The beast's heads do not have crowns upon them. The seven heads of the beast did not rule over the earth as did the heads of the dragon.

The dragon's ten horns do not have ten crowns upon them, but the ten horns of the beast do have ten crowns upon them. These receive power for one hour with the beast when they receive their ten kingdoms at the end.

The beast's seven heads have in them many names of blasphemy. There is no blasphemy written upon the dragon's seven heads.

The dragon has after the ten horns, a little horn that arises after them and destroys three of the ten horns. This little horn is also the seven headed and ten horned beast of Revelation 13. There is no eleventh horn on the beast.

The beast has after its seven heads, another eighth head that follows after the seven. The dragon does not have an eighth head.

Thus by the distinctions that are made in the differing characteristics of the seven heads of the beast, and the seven heads of the dragon, it shows that the seven heads of the beast are not the same as the seven heads of the dragon.

A "student of the Word," was the first to direct my attention to the fact that there were seven heads and ten horns presented in Daniel 7. These are Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, (4 heads; Ptolemy, Lysemachus, Cassandra, and Seleucid), and Rome, along with its ten horns. It suddenly became clear to me that the papal beast's seven heads were the seven names of popes since 1798, and it was the dragon's seven heads and ten horns that were presented in Daniel 7.

This has been the key to the whole problem in the interpretation of the seven heads of the beast, because everyone, regardless of their interpretation, have been mixing together all the references to the seven heads of the beast and the dragon. It became clear that the references in Revelation 12 and 13, have better delineated the distinction between these prophecies. The dragon's seven heads are the same as presented in Daniel 7, and the beast's seven heads are the seven papal names from 1798.

Chapter 1
Behold, I have told you before.
Matthew 24: 25

I have been studying the 13th and 17th chapters of Revelation, and have some very important news for all. Many theologians have gone before and have tried to solve the meaning of the prophecies given in these chapters, and much of what they have to say is correct, while at the same time, there are passages which still elude them. But as the time comes nearer to the end, these elusive truths must come to light. Otherwise, if we go through the time of the end, and have not gained the truths that are intended for the end, then it will have all been written in vain.

This research uses the exact data derived directly from the Vatican's own Lateran record of popes, as was dedicated to John Paul II when he took the office of the Papal Chair. It is demonstrated here, that it forms an exact match with the prophecies written in the Bible. Albeit, the very spoken word of God which openly speaks of the mark of its identity; the number 666, may be the only source from God's word that makes this identity provable.

The seven headed beast of Revelation chapter 13 and in chapter 17, is the papacy, I introduce additional confirming evidence, that the world has not yet seen. So compelling is this evidence, that once you are able to grasp the significance, and understand it all, you will be amazed that it fits so perfectly and has been there all along, yet it is only in these last few years, that it has been first introduced. No one before this time (1997) has ever seen this evidence, though it has been present with us all for the last 19 - 26 years.

The Number Count of the 666 Beast

The beast is the papacy, and the number 666 is the number of this beast. This number is derived from the beast. Or I could say; This number is derived from the papacy. I ask; Where upon the papacy are there numbers found, which can be counted?

The interpretation in Daniel 7, of the leopard beast that has four heads. Alexander the Great ushered in the Grecian empire. A rapid conquest that is shown by a fast beast with four wings. When Alexander died, the kingdom was divided among his generals.

Ultimately Grecia was divided into four parts. These four are Lysemachus, Ptolemy, Seleucid, and Cassandra. The four heads of the Grecian beast are the four Grecian divisions. It is shown as a Grecian beast with Grecian heads. Therefore, if the beast that has seven heads is the papacy, then the seven heads must also be papal.

The beast has seven heads, therefore, for the papacy to be the identity of this beast, the papacy must show seven heads. Who is the head of the papacy today? Wouldn't that be John Paul II? I think it is the most straightforward interpretation of this symbol; to conclude that the popes are the heads of the Catholic Church, and these are the heads of the beast.

A theologian writes thus; "Since the word "mountains" is obviously symbolic in (Rev) 17: 9, proper principles of interpretation would require that we look for the scriptural usage of the term `mountain' in cases where the term is employed as a symbol. When we do so, we never find `mountain' used to symbolize an individual monarch or ruler." Symposium on Revelation, book 2 pg. 186

A single person cannot be a mountain. A mountain is a head that is comprised of two or more kings.

Applying the seven heads as seven mountains to the papacy and the popes, works like this; There are seven different names that have been used by the popes since 1798. Each different name comprises one of the seven heads and are also mountains. All the popes that use the same name are a mountain. John Paul I was not a mountain, nor was he a part of a mountain, until John Paul II arrived, then the head name John Paul becomes a mountain. A mountain then is the line of popes that all bear the same name, differentiated by a number. Pope 1, Pope 2, Pope 3, etc. It is these numbers that are derived from the popes themselves, that are used in the counting of the number of the beast. There is no dispute regarding the conversion of letters into numbers, because these are already numbers ready to be counted.

The beast is comprised of seven heads, which are seven mountains, and are the last seven kings that precedes the eighth which is destroyed at the end.

We then must identify the seven heads, and then count up all the numbers of these seven head/mountains, then we have the total for the beast.

The chapter that defines the outline of how these seven heads appear, is written in Revelation 17: 8-11. This outline must be able to be aligned with the seven heads of the papacy, if the papacy is the identity of the beast.

Chapter 17 of Revelation has been also noted by several theologians, that it portrays the papacy after 1798. Having this clue, we examine the papal record from 1798 to the present;

1. Pius VI (1775-99)
1. Pius VII (1800-23)
2. Leo XII (1823-29)
1. Pius VIII (1829-30)
3. Gregory XVI (1831-46)
1. Pius IX (1846-78)
2. Leo XIII (1878-1903)
1. Pius X (1903-14)
4. Benedict XV (1914-22)
1. Pius XI (1922-39)
1. Pius XII (1939-58)
5. John XXIII (1958-63)
6. Paul VI (1963-78)
7. John Paul I (Aug-Sep1978)
7. John Paul II (1978-2003+)

It becomes obvious that there are only seven different names, and all are mountains, that is; having several popes that are using these same seven names. Pius appears six times, easily seen as a mountain. In order that Gregory and John and Paul are to be mountains, requires that the entire time of the beast is considered. There, the total papal record displays them all as mountains. It is precisely that verse (Rev. 17: 9) which introduces the symbol of a mountain, that is linked to the verse (Rev. 13: 18) which gives us the number 666. The numbers of these mountains are what is counted.

Compiling all the numbers of all these seven papal names will produce the count of the beast, up to the current point in time. As of John Paul II, from 1978 to 2003, the cumulative total of all the numbers of these seven mountains is now 665.

Mountain.....	Legitimate.....	Adds to the count
Pius	12.....	78
Leo.....	13.....	91
Gregory.....	16.....	136
Benedict.....	14.....	105
John.....	21.....	231
Paul.....	6.....	21
John Paul.....	2.....	3
7 heads.....		665
8th head.....	+ 1.....	666

Anyone capable of performing accurate math calculations, can confirm from the papal record, that this count is correct. The facts hold up against all scrutiny.

Since John Paul is the seventh head, and seventh mountain, and the count has been taken to the last single number possible (exactly 665, no more, and no less,) before reaching the total of 666, it coerces the conclusion that the next legitimate pontificate must introduce a new name, and add only one to the count.

Revelation 13: 18 confirms that the number 666 is both the number of a man and the beast. Revelation 17: 9, and 10 confirm that the eighth head that arises after the seven, is the beast, and is only one person, who is alive to the end and is destroyed by the second coming of Christ. He is the eighth in the sequence of the seven, but not included in the list of heads that are also called mountains. The eighth is not a mountain.

There is only one more space to fill to make the count complete. There is however, the possibility of an interim antipope, preceding the Antichrist. The number of an antipope cannot count toward the total, because an antipope counts as a zero. Only a legitimate pontificate can contribute to the count of the number.

There is yet more to be seen in this chapter that confirms this papal line-up; The outline includes that the first "five are fallen," and the sixth being the "one is" making

Pope Paul VI as the point of perspective from which John the Revelator is perceiving this line-up, and John Paul as the seventh head that "is not yet come." Only a new name as John Paul had introduced could fit between these three requirements; 1) the count must not have exceeded 666, and 2) the name must be new, not having existed before the sixth, and 3) it must still be a mountain requiring at least two pontificates of this new name. John Paul fits all three of these elements.

Thus the papal record very neatly matches that of the outline of the prophecy.

The head that was wounded and healed:

This interpretation comes late within the perspective of this research. While many people realize that the wounding and healing of one of the beast's heads, has been fulfilled by the events of 1798 and 1929, This same papal record reveals that it also applies to the same head of Pius. Pope Pius VI was the head of the beast that was wounded, and it was the same head/mountain of Pius that was healed; pope Pius XI was the head that was healed in 1929. The beast has since been ever rising in power.

The papal record matches the wounding and healing of one of its heads. It matches the line-up of the seven kings with an eighth, and the numbers of all these heads of these seven mountains add up to 665. We await for the final 1 to complete the count. At that time, the count of the beast is complete and the 666 man is revealed.

Chapter 2 The Biblical Count of the 666 Beast

Revelation

13: 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

17: 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

17: 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

17: 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

When a prophecy is interpreted correctly, it will take all the elements of the prophecy and congeal them into one contiguous account. Wherever false interpretations are introduced, they fail to fit the whole account, often appearing to stand separate from the rest of the elements of the prophecy.

When a portion of the truth is perceived, it is like striking a rich vein in a mine; it leads along a path to greater truths.

A single thought, inspired at the right time, to the right person, and the path to present truth is made evident for all. As I considered the elements of the prophecy that numbers the 666 beast, and knowing the beast is represented by the papacy, then thinking of the fact that the popes have put numbers on their names, I embarked on a research project that would gather the data and see how the numbers of these names added up.

Since I knew of the prophecy of the 1260 years of papal domination, I considered that the year 1798 was relevant to this beast's number. I began counting the numbers of the popes from 1798 to the present. I saw that the number of names they have used is seven, and I noted that this matched the number of heads of the beast. Seeing then that the seven names they have used, appeared to fit the pattern within the prophecy as being the seven mountains. I did an estimated count of the numbers I saw. The answer was within a very close proximity of 666, so I knew then that if I could get the facts exactly right, the exact number could be counted to the present time.

I encountered an ordinal rule that an antipope has no count, as the number he would have used, is taken by the next legitimate pope who takes that same name. This is demonstrated by the papal line of Stephen. I noted also that there was no John XX. So by eliminating the two antipopes; John XVI and Benedict X, and eliminating the missing John XX, the count had now come to exactly 665 with John Paul II. This would leave only one to complete the count to 666. The antichrist is expected to have a count of one because as Jesus stated in John 5: 43; I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

The Bible further supports this by its mention of the abomination of desolation in Daniel 12, along with Jesus' mention of it in Matthew 24, and John's mention of it in Revelation 17. Together they frame the time of this beast from 1798 when the abomination of desolation was "set up" to the time when he "goeth into destruction" at the Second Coming. It is within this span where the seven papal heads are found.

Daniel 12

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

This prophecy of Daniel 12: 11, spans from 508 to 1798. And it is at its terminal end in 1798, where the abomination that maketh desolate is set up. This begins the seven head/mountain line-up of Revelation 17:11, whose eighth head goes into perdition, which is its destruction just before Christ comes.

Matthew 24

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Revelation 17

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

The interplay of heads and names used by the popes since 1798, display an interesting scenario;

The first head, Pius, was followed by the second head Leo, then reverting back to the first head Pius, before introducing the third, Gregory. This jostling of names occurs until John appears, then it moves in a straight procession to the sixth head, and then to the seventh head. Thus the prophecy by stating that five are fallen, it allows for the interplay of the names, but then when it comes to the sixth and seventh, it requires a straight progression without reverting to any other previously used name.

It was more than three years from the time I had first discovered this counting, that I saw how accurately the seventh head fits within this record; Revelation 17: 10 states that at the time of the `sixth' head, the `seventh' had not come yet. John Paul, as the seventh head, had come only after Paul, who was the sixth head.

For those who have always held that the "beast" spoken of in this prophecy, has represented the papacy, should not be surprised then, that the subsequent fit between the last 200 years of the papal record, continues to point to the truth that the papacy is this beast, and that this is the correct interpretation of these prophecies. It is within this arena that we will see the imminent end of the world.

In the original thought that spawned this research, I did not fully anticipate that the results would be as revealing as they have become. All of the elements of the prophecy in the context, have demonstrated to also fit within this same historic record. Though these results do not yield the knowledge of the time of the Second Coming, it does reveal additional information as to what must yet unfold.

It coerces the reader to concede to the heart of the Gospel. It focuses on the last great message from God before He comes; the Three Angels' Messages. It forms the impetus of the Loud Cry.

The 1290 year prophecy ends at 1798, the same time as the 1260 year prophecy with the additional 30 years placed at 508 A.D. Protestants have no problem identifying

this as the time of the oppressive papal rule over the kings of the earth. This is the beast as it is described in Revelation 13.

In the 2300-year prophecy that began in 457 BC, the first horn that opposed elevating the Bishop of Rome to the position of head of ALL the churches was plucked up by the French King Clovis in 508 AD. The ascension of the papacy continued for 1290-years until the French invaded Rome on February 10, 1798 and took the pope to France.

Observing the power and influence of the papacy, and anxious to avail himself of papal support, Clovis professed conversion in 496, and his entire following united with him in adherence to Catholicism, three thousand of whom were baptized along with himself soon after his conversion.

As he expected, the Catholics rallied around him as the only Catholic prince in the West. (Newman, A Manual of Church History, V.1p. 404)

At this time various forms of Christianity had spread over Europe. Anything not in accord with Roman Catholicism was usually catalogued as Arian and therefore "heretical". After his "conversion" Clovis defeated the Burgundians. His "desire" to spread his new religion and to ruin Christian kingdoms which refused to Catholic version seemed to be the aim of this "convert" ruler. He moved on to take the kingdom of the Visigoths and routed them in 507. Then Clovis pursued the Visigoths to their southern strongholds and overcame them in 508. Thereafter, in 508, Clovis was declared the "eldest son of the church".

The Frank king threw his sword into the scale against the Arian cause, and became the champion and hope of the Catholic population all over Gaul. The invaders had at length arrived, who were to remain. It was decided that the Franks, and not the Goths, were to direct the future destinies of Gaul and Germany, and that the Catholic faith, and not Arianism, was to be the religion of these great realms. (Church, The Beginning of the Middle Ages, pp. 38-39)

"With the conversion of Clovis, there was at least one barbarian leader with whom the Bishop of Rome could negotiate as with a faithful son of the Church. It is from the orthodox Gregory of Tours that most of our knowledge of Clovis and his successors is

derived. In Gregory's famous History of the Franks, the cruel and unscrupulous king appears as God's chosen instrument for the extension of the Catholic faith. Certainly Clovis quickly learned to combine his own interests with those of the Church, and the alliance between the pope and the Frankish kings was destined to have a great influence upon the history of western Europe." (James Harvey Robinson, History of Western Europe, pp. 35, 36.)

With Clovis began the Merovingian dynasty which through the years was the military strong arm for Catholicism. The following was from Bonifacius and shows what help the Franks were to the Catholic Church:

"Without the patronage of the Frankish ruler, I can neither govern the people nor defend the presbyters, deacons, monks or handmaidens of God; nor even could I forbid the pagan rites and sacrilegious idolatries in Germany without his mandate and the fear of his name." (Epist. 12 ad Danielelem episc.)

Now did this ARMY that came with Clovis fight against the SABBATH?

It was reserved to the lawgivers of the German states to rigorously enforce upon the unmanageable, half-heathen tribes, the celebration of Sunday, the principal object of which was the cessation from labor.

Whether the civil authorities offered to see to the enforcement of the laws, or whether it was entrusted to the bishops, ...whether there should be inflicted only a money or property penalty; or whether it might be increased to depriving the free-born of liberty, and to the amputation of the right hand of the slave,--the spirit of these laws was ever the same,-- that of the Old Testament. This legislation is accompanied by a new theological doctrine of Sunday, or it is founded upon such from the beginning. That this Christian celebration of Sunday is identified with the Sabbath observance commanded of God through Moses. This was an unheard of doctrine in the ancient church. [Dr. Th.Zahn, History of Sunday (Geschichte des Sonntags, pp. 42-44) pp 484 J. N. Andrew]

What we see in history, as the Catholic Church came into possession of an army, she forced Sunday on all citizens in a progressively stricter sense. An army was given in 508 by which the Papacy could now enforce her mandates and strike fear into the

people of Europe, and set up her Sunday idol. They took away the daily.

The daily represents Christ's mediatorial ministry in the holy place in the heavenly sanctuary. It represents the continual work of Christ ministering in the sanctuary not made with hands, where He entered with His own blood to make intercession for His people.

But what was the focus of this "army" that was given to the Papacy?

These lusty barbarians were not oppressed by any deep sense of sin and the consequent need of redemption. They required rather to be ruled and defended. The saints, with their particular assignments, may well have meant more to the People than Christ, the universal Redeemer. St. Anthony took care of their pigs, St. Saturninus took care of their sheep, St. Gall looked after the hens, and St. Medardus protected their vines from frost. ...St. Genevieve cured fever, and St. Blaise sore throats.. St. Aimable prevented nightmares."(Roland Bainton "Christendom" P.149)

Looking to saints as mediators and protectors, and to priests for absolution from sin, rather than searching for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, became the norm in Catholicism. The mediation of saints took the place of the continual mediation of Christ in the people's thoughts and minds.

Thus we see the 1290 years extending from 508-1798.

From the time the papacy began to use the sword of an army to forbid any worship not in line with their beliefs, in 508, forcing people to yield to her spiritual authority until 1798 when that spiritual authority was removed by the sword of Napoleon's army and by Napoleon's laws. This is exactly 1290 years.

The next papal period spans from 1798 at the "setting up" of the "abomination that maketh desolate" and goes until the end where Christ brings the final judgment upon the beast, which ends with the final eighth head that "goeth into perdition"

There is a traceable line of truth through the prophecies that is commonly accepted and known. There are many false interpretations that are perpetrated to detract from this truth. These false interpretations lack one critical element; they fail to

demonstrate continuity. There is a straight line of truth that maintains continuity, and is easily demonstrated by the Scripture and supported by history.

It is important to know where we are within the timeframe of prophecy, if we are to assert what is present truth. To correctly divide this line, we must know what prophecies have been fulfilled, and what is yet to be fulfilled.

Yet some of these truths are not possible to be discerned until the time appointed for them. Now I believe the time for some of these things is here. Prove now THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD whether or not, that which I present here is true. The Bible says to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1Thessalonians 5: 21.

What I have to present to you here, is not new information or new prophecy. It has always been written there in the Scriptures, and recorded in history. The difference is in the interpretation; in examining the record of recent history, and showing that it is exactly parallel to the prophecy.

This research has revealed an exact match between the number 666, and the count of the popes' numbers. The mathematics of this prophecy require an exactness which is met in the historic record. It also follows within the continuum of the straight line of truth and provides further knowledge along this continuum. The latter part of this prophecy is about to unfold before the whole world. As soon as the next papal election takes place, it will be seen to fall exactly within the disclosed parameters of this prophecy. You should be able to understand now what this prophecy says and know what will soon take place.

We are at the terminal end of the "short space" which will soon begin unfolding the last day events. The prophecies of the Holy Bible have never failed. They have earmarked the beast and have exposed the deceptions of Satan.

^ Now, the short space being past, we have entered an interim time that awaits the arrival of the antichrist. Benedict XVI is he that "withholdeth" until he is "taken out of the way" (2Thess 2) An undefined length of time that designates the "short space" has now been followed by yet another undefined length of time before the coming of the antichrist. This will be followed by yet another undefined period of time before Christ comes to bring it to an end.

The greatest problem facing many today is that this knowledge of an imminent end of the world, as we now know it, is more of a threat to the disruption of their own ventures, their own self-created plans, everyone's hopes and aspirations. These feelings will not be held too long, as the time of trouble approaches, and usurps everything anyway. Everywhere you look, you will see trouble...from personal torments of petty interest to anyone else, to *tumultuous catastrophes, engulfing entire regions. Death, disease, and rioting everywhere. Everyone accusing another, even accusing me.

* written in 2002

Everywhere people will be forced into believing the prophecies they had heard and rejected as false. But by then, it will be too late to save their souls...then fear and rage engulfs them.

To those that do believe them, and believe the Word of God, the final events, though troublous, are tokens that declare their long-awaited hope in His Coming, is about to happen. Their victory is also imminent and their delivery certain.

Chapter 3

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The Chiastic Pattern in Revelation

The Chiastic nature of the book of Revelation is seen in the distinctive patterning found in it. It divides Revelation in the middle, and forms a mirror-like image.

These two verses near the center, correspond to this pattern;

Revelation 13: 18

He that hath wisdom, let him count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred, threescore, and six.

Revelation 17: 9

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sitteth.

And there are seven kings: Five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

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

The second verse references the first, and provides further explanation to the first. It identifies who it is whose number is 666.

Following this description of the beast's heads, the twelfth verse delves into the description and parameters of the ten horns. These ten entities consent to the beast, and receive power one hour with the beast. This portion of the prophecy is yet future (first written in 1996).

Elements of the Prophecy

The Beast with Seven Heads

Beast = Papacy

Heads of the Beast = Heads of the Papacy (popes)

The Number of the beast 666

7 Heads = 7 Mountains (a papal name, or line of popes)

The Number of a man 666

Count the "numbers"

For all those who dismiss this number by saying it is merely three sixes, or that "6" is the number of man, are denying the Word of God and make the prophecy into a lie. This number is written as six hundred, threescore and six, and is derived by the counting of numbers.

The Beast has been held to be the papacy, from the earliest days of the Reformation, for more than 300 years. Ample evidence exists that expose the papacy as this beast, that has not been adequately disputed, nor has it been proven false. It is a straight conclusion then that if the seven heads are the heads "of the beast", then they are the heads "of the papacy".

Papal History and Prophecy Compared

The question arises; Does this exist within the historic record today?

The answer is; Yes. The papal record indeed shows there to be seven heads from the

demarcation point of 1798 as outlined in the prophecy, and these heads, are seven in number, and the cumulative sum of the numbers of their names, equals a total of 665 with John Paul II.

The total number; 666 constitutes the number of the beast.
The numbers are counted from the names of the seven heads.

Example:

The name of the head = Pius

Number of Pius = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 = 78

The 7 heads are;

- 1 Pius Pius XII (12)
- 2 Leo Leo XIII (13)
- 3 Gregory..... Gregory XVI (16)
- 4 Benedict Benedict XIV (14)
- 5 John John XXI (21)
- 6 Paul Paul VI (6)
- 7 John Paul..... John Paul II (2)

This yields a measured number of possible outcomes from this point in time. After the death of John Paul II, it will be clearly evident as to what will follow.

The most imminent need of man at this time, is to apply the principles found within the Three Angels' Messages. The people to hear this message are those who hear the Spirit calling them. They are a part of the Catholic faith first, followed by all the Protestant faiths that share in keeping its false Sabbath; Sunday. All of God's people in Babylon are to be called out of it.

There are many elements within prophecy and all these elements must follow a continuity within their fulfillment. They must fit accurately and be clearly evident.

The count of an antipope was set by the Lateran Record to be zero, so wherever the record has deviated from this rule, the correct rule is applied.

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1 The Great Whore.

The largest Christian church in the world is described here; Catholicism. It is called the Great Whore because of its false doctrines that it has incorporated into its system and because of the nature of this church, it tenaciously clings to these false doctrines lest it should admit that their popes were ever in error.

2 That sitteth upon many waters.

During the 1260 year reign of the Catholic church, it had proselytized most of the inhabited world. No other church could boast of this.

3 The kings of the earth have committed fornication with her.

Many kings were anathematized by the popes until they repented before them, for refusing to accept their decrees. It was easier to follow after the Catholic church than to resist her.

4 The inhabitants are made drunk with her wine.

The Catholic church had embarked on its own Douay Rheims Bible and have added to this, their own tradition which they have regarded above that of the Word of God. Their Bible was derived from the minor Egyptian Codices which were corrupted by the writers who did not believe in the truths of the Word of God. Many vital doctrines to salvation have been perverted by this corrupt translation. New doctrines have been created by the popes and their tradition has been elevated to a status higher than that of the Bible. Many of the false Catholic doctrines that are not found in the canonized Bible are derived from the Apocrypha, which contains many contradictions to the established Word.

5 Into the wilderness.

While the true people of God were hiding from Catholicism during their 1260 year rule over the kings of the earth, the Catholic church held power. But since the French had taken Pope Pius VI prisoner in 1798, she had lost her power and had herself been driven into the wilderness. There she has remained until the rising of the eighth head which is about to come.

6 Having seven heads and ten horns.

It is from this time of 1798 that the seven heads are seen. Beginning with Pope Pius VII after the death of Pope Pius VI in prison, we have now all seven heads presented. These are 1 Pius, 2 Leo, 3 Gregory, 4 Benedict, 5 John, 6 Paul, and 7 John Paul. The ten horns however, are defined in the latter part of the chapter, and are placed at the last hour at the end of the reign of the eighth head.

7 Full of the names of blasphemy.

By falsely attributing the power to forgive sins, the popes have claimed this power, thus they all fit this identifying element. Any method by which man has employed to displace the true Gospel is false. God made the provision for the dispensing of man's sins, fully and completely, and to displace this with any other system, constitutes blasphemy. By insisting that no one can have their sins forgiven except through the church, they then lay claim that no one can have salvation outside of their church.

8 Sitting on a scarlet colored beast.

The papacy is the beast whom this whore woman sits upon, and this beast has received its power and seat from the red dragon beast spoken of in Revelation 13: 2.

9 Arrayed in purple and scarlet.

The common attire of the Roman Catholic priests is that of the colors purple and scarlet.

10 Decked in gold and pearls.

The many cathedrals of the Catholic church are heavily decorated with these costly array of precious stones and gold.

11 Drunk with the blood of martyrs and saints.

Choosing to honor many of its adherents as saints, and declaring all opponents of Catholicism to be heretics, many of the Protestant reformers were persecuted and put to death.

12 Was, and is not, and ascends out of the bottomless pit, and goes into perdition.

This phrase delineates again the period of dominance of 1260 years, and was terminated in 1798, but subsequently arises again. It again takes dominance at the end time, but is thrust into perdition as Christ wins the final battle.

13 The mind with wisdom.

These verses are in a Chiastic link; Revelation 13: 18 and Revelation 17: 9, and provides the mathematical parameters for the counting of the 666 beast. Of all these elements of prophecy, they are met in the historical evidence within the Catholic church except this one. Here, the mind which hath wisdom, depicts someone who deciphers the mathematical clues. It does not state as some translators have rendered it to mean that "anyone who has wisdom" can solve this. If this were the case, then where are all these wise people? As often with puzzles, one person solves the puzzle, then it is shown to others. All previous applications to the riddle of the number 666, refer to other writers who have made some calculation. Andreas Helwig (1572-1643) was the one who deciphered the count of the letters Vicarius Filii Dei, and others are merely making reference to his work. Yet this interpretation by Helwig has been met with such grand apologetics, that it is impossible to convince a Catholic that it is true. And, primarily, they are right because it is not true. However, with this new interpretation, no Catholic can refute that the historic record of the popes bear out this number.

14 Five are fallen (1-5), one is (6th), and the other has not yet come (7th).

This particular passage has been used by preterists to pinpoint the sixth head to be the head ruling in power at the time that the prophecy was written by John. However, there is no evidence that the emperors of Rome, have any place in the remaining end-time elements of this prophecy, and indeed, they do not fit. There are not only seven emperors, but eleven. The eighth emperor of Rome was not the antichrist, and there remains yet an unexplained period of approximately 1900 years between the last emperor and the end. No provision is made within the prophecy to explain this discrepancy.

The structure of this phrase however, does present a better explanation. John was taken in vision to the future. It is from the perspective of this sixth head that the whole of the seven heads are perceived. It places a demarcation point at the sixth, and before the seventh, that requires the seventh to appear only after the sixth. This requirement is met by John Paul, who was not present before Paul. While the five that have fallen, have arisen with Pius on five separate occasions, interspersed between the second, third, and fourth heads, and Leo occurs twice. But after the fifth, this jostling of heads has stopped, and continues in a straight progression.

In Daniel 7: 6, it portrays a leopard beast that has four heads. These four heads are the four divisions that Alexander's Grecian empire was divided into and given to his four generals. These four heads are also Grecian. Each had control of a portion of the parent empire. These were Cassandra, Lysemachus, Ptolemy and Seleucid.

This historic example serves as a model of how the seven heads of Revelation 17 are to be seen; The seven heads of the papal beast, are also of the papal empire, and are not as many assume; the ancient empires, which have no relation to the papal beast. It is not sufficient to label the ancient kingdoms as being persecutors of God's people and thus make those to be the seven heads of this beast. Furthermore, in Daniel, it clearly states that there are four such beast kingdoms that rule upon the earth, and no other beasts are represented after the fourth, and that this fourth beast kingdom will continue to the end, (feet with iron unmingled with clay) when Christ comes to destroy it.

15 The seventh short space.

The seventh head that continues a short space is John Paul. There is no defined length of time of the short space, but when all seven heads are measured as to their tenure of reign, the tenure of John Paul has indeed been the shortest space. John Paul has been in office for the past 24+ years as compared to Paul, who was the next shortest head to reign at 67 years.

16 The 8th head, of the seven that goes into perdition.

The eighth head stands apart from the seven, he is not included in the listing of the seven as a mountain. Because he is the antichrist, he comes in his own name, thereby yielding the final "one" to the cumulative count of 665. Also, as noted in the Scripture, there are seven heads that are followed by an eighth head that is "of the seven," but this eighth is not defined as a mountain, nor that it is one of the seven heads of this beast, but it is the "beast" king, that comes after the seven. Revelation 17: 8, 11) The Catholic church will turn the keys of their kingdom over to this eighth head antichrist, thinking that he is indeed the "Christ."

17 The ten horns that reign one hour with the beast.

The Bible states that the ten horns have not received their kingdom yet, but at the last hour, they will rule with the beast and lend their power to the wishes of the beast.

18 The many waters.

The Bible does well to define the waters in Revelation 17: 15. The waters which thou sawest... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. It portrays the worldwide scope of the influence of Catholicism. The Three Angels' Messages are also to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

19 The ten horns turn on the whore to destroy her.

After the ten horns have lent their power to this beast, and subsequently, have come to realize that they were deceived, they then turn upon her to destroy her. This fulfills the will of God at the time appointed.

Chapter 4 Revelation Chapter 18 The Loud Cry message.

Nothing makes a prophetic message more urgent than knowing it is being fulfilled now. At the time of the papal election following the end of John Paul II, it will be clearly evident that the prophecy has been followed accordingly, and the Loud Cry will commence. It is time NOW, to study this interpretation completely, so that when this does occur, the wheels of action will be in place and the time not wasted.

Jesus gave this prophecy to give impetus to the Loud Cry message, that the identity of the Antichrist should be made so as to effect the call all the way through the Christian realm, to bring His people out of Babylon, before His judgments fall. This Antichrist will appear to the whole world with the grandest of deceptions. The True Christ wants His people, who are yet alive in the end to know precisely who this imposter is.

"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." Rev 13: 1.

The Alleged Papal Title: Vicarius Filii Dei

The phrase; Vicarius Filii Dei is false. As for being the phrase that identifies the 666 man, it does not. This is one of those false interpretations that occludes the real truth, and is sincerely believed by many. Yet it falls short of identifying the "man." It does not

suffice to identify the "seat." What I present to you here, not only identifies the 666 beast, but also the 666 man of sin. It is not possible that every pope has been the Antichrist, for it belongs to a single individual man, and not to anyone who is seated in the papal office. This study involves a "count" of pure numbers, ONLY numbers, not letters that are assigned a numeric value, and are then added up. This method is a direct application of the element of "counting" as written in the prophecy.

It is from the Catholic Douay Rheims Bible from which the footnote to the number 666 says that the letters of his name make up the number. Since the source of this alleged interpretation is from a false and corrupted version of the Scripture, it should immediately be suspected of being a diversion from the truth. The "Dragon" gave its seat and power to this "Beast" who has adopted this corrupted word of God. They have "added" their footnotes to the Word. Satan thus tries to divert everyone from the real truth. It has sent many on a hunt for who the Antichrist is, which by this method, is inherently invalid as there are millions of names that bear this number. Which one is provable? This research demonstrates that the Antichrist is the beast's eighth head.

Many individuals have the numeric value of 666 in their name, but that does not mean that they are, or are in any way associated with the Antichrist. The true identity of the 666 man and his count must be precise. The counting of the "beast" is intended to identify the "Antichrist." The phrase "Vicarius Filii Dei" is not able to disclose precisely, who the "man of sin" is.

Chapter 5
A Thesis on Revelation 13:18 and Revelation 17:9-11
and the True Count of the 666 Beast.

^Note; added information and updates are noted with the "carat" character (^) and have been written or edited since the election of Benedict XVI.

By examining the template of prophecy that was written by John the Revelator, and comparing it to the recent historical record of the Catholic church, I see a clear and complete alignment. I ask that all who read this document to examine carefully all the evidence, study the book of Revelation, and watch and pray.

October 16, 1998 marked a major milestone in the continuing developments of the

Catholic church; it was the 20th anniversary of pope John Paul II, the longest reigning pope of the 20th century. And the more I look at how the recent Catholic history fits the prophecy, and of what I have written, the more certain I am that it is true. The prophecy appears just like a rubber stamp of the Catholic church's historical record.

From my initial point of inspiration, around 1994-95, in a flash of insight, I perceived that the set of the numbers of the popes, when added up would total somewhere near 666. I then examined the scriptures in regard to what is the wisdom in the counting of the beast whose number is 666. In Rev 13: 18, it reads; "Here is wisdom..." and again in Rev 17: 9; "And here is the mind which hath wisdom..." Both verses are referring to the same beast.

I discerned the approximate values by counting the numbers from what little information I could find, though I knew it would only be an approximation. I sought then from the internet, to see what the official Catholic position is, in regard to the seven mountains of Revelation 17: 9, and for the official list of the popes and antipopes. This same list of popes has been published in Compton's Encyclopedia, and I presume most sources have this same list. It was after I had started gathering the list of the popes' names that I realized that there are the same number of the names of the popes since 1798 to the present as there are heads and mountains. From this, I knew that if I had the exact information, it would produce the truth. So I was not surprised to see that when I finished the mathematics, it did.

The 666 beast is real.

God denotes His church as a woman and even His bride, but a corrupt church as a whore or harlot. The great whore, Babylon, the mother of harlots, sits on many waters, which are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

The use of the term "mountains" to denote heads, led me to count the numbers of the names of the whole mountain of each head. The first of the seven heads is Pope Pius VII, following the transition that occurred in 1798 at the end of the 1260 year period allotted to the beast's rule over the kings of the earth; the beast "that was, and is not." From 1798, the beast continues; "and yet is," and each name used for the popes, constitutes one of the seven heads of the beast.

While it has been surmised by Protestants for a long time that the 666 antichrist will arise from within the papacy, and even feared by Catholics alike, the available knowledge of its fulfillment is limited to the end time perspective. Neither John the Revelator nor our early church pioneers predicted the papal line so as to know their names and their count. Only since the time given in Revelation 17: 10 with the observer at the time of the sixth head (1963 - 1978), do we perceive the papal line that identifies the seven heads and the count that they represent.

^ It is a prophecy that has been unfolding since it began in 140 AD. Only after the arrival of the last mountain/head, has the prophecy been unveiled and thus to understand the fulfillment of these previously misunderstood elements of this prophecy.

^ Many people today believe that this time is very close to the second coming of Christ. This research points to a specific fulfillment and event that marks the identity of the antichrist. It is happening now. It does not qualify as "time-setting" because it does not identify anything beyond the arrival of the man whose number is 666. The Bible itself declares that this identity will be made known when he arrives. At the next transition in the papacy, Benedict XVI will be deposed and the antichrist set in his place. Benedict XVI is not the 666 man.

The seven heads are seven names of the popes.

Revelation 13: 1 "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."

13: 2 "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."

13: 3 "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."

13: 4 "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with

him?"

We see today, an unprecedented worldwide admiration being given to pope John Paul II, He also has entered into the political arena with calls for peace and attempts to influence foreign policy. Of him the scripture says "who is able to make war with him." His fight is being done without the instruments of war.

13: 5 "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

The Catholic church held power from 538 AD to 1798 when French General Berthier took Pope Pius VI prisoner.

13: 7 "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

Only the ecclesiastical entity of the Catholic church has enjoyed this world wide control over the affairs of the world. During this period of power for 1260 years up to 1798, form the beast "that was" and in 1798 became the "is not" and since, has become the "yet is."

13: 10 "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

13: 18 "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

While many have referred to a counting of the letters of the "title" of the papacy, as done by assigning numerical values to the letters, the Bible does not specifically indicate that this is the correct application. It does state that it is the number of a beast and a man. To apply it to the title of the papacy, may be more than a coincidence, but it does not completely fulfill the description in Scripture. Certainly, it points to the "beast" which possesses the spirit of antichrist, but only one man will be the Antichrist at the time appointed, not the whole system of the papacy. (The papacy is already represented by a beast, of which, only the last head or pope will become the one antichrist.) Pictured here is a woman, in this case a whore, who is

seated upon seven mountains. The whore woman is the people of this papal church. So whatever the heads as mountains are to be, this whore woman who is found sitting on them is closely linked to them. The seven Mountains are seven Heads on the Beast. The Beast is the papacy, and the heads of the papacy are the popes.

Considering also that the popes have each taken on a different name than their own, and of these names, they have repeatedly used the same name, and have added "numbers" to them. To myself I thought; "If the popes do not want to be associated with the 666 beast, then why do they put numbers on their name?"

I then set out to add up these numbers and see how many popes there are. Here are the math figures as I have derived from the Vatican's own Official Lateran Record taken from the New Advent Catholic Supersite on the internet; New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia: LIST OF POPES

There are 79 different names used by the popes.

There have been only 7 names of popes used since 1798.

The beast's number is 666, and is the number of a man.

The beast has 7 heads, and are 7 mountains and are 7 kings.

With these 7 names or "heads," the cumulative count comes to 665 with John Paul II.

^ These same 7 names that form the count, also align with the all the required elements of the prophecy, particularly the elements describing the seventh king as being "not yet come" and "continue a short space." An extreme degree of accuracy is seen through more than 23 specific prophetic elements of this prophecy.

The table 1 below is derived by adding up each number of their names in a "mountain" fashion. Pope Paul for example contributes 21 to the count by adding the numbers of all the popes named Paul; 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6. Thus the mountain of a head consists of all the numbers of the valid popes of that name added up. The names of the seven heads are beside their respective number.

Table 1

1 = 1	.....1	The Antichrist
+2 = 3	.....2	John Paul + 3
+3 = 6		
+4 = 10		
+5 = 15		
+6 = 21	.....6	Paul + 21
+7 = 28		
+8 = 36		
+9 = 45		
+10 = 55		
+11 = 66		
+12 = 78	.....12	Pius + 78
+13 = 91	.....13	Leo + 91
+14 = 105	....14	Benedict + 105
+15 = 120		
+16 = 136	....16	Gregory + 136
+17 = 153		
+18 = 171		
+19 = 190		
+20 = 210		
+21 = 231	....21	John + 231

$$1 + 3 + 21 + 78 + 91 + 105 + 136 + 231 = 666$$

The popes of these `mountains,' throughout the papal reign are represented.

Count the numbers of all the names of all the seven heads. That man whose number completes the count to 666 is the Antichrist. The numbers were predetermined to equal the count of 666 at the appointed time.

The commencing of the beast after it "was" became "is not" in 1798 after the capture of Pope Pius VI. Holding the pope hostage, lasts only as long as the life of the pope being held in prison. After that, the leading Cardinals elected a new pope. Napoleon, upon hearing of the new pope dispatched another order to take pope Pius VII captive,

and he too was held in prison, to remind the Catholic church that the papacy is "dead." He was released only after the death of Napoleon.

The rule which governs the counting of their numbers is as follows:

The papal numbers are corrected to reflect their respective count as though no errors were made. Thus, antipopes are not counted nor do their numbers affect the count in any way. If their number has been skipped, then their number is applied to the next legitimate pope. The official papal record has failed to maintain this rule in all instances and thus they have introduced error into the papal record. These errors are corrected.

The count is thus adjusted to eliminate the errors. There was no John XX in the Official Catholic Lateran record, and John XVI and Benedict X (1058-1059) were deposed, so the "actual" number is reduced by the same amount. This corrects the count to the true number that was naturally done by the following antipopes not listed in the record:

Benedict XIII (1394-1423), Gregory VIII (1118-1121) and John XXIII (1410-1415) were deposed and their count continues with the true Benedict XIII (1724-1730), Gregory VIII (1187) and John XXIII (1958-1963). Gregory (1012) and John (844) were deposed and were not even numbered, and therefore the count was not affected by them.

A further explanation as to the discrepancies in the numbers assigned to the name John; "It should be observed that there is no John XX in the catalogue. This is due to the fact that, in the `Liber Pontificalis,' two dates are given in connection with the life of John XIV (983). This introduced confusion into some of the papal catalogues, and a separate pope was assigned to each of these dates. Thus three popes named John were made to appear between Benedict VII and Gregory V. The error led the pope of the thirteenth century who should have been called John XX to style himself John XXI (Duchesne, "Lib. Pont." 2:17). Reference: Chronological List of Popes

Pope Benedict IX had ascended to the papacy three times and was deposed twice. In spite of his vile life and having been deposed, he is still listed as an official pope and is supposed to have died penitent.

"Historians are unanimous that the supremacy of the papacy occurred between the years 538 AD and 1798 AD. The Roman Emperor Constantine had made Roman Catholicism the state religion circa 312 AD, and passed the first Sunday-keeping law in 321 AD, and elevated the ecclesiastics to a sovereign role as arbiters of disputes. By 538 AD the papacy was the only sovereign power left in the Western Roman Empire, and historians are agreed that the Church became the world's court. From 1929 until today, the papacy has been on its second biblically predicted rise in the world community. Time magazine ran a cover story detailing just how powerful and important John Paul II has been for the demise of the communist block - he holds weekly intelligence briefings via telephone with the US President. Not to get advice, but to GIVE it. Not to get intelligence info --- but to GIVE IT!!" From Del

"Continuing in Revelation, the angel begins to explain to John the woman's symbolism: `This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes he must remain only a little while.' (Rev. 17: 9-10)

"Fundamentalists argue that these seven mountains must be the seven hills of ancient Rome. However the Greek word here, horos, is almost always translated `mountain' rather than `hill.'

"This passage gives us a key rule of Bible interpretation which is often denied by Fundamentalists: that a symbol does not have to refer to one and only one thing. Here the heads refer to both seven mountains and seven kings, meaning the symbol has multiple fulfillments. Thus there is not a one-to-one correspondence in the Bible between symbols and their referents. According to her, the papacy is the seven-headed beast from the sea in Revelation 13:1-10. Accompanying this beast is a lamb-like beast."

"(Note that the Whore also sits on many waters, which we are told are many peoples, cf. 17:15-- the context makes it clear that here her sitting on something does not refer to a geographical location)." 1996 Catholic Answers, Inc.

Even the Catholic theologians were duped by the notion that Rome was built on seven hills, and are trying to use the Scripture to prove that the geographical location of

Rome is not what the Bible meant in that passage. However, neither do they identify these in that answer, but in other locations they teach that the seven mountains are seven kingdoms, which have been listed as;

From the Douay Rheims bible, the footnote for Rev 13:

13: 1. And I saw a beast coming up out the sea, having seven heads and ten horns: and upon his horns, ten diadems: and upon his heads, names of blasphemy.

A beast... This first beast with seven heads and ten horns, is probably the whole company of infidels, enemies and persecutors of the people of God, from the beginning to the end of the world. The seven heads are seven kings, that is, seven principal kingdoms or empires, which have exercised, or shall exercise, tyrannical power over the people of God; of these, five were then fallen, viz.: the Egyptian, Assyrian, Chaldean, Persian, and Grecian monarchies: one was present, viz., the empire of Rome: and the seventh and chiefest was to come, viz., the great Antichrist and his empire. The ten horns may be understood of ten lesser persecutors.

Revelation 17: 1 "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:"

17: 3 "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

17: 5 "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

In Revelation, the Church is symbolized by a Woman. As the Apostolic faith became corrupted through the centuries, it is then called a whore, and the mother of harlots. But God still has a people in it and in Revelation 18, God implores His people to come out of her. As Jesus explained in His parable; let the wheat and tares grow together until the harvest...

Rev. 17: 7 "...I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth

her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns."

Rev. 17: 8 "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

Rev. 17: 9 "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth."

Rev. 17: 10 "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

Rev. 17: 11 "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition."

The Catholic church, "sits" on the papacy, being the largest, and most global religion, fits the specifications of the prophecy most accurately.

The woman sits on 7 mountains, (Greek = horos) Through the central rule of the papacy, one pope-king is enabled to rule over many people in most of the world. The Catholic Church boasts of being the largest Christian faith, and oldest, spanning from the beginning of Christian belief. It also bears a long history of holding corrupt doctrines.

The seven heads are identified as the seven names of the popes from 1798. Table 2, shows the complete chronological list of popes since 1798.

Table 2

Pius VI (1775-1799)
Pius VII (1800-1823)
Leo XII (1823-1829)
Pius VIII (1829- 1830)
Gregory XVI (1831-1846)
Ven. Pius IX (1846-1878)

Leo XIII (1878-1903)
 Pius X (1903-1914)
 Benedict XV (1914-1922)
 Pius XI (1922-1939)
 Pius XII (1939- 1958)
 John XXIII (1958-1963)
 Paul VI (1963-1978)
 John Paul I (August -September 1978)
 John Paul II (1978-2004+?)

Table 3

Calculation Table of Consecutive count;

Pius VII 28[28]
 Leo XIIadds 78[106]
 Pius VIIIadds 8[114]
 Gregory XVIadds 136[250]
 Pius IXadds 9[259]
 Leo XIIIadds 13[272]
 Pius Xadds 10[282]
 Benedict XV ...adds 105[387]
 Pius XI adds 11[398]
 Pius XII adds 12[410]
 John XXIIIadds 231[641]
 Paul VIadds 21[662]
 John Paul I adds 1[663]
 John Paul II adds 2[665]
 An antipope,adds 0[665]

 The 8th, name of 1 adds 1 ..[666]

By counting the numbers of each of the names of these seven heads, we arrive at the count of the beast. Thus, when the total comes to 666, the count will have become

complete, and the man of sin revealed.

It takes us to the conclusion that with the current pope, John Paul II, the count of the beast stands at 665. The one introduced as the "eighth" who comes in his own name, will be the antichrist. The Catholic Church will then be embroiled in turmoil and many will separate from it, as the man of sin is revealed.

Table 4

Calculation Table of cumulative count

Head	last....	actual...	adds...	totals
1 Pius.....	12.....	12.....	78.....	78
2 Leo.....	13.....	13.....	91.....	169
3 Gregory.....	16.....	16.....	136.....	305
4 Benedict....	15.....	14.....	105.....	410
5 John.....	23.....	21.....	231.....	641
6 Paul.....	6.....	6.....	21.....	662
7 John Paul...	2.....	2.....	3.....	665
8 The Eighth..	1.....	1.....	1.....	666

The antichrist will be the Eighth, and uses his own name and thereby introduces the final identifying 1 to the count making him 666, and takes the Seat of the Holy See.

John Paul II, stands as the seventh head.

A seventh-head antipope would not be necessary to fulfill the prophecy. The conclusive proof will depend on what the name is, that is given to the next pope. If the name is new and therefore singular, then it is he who is the Antichrist. An antipope then, would only provide an interim waiting period before the arrival of the Antichrist. The bottom line is this; the next pope whose number produces a count of "one" is the Antichrist.

Today's religious groups filled with erroneous and diverse beliefs. But God calls all of these Babylon. God's true people are identified by those who give their homage to the institution that was made to honor the relationship between man and God; the Sabbath day. This is independent of any denomination.

Upon the final act of separating out of God's people from this Babylon, salvation is complete and the wrath of judgment is poured out in the form of the seven last plagues.

God sends us these prophecies to reveal what is soon to transpire. Pope John Paul II is aged and feeble. Watch the count change, note the name and follow after God's lead.

Agreeing with the Catholic explanation of what the seven mountains are not, we have Uriah Smith who has arrived at the same conclusion;

"The Seven Heads. -- The seven heads are explained to be, first, seven mountains, and then seven kings. The expression in verse 10, 'and there are seven kings,' reads in the original 'and are seven kings.' This makes the sentence read: 'The seven heads are seven mountains... and are seven kings,' thus identifying heads, mountains, and kings." Daniel and Revelation p. 711

The "City of Seven Hills" in Rome is often cited as the interpretation given to Revelation 17: 9, but Uriah Smith has presented clear Biblical evidence showing that there is no validity to it, and that the mountains are distinctly symbolic. It is written in his book "Daniel & Revelation." The seven mountains are not the seven hills of the city of Rome, as many have thought. In the original Greek, the text reads;

"The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth, and are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

The mountains here cannot be literal, because they are first called seven heads, and then as seven kings. These mountains are consecutive in nature as it reads; "five are fallen..."

"Babylon is not the city of Rome. The argument relied upon to show that the city of Rome is the Babylon of the Apocalypse runs thus: The angel told John that the woman which he had seen was the great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth, and that the seven heads of the beast are seven mountains upon which the woman sits. Then, by taking the city and the mountains to be literal, and finding Rome built upon

seven hills, the application is made at once to literal Rome.

"The principle upon which this interpretation rests is the assumption that the explanation of a symbol must always be literal. It falls to the ground the moment it can be shown that symbols are sometimes explained by substituting for them other symbols, and then explaining the latter... So in the case before us. `The seven heads are seven mountains,' and `the woman is that great city;' and it will not be difficult to show that the mountains and the city are used symbolically. The reader's attention is directed to the following;

"We are informed in Revelation 13 that one of the seven heads (is) wounded to death. This head therefore cannot be a literal mountain, for it would be folly to speak of wounding a mountain to death.

"Each of the seven heads has a crown upon it. But who ever saw a literal mountain with a crown upon it? The seven heads are evidently successive in order of time, for we read, `Five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come.' Revelation 17: 10. But the seven hills on which Rome is built are not successive, and it would be absurd to apply such language to them.

"According to these facts, a literal translation of Rev. 17: 9, 10 removes all obscurity: `The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth, and are seven kings.' It will thus be seen that the angel represents the heads as mountains, and then explains the mountains to be seven successive kings. The meaning is transferred from one symbol to another, and then an explanation is given of the second symbol.

"From the foregoing argument, it follows that the `woman' cannot represent a literal city, for the mountains upon which the woman sits being symbolic, a literal city cannot sit upon symbolic mountains. Again, Rome was the seat of the dragon of Revelation 12, and transferred it to the beast; but it would be a singular mixture of figures to make the seat, which is sat upon by the beast, and a woman sitting upon the beast refer to the same thing." Daniel and Revelation pp 644 - 645

Further evidence of identifying the whole Babylon is found in Revelation, chapters 13 and 17. God tells His people to count the number of the beast. He elaborates more on the nature of this beast with a description of its having seven heads, being also seven

mountains and seven kings. Narrowing the count to that of one man, there must be established a connection between the seven heads and the count of the 666 man. As seen in table 2, the period of the time of this beast starts in 1798. Since that time, there have been seven different names of the heads of the Catholic church. Add the numbers of all the popes of these seven heads and the count stands at 665. When the count reaches 666, that man whose count is "one" is the antichrist.

The Abomination of Desolation has been setting up beginning from the end of the 1,290 year prophecy in Daniel 12: 11, and continuing to the end, thus the seven heads begin in 1798, and ends with the return of the beast as the eighth head.

In preparation for the events yet to come, the beast is increasing in power. Pope Pius VI was the head of the beast that was wounded, and it was pope Pius XI who was the head that was healed in 1929. The Vatican has since received the approval of the Israeli government, in autonomy of its religious affairs within Jerusalem, enabling for the first time the right of the Vatican to own property within Jerusalem, and to share in managing select Holy sites, that are so regarded by the three major faiths; Muslims, Jews and Christians. The Accord granting this was signed on November 10, 1997. This follows the Vatican having established diplomatic ties with Israel on December 30, 1993.

This brings to pass the prophecy that foretells of the rise of the Antichrist, his manner of rise and his identity.

It is clearly evident that the time is imminently upon us and the message of salvation needs to go forward more urgently, to finish the harvest of souls.

In review of the prophecies of Revelation, is written the description of the true followers of the Church and of Jesus, and also of the false body of Christ, also symbolized by a woman. The time spans of the prophecies reach from 457 BC to 1844, and then following this, conditional prophecies that are not set within specific periods of time, but await the conditional sequences of certain events. When these things are fulfilled, they will be revealed to the true followers of Christ. The final events largely surround the world's largest ecclesiastical body; the Catholic Church. Even while God denounces this system, identifying it precisely and calling it Babylon, He still recognizes that amidst the followers of this false system of worship, there are still many

who truly belong to Him, and just before He pours out His wrath on the world, He calls His people out of her.

...Other sheep have I, not of this fold... God has His people scattered among all the various denominations, including the Catholic faith. And in the final throes of this world, before God sends His judgments to destroy it, He first implores His people to come out of her.

My sheep hear my voice... When God calls His own, He empowers them to understand. He will send home His message, and He will expose the 'man of sin,' and the corruptions within the churches so His people can see and depart, and not be partakers of the 7 last plagues soon to be poured out. Many people fear the inevitable battle of Armageddon, however, seeing it is the seventh and last plague, the destiny of each soul will have already been determined. With a true saving faith, the people of God will not be disturbed at the judgments that fall on the beast and her adherents; they will remain steadfast while those around them are slain by them, and by the Second Coming of Christ.

17: 12 "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 ten kingdoms are for the purpose of first, to enforce by civil power, the dictates of the antichrist, then when it is apparent that the judgment of God is upon them, they turn on the papal beast to destroy it. Therefore, since none of these ten kingdoms have been enlisted yet to enforce the papal decrees, then we cannot yet know who these ten are until the time appointed.

Rev. 17: 13 "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

Rev. 17: 14 "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

Rev. 17: 15 "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

Rev. 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."

Rev. 17: 17 "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

From the New Commentary on Revelation, from Andrews University

Comments on Vol 7 of the Daniel & Revelation Committee Series; Symposium on Revelation - Book 2, Frank B Holbrook, Editor. Kenneth Strand wrote the chapter on the Seven Heads.

This book does not exclude that which I have found. The content of the chapter on the 7 mountains consists almost entirely of debunking the preterists view; that the 7 mountains are the emperors of Rome, and has no definitive conclusion at all to say exactly what the 7 mountains or the seven heads are, except that the sea-beast and its heads and horns are all future to John.

The conclusion of the 1996 Symposium on Revelation, is that there is no defined interpretation on the seven mountains of Revelation 17: 9.

As preterists have defined them, they are the Roman Emperors;

1. Augustus
2. Tiberias
3. Caligula
4. Claudius
5. Nero
6. Domitian
7. Antichrist
- 8 (missing in this interpretation)

The problem with this interpretation is that it must ignore the 5 other valid emperors;

1. Augustus

2. Tiberias
3. Caligula
4. Claudius
5. Nero
6. Galba
7. Otho
8. Vitellius
9. Vespasian
10. Titus
11. Domitian
12. Antichrist

Did anyone note here that Nero is listed as number five and not the eighth in order to be the one that is counted as the 666 man? Yet they count the letters of this name up to be the antichrist. Another observation is that the antichrist is listed as the seventh, and they have no eighth head as the Scripture reads.

In another commentary these mountains are defined as the seven great world kingdoms;

- 1 Babylon,
- 2 Persia,
- 3 Grecia,
- 4 Pagan Rome,
- 5 Papal Rome,
- 6 Republicanism or Democracy,
- 7 The Last Great Confederacy of Evil.
- 8 (missing in this interpretation)

Another commentary lists;

- 1 Egypt
- 2 Assyria
- 3 Babylon
- 4 Persia
- 5 Grecia

- 6 Rome
- 7 Antichrist
- 8 (missing in this interpretation)

Again, there are many other great world kingdoms that are not included in the list, and the problem applying the seven mountains to mean the ancient kingdoms, puts the first five or six of these world kingdoms prior to 1798, when Pius VI was taken captive (it even places them prior to John). The problem in this interpretation is that the woman depicted here is the whore, and not the true bride of Christ, and the tenure of the whore is at its earliest 1798, where she is first portrayed, to the time of perdition, which is still in the future. Further interpretive problems arise in trying to apply these ancient kingdoms to also being "kings."

The argument put forth then is that Satan is governing these world powers in antagonistic war against God's people. Yet, the confusion lies in the application of antagonism between Satan and God's people being depicted in the image that this beast should convey. But it does not. The picture clearly is not the "woman of the true church of God" sitting upon seven mountains, but of the "whore."

"The problem lies in the foundational center of the preterist stance, and therefore, is one that afflicts all preterist interpretations in spite of any and all idiosyncrasies that may exist among individual writers. That "root problem" is the perspective that limits the scope of Revelation's message to John's own era. The Biblical evidence reveals, as we have seen, that the leopard-bodied sea beast, its seven heads, and its ten horns relate to things that were still future for John." Symposium on Revelation, book 2 pg 205.

This excludes then the application of the seven mountains to any kingdom that precedes 95 AD.

Since the word "mountains" is obviously symbolic in (Rev) 17: 9, proper principles of interpretation would require that we look for the scriptural usage of the term "mountain" in cases where the term is employed as a symbol. When we do so, we never find "mountain" used to symbolize an individual monarch or ruler." Symposium on Revelation, book 2 pg 186**

"This biblical usage of "mountain" as a symbol should lead us to look for a similar identity of the seven heads in Revelation, since they are called "mountains." The second identifying term in (Rev) 17: 9-10, namely, "kings," can be understood in the same way, as "rulerships," "kingdoms," or "empires." Symposium on Revelation, book 2 pg 186, 187.

The interpretation given to the beast is that of a specific identity; the papacy. This is in agreement with the Symposium on Revelation (book 2). Therefore it is in the papacy where we are to look for the seven `heads / mountains / kings."

Given that the beast that was and is not and yet is, as meaning that the 1260 year period of papal supremacy, was terminated in 1798, and is now in the period of being "is not," and after John Paul, will become the "yet is".

The beast is described in Rev 13: 1 "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 in Rev 17: 3, "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

Some try to add to it; saying that there is some relevance to the time that the prophecy was given to John, based on the present tense of the words "and one is," claiming that the time that the five fallen kingdoms had fallen before the prophecy was uttered to John. This interpretation ignores the fact that the seven heads are the heads of the beast, and they try to place them outside of and beyond that of the time of beast that is symbolized here.

Some of the prophecies that were given to Daniel and John, refer to time periods spanning from their inception when they were given. But most that he wrote refers specifically to the end; the focus being set within the lifetime of those living in the end. So it does not make any sense to apply it to any other period; the context of the seven heads (mountains) is from 1798 to the present, so any rulers, or kingdoms outside of this period are irrelevant. The whore as it appears in Rev 17: 9 - 11 is depicted by the contemporaneous presence of the two-horned beast. This is all set within the final end

period. Therefore, for this whore woman to sit upon seven mountains, and to be the worship target of the two-horned beast, it must be that these heads (mountains) are contemporary, and in the same period of time as the two-horned beast. Besides the writing of the book of Revelation, none of these events depicted have any relevance to John himself, nor any other purpose than to be the truth for the people of God at the time of the end.

^ Since the first and second century Christians are not able to witness any of these last day events, it is understood that it does not benefit them beyond the promise that a final victory will be won by God. The last-day prophecies are written for the people of the last generation who will experience them.

Rev 13: 3, "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."

Does the papal church have "heads?"

Yes, the popes are called the heads of the church.

Are there "seven" of them?

Yes; Pius, Leo, Gregory, Benedict, John, Paul, and John Paul.

Are these "heads" represented also as mountains?

Yes, they are listed under their adopted names and numbered just as it is done in a monarchy.

Did any of these heads receive a deadly wound, and was this deadly wound healed?

Yes, Pius VI This also lends to defining what the heads of this beast are; Papal.

13: 12 "And he (the two-horned beast) exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

Another specific statement given in Revelation 17: 5; "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE

GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." The harlots are the various Protestant churches, each claiming to be Christ's true bride, but instead bear the image of their mother church; in the keeping of its false first day Sabbath.

The papal whore woman never sat upon the ancient kingdom of Babylon, Medo-Persia, or Greece. It would be unnatural to have the whore, also called BABYLON THE GREAT, to also be sitting upon Babylon. Or if one of its heads were to be represented as Papal Rome, then this whore which is interpreted as the papal church, again would be sitting upon itself.

If one were to ascribe one of these heads as being the papacy, then they would first have to divest the beast from also representing the papacy, and assign the interpretation of the beast to be something else. Yet I have not seen anyone identify the beast as being anything else than the papacy, and demonstrate it as having seven heads.

The various characteristics given, are to describe the appearance or structure of the power that is symbolized.

The great whore, Babylon, the mother of harlots, and sits on many waters, which are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. The argument then that interprets these seven kingdoms as being of the ancient kingdoms, relies on the premise that the (whore) woman is represented to be the people of God, being persecuted by these various world powers. However, this is not the case; True, God's people throughout the ages, have suffered persecution by the world's governments, but that scenario is not depicted here. The whore woman "SITS" upon these seven mountains.

Their argument falls short in two ways; first, the woman's sitting upon the seven mountains does not in any way connote antagonism between herself and them, rather, it connotes an agreement. There is no hint of any antagonistic relationship between the whore and the mountains. It is only at the end that the ten horns turn on the whore. Prior to that, they are in agreement to give their power to the beast. And second, the woman described here is not the Bride of Christ, but the whore, and in no wise does this whore, reside upon ancient kingdoms, while assuming the identity of the persecuted Bride. The application then of interpreting these mountains must be

applied to the correct period of time; to the papacy after 1798.

Rightly did Daniel say "To us belongs confusion of faces." (Dan 9) As we approach the end, all of God's people will come into unity as the call goes out for God's people to come out of Babylon. Heretofore, God's people are among all of the multitude of Christian faiths, but as the purifying truths of the Third Angel's Message prepare those for the time of the end, they will have set aside all their differences and will be keeping a unified faith, being unified with each other as they are all in unity with their relationship to Christ.

"Our sins are continually before us and we have not been as vigilant in our walk in Righteousness as we ought to have been. There is a way of victory and a way of overcoming, that the final work of God may be done and effectual."

"In (Revelation) chapter 13 (verses 1-10) is described another beast, 'like unto a leopard,' to which the dragon gave 'his power, and his seat, and great authority.' This symbol, as most Protestants have believed, represents the papacy, which succeeded to the power and seat and authority once held by the ancient Roman empire. Of the leopardlike beast it is declared: 'There was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies... And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.' This prophecy, which is nearly identical with the description of the little horn of Daniel 7, unquestionably points to the papacy." Great Controversy pg 439

Revelation 13: 12 "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13: 13 "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,"

13: 14 "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword,

and did live."

Rev. 17: 3 "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."

The scarlet colored beast is the same seven headed, ten horned beast that lived after it was wounded in 1798.

Christ has symbolized the true church as a woman and His Bride. But that which constitutes His true people, are taken from all the various churches. In Revelation, God symbolizes all these diverse and corrupt churches as harlots of their mother the whore. The whore woman riding on the beast of Revelation 17 is the symbol for the people of the Catholic Church. The beast is the Papacy, and the harlots are the many Protestant faiths, that share in the false doctrines of the mother church. While many descriptors are written in the prophecies that identify the Catholic faith, very few realize that the symbol is more encompassing, to include the many Protestant faiths. In Revelation 18, God implores; "come out of her, My people."

This topic is more pressing now, because of the time at hand. The verses in chapter 17 further clarify the specific conditions of the prophecy. Once all these are converged, the whole picture becomes more clear.

June 27, 1850.

"My accompanying angel said, 'Time is almost finished. Get ready, get ready, get ready.'"
" A little further on she says: "Some of us have had time to get the truth, and to advance step by step, and every step we have taken has given us strength to take the next. But now time is almost finished. . . and what we have been years learning, they will have to learn in a few months" (Early Writings, pp.64-67).

The conclusion is this; Pope John Paul II is old and feeble. We are near the end of the short space. The Bible and recent history presents clear evidence that the Second Coming is almost here.

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Update 1

Stephen Kraner showed us the Biblical application of the seven heads and ten horns of the Dragon. This gave me the key I needed to understand the correct interpretation of the heads of both the Dragon and the Beast. Stephen also expanded our understanding the parallels between the Dragon and the Beast. The Dragon's head gets bruised by Christ's heel, and likewise the Beast gets one of its heads bruised.

Revelation 12 reveals that the Dragon through Herod of Rome, attempts to kill Christ as a child, but after the Crucifixion, Satan receives the promised bruising of his head. This same Rome is the seventh head of the subset of the heads that are shown in Daniel 7. Rome, as the agent of Satan, and as seen in all these ancient kingdoms, exercised authority over the world, and persecuted the people of God. Particularly, Israel was taken captive by Babylon, continued in captivity after Babylon was taken by Medo-Persia, and was still in captivity by Rome. After Satan's head is bruised, he then redirects his attacks by infiltrating the beast, giving the papacy its seat and great authority. Satan, represented by pagan Rome, is the last of Satan's seven heads, and his ten horns appear after the breakup of Rome. Three of these horns are sacrificed to give place to the papacy. Revelation 12 calls Rome the Dragon, and calls the Dragon Satan. Thus the equation is given that places the seven heads as seen in Daniel 7, as the seven agent heads of Satan. The ten horns on the dreadful beast are then the ten horns of the Dragon.

The seven heads of the Dragon are;

- 1 Babylon
- 2 Medo-Persia
- 3 Greece: Cassandra
- 4 Greece: Lysemachus
- 5 Greece: Ptolemy
- 6 Greece: Seleucid
- 7 Rome

When the Roman empire fell, ten divisions arose. These were ruled by: the Alemani, the Franks, Burgundians, the Suevi, the Anglo-Saxons, the Visigoths, the Lombards,

the Vandals, Ostrogoths, and Heruli.

After the Vandals, Ostrogoths, and Heruli were removed to make way for the papacy, the Dragon then transfers his seat and power to the "beast"

Summary;

Beginning with the original thesis, showing that the papal beast of Rev 17, has seven papal heads as demonstrated by the official papal record. Also showing that the numbers that have been given to these seven names form the sum total of 665 with the current John Paul II.

From this point, it led to understanding that John Paul constitutes the Seventh Head of the Beast, and is the "shortest mountain" (of I and II yielding 3) and thus producing the "Short Space" which John Paul must continue.

Considering that John Paul II is quite frail and elderly, the "Short Space" of Rev 17: 10 is about to expire. It draws the conclusion that the arrival of the Eighth Head is very near. The Loud Cry of Rev. 18 will soon commence.

What we will soon see:

The Eighth Head will complete the count to the sum of 666. This is the precise identifier of the "Man of Sin."

While the Eighth Head sets up his Agenda, this brings forward the message of the "First Angel" saying that the "Hour" of His Judgment has come. The call to come out of Babylon is repeated. Having just correctly identified and re-identified the "Beast" of Rev 17, those that see and believe, will take the opportunity to separate from Babylon.

The "Shockwave" that passes through humanity at the time of the "Loud Cry" will have a grave impact on the economy. Investments will have no value. In that day, not even Gold will have any value. The time of trouble begins.

The Loud Cry swells as the Third Angel's Message is given for the last time to the

world. The Gospel work will be made more difficult because of the persecution again reinstated as it was prior to 1798. The Plagues are about to fall, and the People of God are carefully watching the events unfold before them. Time is very short, and the assistance of the Holy Spirit attends the workers who are agonizing for the souls of others.

As the Eighth Head being the "Abomination of Desolation" makes his move into the "Holy Place" spoken of in Matthew, coincides with the end of Christ's Mediation on behalf of man, and makes the Final Decree; He that is Holy let him remain Holy, and he that is unclean shall remain unclean. The time of Jacob's trouble begins. The 7 Plagues begin.

We have thus far affirmed that the prophecy of Rev 18: 13, and Rev 17: 9, as I have shown in this interpretation, is correct and is supported by the Bible.

The Leopard-Like Sea-Beast, and its seven heads, is similar to the Leopard Beast of Daniel; and its four heads. Biblically showing that the Four Heads of the Leopard Beast in Daniel 7, are all Grecian heads. Thus indicating that the Papal Beast of Rev 17 and its seven heads, are all Papal heads.

This new understanding lays the foundation then for what follows in Update 2;

Update 2

Note that the beast of Rev 13, has the body of a leopard, feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion.

The mouth of a lion refers back to Babylon, whose symbol in Dan 7 was the lion. The king Nebuchadnezzar set up a great image on the plain of Dura, and commanded all to bow down to the image on penalty of death. The papacy will do the same thing before the end. It will command that all bow to worship the image of the beast; to honor its false sabbath. The mouth of a lion is a characteristic of the papacy, of what it will yet do.

The Leopard. What do you know about a leopard? A leopard is fast, but if you want to describe rapid conquest, you talk about a leopard 'with wings.' In Daniel 7: 6, we

read, "After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.."

The last days will be rapid ones. The papacy will move quickly to seize the opportunity to take global power.

It should be also noted that the Grecian leopard beast had four heads. Alexander's kingdom was divided among his four generals---Cassandra, Lysemachus, Ptolemy and Seleucid. These four heads of the Grecian beast are also Grecian. Thus it sets forth a very clear principle of interpretation that the heads of a beast, are of a like nature to the beast. Therefore, the seven heads of the "Papal beast" are also "Papal."

In conclusion, the three listed characteristics do indeed describe the nature of the "Papal Beast" and do not in any way lend themselves to anything pertaining to the identity of its seven heads, and thus one must look elsewhere for the identities of the seven heads. The place in which these seven heads are laid out is in Revelation 17: 9, 10. The timeframe of Revelation 17 and these seven heads is therefore from 1798 to the present.

The following e-mail came on August 24, 2001, in regard to the subject of Rev 17. It has thus provided the key to understanding the identity of the heads of the "Beast" by correctly identifying the heads of the "Dragon."

From: "Stephen W. Kraner"
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2001 03:54:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Revelation 17

Hello,

I just want to pass a couple things your way regarding this topic:

First, there is in Rev. 12 a dragon with seven heads and 10 horns. Revelation plainly says that this is "that old serpent called the Devil and Satan." Rev. 12: 9.

Then, in Rev. 13 we have the "Leopard-like beast" having seven heads and tens horns. Rev. 13: 1-2.

Please note that in Rev. 13: 2 states that the "dragon" (of chapter 12), Satan, gives the leopard-like beast both "his power, and his seat, and great authority."

Next, please note the following parallels between Daniel 7 and Revelation 13

Daniel 7

vs 4: Like a lion = one head, no horns

vs 5: Like to a bear = one head, no horns

vs 6: Like a leopard w/four heads = four heads, no horns

vs. 7: The terrible beast = one head & 10 horns

Total = seven heads and ten horns!!!

Now, please note Rev. 13

vs. 1: a beast having seven heads and ten horns, each horn having a crown.

vs. 2: the body is like a leopard;

vs. 2: the feet are like a bear;

vs. 2: the mouth is like a lion's mouth

vs. 2: Dragon w/7 heads and 10 horns gives seat, power and authority to leopard-like beast.

Now, compare these insights:

Rev. 13 Dan. 7

Lion = Lion = one head

Bear = Bear = one head

Leopard = Leopard = 4 heads

Dragon = Terrible beast = one head w/ten horns
Total = seven heads & ten horns

In Gen. 3: 15 we have the prophecy that the Messianic seed, (Jesus), would bruise the "head" of the serpent.

In Rev. 12, we have the dragon identified as "that old serpent, the Devil and Satan."

In Rev. 13, we have one of the heads receiving a deadly wound.

From the Messianic perspective, the timing and circumstance of the wounding of the Serpent was at the Cross, the crucifixion of our Savior. Drawing upon Ellen White's view that the Dragon (Satan) has an "earthly reflection" consisting of Paganism; and, drawing upon the subsequent imagery that the leopard-like beast is the Roman church, I remain accepting that the leopard-like beast has one of its heads wounded, just as Satan had his head wounded at Calvary. After 1260 literal days of ministry, the Savior had His "heel" bruised. The Messiah receives a "deadly wound," going into the grave, but then is "healed," resurrected. So also, the Catholic church, after a period of ministry of 1260 years (538 A.D. to 1798 A.D.) receives a deadly wound.

Now, as to Rev. 17. I wish to call attention to an interesting statement by Ellen White:

Spirit of Prophecy Light on the Ten Horns of the Seven Headed Scarlet Beast of Revelation Seventeen

"In the seventeenth of Revelation is foretold the destruction of all the churches who corrupt themselves by idolatrous devotion to the service of the papacy, those who have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. "Thus is represented the papal power, which with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, by outside attraction and gorgeous display deceives all nations; promising them as did Satan our first parents, all good to those who receive its mark, and all harm to those who oppose its fallacies.

"What is it that gives its kingdom to this power? Protestantism, a power which, while professing to have the temper and spirit of a lamb and to be allied to Heaven, speaks with the voice of a dragon. It is moved by a power from beneath." Letter 232, 1899 by Mrs. E. G. White.

The following format will help in understanding this quote.

"I will show you the judge----- "In the seventeenth of
ment of the great harlot -----Revelation is foretold the
who sits on many waters, ----- destruction of all the
with whom the kings of the ----- churches who corrupt
earth committed acts of - ----- themselves by idolatrous
immorality, and those who -----devotion to the
dwell on the earth were ----- service of the papacy, those
made drunk with the wine ----- who have drunk of the wine
of her immorality." ----- of the wrath of her fornication.

"...I shall tell you the ----- "Thus is represented the
mystery of the woman and ----- papal power, which with all
of the beast that carries ----- deceivableness of unrighteousness,
her, which has the seven ----- by outside attraction
heads and the ten horns. ----- and gorgeous display deceives
----- all nations;....

"....And the ten horns
...are ten kings, who

not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

"These have one purpose ----- "What is it that gives its and they give their power ----- kingdom to this power? and authority to the ----- Protestantism, a power while beast. These will wage ----- professing to have the temper and war against the Lamb,... ----- spirit of a lamb* and to be "And the ten horns which ----- allied to Heaven, speaks with you saw, and the beast, ----- the voice of a dragon. It is these will hate the har- ----- moved by a power from beneath." lot and will make her ----- Letter 232, 1899.

desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. For God has put it in their hearts to execute

*Note: The reference to the ----- His purpose by having a "lamb" common purpose, and by ----- refers back to Rev. 13: 11, where a nation giving their kingdom to ----- professing to be Christian, speaks as the beast..." Revelation 17 ----- Satan, the dragon.

1,2,7,12,13,14,16,17.

I hope these insights are helpful to you. I hope that my attempt to create two columns above are not lost in the communication process of internet, posting, and different monitor settings.

Sincerely,
Stephen W. Kraner
A student of the Word.