



# Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson  
Series 2023

## Lesson 23: "The BIG Test" -Part 2

**\*CHARACTERISTIC #7** - The Papacy reigned for exactly 42 prophetic months! 42 Months = 1260 Days ( $30 \times 42 = 1260$ ) 1 day = 1 year in prophecy (Ezekiel 4:6, Numbers 14:34) The Papacy reigned during the Dark Ages for exactly 1260 years, from 538 AD to 1798, which is when Pope Pius VI was imprisoned by Berthier during the French Revolution.

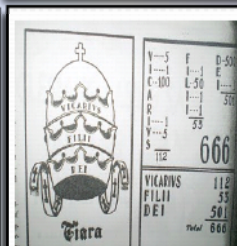
**\*CHARACTERISTIC #8:** The Papacy made war against the saints of God. The historian John Dowling stated: "From the birth of Popery in 606 to the present time, it is estimated by careful and credible historians, that more than fifty millions of the human family, have been slaughtered for the crime of heresy by popish persecutors, an average of more than forty thousand religious murders for every year of the existence of popery." --Dowling, John "History of Romanism," New York: 187, pp. 541, 542.



The Catholic Church tortured people during the Inquisition."

**\*CHARACTERISTIC #9:** The man that leads this power must bear the number 666. On one of the Pope's Tiaras (hat), it says "Vicarius Filii Dei", which is translated in Latin, "Vicar of the Son of God." Vicar means to hold the place of. Therefore, the name means "He who holds the place of the Son of God." That is a blasphemous title! Count the Roman Numerals of "Vicarius Filii Dei" and they add up to 666!

V = 5, I = 1, C = 100, A = 0, R = 0, I = 1, U = 5, S = 0, F = 0, I = 1, L = 50, I = 1, I = 1, D = 500, E = 0, I = 1



The Pope bears the number "666".

**\*Note:** The Papal system of the Catholic Church fits ALL 9 CHARACTERISTICS of the first beast of Revelation 13, therefore, they must be the BEAST of prophecy! Now let's examine the characteristics of the second beast of the Revelation 13.

7) How does John describe the second beast and where does it arise from? -Revelation 13:11.

1 - This second beast has "two h\_\_rns like a l\_\_mb, and he sp\_\_ke as a dr\_\_gon."

2 - This beast rises "up o\_\_t of the e\_\_rth."



**\*Explanation:** John saw another beast entirely DIFFERENT in characteristics than the First Beast. This kingdom arises out of the EARTH, instead of the SEA. Since the SEA represents multitudes of people and a highly populated area (See.....

.....Revelation 17:15), the EARTH must represent the opposite - a place sparsely populated.

8) The Second Beast rises as a LAMB, but speaks as a DRAGON. What does a LAMB represent and what does a DRAGON represent? -John 1:29, Revelation 12:9.

1 - The "Lamb of G\_d" represents "J\_s\_s."

2 - The "Dragon" represents "that old se\_pent....the D\_vil."

\*Note: This second beast has two horns of a Lamb (Christ), signifying that this power will be Christian in principle, but will, later, change and speak as a Dragon (Devil), though, still claiming to be a Christian Nation. The two lamb-like horns signify CIVIL and RELIGIOUS LIBERTY. This nation has a GOVERNMENT without a KING and a CHURCH without a POPE at it's beginnings, but will, unfortunately, change and become a political and RELIGIOUS DICTATORSHIP!

9) What 2 additional characteristics does John give of this second beast? -Revelation 13:12.

1 - The second beast will "exerciseth all the p\_wer of the f\_rst b\_ast."

2 - He will also cause "the e\_rth and them which dw\_ll therein to w\_rship the first b\_ast."

\*Note: This nation must exercise "all of the power of the first beast", the Papacy. The Papacy is very wealthy and influential power in the world, therefore, the second beast power must wield similar financial power. It also must have a POWERFUL MILITARY because it causes the "world and them which dwell therein to worship" the Papal power and will influence the whole world to enforce the Mark of the Beast. (See Revelation 13:15)

**\*Note: ONLY the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA fit all these characteristics!**



1 - America was NOT largely populated when Europeans began to come to settle in the new world after 1492. Most of the Native Americans dwelt in the southern areas of America, but the mid and northern areas were mostly desolate of human life.



America was sparsely populated when it arose.

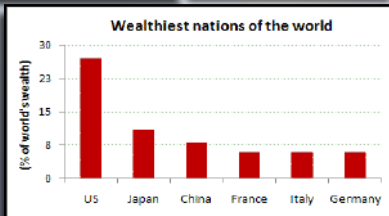
2 - The Constitution and Bill of Rights, which is America's system of laws, was built upon the principles of the Bible! The first amendment of the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

3 - The United States is now speaking as a Dragon (Satan), yet, still claims to be a Christian nation. In the name of fighting terrorism, America is compromising it's Christian principles of the Bill of Rights and it's affecting MORE THAN JUST TERRORISTS! Recent legislation, such as the "Patriot Act" and the "National Defense Authorization Act" have greatly compromised the US Bill of Rights of the Constitution. The right to protest, freedom of speech, the right to privacy, the right to bare arms and the right to a public trial by jury is fading away as the New World Order system gradually comes into power.



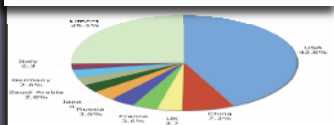
America is rapidly changing & destroying the Constitution!

4 - America exercises all the financial power of the First Beast, the Papacy. As the Papacy is the wealthiest religion in the world, the United States of America is the wealthiest nation in the world. Satan is working to bring these two financial giants together to enforce the Mark of the Beast.



5 - America has the most powerful military in the world. America spends more money on it's military than any other nation on the earth! Satan will use America's military to cause "the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the First Beast", the Roman Papacy. (Rev. 13:12)

America is the world's largest military spender!



**The United States of America fits all the characteristics of the Second Beast of Revelation 13! So, the 2 powers that will work together to enforce the MARK are the Roman Papacy and the United States!**

10) What does the Bible say the lamb-like beast will have power to do? What will this power instruct to all the other nations of the earth that they should do? -Revelation 13:13, 14

1 - It will have power to do "gr\_\_at wo\_\_ders, so that he maketh f\_r\_\_come d\_\_wn from h\_\_aven on the e\_rth in the s\_\_ght of men."

2 - It will instruct "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should m\_k\_\_an im\_\_g\_\_ to the b\_\_ast."

\*Note: Satan will give the Protestant leaders of America power to work miracles and they will deceive the WORLD TO MAKE AN IMAGE to the FIRST BEAST, THE ROMAN PAPACY. The Greek word for "image" is "eikon", which means a likeness or figurative representation of something. This image is NOT a physical image or visible likeness, but a SPIRITUAL IMAGE. A spiritual image is referring to copying it's doctrines, it's teachings and it's practices. The UNITED STATES will make an image to the PAPACY by merging CHURCH and STATE. They will enforce a false doctrine that originated from Catholicism and will repeat the persecution of the Dark Ages!

**\*Question: Which Catholic Doctrine will Protestant America copy and ENFORCE by LAW that will fulfill the prophecy of the MARK of the BEAST?**

**\*Answer: The very law that the Catholic Church has admitted changing -- The Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment! As Emperor Constantine enacted a mandatory Sunday Rest Law in 321 AD, America will repudiate it's Constitution and enforce a National Sunday Law that will be a fulfillment of the Mark of the Beast!**



**11) What does the Bible say is a SIGN that one worships the Creator? -Ezekiel 20:12, 20.**

**1 - The "S\_\_bb\_\_th" is a "s\_\_gn between me and you, that ye may kn\_\_w that I am the L\_\_RD your G\_\_d."**

**\*Note: Keeping God's seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) is a SIGN that you worship and serve the God of heaven and earth. If you observe Sunday as the Sabbath, you are knowingly or unknowingly paying homage to ROME.**

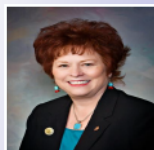
**\*Mark in the Forehead: When the National Sunday Law is passed, the symbolic Mark in the forehead will be your moral decision to disobey God's Commandment and to follow the Roman Catholic tradition of Sunday Worship! The forehead protects the frontal lobe of your brain and is where you make your moral decisions!**



**\*Mark in the Right Hand: The right hand, which is the hand that you swear with, represents your moral decision to break God's Sabbath by working on Friday eve and Saturday. This will be required after the Mark of the Beast is passed and is often required by employers even now. God told the children of Israel to place the commandments on their hand and their forehead as a sign of obedience in thought and deed. (See Deuteronomy 6:8)**



**\*Note: In 2015, Arizona Senator, Sylvia Allen stated before congress: "We are slowly eroding religion at every opportunity that we have. We should probably be debating a bill requiring every American to attend a church of their choice on Sunday to see if we can get back to having a moral rebirth." -http://www.nydailynews.com**



**12) What will happen to those who receive the Mark of the Beast? How are God's saints described as opposed to those who accept the Pope's Sunday Law and worship the Beast? -Revelation 14:9, 10, 12**

**1 - Those who "worsh\_\_p the be\_\_st and his im\_\_ge" will "dr\_\_nk of the w\_\_ne of the wr\_\_th of G\_\_d" and will be "to\_\_mented with f\_\_r\_\_."**

**2 - God's saints "k\_\_p the c\_\_mman\_\_ments of G\_\_d and have the f\_\_ith of J\_\_s\_\_s."**

**\*Note: The BIG TEST will be: Will you obey God's true 7th day Sabbath and suffer persecution by men, or will you keep Sunday to temporarily save your life and please men?**

**Appeal) Will you be faithful to Jesus and keep His Sabbath in preparation for the Mark of the Beast? \_\_\_\_.**

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