

# THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

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Ask people today what the image of the beast will be and many will tell you it will be a literal image like a statue which the beast system will try and force us to bow down to and worship, like Nebuchadnezzar's golden statue in Daniel. They apply the same reasoning to the image as they do to the mark of the beast, saying the mark is also a literal, physical mark like a microchip. But this cannot be so for a couple of reasons...



1. Satan works with all deceivableness (2 Thess. 2) in these last days and a literal mark like a microchip or a literal image like a statue is **no deception whatsoever**.

2. Once you find out who the first beast is, you will know what the 'image' to that beast will be, and it will not be a statue or anything of that kind.

So who is the first beast of Revelation 13? If you take a look at [THIS ANTICHRIST PAGE](#), you will see that the first beast is the Roman Empire in its PAPAL form. And what is the main feature about the Papacy? **It is a union of church and state**, with the church directing the affairs of the state, which is the picture we also see in Revelation 17, with that 'mother of harlots', the Roman Catholic Church, 'riding' (controlling) the beast. And that very unholy union has caused the enforcement of religious laws and the persecution of MILLIONS of God's people throughout history.

So the IMAGE of the Papal beast will be a '**Church and State Union**', with the church telling the state what to do, 'speaking' and enforcing 'religious laws' upon the people - the mark of the beast! And which nation will bring about the image of the beast? [The second beast of Revelation 13 which is AMERICA!](#)

We have already given a clue as to what the image is above. If the Papal Church of Rome is the first beast in Revelation 13, then the image is naturally going to be the image of the Papal Church. Let's find out exactly what it is.

*Revelation 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.'*

We need to build up a little background first before getting to the image of the beast. In the 14th century the great protestant reformation was started by a man named John Wycliffe, who wrote the first English Bible for the common people, to be able to read the Word of God themselves. And then the reformation got into full swing in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to a Roman Catholic Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Throughout the years to follow, the Protestant reformation continued and strengthened with Calvin, Knox, Wesley, Cranmer, Zwingli and many others.

Now the reason for the Protestant reformation was because the Roman Catholic Church had blinded the world with her false doctrines, traditions and pagan practices. And had ENFORCED her dogmas upon the world for 1260 years. But God still had a remnant people throughout this time and then God led certain men like Wycliffe, Tyndale and Luther to expose the great error in Roman Catholic doctrines. These great men of faith proclaimed that we need to base our beliefs solely upon the Word of God, rather than upon the traditions of men - this became known as 'sola scriptura'. And no, Luther and others did not come to the full truth of the gospel, but God used them to begin shining the true light around the world.

To counter this reformation, the leaders of the Roman Church started an order known as the Jesuit Order in 1534, and decided to commission Catholic Jesuit priests to re-interpret Bible prophecy in order to take the focus off [the Roman Catholic Church as antichrist](#), which the reformers revealed.

Please note, history records that the Roman Catholic Church has [tortured and killed at least 50 million people](#).

Now a huge blow came to the Roman Catholic Church, when in 1798 General Berthier marched his French army into Rome and took the pope captive, where he later died. ***"In 1798 General Berthier made his entrance into Rome, abolished the papal government, and established a secular one"*** (Encyclopedia Britannica 1941 edition). This put an end to the Papal rule which spanned from 538 - 1798, a total of 1260 years. This "deadly wound" to the 'Papal head' of the first beast was prophesied in Revelation 13. But the same chapter also prophesied the "healing" of the deadly wound.

*Revelation 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.'*



That deadly wound began it's healing in 1929 when Mussolini signed an agreement with the Vatican giving them once again CIVIL POWER! And since then, the Papal Church of Rome has been growing in strength, by making agreements and securing the support of the nations of the world. In 2018, the Vatican had "diplomatic relations" with 183 of the 192 UN world states, and that number is growing all the time. So before long, the Roman Catholic Church will have the support of the whole world!

The majority of Protestant churches didn't make a complete break from the Roman Catholic Church, because they held on to some of her doctrines. For instance, the majority of Protestant churches still hold onto the error taught by Rome like the [false Trinity god](#) and keeping Sunday as [the Sabbath day](#). And we now even have many of the Protestant churches fully reuniting with the Papal Church through this ecumenical movement. Just look at the following news quote from 1999.

*"Now as the Augsburg accord suggests, the value of separate denominations is under question. The Lutheran - Catholic concord is ""one of the most important ecumenical moments of the century", said the Rev. Joseph Komonchak ... This document appears to be saying that the doctrine that Luther thought was central to the reformation, and which led him to undertake it, is not one on which there are serious enough differences between Catholics and Lutherans to justify the division of the church ... Today, the heirs of that acrimony and fracture, the leaders of the modern Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches, signed a document that officially settles the central argument about the nature of faith that Luther provoked. The agreement declares, in effect, that **it was all a misunderstanding** ... The agreement is significant beyond the dispute over doctrine that it resolves. It has deep implications for **future relations among Catholics and Protestants**, said theologians and church leaders. Many said the accord gives added promise to the ideal of their denominations champion - **of full communion, or merger, between the churches**". (The Washington Post, Nov 1. 1999)*

Let's just think about this for a moment. The church leaders are now trying to say that tens of millions of TRUE Christians who obeyed the Word of God over Roman Catholic Church tradition, and who died for that true faith they found, was a **MISUNDERSTANDING!!!!** Let me tell you what it was. It was Satan using the Roman Catholic Church to persecute anyone who believed in the True Word of God and wanted to live by it. There was NO misunderstanding on the part of the Christian martyrs who would rather die than bow down to Roman Catholic heresy. You will also notice in the above quote that this union between

the Lutheran Church and the Catholic Church has paved the way for the other Protestant Churches to unite with them, and it is only a matter of time before there is a full union. THIS will then pave the way for the image of the beast to be fully setup and ready to "speak".

And now in 2017, we have the majority of the once 'Protestant' churches involved in ecumenical relations with Rome!

By the way, the term 'Protestant' has been dropped by the majority of professed Christians in America and have replaced it with 'evangelical'. This is because they no longer see themselves as 'protesting against Rome'. Instead they are JOINING with her again!

*"If Satan has been permitted to make use of Paganism as an instrument of deception, and also of Papacy, which is Christianity in a corrupt form, why may he not be permitted to make use of **Protestantism** also, when it becomes corrupt, as, if possible, **a more efficient instrument of deception than either of the former?**" (J.N.Andrews, Review and Herald, May 19, 1851, p.84)*

## What is the Image of the Beast?

*Revelation 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.'*

The "earth beast" which *"says to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast"* is America (see [America in Prophecy](#)). So the nation of America tells the people to form an image of the Papal Church of Rome. In other words, they tell the people to form a **church state union in America**. And this is actually progressing right now with the coalition of Protestant, Evangelical and Catholic churches in America.

*"When the churches of our land, uniting upon such points of faith as are held by them in common, shall influence the State to enforce their decrees and sustain their institutions, then will Protestant America have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy." (E.White, The Spirit of Prophecy, Vol.4, p.278-279)*

The different ecumenical movements like the "Interfaith Movement" and "United Religions Initiative" are bringing the churches together under one common cause, and the "terrorist" activities around the world is giving more force to ecumenism.



So the image of the beast will be the united Protestant churches in America, under direction from the Roman Catholic Church and organisations like the "Christian Coalition of America" gaining civil power and directing the civil authorities to enforce "religious" laws upon the people. And it will all be under the guise of "religious

freedom". But those laws will actually go against the Commandments of God and will end up being the mark of the beast. Now, you are maybe thinking that the Protestant churches don't want a church state union and wouldn't try to influence the civil authorities. Well, just look at the following quote from the Christian Coalition of America website:

*"Christian Coalition offers people of faith the vehicle to be actively involved in impacting the issues they care about - from the county courthouse to the halls of congress ... **The Coalition is a political organization** ... We actively lobby Congress and the White House on numerous issues ... **Today, Christians need to play an active role in government again like never before**". (signed, Roberta Combs, President. 'About us' page on Christian Coalition of America website)*



We can clearly see just from the above quote that there is a Protestant movement (Roman Catholic by design) in America for Christians to gain civil power and impact the laws of the land. And this is known as the "Catholicization of America", which the Roman Catholic Church had planned since the Christian pilgrims went to the New Land to escape the persecution of the Papal Church. And today we are seeing this happening. Just look at this union between Trump and the Evangelicals. Those Evangelical leaders are the one's directing Trump on many policies!

**In 2004, for the first time, [Roman Catholic and Evangelical Churches join in a new alliance!](#)**

*"In the past two decades, the American religious Right has become increasingly Catholic ... What is new is the prominence that these Catholic thinkers and leaders have come to have within the domains of American politics that are dominated by evangelical Protestants ... In political terms, the evangelical Protestant Right has become Catholicized. They do not see Catholicism as a religion very different from their own because it leads to the same positions on the battlefield." (Howard Schweber, Professor, University of Wisconsin - Article for Huffington Post, Feb. 2012)*

What a statement! Protestants don't see Catholicism as different from their own faith. And yet America was built upon the very people who were **ESCAPING** Catholicism!

The Papal Church of Rome is a religious/political institution and during the dark ages it enforced it's own laws through the nations that supported her. In the same way the Protestants of America will cause the President to enforce religious laws, 'speaking and causing' the world to take the mark of the beast.

**With Donald Trump as president today, we are seeing a uniting of church and state like never before in America. The 'evangelical' leaders have direct access to the president, which they never had before.**



Revelation 13:12 says that the second beast '*exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast.*' If the United States is to exercise all the authority the Papacy had and force the world to worship the Papacy, then it follows that America will become like the Papal Church of Rome was during the 1260-year period when she enforced her doctrines through the law and persecuted anyone who would not submit. America will one day soon enact papal laws and enforce their observance internationally.

*Revelation 13:15 ..... 'And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.'*

The "speaking" of the image is the act of enforcing civil laws, which the Protestant churches are seeking now and will soon be able to accomplish. Is there any law that the Roman Catholic Church and many of the Protestant churches are seeking to bring into force? Yes, the Sunday law. There is a great effort being made by Rome and many Protestant churches to make Sunday a holy day and to enforce it by law. Once this is accomplished through the civil powers, we will see the mark of the beast in force and Revelation 13 will be fulfilled.

*"The Blair Sunday bill now before Congress, demanding that the Government shall enforce the observance of Sunday, will, if passed, have this effect; and should it fail, a similar or a more stringent one will yet pass; and when such is the case, the image of the beast will be formed, and through the powerful influence of this nation, every civilized nation in the world will be inspired to either enact Sunday laws, or strictly enforce those already enacted. **Then will all the world worship the beast and his image.**" (Review and Herald, January 1, 1889, p.2)*

**NOTE:** The majority of churches today have already united with the governments of the world, in securing their 'tax exempt' status. Through this act, the churches have united with government, rather than uniting wholly with God.

Please do not join this ecumenical movement, but heed God's call to [Come out of Her My People](#). Study the Word of God for yourself and stand firm on the truth, no matter what. This image of the beast will seem like a good thing when it is fully formed and it will deceive the majority of people, because Satan is the one behind it, and he is the master deceiver, trying if possible to "*deceive the very elect*". But stay separate and make a stand with God's end time remnant church.