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The United States of America has been a bastion of freedom in the world since its inception nearly 250 years ago. Within a hundred years of its existence its fame had already spread throughout the world and its rise to power as great or greater than the empires that had preceded it was predicted by writers who wrote at the time of its early beginning.

In Burnaby's "Travels through the Middle Settlements of North America in 1759 and 1760," published in 1775, is expressed this sentiment: "An idea, strange as it is visionary, has entered into the minds of the generality of mankind, that empire is traveling westward; and every one is looking forward with eager and impatient expectation to that destined moment when America is to give the law to the rest of the world."...Governor Pownal, an English statesman, in 1780, while our Revolution was in progress, predicted that this country would become independent, and that a civilizing activity, beyond what Europe could ever know, would animate it; and that its commercial and naval power would be found in every quarter of the globe.¹

How true these predictions have become. Millions of immigrants have come to this country to realize their dreams, to share its blessings, and to escape oppression. The United States is the envy of the world, and, standing at the head of powers and civilizations has received recognition and respect from nations and world leaders, whether friend or foe.



But what about God? Does the God of heaven recognize the United States of America? Many believe so. Uriah Smith shares the following observations from those who see God’s hand in the establishment of this nation:

Geo. Alfred Townsend in New World and Old (p. 635) says:

*“The history of the United States was separated by **a beneficent Providence** far from the wild and cruel history of the rest of the continent.”*

Mr. J.M. Foster, in a Sermon before the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio., Nov. 30, 1882, bore the following explicit testimony to the fact that the hand of Providence has been remarkably displayed in the establishment of this government:

*“Let us look at the history of our own nation. **The Mediator long ages ago prepared this land as the home of civil and religious liberty.** He made it a land flowing with milk and honey. He stored*

*our mountains with coal, and iron, and copper, and silver, and gold. He prepared our fountains of oil, planted our forests, leveled our plains, enriched our valleys and beautified them with lakes and rivers. He guided the Mayflower over the sea, so that the Pilgrim Fathers landed safely on Plymouth Rock. He directed the course of our civilization, so that we have become a great nation."*²

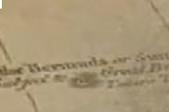
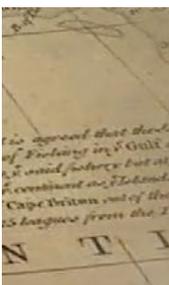
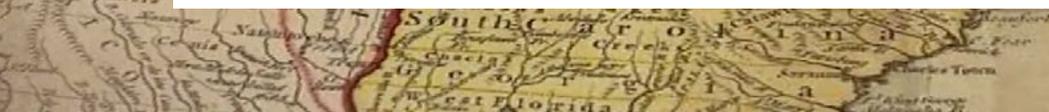
People suffering religious persecution in foreign lands boarded boats heading for a new promised land. Here you could count on the separation of church and state to afford freedom of conscience and the ability to worship as you were convicted. It was a land blessed by God, prepared by God for the safety of the oppressed. It was a country built upon freedom - both civil and religious.

Today that freedom is under attack.

Does the Bible have anything to say about the United States of America? Was its rise mentioned? Can we find any prophecies that predict its future? What role does America play in end-time events?

Revelation 13 gives us the answer. It is a prophecy about two beasts and we need to identify them as they pertain to the very questions we have asked. Our focus will be the second beast of Revelation 13, but we must first identify the first beast that is mentioned because they are connected. The first beast rises out of the sea.

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





1) What do beasts represent?

These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth _____ upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Dan 7:17, 23

2) What does the sea represent?

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





3) What animal was the first beast like?

And the beast which I saw was like unto a _____, and his feet were as the feet of a _____, and his mouth as the mouth of a _____: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. Rev 13:2

The first beast was like a leopard. When studying prophecy, we must remember that Revelation and Daniel work together. This first beast has characteristics of the beasts that Daniel saw in Daniel 7 - a leopard, a bear, and a lion. Beasts represent kingdoms. (Daniel 7:17) These beasts in Daniel 7 represented the kingdoms of Greece, Medo-Persia, and Babylon. This beast of Revelation 13 has characteristics of all of these preceding kingdoms. A study into this seven-headed beast reveals that it is none other than Rome. This correlates with the fourth beast of Daniel 7 and the little horn of Daniel 8.



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One clue that confirms that this beast is Rome, is vs. 5-7 of Rev 13 which talks about this beast's [blasphemy](#) and persecution of the saints. It also gives a timeframe - 42 months - which Bible scholars have determined is [1260 prophetic years](#). (See Num 14:34, Ezek 4:6.) Papal Rome did indeed rule the world and persecute the saints for 1260 years - from 538 to 1798. This beast also matches the little horn of [Daniel 8](#) who has the same characteristics and also operated for the same length of time. As Daniel and Revelation are connected, the two symbols are both the same power.

4) What happened to the deadly wound?

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was _____: and all the world wondered after the beast. Rev 13:3

Was the Papacy ever wounded? In 1793-98, during the French Revolution, Napoleon Bonaparte took the Pope captive, temporarily “wounding” or overthrowing the Papacy. The Pope eventually died in exile. The Bible says it *seemed* to be a wound unto death, but the wound was to be healed.



5) What did the prophet see coming up at this time?

"And I beheld _____ coming up out of the earth ... Rev. 13:11.



Just as the first beast was receiving its wound, John sees **another** beast rising. This is clearly a different beast from the one that came before. In other words, a new power other than papal Rome. Mr. Wesley, in his notes on Revelation 13, written in 1754, says of the two-horned beast: "He is not yet come, though he cannot be far off; **for he is to appear at the end of the forty-two months of the first beast.**"³

While the previous beast came up out of the "sea," or out of peoples and nations of the world (Rev. 17:15), this one comes up out of the "earth." This would indicate that the later beast would arise in a place where there were not many "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

In 1798, when the papal power received its deadly wound, the government of the United States was the only great and independent nation then coming into prominence in territory not previously occupied by people, multitudes, and nations. Only nine years preceding this (1789), the United States adopted its national Constitution.

It is within the area of the United States, therefore, that we must look, according to the prophecy, for a religious movement to arise and dominate not only the civil government of this country, but also the other nations of the whole world as well.



6) What is the character of this new power?

“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a _____, and he spake as a dragon.” Rev. 13:11.

The new power is “lamb-like” or Christ-like at first, representing the founding of the nation by Christians who fled from persecution in Europe. The Pilgrim Fathers were the vanguard of a great multitude of Protestants, who, when persecuted and outlawed in the lands of their birth, sought refuge in the New World, where they developed rapidly under the protection of a government founded on the great Christian principles of civil freedom in the form of **Republicanism** and religious freedom, represented in **Protestantism**. The two horns symbolize these two fundamental principles.



Republicanism

In contrast to the ten-horned beast which had ten crowns upon its ten horns, this two-horned beast has no crowns. A crown is a fitting symbol for a monarch, but here is a kingdom with no crown, no monarch. What kind of government is represented by the crownless, two-horned beast? Another clue is given in verse 14 where the two-horned beast appeals to the people, “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.” Whereas a monarch would act without asking input from the people he or she governed, a republican form of government would consult its people.

In Art.IV., Sec. 4, of the Constitution of the United States, we find these words: “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government.” A republican form of government is one in which the power rests with the people, and the whole machinery of government is worked by representatives elected by them.

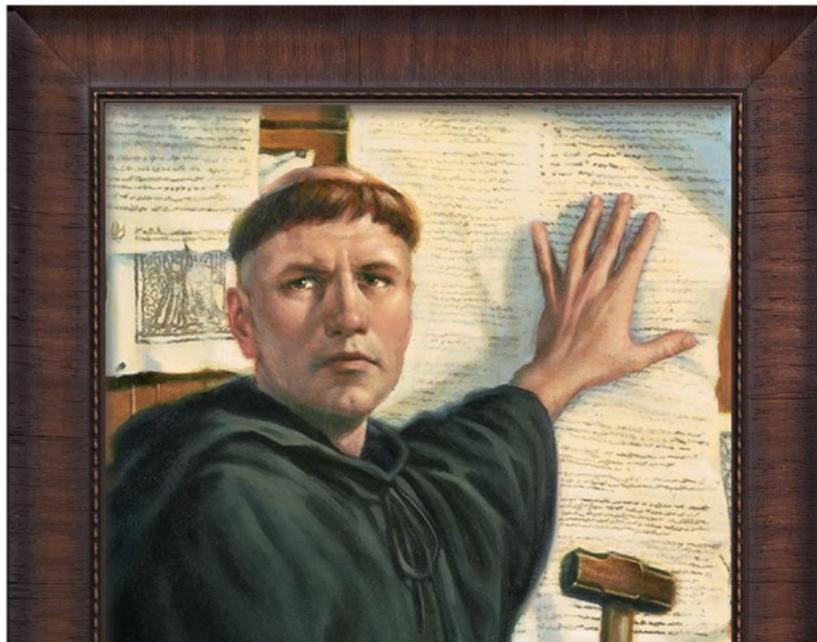


Protestantism

*"The framers of the Constitution recognized the eternal principle that man's relation to his God is above human legislation, and his right of conscience inalienable. Reasoning was not necessary to establish this truth; we are conscious of it in our own bosoms. It is this consciousness, which, in defiance of human laws, has sustained so many martyrs in tortures and flames. They felt that their duty to God was superior to human enactments, and that man could exercise no authority over their consciences. It is an inborn principle which nothing can eradicate."*⁴

It is the concept of "the Bible and the Bible alone" that underpins the Protestant faith, and from this concept came the understanding that each person has the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience. It is these beliefs upon which the United States was founded and these heaven-born principles are found in Protestantism alone. These principles are what attracted so many people to this country.

Protestantism is the religion upon which the United States was started. It is Protestantism that stands for civil and religious liberty. Historically Catholicism has been against liberty and persecuted those who chose to believe or live according to the dictates of their own conscience.



7) Despite the lamblike appearance of this power, what is it ultimately going to do?

"And he _____ as a dragon." Rev. 13:11.

The voice of the dragon is the voice of intolerance and persecution. This indicates that once the religious movement dealt with in the prophecy gets a foothold in the government of the United States, it will repudiate the mild and lamblike principles of civil and religious liberty, and become like the beast before it, a world-wide persecuting power. This is why in Rev. 19:20 it is called "the false prophet." Born of the Reformation, it will repudiate Reformation principles.

8) How much power will this beast exercise?

*"And he exerciseth _____ the power of the first beast before him, ...
Rev 13:12, first part*

The "first beast before him" (papal Rome) exercised the power of persecution and putting to death all who differed from it in religious matters. The second beast exercises ALL the power of the first beast, meaning, the United States of America will exemplify the same principles and powers that Rome did.





9) What does the second beast cause people on the earth to do?

*... and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to _____
the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed." Rev 13: 2, last part.*

The second beast causes all to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

So, the second beast, the United States of America, will cause or force people to worship the first beast who was Rome. The only way the entire earth can be made to worship is by causing work to cease for everyone on a certain day through voluntary or enforced rest, or sabbath keeping. "For as long as she [the land] lay desolate she kept sabbath." 2 Chron. 36:21. Enforced Sunday observance is evidently implied here.



Today, Sunday sacredness is a distinguishing feature of Christianity that sets it apart from other religions. Generally, Christians gather on Sunday to worship and many Christians see Sunday as being a holy day. What many don't realize is that Christians didn't always worship on Sunday. The seventh-day Sabbath, the day now known as Saturday, was the Lord's holy day from the time of Creation, and [Christians continued to honor the Sabbath centuries after Christ's ascension.](#)

Sunday gradually was made to take the place of Sabbath by a long process of slow change. After Christ's ascension, Christians kept Sabbath as the holy day and some, in addition, celebrated the resurrection on Sunday. Over time, Sunday gained prominence over the Sabbath because Sunday was familiar to the many pagans who came into the church, especially from the time of Constantine in the 4th century when Christianity was made the state religion. Also, Constantine's antisemitic policies made it uncomfortable for Christians to keep the Sabbath because Sabbath-keeping was labeled as "Judaizing."



Remarkably, the Catholic church takes the credit for replacing the Sabbath with Sunday as the sacred day for Christians. **Even more surprising, the Catholic church declares Sunday to be proof of her authority in spiritual things, even calling it their mark of authority.**

In a letter written in November, 1895, Mr. H. F. Thomas, chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons, replying to an inquiry as to whether the Catholic Church claims to have changed the Sabbath, said:

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act, . . . and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things." (See readings in Chapters 97 and 102 of this book [Bible Readings](#).)

10) What means will be employed to lead the people back into this false worship?

*"And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those _____ which he had power to do in the sight of the beast."
Rev 13:14 first part*

The second beast will use miracles to deceive people.



11) What will this power propose that the people shall do?

*“Saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an _____ to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”
Rev 13:14, last part.*

The second beast will convince people to make an image to the first beast whose wound was healed.

An image is a representation or copy of something. When you look in a mirror and see your image, it is a reflection, a likeness of you. An image to the beast is a reflection or copy of the first beast.

The beast “which had the wound by a sword, and did live,” is the Papacy. That was a church dominating the civil power. In other words, it was a union of church and state, and enforced its religious dogmas by the civil power, under pain of confiscation of goods, imprisonment, and death. An image to this beast would be another church-led organization clothed with civil power - another union of church

and state - to enforce religious dogmas by law. Most people consider church and state to be bad when the state influences the church - preventing freedom of worship. This can be seen in some communist countries. However, the reverse is equally concerning - when the church influences or even dictates to the state what it should do, and even uses the state to enforce its religious ideas.

12) Is there any evidence that such an image will be made?

In the 1800s, large and influential organizations, such as *The National Reform Association*, the *International Reform Bureau*, the *Lord's Day Alliance* of the United States, and the *Federal Council of the Churches of Christ* in America were formed by professed Protestants. For the last 200 years, organizations like these and others have been persistently working toward constitutional changes that would allow the state to enforce religious legislation.

Support for such changes to how America is governed has grown so much that Project 2025 could boast that "a broad coalition of over 100 conservative organizations has come together to form the project pillars."⁵ It is clear from this statement that much planning and organization has happened since the 1800s when only a handful of organizations were seeking constitutional changes to allow for religion to direct the American government.



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13) What, according to its constitution, was the avowed object of the National Reform Association?

“To secure such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as shall . . . indicate that this is a Christian nation, and place all the Christian laws, institutions, and usages of the government on an undeniably legal basis in the fundamental law of the land.”⁶

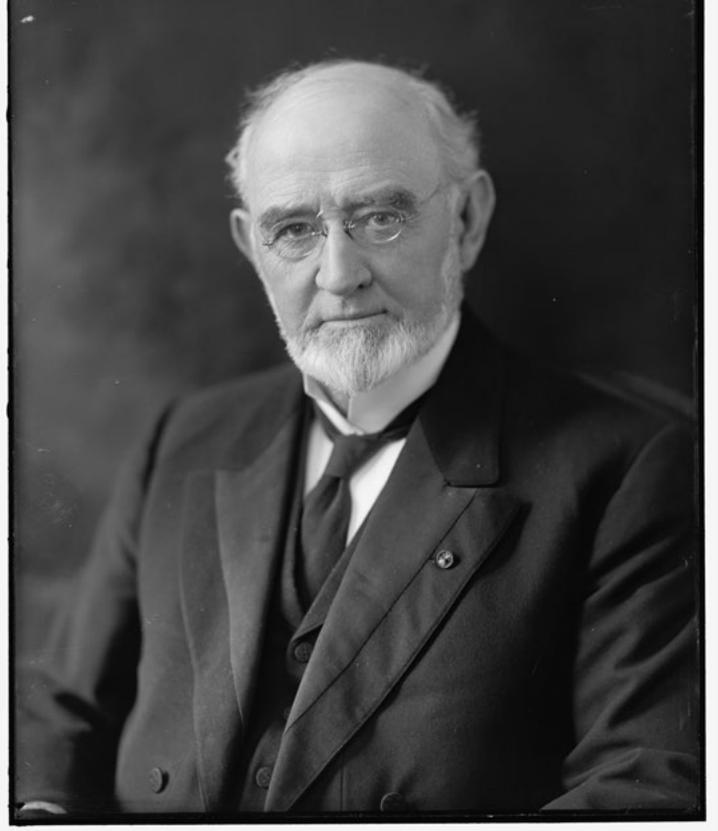
Such a change would make America a theocracy, a nation ruled by Christian leaders who would be regarded as being divinely guided.

“Every government by equitable laws, is a government of God; a republic thus governed is of Him, and is as truly and really a theocracy as the commonwealth of Israel.”⁷

Upon the question of making this a “Christian nation,” Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church,⁸ made the following observation in 1910:

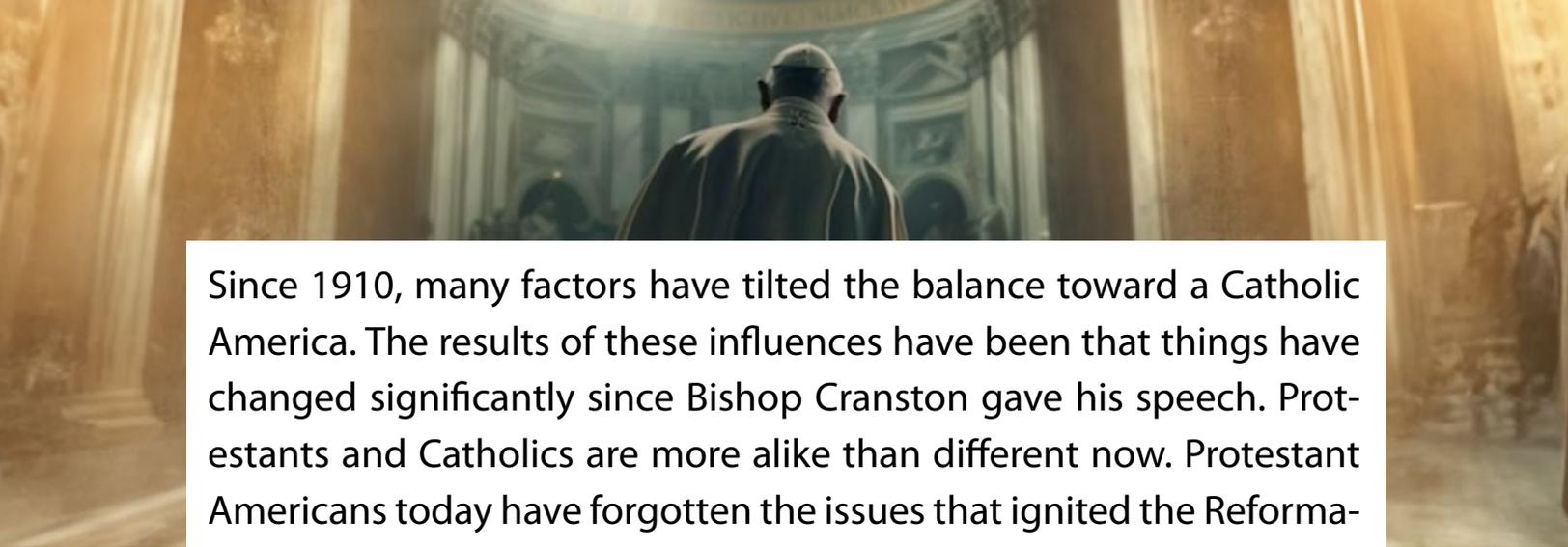
“Suppose this were to be declared a Christian nation by a Constitutional interpretation to that effect. What would that mean? Which of the two contending definitions of Christianity would the word Christian indicate? - The Protestant idea, of course, for under our system majorities rule, and the majority of Americans are Protestants. Very well.

"But suppose that . . . the majority some years hence should be Roman Catholics, - who doubts for a moment that the reigning Pope would assume control of legislation and government? He would say, with all confidence and consistency, 'This is a Christian nation. It was so claimed from the beginning and so declared many years ago. A majority defined then what Christianity was, the majority will define now what Christianity now is and is to be.' That 'majority' would be the Pope."



Bishop Cranston made a very important point. The form of Christianity that will govern America when it declares itself a theocracy, a Christian nation ruled by God's principles, will be whichever form is the dominant one. In the early 20th century, when Bishop Cranston voiced his concern, America was a Protestant nation.

Protestants, though in the majority, were still strongly suspicious of Roman Catholics at that time and the two groups generally kept apart. But the years that have passed since 1910 when Bishop Cranston voiced his concerns have demonstrated how right he was.



Since 1910, many factors have tilted the balance toward a Catholic America. The results of these influences have been that things have changed significantly since Bishop Cranston gave his speech. Protestants and Catholics are more alike than different now. Protestant Americans today have forgotten the issues that ignited the Reformation. They've forgotten the persecution, inquisitions, torture chambers, and why Protestants fled to America in the first place.

An influx of Catholic immigrants may be partly responsible for this change, but other factors have had a more significant influence on the shape of American Christianity. The promulgation of Catholic ideologies through educational institutions and the entertainment industry (Jesuit theater), ecumenical efforts resulting from Vatican II, and the work of lay-person organizations like the Knights of Columbus and Opus Dei—all these factors and more have contributed to the death of Protestantism and the catholicization of America.

Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome is aiming to re-establish her power, to recover her lost supremacy. Let history testify of her artful and persistent efforts to insinuate herself into the affairs of nations; and having gained a foothold, to further her own aims, even at the ruin of princes and people. Romanism openly puts forth the claim that the pope "can pronounce sentences and judgments in contradiction to the right of nations, to the law of God and man." [The "Decretalia."]

And let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII. and Innocent III. are still the principles of the Romish Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. Let the principle once be established in the United States, that the church may employ or control the power of the State; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and State is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured.

God's Word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage-ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the Word of God will thereby incur reproach and persecution.⁹



For many today, the type of Christianity that shapes the nation is unimportant. In contrast, the Catholic Church has always been clearly intentional. John Ireland, the influential archbishop of St. Paul, Minnesota (1888-1918) believed that the mission of Catholics in America was to make America Catholic. He wrote:



The work is to make America Catholic. . . . and our cry shall be, "God wills it," and our hearts shall leap towards it with Crusader enthusiasm. We know that the Church is the sole owner of the truths and races of salvation. . . . The conversion of America should ever be present to the minds of Catholics in America as a supreme duty from which God will not hold them exempt.¹⁰

We should remember that the Catholic Church has a long history of treating as heretics all who do not hold to her doctrines.



14) What attitude did the *National Reform Association* (NRA) have toward the Catholic Church in the 1800s?

“We cordially, gladly, recognize the fact that in South American republics, in France and other European countries the Roman Catholics are the recognized advocates of national Christianity, and stand opposed to all the proposals of secularism. . . . Whenever they are willing to cooperate in resisting the progress of political atheism, we will gladly join hands with them in a world’s conference for the promotion of national Christianity, which ought to be held at no distant day. Many countries could be represented only by Roman Catholics.”¹¹

This hope of the NRA to have Roman Catholics join with them may have amounted only to wishful thinking in the 19th century. History shows that a solid Protestant-Catholic coalition in America may have been a long time coming, but it has now come. One analyst identifies the “convergence of conservative Catholics and Protestants on the right” as having come about in the 2000s following the groundwork of Catholic traditionalists Paul Weyrich and Connaught Marshner who “helped broker an enduring coalition between conservative Catholics and Protestants.” They accomplished this while giving the impression that their aims were secular, not religious, and that the movement was powered by revolutionaries outside government, while, really, leaders were integrated into the mainstream of the Republican Party.¹²

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The Christian nationalist movement has been successful in part because it is based on reactionary politics, peddling a storyline that appeals to conservative Catholics and Protestant Christians alike: Liberals have brought rot to the once-pristine fabric of American society. This story paints a picture of American Christians as victims who've been robbed of a mythical past. The cleverness of this marketing scheme has resulted not in a return to a fairytale past, but in the embrace of something altogether new—a Catholic America.

It is a significant historical fact that Paul Weyrich also co-founded the powerful Heritage Foundation which published Project 2025, and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) which drafts model legislation for state governments.

15) What is Project 2025?

“Project 2025 is more than 50 (and growing) of the nation’s leading conservative organizations joining forces to . . . assemble an army of aligned, vetted, trained, and prepared conservatives to go to work on Day One to deconstruct the Administrative State.”¹³



16) What did Pope Leo XIII command all Catholics to do?

First and foremost, it is the duty of all Catholics worthy of the name and wishful to be known as the most loving children of the Church . . . to endeavor to bring back all civil society to the pattern and form of Christianity which We have described.¹⁴

The prophecy says that this power will make an image to the Papacy. In the days of Constantine and his successors, the church made use of the civil power to carry out her aims. Through this means the Papacy was developed. In our own day the same theory is advocated, and prominent men in the nation, in both church and state, are doing all they can to bring about the same result, which, when their work is completed, will fulfill the specifications of the prophecy. The climax will be an image of the Papacy.

17) Are Protestants and Catholics working together to dismantle the wall of separation between church and state?



18) What does the prophet say the two-horned-beast power will attempt to enforce upon all the people?

*“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a _____ in their right hand, or in their foreheads.”
Rev. 13:16.*

The two-horned beast will cause all people to receive a mark on their right hand or in their foreheads.

This mark is the [mark of the beast](#). God warns that if anyone receives the mark of the beast, in either his forehead **OR** his hand, he would receive the wrath of God and go to hell.



And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. Rev 14:9-10

This is a serious matter that all should consider.

In order to avoid receiving the mark of the beast, we need to understand what it is. In contrast to the mark of the beast, God's seal, or mark, is set in the forehead (Rev. 7:3; 14:1), the seat of the mind, the Lord accepting only the worship of conviction of conscience. The mark of the beast, however, is said to be received in the hand or the forehead. Some are deceived and give assent to the false teaching with their minds, receiving the mark in the forehead; others, coerced or indifferent, give formal, outward consent, and so receive the mark in the hand.



If God has a seal or mark what is it? Wouldn't the mark of the beast be the opposite of the mark or seal of God?

Laws require authentication which is often in the form of a seal. A royal seal typically contains the name of the lawmaker, his position or official title, and his jurisdiction. God's law is no different. The [seal of God](#) can be found in the seventh-day Sabbath of the Ten Commandments. The fourth commandment contains God's name, identifies Him as the Creator, and describes His jurisdiction as heaven, earth, the sea, and all that is in them. The seventh-day Sabbath, the day set apart from Creation as being holy, contains God's signature or seal. The Sabbath is God's royal seal.

The mark of the beast is Satan's counterfeit, or false Sabbath, one that does not match up with the requirements of the Ten Commandments. If we look back at Revelation 13, we see that the first beast was Rome, and that it persecuted the saints and blasphemed against God, and exercised dominion for 1260 years.



History gives a disturbing picture of what happens under the union of church and state, when the civil government becomes involved in religious matters. In 331 AD, [Constantine, then emperor of the pagan Roman Empire, forced a Sunday law](#) on his citizens requiring that people in cities and towns throughout the empire honor Sunday by resting on that day.

On the venerable Day of the sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits: because it often happens that another Day is not so suitable for grain sowing or for vine planting: lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost.¹⁵

This law was followed by an anti-sabbath law to prohibit Sabbath-keeping Christians and Jews from keeping the Sabbath.

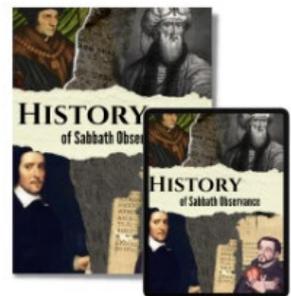
*Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday (Sabbath), but shall work on that Day: but the Lord's Day, they shall especially honour; and as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ.*¹⁶

Not only Jews, but early Christians also kept the seventh-day Sabbath. The seventh-day Sabbath is, in fact, NOT a Jewish law, but a day that was set up during the creation week. It was set up by God for Adam and Eve, the father and mother of the human race. It was only reiterated in the ten commandments when God's special people, Israel, were moved from Egypt to Canaan.

When pagan Rome merged into Papal Rome, it kept all the trappings of the old pagan system, including the keeping of Sunday. The Catholic church takes credit for replacing God's Sabbath with Sunday as the following quotes testify.

In a letter written November 11, 1895, Mr. H. F. Thomas, chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons, replying to an inquiry as to whether the Catholic Church claims to have changed the Sabbath, said:

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Here are additional statements by Catholic leaders acknowledging that the Catholic church replaced the Sabbath with Sunday.

The church took the pagan philosophy and made it the buckler of faith against the heathen. She took the pagan Sunday and made it the Christian Sunday. There is in truth something royal, something kingly about the sun, making it a fitting emblem of Jesus, the sun of justice. Hence the church in these countries would seem to have said, "keep the old pagan name, it shall remain consecrated, sanctified." And thus the pagan Sunday, dedicated to Balder, became the Christian Sunday, sacred to Jesus.¹⁸

The Bible says "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day". The Catholic church says "No! By my divine power, I abolish the Sabbath day, and command you to keep holy the first day of the week," and lo, the entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church.¹⁹

The Bible still teaches that the Sabbath or Saturday should be kept holy. There is no authority in the New Testament for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday. . . . The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact.²⁰

Protestants . . . accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day of public worship after the Catholic Church made the change. . . . But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that in accepting the Bible, in observing the Sunday, ... they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the Church, the Pope.²¹

Not the creator of the universe, in Gen. 2:1-3, but the Catholic Church can claim the honor of having granted man a pause to his work every seven days.²²

The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine was written by Peter Geiermann, C. SS. R. with the aim of clearly presenting Catholic doctrine to non-Catholics. This facsimile reprint of the 1930 edition contains the often quoted questions and answers regarding the change of the solemnity of the seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday:

Q: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the Solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." (p. 50).

[Papal Rome fulfills the biblical prophecy predicting its blasphemous attitude.](#)

Notice this twofold aspect of the Sunday sabbath, as expressed by one of the most ardent and active 19th century Sunday-law advocates in the United States:



“We, the Sabbath Union, W.C.T.U., all the churches, and the Y.M.C.A., are laboring with all our might to carry the religious sabbath with our right arm, and the civil sabbath with our left. Hundreds of thousands will receive it as a religious institution, and all the rest will receive it as a civil institution, and thus we will sweep in the whole nation.”-Rev. W. F. Crafts, in Sunday Union Convention, Wichita, Kansas, Sept. 20, 1889.²³

In the late 1800s there was a strong push in America for Sunday legislation and what’s known as “**blue laws**” were enacted and made into law. Though the strength of the movement relaxed for a time, the prophecy tells us that the time will come when Sunday will become a life-and-death issue. In recent years, a shift has been made away from promoting Sunday as a sacred day for worship and church attendance, and the call for Sunday observance has taken another form.

What are Blue Laws?

“Blue laws, also known as Sunday laws, Sunday trade laws, and Sunday closing laws, are laws restricting or banning certain activities on specified days, usually Sundays in the western world. The laws were adopted originally for religious reasons, specifically to promote the observance of the Christian day of worship, but since then have come to serve secular purposes as well.

Blue laws commonly ban certain business and recreational activities on Sundays and impose restrictions on the retail sale of hard goods and consumables, particularly alcoholic beverages. The laws also place limitations on a range of other endeavors, including travel, fashions, hunting, professional sports, stage performances, movie showings, and gambling.

While less prevalent today, blue laws continue to be enforced in parts of the United States and Canada as well as in European countries, such as Austria, Germany, Norway, and Poland, where most stores are required to close on Sundays.

In the United States, the Supreme Court has upheld blue laws as constitutional, recognizing their religious origins but citing secular justifications that have resulted [in], most notably the provision of a day of rest for the general population.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_law

19) What form has the push for Sunday observance taken today?

Pope Francis' environmental encyclical *Laudato Si*, published in 2015, called for Sunday as a rest day for the environment.

*On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world.*²⁴

The push for Sunday observance has taken the form of a civic day of rest to protect the environment due to climate change. See our article: [Climate Change and the One World Religion](#).

This would constitute the civic sabbath that is mentioned in the quote above (p. 34). Following Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, there has been a widespread call for Sunday laws to force everyone to rest on Sunday to save the world from climate change. In addition to making Sunday a day of rest for the environment, Sunday is still being promoted as a day off that will benefit families, workers, the economy, and society in general.

Laws protecting Sunday as a sacred day are very likely to be included in "reforms" supported by Christian nationalism.



20) What is Christian nationalism?

Christian nationalism is the movement in the United States that is demanding legislation acknowledging America as a Christian nation. Christian nationalism is being promoted by a coalition of Catholics, Evangelicals, and other conservative Christian organizations.

21) What is the goal of Christian nationalism in America?

The goal of Christian nationalism is to officially make America a theocracy, declaring Christianity as the state religion.

In his campaign before the 2024 presidential election, Donald Trump promoted the sale of a Bible that includes the US Constitution, the Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, and the Pledge of Allegiance. In an ad he made promoting the Bible, Trump said:

Religion and Christianity are the biggest things missing in this country. And I truly believe we need to bring them back and bring them back fast. . . . Religion is going to come back and it's going to come back strong. . . . We must make America pray again.²⁵



22) What kinds of laws would the “Christianization” of America enforce?

A proponent of Christian nationalism wrote:

But a Christian body of law also contains what is distinctive to Christianity, which serves in part to normalize Christianity in civil society. These might include Sabbath laws (i.e., blue laws), punishments for blasphemy, and laws ensuring Christian norms within public institutions such as schools.²⁶

Religious laws would be enforced by the state. A national Sunday law would impose the “mark of the beast” upon those who submit to it because it is the Papacy’s mark of authority in opposition to God. In contrast, God’s seal, the seventh-day Sabbath, is His mark of authority. The time will come, according to the prophecy, that those who honor God by keeping holy the seventh-day Sabbath will be accused of dishonoring Him.



23) What means will be employed to compel all to receive this mark?

“And that no man might ____ __ ____, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” Rev. 13:17

People will be forced to choose between the mark of the beast or economic boycott. That is, all who refuse to receive this mark will be boycotted, or denied the rights and privileges of business and trade, or the ordinary means of gaining a livelihood. Already this spirit has begun to manifest itself in the movement to enforce Sunday observance.

This already has a precedent in American history. In a sermon preached in Burlington, Kansas, Sunday, Jan. 31, 1904, Rev. Bascom Robins said:

“In the Christian Decalogue the first day was made the Sabbath by divine appointment. But there is a class of people who will not keep the Christian sabbath unless they are forced to do so. But that can be easily done. We have twenty million of men, besides women and

children, in this country, who want this country to keep the Christian sabbath. If we would say we will not sell anything to them, we will not buy anything from them, we will not work for them or hire them to work for us, the thing could be wiped out, and all the world would keep the Christian sabbath.”²⁷

Today’s technology makes it possible to exclude people who do not measure up to government standards from participating in society. China’s social credit system has demonstrated this as has the freezing of bank accounts in Canada for those who participated in the freedom convoy.

24) By what authority was Sunday sabbath-keeping instituted?

25) Why were the ancient Sunday laws demanded?

“That the day might be devoted with less interruption to the purposes of devotion.” “That the devotion of the faithful might be free from all disturbance.”²⁸

26) Why were Sunday laws demanded in 19th-century America?

“Give us good Sunday laws, well enforced by men in local authority, and our churches will be full of worshipers, and our young men and women will be attracted to the divine service. A mighty combina-



tion of the churches of the United States could win from Congress, the State legislatures, and municipal councils, all legislation essential to this splendid consummation.”²⁹

The churches pushed for Sunday laws to increase church attendance. Is this what Donald Trump meant in his February 22, 2024 speech to pastors, ministers, and rabbis at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention when he said, referring to the upcoming presidential elections:

“When I get in there, you’re going to be using that power at a level that you’ve never used it before. It’s going to bring back the churchgoer.”³⁰

27) Why are Sunday laws demanded now?

28) When people understand that they must choose between a day exalted by the Papacy and God's holy Sabbath and they choose Sunday anyway, what will that decision say about them?

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye ____." Rom. 6:16.

In choosing to obey the authority of the Pope over God's authority, people will demonstrate their allegiance to the Papacy rather than allegiance to God. It will be the same as saying, as the Jews did at the time of Christ, Give us Barabbas not Jesus.

"The observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] church."³¹

God is merciful and patient and He overlooks our faults when we serve Him with a clear conscience. The Bible says He winks at our ignorance (Acts 17:30). No doubt, He accepts the worship of those who hold Sunday as a holy day when they are ignorant of the true facts. It is only when light comes that sin is imputed. John 9:41; 15:22; Acts 17:30.

29) What does Christ say about our duty to the state?

*"_____ therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's . . .
Matt 22:21, first part*

We should render to the state, or obey the state in things that pertain to the state.

30) What does Christ say about our duty to God?

"... and unto ___ the things that are God's." Mt 22:21, last part.

We should obey God in things that pertain to God.

Although God enjoins us to obey the state, the Sabbath belongs to God. Its observance, therefore, should be rendered only to Him.



Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29

31) What special miracle is finally to be performed to deceive men, and fasten them in deception?

“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh _____ come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.” Rev. 13:13.

Fire coming down from heaven, and wonders or miracles will be performed to deceive people.

In the time of Elijah, in the controversy over Baal-worship, this was the test as to who was the true God – the God that answered by fire. 1 Kings 18:24. Now, as a counterfeit test, fire will be made to come down from heaven to confirm men in an idolatrous and false worship.

32) To what length will this effort to enforce the worship of the image of the beast be carried?

*“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause [decree] that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be _____.”
Rev 13:15*

Eventually, it will go so far that a death decree will be issued so that those who refuse to submit to the beast, should be killed.

33) What deliverance will God finally bring to His people in this controversy?

“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, _____ on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.” Rev. 15:2.

The Bible predicts that those that refuse the mark will someday stand on the sea of glass.

34) What song will they sing?

“And they sing the song of _____ the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.” Rev. 15:2

The redeemed will sing the song of Moses. Look up Exodus 15.

35) What was the song of Moses?



The good news of the Bible is that at the end of all the conflict and struggle, good prevails and God wins. Through the promises and prophecies of the Bible we can know the ending and do not need to be afraid. Those that have “gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name” are the ones that will stand victorious. Through God’s help they have been able to overcome, despite the pressures and persecutions of the beast power.

The mark of the beast is not mandatory, even if the beast and all the power behind the beast, may make it seem so. Everyone will still have the freedom to choose, and those that choose to stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel, and resist the threats and inducements that will be used to force people to comply, WILL receive the reward of the overcomer, and be rescued from this earth to live forever with the Lord on the earth made new.

What about you? What will your decision be?

The only way to be able to go through the time of trouble ahead is to make a decision now. As Daniel made a firm decision to honor God by not eating from the king’s table, so you may now make a firm decision to honor God by keeping His Sabbath holy. Will you choose God’s seal over the mark of the beast?

To learn more about the Sabbath, visit amazingdiscoveries.org.

ANSWER KEY

1. In Bible prophecy, beasts represent kingdoms.
2. In Bible prophecy, waters represent people.
3. leopard, bear, lion
4. healed.
5. another beast
6. lamb-like at first, but then spoke as a dragon.
7. spake
8. all
9. worship
10. miracles
11. image
12. Yes, there is much evidence that America will make an image to the beast.
13. The goal of the National Reform Association was to change the US Constitution to make America a Christian nation.
14. The NRA actively sought partnership with the Roman Catholic church, as this excerpt from an article in its paper shows.
15. Project 2025 has been called a “playbook” and “road map” for a conservative president to follow, if one is elected in 2024. It is a presidential mandate for a government merger of church and state.
16. The Pope commanded all Catholics to work to bring society back under the control of the Papacy.
17. Yes.
18. mark
19. The push for Sunday observance has taken the form of a civic day of rest to protect the environment due to climate change. See our article: [Climate Change and the One World Religion.](#)
20. in the text
21. in the text
22. Religious laws would be enforced by the state. A national Sunday law would impose the “mark of the beast” upon those who submit to it because it is the Papacy’s mark of authority in opposition to God. In contrast, God’s seal, the seventh-day Sabbath, is His mark of authority. The time will come, according to the prophecy, that those who honor God by keeping holy the seventh-day Sabbath will be accused of dishonoring Him.
23. buy or sell
24. By the authority of the Catholic Church.
25. Sunday laws were first called for to protect Sunday services from interruption. In short, it was to secure the enforced observance of the day, and through this means church attendance, and control over the people in religious things.
26. to increase church attendance
27. Today, those demanding Sunday laws say it is for the sake of the environment, family, workers, and to return America to its roots, etc.
28. obey
29. Render
30. God
31. fire
32. killed
33. stand
34. Moses
35. A song of deliverance from oppression.

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