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UNLOCKING END-TIME PROPHETIC SYMBOLS, PART 9 THE IMAGE ENFORCES THE MARK OF THE BEAST

1. In this lesson, we will continue studying the symbols that correlate with letter "E" on the prophetic chart which can be found in Revelation 14:6-16. We will identify what the image of the beast is which is seen in Revelation 13:11-17.
2. Let's begin in Revelation 14:9. Who is the beast? Revelation 13:1-10 **Answer:** The Papacy, Roman Catholic Church.
 - a) **Note:** We identified the beast in lesson 7 of this series.
3. What is the mark of the beast? **Answer:** Sunday worship by law. We covered that in lesson 8 of our series.

WHO CHANGED THE SABBATH TO SUNDAY?

Cardinal Gibbons, in *Faith of Our Fathers*, 92nd ed., p. 89, freely admits, "You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we [the Catholic Church] never sanctify."

Again, "The Catholic Church, ... by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday" (*The Catholic Mirror*, official publication of James Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893).

"Protestants do not realize that by observing Sunday, they accept the authority of the spokesperson of the Church, the Pope" (*Our Sunday Visitor*, February 5, 1950).

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [Saturday Sabbath to Sunday] was her act... And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things" (H.F. Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons).

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4. Read Revelation 14:9. What is the warning given?

5. What day does the beast say the world must worship on? **Answer:** Sunday
6. Who is the image of the beast? **Answer:** Apostate Protestants of America. Let's compare scripture with scripture to prove this point. Read Revelation 13:14; this is the first place the beast and its image is mentioned. The image of the beast is connected to the beast that received a deadly wound and lived which is the Papacy. In previous studies, we saw that the Papacy is an apostate church; therefore, this image of the beast must also be apostate. Hence, it represents apostate protestants in America.
7. The first time you find the image of the beast, it is connected to what event? Revelation 13:14 **Answer:** The first beast receiving a deadly wound.
 - a) What date did the Papacy receive a deadly wound? **Answer:** 1798 when French General Louis-Alexandre Berthier took the Pope Pius VI captive. The Papacy could no longer use the armies of the nations of the Old World to carry out her aims.
8. During what time period is this second beast seen coming up? **Answer:** See Revelation 13:10-11. This second beast comes up in the time when the Papacy went into captivity and received her deadly wound in 1798.
9. What does a beast represent in prophecy? Daniel 7:17, 23

10. What does the earth represent in Revelation 13:11? **Answer:** The "earth" represents an unpopulated area. We can confirm this by contrast: the first beast came up out of the sea, and the sea represents nations and peoples or a densely populated area (Revelation 13:1; Revelation 17:15). Therefore, the earth would represent an unpopulated area. Also see, Revelation 12:14 and verse 6. The wilderness mentioned there represents a sparsely populated area (Job 38:25-26).

11. What time period does the “time, and times, and half a time” point to in Revelation 12:14? **Answer:** Revelation 12:6 and Daniel 7:25 proves that period is from 538 A.D. - 1798 A.D. when the Papacy ruled in the Dark Ages.
12. **Note:** Revelation 12:14 references a woman and a woman represents a church in prophecy. She was carried into the wilderness on wings of a great eagle. Where in the Bible did God bring His people into the wilderness and an eagle was mentioned? It's in Exodus 19:1-6. God brought the Israelites into the wilderness from Egypt so that they could worship Him freely. This means the reason why the woman fled in Revelation 12 is also because she desired to worship God freely.
13. What helped the woman in Revelation 12:15-16? **Answer:** The earth. The U.S.A. was the place that helped the woman to have civil and religious freedom from the Old World in the time period of 1798.

Religion and the Founding of the American Republic

Many of the British North American colonies that eventually formed the United States of America were settled in the seventeenth century by men and women, who, in the face of European persecution, refused to compromise passionately held religious convictions and fled Europe.

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel01.html>

14. What did the earth do in Revelation 12:16?

a) **Note:** A nation speaks through its laws. So, which laws did the pilgrims frame which afforded them civil and religious freedom? The constitution. In Revelation 13:11, a change happens: the U.S.A. speaks as a dragon and one day very soon, it will no longer offer civil and religious freedom.

15. What made the change in America according to Revelation 12:17? **Answer:** The power that persecuted the woman, the dragon, follows her to the U.S.A. and persecution will take place on these shores as it did in the Old World. This will take place in these last days because the verse mentions “the remnant” which means ‘the last’ or ‘that which remains’.
16. In Revelation 13:11, the second beast (the U.S.A.) is seen coming up around 1798. However, America received its independence in the year 1776. How do we reconcile the fact that America is this second beast of Revelation 13 when it became a nation 22 years before the Papacy was removed from power? **Answer:** Approximately 25 years before 1798, which is 1773, persecution had nearly entirely ceased and the U.S.A. became a nation in that time frame. Matthew 24:21-22 confirms that the tribulation would be cut short. Also, see the statement below from the book *The Great Controversy*.

“Twenty-five years later appeared the next sign mentioned in the prophecy—the darkening of the sun and moon. What rendered this more striking was the fact that the time of its fulfillment had been definitely pointed out. In the Saviour’s conversation with His disciples upon Olivet, after describing the long period of trial for the church,—the 1260 years of papal persecution, concerning which He had promised that the tribulation should be shortened,—He thus mentioned certain events to precede His coming, and fixed the time when the first of these should be witnessed: “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.” Mark 13:24. **The 1260 days, or years, terminated in 1798. A quarter of a century earlier, persecution had almost wholly ceased.** Following this persecution, according to the words of Christ, the sun was to be darkened. On the 19th of May, 1780, this prophecy was fulfilled.” {GC 306.1}

17. Here is further confirmation. The Jesuits were the specific group raised up to counteract the Protestant Reformation. In what year was this group dissolved? **Answer:** 1773, exact 25 years before the loss of the Papacy’s power. It was later restored in 1814 which shows us that religious persecution is coming again.

The Suppression and Restoration of the Society of Jesus

The suppression of the Society of Jesus began in the Summer of 1773 when Pope Clement XIV - bowing to pressure from the royal courts of Portugal, France, and Spain - issued a Papal “brief” ordering Jesuits throughout the world to renounce their vows and go into exile. The Society of Jesus was restored by Pope Pius VII, a Benedictine, on August 7, 1814.

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/resources-by-theme/suppression-and-restoration-of-the-society-of-jesus>

18. Read Revelation 13:11. It had two horns like a lamb. Who does the lamb typify in scripture? John 1:29

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19. What does a horn typify in prophecy? Daniel 8:7; Revelation 17:12

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20. What two governing principles did Jesus, the Lamb, teach should govern nations? Mark 12:13-17 **Answer:** “Render unto Caesar ... and unto God ...” establishing the principle of liberty of conscience and a separation of church and state.

21. What are the two principles in America’s history that outline the separation of church and state? **Answer:** Republicanism (a nation without a king) and Protestantism (a church without a pope). Here is deceased President John F. Kennedy’s speech on the separation of church and state.

John F. Kennedy on the Separation of Church and State (1960)

I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute—where no Catholic prelate would tell the President (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote—where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference—and where no man is denied public office merely because his religion differs from the President who might appoint him or the people who might elect him.

I believe in an America that is officially neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish—where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the Pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source—where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials—and where religious liberty is so indivisible that an act against one church is treated as an act against all.

<https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/26-the-affluent-society/john-f-kennedy-on-the-separation-of-church-and-state-1960/>

The uncomfortable truths behind crazy Jesuit conspiracy theories

Over the course of its nearly 500 years of existence, the Society of Jesus has been the subject of many conspiracy theories of its own. Jesuits have been accused of killing [Abraham Lincoln](#) and [John F. Kennedy](#); we've been painted as doomsday cultists trying to bring about the end times and as maintaining our own secret global cabal.

Conspiracy theories about the Jesuits trying to rule the world kept popping up because what we were doing looked a lot like that. And when you get right down to it, what makes us so sure there wasn't some truth in what they were saying?

<https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2022/06/14/jesuit-conspiracy-theory-great-replacement-243137/>

22. What is America's national animal? **Answer:** A bison, officially since 2016, although it was widely used and recognized as our national animal long before that.
23. What does it mean that America will speak as a dragon? Revelation 13:12; Revelation 12:17 **Answer:** It will exercise all the power of the first beast which a persecuting power. America speaks through its laws, so we can expect it to pass laws to force people to worship against their conscience or be killed - Revelation 13:15.
24. What is the make up of the beast? Revelation 13:1, 7, 8 **Answer:** A union of church and state with the church controlling the state.
25. What will make up the image of the beast? Revelation 13:11, 12, 15 **Answer:** It will look like the beast - a union of church and state with the church controlling the state.
 - a) The phrasing of Revelation 13:12 lets us know that the image of the beast will act just like the Papacy. It "exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him..."
26. Based on Revelation 13:14, what must happen in America to cause everyone (the religious and non-religious) to say that they will worship on Sunday and form an image to the Papacy? **Answer:** Fire will come down from heaven.
27. **Note:** In a good sense, the fire represents the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:1-4; Matthew 3:11. But the fire in Revelation 13:14 is used negatively because it deceives. Primarily, the fire points to calamities and destruction: see Job 1:16, 20. Satan convinced God to remove His protection over Job's things to test him to see if he would still worship God (Job 1:8-12). Although Job's servants said the fire came from God, it came from the devil. Exodus 9:23 also confirms that the fire represents judgment and calamities in the context of true or false worship.
28. Let's look at a third evidence to prove that this fire points to calamities. Revelation 13:13-14 mentions that people will be deceived by miracles. What does the word "miracles" mean? **Answer:** It means calamities. When God brought Israel out of Egypt, He brought them out by miracles and those miracles were calamities that fell upon Egypt. See Deuteronomy 29:2-3; Deuteronomy 11:2-4; Deuteronomy 4:34. Notice that the last calamity that fell upon Job was sickness. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the world was shut down for some time. Now, some politicians and religious figures are calling for one day of rest to give the environment a rest as well as workers.
29. Those who do not worship on Sunday when it becomes the law of the land, what will they not be able to do? Revelation 13:16-17

30. In which Old Testament account did the government force people to worship an image or be killed? Daniel 3:1-15

 - a) Did everyone bow to the image Nebuchadnezzar made? Daniel 3:16-18 _____

31. What caused the three Hebrews not to bow to the image? Daniel 1:6-16 **Answer:** They stood for God before and He stood for them. They looked back at their deliverances to encourage them in that worship crisis in Daniel 3. We must do likewise if we are to stand faithful to God and these last days.
32. Meditate on Romans 11:4-5 and ask God to help you not to bow the knee to the image of the beast in these last days.