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**Image of the Beast
Technology
and
Papal Rome**

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Image of the Beast, Technology, and Papal Rome.

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ALL WHO DO NOT WORSHIP THE BEAST SHOULD BE SLAIN

- **Revelation 13:15:** And it (the two horned beast like a lamb, who spoke like a dragon) was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.

The image here refers to the image of the ten-horned beast, which signifies the final latter-day antichristian global world empire and its government. The idea is that the two-horned beast like a lamb that spoke like a dragon (also called the false prophet), signifying the Pope of the Vatican and Roman Papal Church, gives his authority to the global antichristian government to put to death whoever does not submit to his religious doctrines, teachings and law, and the political and civil laws of the ten horned beast empire. When it is kept in mind that the dream of the two-horned beast, and the ten-horned beast is to bring about peace by creating a New World order, they will be compelled to destroy anyone who resists their will, plans, purposes, and laws.

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History shows that the following six great empires:

1. Egypt.
2. Assyria.
3. Babylon.
4. Media Persia.
5. Greece.
6. Rome.

Dreamed of ruling the world, and by war destroyed all nations that did not submit to their authority and rule. The final world power will be no different since they are all driven by the spirit of the great dragon that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. (Rev. 12:9) (Rev. 20:1-15).

It should not be difficult to comprehend such a latter-day scenario since it was the decrees of the Papacy during the Inquisition and at various other times to put to death all who did not embrace their faith and doctrines. Even today (2018), the government of Syria with the aid of Russia is destroying all who stand against their government and rule, bombing men, women and children and driving hundreds of thousand out of their cities. Added to this the latter-day prostitute woman full of abominations sitting on the ten-horned beast is pictured as being drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

- **Revelation 17:3–6:** And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. ⁵ And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.” ⁶ And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.

THEY OVERCAME HIS IMAGE

The words, “they overcome his image,” means, in all the antichristian beast powers attempt to intimidate and subdue the faithful in Christ to give up their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and despite all persecutions, hardships and tribulations, and the dread and fear of the beast power, the beast power did not cause them to apostatize, but rather, they overcame and remained steadfast and victoriously triumphed in their faith.

THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST AND TECHNOLOGY

The image of the beast could be applied to an image of the global world leader (the man of lawlessness, man of sin in KJV) (2 Thess. 2:1-4) (an antichrist) (1 John 2:22), being shown at the same time to almost every nation and inhabitant of the world via the internet. Today (2018), we have in place the ability to send a live video image of a person around the world, that would immediately appear on massive screens on buildings in every city of the world and on TV screens, smart phones and soon on fridges, kitchen splash backs, schools etc., and on every other device that has and will have a screen. The image would not only speak, but also appear to have life, for this is the path and medium of modern-day technology. It is also very possible that technology will have advanced so far by the time this latter-day global beast empire does appear that our TVs, laptops, computers, and smart phones will have the ability to make holograms of Siri, and Amazons Alexia, and others appear in the air rather than on a screen.

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An image of the head of the final global antichristian beast empire could be downloaded on the internet which would enable him to talk to almost all living in the civilized world via, mobile phones, laptops, TV and any other electronic device. This is the first time in history one man has been able to communicate with the entire global world at the same time, and in a matter of seconds. This technology is greatly advancing at an amazing speed in sophistication and though it can be used for much good, it is also the perfect device that enables heads of governments to deceive and control the inhabitants of the earth, especially when it is coupled with facial recognition worldwide and perhaps later AI intelligence, and some type of micro or nanochip in the body. The man of lawlessness could be likened to the king of Babylon (Isaiah 14:4) who said in his heart:

- **Isaiah 14:13-14:** I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God, I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.

Like the king of Babylon, the man of lawlessness the head of the final global empire will believe in his heart that he will succeed in his endeavours, and will bring about a better world, which, is why he will be so deceiving, and appear in the eyes of the world as an angel of light, and his government as servants of righteousness (2 Cor. 11:14-15), meaning

they will appear to be doing good. This is because he will speak with skilful oratory, charm, and great authority making vain promises, and appear to have answers that will solve much of the world's problems. He will be motivated by the spirit of humanism, meaning the well-being of mankind and the planet, which is a good thing, and enormously appealing to a world that denies God. In the eyes of the antichristian world, he and his final world empire will appear as a saviour of the planet and mankind's problems, so much so that much of the world's population will adore him and give their heart and mind over to him. But, from heavens view, he and his beast empire are an evil beast system, because it will not only deny God and the Lord Jesus Christ, but will also be hostile toward those who proclaim the Gospel, which is why, Scripture speaks of him as arising up out of the bottomless pit.

Eve and the forbidden tree: it should always be kept in mind, that the tree Eve ate of did not appear harmful, corrupted, or poisonous in any way, if it had she would never have eaten of it, but rather when she looked at it, she saw a tree that was:

- Good for food.
- A delight to the eyes.
- A tree that was to be desired to make one wise. (Gen. 3:6).

Likewise, the final beast empire will appear to the eyes of the world as something good and to be desired.

THE POPE AND THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST

- **Revelation 13:14:** and by the signs that it (the beast with two horns like a lamb that speaks like a dragon) is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

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The two-horned beast like a lamb that speaks like a dragon, can refer to religious corrupted clergy that influences mankind to make an image to the beast, which had been wounded by a sword, and lived. The wound refers to the Roman empire, which was brought to ruin (i.e., wounded by the sword symbolising war) by the barbarous nations, and was revived through the revival of the Papal Roman Church, and in this way its wound was healed. The beast like a lamb also had power to give life and activity to the image of the beast, which means that the image cannot be a dumb and lifeless idol, but must refer to something or someone that could speak and give messages and have the ability and power to command those who would not worship and obey it to be killed.

This image and representation of the beast, most likely refers to the Pope since he can be correctly seen as the idol of the Roman Papal Church, and is so united with the ten horned beast nations, they are sometimes referred to as one beast.

In this context giving life may carry the following ideas:

- He was crowned and clothed with the pontifical robes and given authority to act as Pope, after this crowning of the Pope the cardinals kiss his feet, signifying their adoration.
- He was given authority to speak his decrees and deceptive doctrines.
- He was given power to persecute to death as many as refused to submit to him.

In, this way he can be rightly spoken of as an image of the ten horned beast that went before him, since he is in alliance with them, and has a great level of religious and political influence over them.

Roman medals: stamped in the medals of the Roman Pontiffs of Martin V., two men are shown crowning the Pope, and two kneeling before him, with the inscription, "Quem creant aclorant," meaning, "who they create they adore." The two horned beasts like a lamb that speaks like a dragon (also called the false prophet), is the central figure that brings unity to the ten beast nations and causes, as far as he is able, all who refuse to acknowledge his supremacy to be put to death. The final Pope will be the most perfect image, likeness and resemblance of the ancient Roman emperors and the beast like a lamb, for he will be:

- The great a tyrant amongst the Christian world, as the Roman emperors were in the pagan world.
- He heads Rome, the same city as the Roman Emperors and usurps the same power, and takes for himself the same titles.
- He is given the same universal adoration and reverence as the citizens of Rome gave to their Emperors.

THE WEST AND EASTERN PAPAL ROMAN CHURCH

The Western Roman provinces: are administered by an independent government, and religiously by the Roman Papal Church, its Popes, bishops, and clergy.

The Eastern Roman provinces: are administered by an independent government and religiously by the Roman Papal Church, its Popes, bishops, and clergy. However, at no point did the Romans consider the Empire split into two, but rather considered it a single state governed by two separate bodies, for administrative convenience. In this manner the West and Eastern Papal Roman Church, revived the title of Rome, and can be seen in a very meaningful sense as an image and extension of the old Roman traditions and institutions.

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ROMES IMAGES AND WORSHIP

The following list shows how the customs and rituals of the Roman Empire prepared the way for the head of the Papal Roman Church to be regarded as a god and adored and worshipped by his followers as the Pope is today.

- Roman citizens not only exalted, adored, and worshipped images of many Roman gods, but also exalted, adored, and worshipped Roman emperors as divinities both while living and when dead.
- When Rome conquered cities, the same divine honours were transferred to Roman proconsuls (i.e., a governor having great authority over a province of ancient Rome).
- Great heroes of Rome were believed to be of divine decent and were honoured as deities.
- The objective of Roman worship was to gain the blessing of the gods, and therefore each god needed an image which was often an image (i.e., statue usually made of stone or bronze) of the emperor himself who was, considered to be a god.

It was natural therefore, that the founder of Papal Rome, the new and greater Rome should, likewise be regarded as a god and be adored and worshipped with the same reverence.

SNAPSHOT: the following verse shows when Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, nations will rise-up against him.

- **Revelation 17: 14:** They (the ten beast nations) will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

It appears the scenario will be very much like Jesus first appearance, the powerful religious leaders of his generation (the chief priests, Pharisees, and scribes) judged him to be a heretic and delivered him up to Rome who had the power to put him to death. It seems, this same scenario will be repeated, but with one massive difference, this time Christ is not returning as the lamb to be slaughtered, but as the King of kings to conquer.

NOTE: it is not necessary to take the ten as a literal number, for ten signifies completion, which means it may signify, when this final beast empire is destroyed God’s plan for the world as we know it is completed.

FOOTNOTE

What I have presented here in this document should not be taken to be dogmatic, inflexible or the final word on the matter, since I am fully aware, though we may have a wide understanding of revelation and future events, our mortal minds are limited, so when it comes to revelation and events still to come there is no harm in leaving space for a certain amount of mystery, especially since all things will become far clearer as we move closer to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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