

- ✓ The seeking of counsel and solutions for world problems from the papacy is a clear sign of the fulfillment of the prophecy.

9. What event will be the climax of the Papacy's work? Matthew 24:23-24; 2 Corinthians 11:14.

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there,..... For there shall arise Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible,....." "And no marvel; for Satan himself into an angel of light."

- ✓ "As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. [Revelation 1:13-15.]. GC 88, 624."



10. What extra element permits us to identify the work of the Antichrist? Revelation 13:18.

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding, count the number of the beast, for it is the number and his number is"

- ✓ Our work consists in identifying that person whose name forms the number 666. Are you ready to hear who he is? One of the pope's titles, in Latin, is, "Vicar of the Son of God", if we substitute the letters that form that title with Roman numbers, then the sum of those numbers is 666.
- ✓ Here is revealed the number of his name (Revelation 13:17). Here is the fulfillment of the prophecy.
- ✓ Today is the day of decision. Are you ready for that time? Do you believe in the prophecy of God as it is presented in the book of Revelation, or do you still have doubts?

May God guide you in your decisions and in the study of His word.

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Topic 11

The Antichrist and the number 666 in



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Two things remained to be studied from the previous topic: An analysis about the 1,260 days, and more details about that harlot or apostate church. In this topic we shall try to cover those themes.

What is the Anti-Christ? It is precisely this point that we should analyze because human fantasy, fed by the movies and novelists, have given to it an esoteric connotation, which is far from what the Bible says. Let us start from the study of the term ANTICHRIST. ANTI: against CHRIST. Everything that opposes Christ is part of the structure that sustains the Anti-Christ.

1. Does the Bible make reference to the coming to existence of the Anti-Christ? 1 John 2:18.

"Little children, time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists;..... time."

2. What relevant characteristics does it have? 2 Thessalonians 2:3-7.

"Who opposeth..... all that is called or that is worshiped; temple of God, sitting....."

- ✓ Here we can see that the Anti-Christ is exactly what his name indicates: a person or organization that raises against God, tries to occupy His place and asks to be worshiped by men as if he were God.

3. Is the origin of the Anti-Christ to be found in a non-Christian religion? 1 John 2:19, Acts 20:29-30.

"They went out but they were not for if they had been....., they would [no doubt] have continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that" *"For I know this, that after my departing shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."*

- ✓ From what is expressed in these texts, it is evident that we are not speaking of a non-Christian religious system or an atheist one. No, Apostle John specifically says that from within Christianity will that power come that will try to take the place of God.

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4. What does the book of Revelation attract our attention to when it refers to the same topic? Revelation 13:1-7.

To a that had heads and..... horns and ten crowns. It was like....., his feet were asand his mouth was as..... And the dragon gave him his..... And I saw one of his heads and all the world..... And there was given unto him a mouth And he opened his mouth in blasphemy..... and them..... and power was given him.....and nations. His period of action was of.....months.

5. What does a beast symbolize in prophetic language? Daniel 7:17.

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

- ✓ The first element to consider is that it is a beast in Biblical symbolic language. We know that many nations are represented by animals, as for example: Great Britain as a lion, Russia as a bear, China as a dragon, France as a Rooster, etc. Therefore, a beast represents a nation or a political power.

6. Let us study the following characteristics of these kingdoms and find the answers in what we have studied until now.

- ✓ A beast represents a kingdom.
- ✓ Seven heads. A place with seven hills: Rome. Revelation 17:9.
- ✓ Ten horns and ten crowns are the ten kingdoms in which the Roman Empire was divided. Daniel 7:24.
- ✓ It inherits the power of the Babylonian empire, the mouth of a lion (Daniel 7:4); the power of the Medo-Persians is represented by the feet like a bear (Daniel 7:5), and the philosophy and shrewdness of Greece is symbolized by the body of a leopard. (Daniel 7:6).

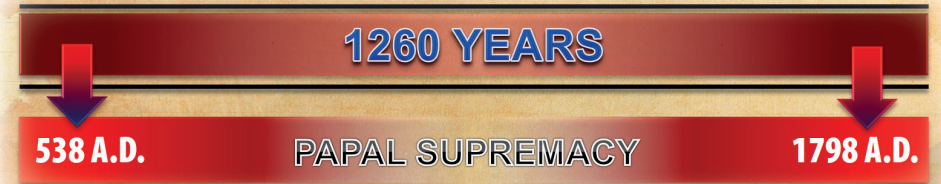
7. In the previous topics there was a period of time spoken of. What three periods do we find in the following verses? Is there any relation between them? Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5.

1. A thousand two hundred and threescore days.
2. A time, times and half a time.
3. weeks.

- ✓ If we consider than when these words were written, the Jewish calendar was used, we shall see that each month was of 30 days and a year had 360 days. If we apply the biblical interpretation of a day for a year (Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:5-6), we shall see that all three expressions come to the same number: 1,260 days or years.

- ✓ A time = A year = 360 days
- ✓ Times = Two years = 720 days
- ✓ Half a time = half a year = 180 days
- ✓ Total = 1260 days
- ✓ 42 months = 42 x 30 = 1.260 days.

- ✓ What spiritual power had a period of 1260 years to exert its power, persecute the saints and speak blasphemies against God? If we consider that the papal supremacy started in the year 538 A.D. and we add 1260 years, we reach the year 1798 when general Bertier imprisoned the Pope. That was the wound that appeared to be mortal.



- ✓ During these 1260 years the Papacy introduced in the Christian doctrine certain concepts that not only violate the most elemental biblical teachings, but it also assumed an attitude that agrees to what the prophecies say. Let us see some of them:
- ✓ *“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies”.* (Verse 5). His power is in his mouth, in what he speaks, not in the power of his weapons. This makes reference to an ecclesiastical power that pretends to be God, which is a blasphemy (John 10:33).
- ✓ **His name:** It also uses God’s name or His attributes: Divinity, Father and Holiness.
- ✓ **His tabernacle:** It would distort the intercession of Christ including human mediation to confess sins, forgive and plead to God. *“...for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* Acts 4:12.
- ✓ **It blasphemes those who live in heaven:** It attributes to himself certain faculties such as: beatify, ask for the intercession of the saints and having the keys of heaven and hell (Revelation 13:6).
- ✓ **It would “make war with the saints, and to overcome them”.** The inquisition was the most sophisticated instrument of oppression and destruction used by the Papacy and used against all those who thought differently from the established church. Not only God’s children suffered under this wrath, but also scientists, writers, painters, and all those who dared have a different opinion.

8. What event would cause a change of attitude in people toward that beast? Revelation 13:3-4.

“And I saw one of his heads....., and his deadly wound; and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshiped saying: Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

- ✓ A remarkable fact is the raise of the power of the Papacy. The fall of communism, the new world order, ecumenism, and the intervention of the pope in the politics of the nations and in world politics, have made of the Papacy one world power as it has not been seen since the Middle Ages.

