

Lesson 18 The Mark Of The Beast: Part II

In this lesson we will identify who or what the symbols in the prior chapter point to today. Next to each identifying mark will be a number that you can use to refer back to in part 1. Let's begin.

No other kingdom on the face of the earth fits the description in Revelation 13 like the Roman Catholic Church. Not the true Christians in the church, but the institution itself.



1) The Vatican is its own kingdom or its own government. That is why many nations have an ambassador to the Vatican.

2) The Vatican developed in Rome, at that time the most populated area in the world.

3) The nickname for the Vatican is "The City of Seven Hills". The Vatican sits in the middle of seven mountains

4) These ten kings represented the divisions of the Roman Empire

The Alamani/Germany, the Anglo-Saxons/ England, the Burgundians/Switzerland, the Franks/France, the Lombards/Italy, the Suevi/Portugal, and the Visigoths/Spain. The Heruli 493AD, the Ostrogoths 534 AD, and the Vandals 538 AD were destroyed by the pope because they wouldn't pay homage to the church. Daniel 7:24 When these three were subdued the Vatican was in control began its reign of power in 538 AD.

5) a) The priest claims to forgive sins when someone goes to confessional

Confess your faults to man James 5:16 but confess your sins unto God. 1 John 1:7, 9

b) The pope claims to be equal to God

"The pope is not only the representative of Christ, but he is Jesus Christ Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh." *The Catholic National July 1895*

The pope refers to himself as "The Vicar of Christ." Vicar means substitute. And in Latin, Vicarius Filii Dei.

V=5	F=0	D=500	112
I=1	I=1	E=0	53
C=100	L=50	<u>I=1</u>	<u>501</u>
A=0	I=1	501	666
R=0	<u>I=1</u>		
I=1	53		
U=5			
<u>S=0</u>			
112			

666 is the number of a man; not the mark of the beast. Revelation 13:8

6) In 1798 the Catholic Church received its deadly wound when French General Berthier put Pope Pius VI in prison. They remained a church but their governmental power was taken away.

7) February 12, 1929 Mussolini gave the Vatican back its governmental power. Thus began the healing of the wound. Interestingly, the February 12, 1929 issue of The San Francisco Chronicle entitled their front page cover story: "*Mussolini and Gaspari Sign Historic Pact ... Heal Wound of Many Years*"

9) The pope receives worship from man.

"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Revelation 19:10

10) The Catholic Church gained its power in 538 AD and they lost their power in 1798 AD.

1798 – 538 = 1260 years

11) During those 1260 years, known as the dark ages, the Catholic Church persecuted, tortured, and killed millions of Christians. "That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history. The memorials, indeed, of many of her persecutions are now so scanty that it is impossible to form a complete conception of the multitude of her victims, and it is quite certain that no powers of imagination can adequately realize their sufferings."-W. E. H. Lecky, in *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirits of Rationalism in Europe* (1910 ed.), Vol. 2, p. 32.

12) Around 375 AD the Catholic church attempted to change the law by eliminating the 2nd commandment, which forbids image worship (Exodus 20:4, 5) and they split the 10th commandment in order to maintain the number ten. They did this because it is all right, they say, to pray to Mary, St. Peter, and many other images of dead saints.

The Ten Commandments as changed by the Catholic Church. Please read Exodus 20:3-17

<p>First Commandment I, the LORD, am your God...You shall not have other gods besides me.</p>	<p>Second Commandment You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain.</p>
<p>Third Commandment Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.</p>	<p>Fourth Commandment Honor your father and your mother.</p>
<p>Fifth Commandment You shall not kill.</p>	<p>Sixth Commandment You shall not commit adultery.</p>
<p>Seventh Commandment You shall not steal.</p>	<p>Eighth Commandment You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.</p>
<p>Ninth Commandment You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.</p>	<p>Tenth Commandment You shall not covet your neighbor's house.</p>

In the next lesson, we will show what the Catholic Church calls its mark of authority is or what is The Mark Of the Beast.

In the Light of God's Word...

I understand that history is proof that the Bible is correct.

I desire to finish this lesson and quickly move to the next to understand what is the Mark of the Beast.

