

## The Experience Continues

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” ~ Acts 2:42

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### The Good, the Bad, the Ugly

- Revelation 12:17; 13:8, 12, 15-16
  - ▶ The good: At the end of time, God will still have true followers who are faithful to His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ The bad: At the end of time, it will seem like \_\_\_\_\_ the world will be worshiping the antichrist beast.
  - ▶ The ugly: At the end of time, this false worship will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Throughout Scripture, God demonstrates Himself to be a God of infinite love who compassionately invites humanity to experience His love of our own free will. Like a true gentleman, God never coerces us to love and worship Him since true love and true worship can never be forced. As we shall see, Revelation 13 paints a picture of a \_\_\_\_\_ power pushing spiritual practice, thereby forcing worship. It is in this context of forced, false worship that the mark of the beast is received.

### Identifying the Beasts

- Revelation 13:1-8—The first of Satan’s agents in making war against God’s end-time people is a power that. . .
  - ▶ rises from the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1; cf. Rev. 17:15)
  - ▶ speaks \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5, 6; Mk. 2:27; Jn. 10:33)
  - ▶ rules for \_\_\_\_\_ prophetic months (v. 5; Num. 14:34)
  - ▶ receives a deadly wound that would eventually be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3).

As we have compellingly seen, this beast represents the Roman Church-State (see [Answers in Prophecy #11](#)), and a significant mark of its authority is its claim to have transferred the solemnity of the Sabbath from Saturday to \_\_\_\_\_ (see [More Answers in Prophecy #2](#)). This beast power functions as the counterfeit \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Revelation 13:11-17—The second of Satan's agents in making war against God's end-time people is a power that...
  - ▶ rises out of the \_\_\_\_\_, not the sea (v. 11; cf. Rev. 17:15)
  - ▶ has two horns like a \_\_\_\_\_, but speaks like a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)
  - ▶ has horns without \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11; cf. v. 1)
  - ▶ rises up about the same time the first beast goes \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 10, 11)
  - ▶ eventually possesses \_\_\_\_\_ power and influence (v. 12)

What power would arise around 1798 from a relatively unpopulated area and would employ a democratic form of government espousing Christ-like principles of freedom and fairness in such a way as to achieve unmatched global influence? Only the \_\_\_\_\_.

- According to Revelation 13, what role will this second beast play in Satan's end-time scheme?
  - ▶ exercises all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the first beast (v. 12)
  - ▶ moves people to \_\_\_\_\_ the first beast (v. 12)
  - ▶ performs great \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13, 14)
  - ▶ makes an \_\_\_\_\_ to the first beast and \_\_\_\_\_ life into it (v. 14-15)
  - ▶ gives the \_\_\_\_\_ of the beast (v. 16-17)

Clearly, this beast will function as the counterfeit \_\_\_\_\_, acting like a public relations manager for the 1st beast by causing all the world to bow to the authority of the Roman Church-State.

### ***Mission: Impossible?***

- How would the United States ever speak like a dragon?—Revelation 13:11-12—Since a nation speaks through its \_\_\_\_\_ and legislation, it would exercise its civil power to \_\_\_\_\_ religious practice. In this way, the U.S. would exercise all the authority of the 1st beast.
- Will the 1st beast's deadly wound ever be healed?—Revelation 13:12—The deadly wound \_\_\_\_\_ healed right before our eyes. This is evidenced by...
  - ▶ the growing support for ecumenism
  - ▶ the joint activity between the Roman Church-State and the \_\_\_\_\_
  - ▶ the leading role of the \_\_\_\_\_ in global initiatives

### ***Piercing the Darkness***

- Revelation 14:6-12; 18:1—As the darkness of deception grows deeper, the light of God's truth will grow brighter.
- Acts 5:28-29—Like the first disciples of Jesus, we must choose to obey God rather than man.
- Matthew 7:24-27—As God's true followers, we must commit to be hearers and \_\_\_\_\_ of His Word today. If we do not delay obedience to God's plain commands today, we will be building our lives upon the Rock. When the storms of Satan's end-time deception come, we will be able to stand.