

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.