

Living in the Earth's last days,
What does the future hold?

THE FINAL CRISIS

A World in Crisis

Never before has the world faced such a time of global turmoil and fear. Every news headline seems to bring more anxiety—rising crime, looming economic collapse, and a cascade of ever more frequent natural disasters. Scientists are warning of a global climate crisis, urging drastic lifestyle changes to avoid a catastrophic future. Millions are grappling with financial hardship and job loss. Murders, thefts, assaults, and riots have become disturbingly common. In the midst of this chaos, dark forces are exploiting global crises—such as COVID-19 and climate change—to introduce new systems and laws under the banner of what they now call the 'New World Order.' This, the Bible foretold, will culminate in a moment where "the whole world" will be forced to receive the mark of the beast or face persecution.

Tragically, humanity continues to push God away. And when we reject God, we inevitably open the door to Satan, who uses that permission to bring deeper destruction upon the world through calamity and confusion. Yet, in mercy, God holds him back—only allowing him to go so far—in hopes that these escalating signs will awaken us to the greater, eternal reality at stake: the destiny of our souls.



As God's children, we are the recipients of a love that surpasses all understanding. He has not left us alone in our battle against darkness. In the beginning, God created a perfect world filled with harmony and peace. But sin marred that perfection, and ever since, humanity has lived under its curse. Each of us, born with a sinful nature, stands guilty before a holy God. His law demands justice—the penalty for sin is death. Yet God, in His infinite mercy, provided a way to restore us to harmony with heaven. The greatest gift He could give was His own Son, who took our place and died on the cross of Calvary.

Jesus willingly laid down His life. In the garden of Gethsemane, just hours before His death, the weight of the world's sin pressed upon Him. He saw the hopeless condition of man, the power of sin, and the anguish of a doomed world. He understood that without divine intervention, humanity would perish. But Jesus made His decision: He would save us—no matter the cost to Himself. Looking down the corridors of time, He saw the joy and eternal life that would come to those who accepted His sacrifice. And He was satisfied.

Even now, God patiently bears with a world that has largely rejected Him. He suffers long with us, not willing that any should perish, but giving every opportunity for us to turn from sin and embrace the life He offers through His Son.

The victory in the battle between good and evil has already been won. God has exposed Satan's deceptions and revealed his destructive agenda. Beginning with the book of Daniel, we will explore key Bible prophecies that unveil what is soon to come upon our world.

Key Prophecies in Daniei

In 603 B.C., as recorded in Daniel chapter 2, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon was given a dream by God that revealed the rise and fall of the great empires that would shape world history. In his dream, he saw a towering statue composed of various metals-each section symbolising a successive kingdom. The vision begins with Babylon and continues through the major world powers, ultimately culminating in the second coming of Jesus Christ. Later, in Daniel chapter 7, a parallel prophecy is given. This time, the kingdoms are represented not by metals, but by beasts rising out of the sea (Daniel 7:3). This second vision adds deeper insight and expands upon the prophecy of Daniel 2, especially focusing on events that would unfold after the fall of the Roman Empire.



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Daniel 2

Daniel's Vision Daniel 7

Interpretation

Head of gold

Lion with wings of an eagle

Babylon 605 - 539 B.C.

Chest and arms of silver

Bear raised up on one side with 3 ribs in its mouth

Medo-Persia 539 - 331 B.C.

Waist and thighs of brass

Leopard beast with 4 heads and 4 wings of a fowl

Greece 331 - 168 B.C.

Legs of iron

Dreadful beast with iron teeth

Rome 168 B.C. - 476 A.D.

Feet of iron mixed with clay

10 horns

10 Kingdoms/Europe

Little Horn

476 A.D. - present

Antichrist Comes to power after 476 A.D.

A great stone cut without hands

Everlasting Kingdom

Second coming of Jesus

"YOU [NEBUCHADNEZZAR] ARE THE HEAD OF GOLD. AND AFTER YOU ANOTHER KINGDOM WILL ARISE INFERIOR TO YOU"

DANIEL 2:38-39

You will note from these visions that we are quite literally living in the toenails of time!

THE LITTLE HORN

One of the most significant elements in Daniel's vision is the "little horn" power. This same figure reappears in Revelation 13, where it is foretold that the whole world will marvel after this power, and many will ultimately receive its mark before Jesus returns. Since we are living in the final days of Earth's history, it is vital that we clearly identify this power so we can avoid receiving its mark. Thankfully, Daniel 7:20-25 provides a detailed description, allowing us to recognize it with certainty. To summarise:

- It rises from among the ten divisions of the Roman Empire (after 476 A.D.) but is different from the previous political powers before it.
- **2** It subdues three of these original ten kingdoms.
- It reigns for a "time" (1 year), "times" (2 years), and "half a time"—a total of 3½ prophetic years or 1260 days. In prophetic time, a day equals a year (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34), so this power must rule for 1260 literal years.
- 4 It speaks great words against the Most High (God).
- 5. It makes war with the saints and prevails against them.
- **6** It thinks to change times and laws.

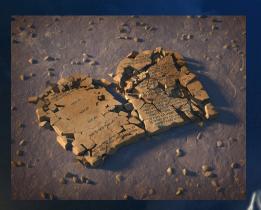
WHAT POWER FITS THIS DESCRIPTION COMPLETELY?



History reveals that only the Roman Catholic Papacy—the union of church and state—matches every identifying mark. It rose during the time of the ten kingdoms and is different in being both religious and political. The Papacy played a leading role in overthrowing three Arian kingdoms: the Heruli (493 A.D.), the Vandals (534 A.D.), and finally the Ostrogoths (538 A.D.). That same year (538 A.D.), Emperor Justinian's decree took effect, declaring the Bishop of Rome as head of all churches—marking the official start of the Papacy's rule.

During its reign, millions of Christians and Protestant reformers were executed by burning, hanging, imprisonment, or heavy fines. In 1798 A.D.—exactly 1260 years later—General Berthier of France captured Pope Pius VI and abolished the Papal government. The Pope died in exile shortly after. This event marked the end of Papal supremacy and is referred to in Revelation 13:3 as the "deadly wound"





The fact that this power speaks words against the Most High confirms it is a religious organisation. The Pope endeavours to take the place of God by assuming the divine ability to forgive sins, handing out indulgences, and taking the titles "Lord God the Pope" and "Holy Father."

The most significant identifier, however, is that this power sought to change God's times and laws. In 364 A.D., at the Council of Laodicea, the Catholic Church sought to change the sanctity of the Sabbath of the 4th commandment, shifting it from the 7th day (Saturday) to the 1st day (Sunday).

"Question - Which is the Sabbath day?

"Answer - Saturday is the Sabbath day.

"Question - Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? "Answer - We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 364), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

PETER GEIERMANN, C.S.S.R., THE CONVERT'S CATECHISM OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE, P. 50, 3RD EDITION, 1957.

This is why most Christians today worship on Sunday and consider it the Lord's Day. Yet nowhere in the Bible are we instructed to keep Sunday holy or set it apart as a day of worship.

I would like to mention at this point that although the Catholic institution is identified in prophecy as the antichrist power, many faithful Christians are part of it. God recognises them as His own. But in love, He is now calling His people out of these fallen churches (Revelation 18:4) so they will not share in her sins or receive her plagues.

REVEIATION 13

Now we come to prophecies that directly concern our time. Revelation 13 introduces a beast that shares the same identifying features as the little horn of Daniel 7 (see Rev 13:1-8), confirming that it represents the Catholic Papacy. The 42 months mentioned in Rev 13:5 is equivalent to the 1260 days of Daniel 7 (42 months × 30 days = 1260 days). Anciently, a Jewish year was 360 days. twelve months each with thirty days. At the end of this chapter, we see that it is this beast whose dreaded mark will be placed upon all those that worship it or its image (vs 16).



We've all heard of the number 666-often seen as an ominous symbol and widely recognized as representing the Devil. Revelation 13 identifies it as the number of the beast, which we've already seen represents the Catholic Papacy. It is also said to be "the number of a man." The Douay Bible comments that "the numeral letters of his name shall make up this number." The Pope's title, Vicarius Filii Dei (Vicar of the Son of God), when converted into Roman numerals, adds up to 666-a practice known as gematria, commonly used in ancient times. Letters with no Roman numeral value are assigned zero.

V F	W. F	D 500
V 5	$\mathbf{F} 0$	D 500
I 1	I 1	E 0
C 100	L 50	I 1
A 0	1 1	+501
R 0	11	No.
I 1	+ 53	1
U 5		
S 0	= 666	
112		

Since its fall in 1798, the Papacy has not ruled over the nations. But Revelation 13:3 prophesies that its deadly wound would be healed and that the whole world would marvel after the beast. Is that happening today? Is the Pope at the center of global efforts against climate change? Is he seen as a moral authority on social justice? Are religious and political leaders looking to him for moral guidance? Is he forming alliances with world economic leaders? The answer is yes.

In 2015, Pope Francis released 'Laudato Si,' his encyclical on climate change, calling for sweeping reforms to prevent global catastrophe. This encyclical has been accepted by world leaders internationally, with many praising him as a moral guide on this issue.

In fulfilment of Revelation 17, we are also witnessing increasing ties between the Pope and the global economic leaders (the merchants of the earth). On December 8, 2020, the Council for Inclusive Capitalism (CIC) formed a partnership with the Vatican. The CIC is a collection of many of the world's 'Fortune 500,' who are dedicating themselves to managing climate change and promoting social equality. The CIC claims to be "under the moral guidance" of the Pope, giving him an authoritative role in the decisions made within this alliance, especially in regard to determining what comprises the 'common good.'

This theme of unity for the common good is central to the Pope's 2020 encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti.' In it, he promotes the core principles of Catholic Social Doctrine, which calls for limiting individual rights whenever they conflict with the common good. This global socialist agenda closely mirrors 'The Great Reset' which is being promoted by the World Economic Forum for the sake of the supposed common good of the planet. Like 'Laudato Si', 'Fratelli Tutti' was welcomed and celebrated by leaders around the world.

"We really must listen to His Holiness as we go forward."

Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Commenting on Laudato Si, 2015



Revelation 17 and 18 reveal that the Catholic Papacy—here symbolized as "Babylon"—has daughters (Rev 17:5). These daughters represent Protestant churches that, despite separating from Rome during the Reformation, still cling to many of her false doctrines. In the last days, there will be a global union between the Catholic Church (the mother), the apostate Protestant churches (her daughters), and the nations of the world (the kings of the earth). We're already witnessing growing unity agreements between the Catholic Church, Protestant denominations, and other world religions—all in the name of interfaith harmony. At the same time, we're seeing increasing ties between church and state, especially in the United States—a nation of great prophetic significance, as we will soon explore. The world is steadily uniting to follow the beast, and we can expect his influence to strengthen as his deadly wound continues to heal.



"Pope Francis:
'I share the
impatience' to
bring about
Christian unity"

THE JESUIT REVIEW, MAY 25, 2020

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

This mark is not a barcode or microchip, nor is it something physical or visible. Rather, it is an invisible sign of allegiance—revealing whom we choose to worship. Since we've already identified the beast, identifying its mark becomes clearer, as the Catholic Church itself has plainly declared what it considers to be its mark.

On November 11, 1895, in response to a letter regarding the change of the Sabbath from the 7th day (Saturday) to the 1st day (Sunday), H. F Thomas, Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons wrote:

"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [of the sabbath] was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything, in matters spiritual, ecclesiastical and religious without her. This act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters."

(Emphasis and words in parentheses added for clarity)

When Sunday observance is enforced by law, it will become the mark of the beast. Soon the world will be compelled to honour Sunday as a day of rest and worship. Those who refuse will lose the ability to buy or sell (Rev 13:16), and eventually face death (Rev 13:15). Those who comply will receive the mark. Already, there is a growing global call for a universal rest day as a solution to reduce greenhouse emissions, restore family time, and promote spiritual renewal.

Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' emphasises the need for a global day of rest on Sunday,

"And so the day of rest, centred on Eucharist, sheds it's light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor."

POPE FRANCIS, LAUDATO SI, 2015

Rest laws will likely be the first step toward enforcing global Sunday worship. Bible prophecy has proven accurate throughout history, and even now, its words are fulfilling before our eyes. With this flawless track record, we can be certain the remaining prophecies will also come to pass. While many of the Pope's proposals seem beneficial on the surface, there is a deeper, hidden agenda—one that God has mercifully revealed through His Word.

THE LAMBLIKE BEAST (REV 13:11-16)



Revelation 13 also introduces a second lamblike beast that comes out of the earth (vs 11). This lamblike beast is said to speak as a dragon and exercise all the power of the beast (Catholic Papacy) that came before it. The lamb is a symbol for Jesus (John 1:29) while the dragon represents Satan (Rev 12:9). This tells us that although this nation appears to uphold Christian values, its actions will ultimately reflect Satan's character.

In prophecy, seas represent densely populated areas (Rev 17:15), while the earth, where this beast arises, represents a more sparsely populated region. Revelation 12:14-17 tells us that the earth helped the woman (God's faithful people, 2 Cor 11:2) escape persecution during the latter part of the 1260 years (just prior to 1798), identifying it as the safe haven where the Pilgrims fled from Papal tyranny in Europe. This beast is also said to have power to enforce the mark of the beast on all people (vs 15-17), identifying it as the world superpower.

Taking this together, the prophecy points to a nation that arose in a relatively unpopulated area, that emerged just before 1798, was founded on Christian principles, became a place of safety from Papal persecution, and would have the global power to enforce religious laws. Only one power fits every detail—the United States of America.

According to Revelation 13, it will be the United States that will lead in enforcing Sunday worship laws and compelling the world to receive the mark of the beast.

As time moves forward, we can expect to see growing momentum toward the uniting of church and state in the United States. Already, we are witnessing significant strides in this direction with the rise of Christian Nationalism and increasing support from influential politicians who advocate for church involvement in government. It is only a matter of time before these sentiments translate into legislation, as this great nation begins to speak as a dragon.

This naturally raises the question of how the world could shift from where we are now to a global enforcement of worship. Revelation 13:13-14 provides insight, revealing that this power will perform great wonders, even calling fire down from heaven to deceive the people. Jesus warned us of false Christs and false prophets who would show signs and wonders so persuasive that, if possible, even the elect would be deceived (Matt 24:24). We must be cautious, understanding that not all miracles are from God. The crowning act in Satan's deception will be his impersonation of Jesus' coming (2 Cor 11:14), through which he will endeavour to convince the world that the Sabbath has been changed to Sunday in support of the Catholic and fallen Protestant Churches. Yet Satan cannot perfectly imitate Christ's return, making it vital that we understand how Jesus will appear at His second coming so that we are not deceived.



THE SEAL OF GOD

The opposite of the mark of the beast is the seal of God. This seal will be placed upon all who faithfully follow Christ. The Bible identifies God's end-time people as those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus (Rev 14:12). God declares, "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples" (Isa 8:16). If the mark of the beast involves Sunday observance, then it makes sense that God's seal would be found in His law—specifically in the commandment that tells us to remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (Exo 20:8-11). In fact, we do find God's seal there. A monarch's seal includes three essential elements: their name, title, and dominion. The only place in Scripture where all three appear in connection with God is in the fourth commandment:



"For in six days the LORD (name) made (title = Creator) heaven and earth (dominion), the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Exodus 20:11

Ultimately, the conflict between Christ and Satan centres on worship. Satan seeks to usurp God's place, desiring honour and worship for himself (Isa 14:13-14). To achieve this, he has established a counterfeit system of worship, enforcing his own laws in place of God's. Each of us must choose whether we will worship God by keeping His commandments, or worship Satan by upholding a false sabbath—Sunday. God is now giving everyone an opportunity to make an informed decision regarding where they place their allegiance. We already know who wins this battle, and we have nothing to gain by siding with a defeated foe.

THE FINAL SCENE OF PROPHECY

The final scene of prophecy is the glorious second coming of Jesus Christ. His first advent to our world was as a servant, to reveal to us the love of God and reconcile us to Heaven. When He comes again, it will be as King of kings and Lord of lords. To all who have put their faith in Him, this is the blessed hope. Jesus second coming marks the end of sin, suffering and death.

It is at Earth's darkest hour that Christ will return to receive His people. As the lightning flashes from the east to the west so shall the coming of the son of man be (Matt 24:27). Every eye will see Him (Rev 1:7). All of the angels will be with Him (Matt 25:31). The whole world will shake at His presence (Rev 6:14). There is nothing secret about His coming - no secret rapture takes place before this time. His voice will echo throughout the Earth and call forth His sleeping saints from their dusty graves (1 Thes 4:16). Families and friends will be joyfully reunited forever. The living who have trusted in Him will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, from mortal bodies to immortal health and youth (1 Cor 15:51-53). Together they will meet Jesus in the air and return with Him to the place He has prepared for them in Heaven (1 Thes 4:17, John 14:1-3).



"But as it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

Heaven is a real, tangible place, more glorious than we can now imagine. It will not be a place of endless idleness—on the contrary, the redeemed will delight in the infinite wonders of God's creation. We will never grow bored or disinterested. Each day will be a new opportunity to explore, to learn, to create, and to experience life as God originally intended.

However, those who have rejected Jesus will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming (2 Thes 2:8). Eternal death—not torment—is the final result for those who have refused God's grace. The wages of sin is death, not eternal life in hell (Rom 6:23). The idea of an eternally burning hell is a false doctrine rooted in paganism. It misrepresents God's character, making Him appear cruel and unjust. Satan uses this deception to turn people away from God and to justify his rebellion before the universe. But God is just and merciful. There is no reason for Him to torment anyone for eternity. Sin and sinners will be forever destroyed, and nothing will remain to disturb the perfect peace of the world to come (Rev 21:4).

THE SOLUTION

When, through deception, humanity sided with Satan, we joined in his rebellion against Heaven. In doing so, we brought upon ourselves the curse of sin with all its guilt, misery, and suffering. Today, millions are experiencing pain—whether from their own sins or from the sins of others. Sin is a law of selfishness and self-gratification that ultimately leads to self-destruction. It began with Satan's desire to be worshipped as God and has infected the human condition ever since it first entered the world. Sin has no place in God's perfect universe.

Like any kingdom, Heaven is governed by law. The Ten Commandments form the foundation of God's government. They outline our duty to one another as well as to God. At the heart of this law is love—a reflection of God's own character. We are all familiar with the golden rule, and Heaven is the place where it is lived out in its truest form. God knows that true happiness is found only in loving obedience to His law.

In His life of service, Jesus revealed the grace and love of God. He showed us the values of His kingdom: love, joy, and peace. He also demonstrated the life we can live through Him—a life of power, love, and victory. The infinite sacrifice our Heavenly Father made in giving His Son to die for us should elevate our understanding of what we may become through Christ. Through faith, the fallen children of Adam, bruised and broken by sin, may become the children of God.



"Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!"

1 JOHN 3:1

But as we are now, sick with sin, we cannot enter Heaven. If we reject the gift of salvation and refuse to obey Heaven's law, God has no choice but to do the most merciful thing He can—blot us from existence. To those who cling to sin, the purity of Heaven would be unbearable, and the glory of God a consuming fire. God will not allow sin, with all its misery, to exist forever. His desire is to restore everything to its original, perfect state. Therefore, the law places the death penalty upon all who transgress it.



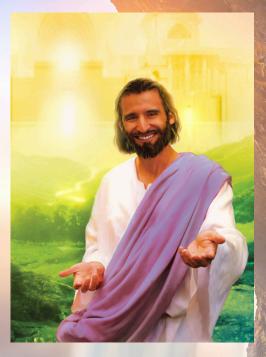
Yet God values us with a love as deep as the love He has for His own Son. He is not willing that any should perish. Instead, He has a plan for our redemption: to rescue us from evil, to restore us to His perfect image, and to welcome us back into Heaven. This longing moved Him to give the most precious gift He had—His beloved Son.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

JOHN 3:16

To meet the claims of a broken law, God sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to die in our place. As One with the Father, Christ alone could offer a life sufficient to satisfy the demands of the law, and He did so willingly. Jesus took upon Himself all our guilt and shame. He bore the dreadful consequences of sin on behalf of the entire world. None of us can fully grasp the anguish of His soul in that moment. The scene of Gethsemane—where His suffering caused Him to sweat great drops of blood—is but a glimpse of the agony He endured for us. His perfect soul was crushed under the weight of our sin. It was not the nails or the cross that took His life, but a heart broken with sorrow and love. It was the heart of infinite love that paid the price of our redemption.

God is to us an ever-present help in time of need. We have nothing to fear for the future if we walk closely with Him. When situations seem impossible—whether due to overwhelming circumstances or destructive habits—Christ offers us power to overcome. Will we take hold of that power? Will we allow Him to restore us into His perfect image? Will we accept the gift of eternal life that is freely offered to each one of us? As we see prophecy fulfilling around us, may we recognise our deep need for Jesus, and use the time we still have to develop a relationship with Him. May we all look with joy and hope toward the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



"Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears My voice and opens the
door, I will come in to him and dine with
him, and he with Me."

REVELATION 3:20

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