

Vatican Report

The Second BEAST of the Apocalypse Rises Up!

Here is news shocking and portending dire consequences for the world and true Christians. The Roman Catholic Pope, Benedict XVI, has bared his “inquisition teeth” in three different ways. The future FALSE Prophet is finally beginning to show his true colors to the world.

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Pope Benedict XVI reasserted the primacy of the Roman Catholic Church by approving a document released in July, 2007, that says “other Christian communities are defective or not true churches and that Catholicism provides the only true path to salvation.” It calls them mere “ecclesial communities” and states that their ministers have no right to give “communion,” thus making them fraudulent ministers who cannot provide the way to salvation! The statement brought swift criticism from Protestant leaders.

The view that Protestants cannot have churches was first set out by Pope Benedict seven years ago when, as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, he headed the Vatican “ministry for doctrine.” The Vatican “Ministry for Doctrine” is a new name for the Catholic office which persecuted and killed non-Catholics during the infamous “Inquisition” of the Middle Ages.

When the current officer holder of the future False Prophet – the Roman Catholic Pope – states that Protestant Churches have no right to exist because they “lack elements considered essential”, that stand should shock discerning Christians greatly. Right now, the Catholic Pontiff lacks the political power to energize his proclamation so that he could shut down all Protestant churches, but, once Antichrist is on the world scene, and the Pope serves him as his False Prophet, he will have the political power at his disposal to shut down Protestant churches all across the globe, and do with its adherents what he wishes! In that on-rushing world, freedom of religion will be soon non-existent!

We read in the book of Revelation the following enigmatic, puzzling Scripture:

“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence,

and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to *worship* the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. . . He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a MARK on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may *buy or sell* except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom: Let him who has understanding *calculate* the number of the beast, for it is the number of a *man*: His number is 666” (Rev.13:11-12, 16-18, NKJV).

The Greek word translated “mark” in the expression “mark of the beast,” used throughout the book of Revelation, is *charagma* and means “a scratch or etching, i.e. stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue): -- graven, mark” (see *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*, number #5480). *Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament* defines this word as follows: “to engrave; a. a stamp, an imprinted mark: of the mark stamped on the forehead or the right hand as the badge of the followers of Antichrist, Rev.13:16; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4) . . . b. thing carved, sculpture, graven work: of idolatrous images, Acts 17:29.”

Possession of this “mark” will certify one as a member of the religio-political system of the “Beast,” or the fast-approaching “New World Order,” as current world leaders are wont to call it. It is an identifying sign. Those who will possess it “belong” to the beast’s religio-political system of world government. The “mark” in a sense identifies its holders as “card-carrying members” of this rapidly rising political and religious worldwide system of the “Beast” of Revelation!

Revelation 13:16-18 reveals that the False Prophet is the one who will force the peoples of the world to take the Mark of the Beast, and cause those who refuse to be beheaded! A future Roman Catholic Pope – serving the Antichrist – will cause tens of millions of Protestant Christians to be martyred when they refuse his demand to take the Mark of the Beast.

What is this “mark”?

The Mark of Cain

When Cain was banished from the sight of God, to the land of “Nod,” or wandering and unrest, God placed a “mark” upon him so that all would know who he was, and would not destroy him lest they suffer seven-fold vengeance. Cain had rebelled against God, and murdered his own brother, Abel. Cain became the original founder of this world’s system of competition, rivalry, cunning and deceitful merchandising practices, and wickedness – “Babylon.”

The Hebrew word for “mark” is simply *owth* and means “a signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence -- mark, miracle, ensign, token.” It was something that identified Cain, and set him apart from other men. It marked him as not being one of God’s own people, but an outcast, a renegade, a man who had been banished from the society of God’s people. This mark came to stand as an ensign or emblem for

Cain and his way.

What was this “mark”? Alexander Hislop in *The Two Babylons* tells us of an ancient pagan emblem that has characterized this world’s religious system long before the time of Christ, yet was adopted by His supposed “church” several hundred years later! We read:

“There is yet one more symbol of the Romish worship to be noticed, and that is the sign of the CROSS. In the Papal system, as is well known, the sign of the cross and the image of the cross are all in all. No prayer can be said, no worship engaged in, no step almost can be taken, without the frequent use of the sign of the cross. The cross was looked upon as the GRAND CHARM [remember Cain? The ‘mark’ was his symbol of divine protection! No wonder its use would become commonplace among his followers!], as the GREAT REFUGE IN EVERY SEASON OF DANGER, in every hour of temptation as the INFALLIBLE PRESERVATIVE from all the powers of darkness. The cross is adored with all the homage due only to the Most High; and for any one to call it, in the hearing of a genuine Romanist, by the Scriptural term, ‘the accursed tree’ is a MORTAL OFFENCE. To say that such superstitious feeling for the sign of the cross, such worship as Rome pays to a wooden or a metal cross, ever grew out of the saying of Paul, ‘God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ’ -- that is, in the doctrine of Christ crucified -- is a mere absurdity, a shallow subterfuge and pretense. The magic virtue attributed to the so-called sign of the cross, the worship bestowed on it, never came from such a source. The SAME SIGN OF THE CROSS THAT ROME NOW WORSHIPS WAS USED IN THE BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES, was applied by Paganism to the same magic purposes, was honoured with the same honours. That which is now called the Christian cross was ORIGINALLY NO CHRISTIAN EMBLEM AT ALL, BUT WAS THE MYSTIC TAU OF THE CHALDEANS AND EGYPTIANS – the true original form of the letter T -- the initial of the name of Tammuz -- which, in Hebrew, radically the same as ancient Chaldee That mystic Tau was MARKED IN BAPTISM ON THE FOREHEADS OF THOSE INITIATED IN THE MYSTERIES, and was used in every variety of way as a most sacred symbol. To identify Tammuz with the son it was joined, sometimes to the circle of the sun. . .” (*The Two Babylons*, p.197-198).

Hislop continues:

“. . . there seems no reason to doubt that the Maltese cross is an express *symbol of the SUN*; for Layard found it as a *sacred symbol in Nineveh* in such a connection as led him to *identify it with the sun*. The mystic Tau, as the symbol of the great divinity, was called ‘the sign of life;’ it was used as an AMULET OVER THE HEART; it was marked on the official garments of the *priests of Rome*; it was borne by kings in their hand, as a token of their dignity or divinely-conferred authority” (*ibid.*, p.198).

The Vestal virgins of Pagan Rome used the “cross” suspended from their

necklaces, even as Catholic nuns do now. The ancient Egyptians did the same, as Egyptian monuments show. Says Wilkinson in his work on the Egyptians, “it was already in use as early as the *fifteenth century before the Christian era*” (vol.1, p. 376).

How did the cross get into the visible “Christian” church? Hislop relates,

“Now this Pagan symbol seems first to have crept into the Christian Church in EGYPT, and generally into Africa. A statement of Tertullian, about the middle of the third century, shows how much, by that time, the Church of Carthage was infected with the old leaven. *Egypt, especially, which was never thoroughly evangelized, appears to have taken the lead in bringing in this Pagan symbol*” (p.201).

The Tridentine Mass

Also, in July, 2007, Pope Benedict revived the old “Tridentine Mass” said in Latin. This was the second correction in a week that Benedict has corrected what he says as erroneous interpretations of the Second Vatican Council, the 1962-1965 meetings that modernized the church. This Mass was originally created in 1560 and was the standard Mass used all during the infamous Inquisition Period during which over 70 million people were murdered and tortured simply because they would not accept the Catholic “Salvation by Works” teachings, chief of which was the systems of Indulgence and Purgatory. By massive offerings to the church the priest then had the “right” to release you from your sins. So a person could go on sinning and keep on sinning but get pardoned by just bringing a monetary offering for the Pope or priest.

“Benedict’s declaration removed restrictions on celebrating the old Latin Mass, reviving a rite that was all but swept away by the liberalizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council. The decision, a victory for traditional, conservative Roman Catholics, came over the objections of liberal-minded Catholics and angered Jews because the Tridentine Mass contains a prayer for their conversion.”

What is the “Tridentine Mass”? Why is it important?

We need to know exactly what the “Tridentine Mass” is and why its reinstatement now is vitally important in this prophetic hour in which we live. *The Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia* says:

“The Tridentine Mass is the common term used to refer to the Roman Rite Mass of the Catholic Church as contained in the successive editions of the Roman Missal promulgated from 1570 to 1962. . . . Its most distinctive feature is that it is celebrated in Latin, and therefore it is also referred to as the ‘Latin Mass’.”

The date when the Tridentine Mass was initiated was 1570. Therefore, this Mass was the Mass which the Roman Catholic Church was daily practicing during the time of

the horrific Roman Catholic Inquisition, which lasted approximately from 1550-1850. Listen to the Wikipedia description of the Inquisition:

“In the 16th century, in Roman Inquisition, the Pope, Paul III, established a system of tribunals, ruled by the ‘Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition’, staffed by cardinals and other officials. In 1908 it was changed to ‘Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office’ by Saint Pope Pius X. In 1965, the ‘Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office’ was changed again to ‘Congregation for the doctrine of the Faith’, which persists down to today.”

This was the same office that Cardinal Ratzinger was in charge of, but with a name change.

In *Foxes’ Book of the Martyrs* it mentions repeated instances in Europe when a large group of Catholic adherents would suddenly become frenzied and start attacking Protestants in very large numbers. These type attacks occurred repeatedly over a number of centuries and in different parts of Europe.

Why would Catholic people suddenly turn in an instant from being normal human beings – many of whom were friends and neighbors to the Protestants – to being enraged killers? In some of the instances recorded, so many Protestants were murdered so rapidly that their collective blood flowed down the street emergency water drains like rainwater.

Was some form of Mind Control at work? But, what kind of Mind Control would be able to simultaneously afflict so many Catholics living in different eras of time and in different geographical locations? What do Roman Catholics do constantly, every week and many every day?

They ALL attended Mass, said in Latin, the Tridentine Mass! Could this Mass possess hidden Mind Control? Further, could a supernatural spirit suddenly trigger a latent Mind Control message which had been implanted time and time again by this Mass?

Former Satanist, Doc Marquis has stated in no uncertain terms that the Mass, said in Latin, possesses very powerful Witchcraft. If the Mass is said in any other language, it loses all its powerful Witchcraft. Doc Marquis has also said that hidden Mind Control triggers are contained within the Mass. These triggers could then be activated at the will of the *demonic spirit which infuses Roman Catholicism*.

Therefore, Pope Benedict XVI has just reactivated the very Mass which was used all during the time of the Inquisition!

The Number “666”

Students of Biblical prophecy who have eyes to see and ears to hear, know that Latin is the language of the ancient “Beast,” the Roman Empire, which was the Latin

Empire. A Roman, in the Greek language, was called *Lateinos* (the Latin man). In Greek gematria, if you add up the numeric value of the letters in the word *Lateinos*, they add up to 666 – the number of the Beast of Revelation (Rev.13:18).

In the book of Revelation, the apostle John warns us: “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding *count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a MAN; and his number is six hundred threescore and six*” (Rev.13:18). That is, the number of 666.

Notice that this number is the number of a “man.” In fact, the number “6” is the number of “man,” but the number “666” is three sixes, referring to the quintessential man, the “most perfect” that a human being could become, apart from God.

The number “six” is the number of man. E. W. Bullinger, in *Number in Scripture*, informs us, “If six is the number of secular or human perfection, then 66 is a more emphatic expression of the same fact, and 666 is the concentrated expression of it; 666 is therefore the trinity of human perfection; the perfection of imperfection; the culmination of human pride in independence of God and opposition to His Christ” (p.282).

Bullinger goes on: “But 666 was the *secret symbol* of the ancient pagan mysteries connected with the worship of the Devil. . . The efforts of the great enemy are now directed towards uniting all into one great whole. The newspapers, worldly and religious, are full of schemes as to such a union. ‘Re-union’ is in the air. The societies for the re-union of Christendom, and the Conferences for the re-union of the Churches, are alike all parts of the same great movement, and are all making for and are signs of the coming Apostasy. During this age, ‘Separation’ is God’s word for His people, and is the mark of *Christ*; while ‘union’ and ‘re-union’ is the mark of *Antichrist*” (p.283).

Wrote Bullinger in prescient terms, “Apostasy is before us. The religion of Christ has, in the past, been *opposed* and *corrupted*, but when it once comes, as it has come in our day, to be *burlasqued*, there is nothing left but judgment. There is nothing more the enemy can do before he proceeds to build up the great apostasy on the ruins of true religion, and thus prepare the way for the coming of the Judge” (p.283-284).

The number 666 is very far-reaching. The duration of the old Assyrian Empire was 666 years before it was conquered by Babylon. Jerusalem was trodden down from 31 B.C., from the battle of Actium, until A.D. 636, the time of the Saracen conquest. Counting from 31 B.C. to 636 A.D. is 666 years (no year zero, remember).

In the languages of the Bible – Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek – the letters of the alphabet all have numerical meanings or equivalents. So let’s study this subject. To whom or what does this mysterious number refer – in history and in the present!

In ancient times, Rome was called “Saturnia,” the city of Saturn, another name for the arch apostate and first man to incorporate a “New World Order,” replacing the patriarchal government under Shem, the son of Noah (Gen.10:8-10). Saturn was a secret name for Nimrod who revealed the “Chaldean Mysteries” – the world’s first apostate

false religion to its initiates, the first “mystery of iniquity” to rise up in the earth after the Flood. In the Chaldee language, Saturnia was spelled STUR. Notice, therefore:

S	=	60
T	=	400
U	=	6
R	=	<u>200</u>
		666

Thus the number “666” is branded right on the flank of this ancient “New World Order,” a system of HUMAN government, without God, which began soon after the Noachian Deluge.

Notice also, the ancient Romans were called “Lateinos.” This word, in the Greek language, the language spoken throughout the Roman Empire, adds up as follows:

L	=	30
A	=	1
T	=	300
E	=	5
I	=	10
N	=	50
O	=	70
S	=	<u>200</u>
		666

In the Hebrew language, the name of Romulus, the founder of Rome, for whom the ancient city was named, is spelled ROMIITH. Notice how the numerical values of his name add up:

R	=	200
O	=	6
M	=	40
I	=	10
I	=	10
TH	=	<u>400</u>
		666

What about the greatest persecutor and cruel anti-Christian emperor of the first century, Nero Caesar? Does his name also add up to “666”? Is he also identified as a “man of the number”?

In Aramaic, the name “Nero Caesar” is *Nron Ksr*.

The numerical value of these letters are:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 N = 50 \\
 R = 200 \\
 O = 6 \\
 N = 50 \\
 K = 100 \\
 S = 60 \\
 \underline{R = 200} \\
 \text{Total: } \quad \mathbf{666}
 \end{array}$$

Nero's name, "NERO CAESAR" in Aramaic, the common language of the Jews in the first century, adds up to "666," the number of the Beast of Revelation (Rev.13:18).

Thus we see that the FIRST head of this wicked world system, Nimrod or Saturn, was identified by the number. So was Romulus, the founder of Rome. So were the Lateinos," the citizens of Rome. And so was the great persecutor of Christians, Nero!

The modern-day end-time continuation of this ancient diabolical religious system is the *ROMAN* Catholic Church!

One of the titles used of the Pope of Rome is "Fili Vicarius Dei," meaning "Vicar of Christ." The Pope in the Catholic world is looked upon as "standing in the place of and acting for Christ." At the coronation of Pope Paul VI, the words were intoned: "I crown you Pope Paul VI, *Vicar of Christ*, King of heaven and earth and hell." What about this title? Notice:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 V = 5 \\
 I = 1 \\
 C = 100 \\
 A = 0 \\
 R = 0 \\
 I = 1 \\
 V = 5 \\
 S = 0 \\
 F = 0 \\
 I = 1 \\
 L = 50 \\
 I = 1 \\
 I = 1 \\
 D = 500 \\
 E = 0 \\
 \underline{I = 1} \\
 \mathbf{666}
 \end{array}$$

The Pope, then, has the "MARK" and the "NUMBER" of the Beast of Revelation and the Apocalypse! And the current Pope Benedict XVI is now beginning to issue edicts to begin to enforce the "mark of the Beast" upon the whole world!

Emperor Constantine

In the reign of Emperor Constantine of Rome, the pagan Sunday worship was foisted upon the Christian world, and the Biblical Sabbath day was changed to Sunday by the apostatizing Church of Rome. The Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th edition, calls this “the earliest recognition of the observance of Sunday as a legal duty.” Says Hutton Webster in *Rest Days*,

“This legislation by Constantine probably bore no relation to Christianity; it appears, on the contrary, that the emperor, in his capacity of Pontifex Maximus (a title the popes took from the emperors), was only adding the day of the Sun, the WORSHIP OF WHICH WAS THEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE, to the other ferial days of the sacred calendar” (pp.122-123).

The force of the Roman Empire was used to confiscate the property of all who obeyed God's Passover command after the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. Later, at the Council of Laodicea, in 365 A.D., the “Sabbath Question” was settled in the minds of the Catholic Church, once and for all. The twenty ninth canon of this Council reads:

“CHRISTIANS MUST NOT JUDAIZE BY RESTING ON THE SABBATH, BUT MUST WORK ON THAT DAY, *rather, honouring the Lord's Day* [by which they meant Sunday!]; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any be found to be Judaizers [that is, IF ANY OBEY GOD'S SABBATH!], let them be anathema from Christ!” (*Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, vol.19, p.148).

Writes H. G. Wells of this radical transformation occurring in the Church:

“He [Jesus] did not say a word about the worship of his mother Mary in the guise of Isis, the Queen of Heaven. Much that is most characteristically Christian [sic] in worship and usage, he ignored. Skeptical writers have had the temerity to deny that Jesus can be called a CHRISTIAN AT ALL” (*Outline of History*, p.445).

A PAGAN Church!

By the time of Emperor Constantine, then, the pure, simple, undefiled religion of Jesus Christ was now made the property of bickering, arguing, debating priests and prelates, presided over by an unconverted pagan Roman Emperor who sought UNITY for his huge empire! In the process, the truth brought by Jesus Christ and the original apostles was trampled underfoot and discarded and rejected with "extreme bias." The truth was buried.

The truth of God, because of its supposed “Jewishness,” was rejected, and buried under an avalanche of paganism!

In effect, says H. G. Wells,

“Christianity had taken on an *EXTRAORDINARY OUTWARD RESEMBLANCE* to the cults of *Serapis, Ammon, or Bel-Marduk . . .*”

That is, it had become distinctly *PAGAN* in worship, ritual, and practice! Only the names were changed. Paganism had become “baptized” in the name of “Jesus.” Pagan holidays replaced the holy days of the Bible, the days observed by the Jews, and by the early New Testament Christian Church!

Torture Chambers Under Vatican Reopened

The Pope also in July, 2007, has reopened the refurbished torture chamber in the Vatican known as the “Pope’s Dungeon”, a relic from the days of the bloody Inquisition!

Says *The Guardian*, “Papal Dungeon Opens to Visitors” (*The Guardian*, London, July 12, 2007):

“ROME (AP) – The dungeon beneath the papal fortress of Castel Sant’Angelo, where popes of old locked up criminals and enemies, will temporarily reopen to the public on Friday after a 10-year closure for restoration work. Through August 26, visitors can take nighttime guided tours of the prison built in the fort’s cellars by Pope Alexander VI in 1503, stepping through darkened cells and an infamous courtroom where death sentences were handed down.”

Why would the Vatican spend 10 years and undoubtedly a lot of money, to resurrect a relic of the infamous Roman Inquisition? During the time of the institution, it was common knowledge among the people that “the Popes had the best torturers”. Therefore, when a prisoner could not be broken by a king’s torturer, request by that king could be made to the Pope to send his torturer to break the poor man.

One more fact is important in this story. During the time of the Inquisition, all dungeons and prisons served the requirements of the Inquisition. What was the name of the office of the Inquisition? The names varied, from “Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition”, the original name, to the modern title, “Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith”. But both of them are the SAME office!

Biblical prophecy marches forward – it is being fulfilled right before our very eyes! The second “Beast” of Revelation is beginning to flex its muscles, and stretch its claims and powers, and to once again ENFORCE ITS DOGMA on the Christian world and all nations!

“The Wine of the Wrath of God”

God has some very strong things to say about those who carry the sign of the

“mark” or “number” of the Beast in their minds and hearts and actions.

The apostle John issued a stinging warning, saying,

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive HIS MARK in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall *drink of the wine of the wrath of God*, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be *tormented* with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the MARK of his name” (Rev.14:9-11).

In other words, those who possess the “mark” of the beast or its RELIGIOUS SYSTEM – WHO BELONG TO HIS “CHURCH” – will suffer the wrath of God which He will pour out on a rebellious, disobedient planet. This is speaking of the “seven last plagues” of the “Day of the Lord” which will cause great pain and torment among mankind. We read,

“And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the WRATH OF GOD UPON THE EARTH. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the *MEN WHICH HAD THE MARK OF THE BEAST, AND UPON THEM WHICH WORSHIPPED HIS IMAGE*” (Rev.16:1-2).

These plagues will cause extreme torment (Rev.14:9-11). The “smoke” from these destructive, punishing plagues will “ascend up for ever and ever” – that is, spiral up into the atmosphere, until it disappears from sight. It will last as long as the destruction itself continues. The term “for ever and ever” in this case is best translated “to the vanishing point.” Those who do not REPENT of their involvement in this false, paganized religious global system will be ultimately cast into the LAKE OF FIRE, which will consume them and destroy them and render them nothing but dust and ashes for all eternity (Mal.4:1-2; Rev.21:8).

Those who worship the beast, and partake of his “mark,” will suffer the wrath of God – and those who knowingly and deliberately do so will also be cast into the end-of-the-age Lake of Fire, or Gehenna, to suffer eternal destruction!

Almighty God commands His people NOT to compromise with this diabolical religious system rising up in our midst and once again threatening the world, and all those who do not belong to the Roman Catholic Church or who do not endorse its doctrines and beliefs. God calls her “the great Harlot who is seated on many waters [nations], with whom the kings of the earth have committed vice, and the dwellers on earth have been drunk with the wine of her vice” (Rev.17:1-2, Moffatt Translation).

The apostle John describes her: “I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet Beast covered

with *blasphemous titles* . . . The woman was clad in purple and scarlet, her ornaments were of gold and precious stones and pearls, in her hand was a golden cup full of all earth's abominations and impurities of vice, and on her forehead a name was written by way of symbol, 'Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of all abominations on the earth'" (Rev.17:3-5). The apostle John says of her, "I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and the blood of the witnesses of Jesus" (verse 6).

This wicked church empire is once again beginning to assert herself, to claim blasphemous titles and prerogatives, and to rule with authority and power. God Almighty hates this evil, despicable, wicked Church system.

God declares, in plain words: "COME OUT OF HER, O my people, that you share not her sins, that you partake not of her plagues: for high as heaven her sins are heaped, and God calls her misdeeds to reckoning" (Rev.18:4-5).

She will once again martyr true saints of God: "And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain for adhering to God's word and to the testimony which they bore; and they cried aloud, 'O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long wilt thou refrain from charging and avenging our blood upon those who dwell on earth?' But they were each given a white robe and told to remain quiet for a little longer, *until their number was completed by their FELLOW SERVANTS and their brothers who were to be killed as they themselves had been*" (Rev.6:9-11). A future inquisition and martyrdom of true saints is fast approaching!

John writes of these true believers: "Then I saw the souls of those who had been *beheaded* for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. *And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years*" (Rev.20:4).

What about you? Will you go along with this wicked, evil system? Will you compromise your faith? Will you collapse when faced with prison, punishment, torture, or death, at the hands of this wicked spiritual institution of the devil?

Pray! Pray as you have never prayed before! Remember the words of Christ: "I tell you, my friends, have no fear of those who kill the body but after that can do no more; I will show you whom to fear – fear Him who after he has killed has power to cast you into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear Him" (Luke 12:4-5).

Jesus Christ declared, "I tell you truly, the present generation [OUR generation!] will not pass away, till all this happens. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words never! Take heed to yourselves lest your hearts are overpowered by dissipation and drunkenness and worldly anxieties, and so that Day catches you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all dwellers on the face of all the earth. From hour to hour, keep awake, praying that you may succeed in escaping all these dangers to come and in standing before the Son of man" (Luke 21:32-36).