

# *Identifying the Antichrist in Revelation 13*

What are the characteristics that we glean from Revelation 13?

1. It is symbolized by a beast, Revelation 13:1.
2. It arises in a populated area, Revelation 13:1.
3. It has 7 heads and 10 horns, Revelation 13:1
4. It has on his heads the name of blasphemy, Revelation 13:1
5. It has characteristics of Greece, Medo-Persia, and Babylon, Revelation 13:2.
6. The dragon gives him his power, seat & great authority, Revelation 13:2.
7. One of his heads receives a deadly wound, Revelation 13:3.
8. The deadly wound is healed, Revelation 13:3, 12.
9. All the world wonders after it, Revelation 13:4, 8.
10. All the world worships it except those whose names are in the book of life, Revelation 13:8, 10.
11. He speaks great blasphemies against God, His character, His tabernacle & them that dwell in heaven, Revelation 13:1, 6.
12. Power was given unto him for forty-two months, Revelation 13:5.
13. It makes war with the saints & overcomes them, Revelation 13:7.
14. Power is given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations, Revelation 13:7.
15. It leads into captivity & will be led into captivity, Revelation 13:9.
16. It kills with the sword & will be killed with the sword, Revelation 13:9.
17. An image is made like it who was wounded and healed, Revelation 13:14.
18. Power is given to it to cause all the world to worship it, Revelation 13:15.
19. All that will not worship it will be killed, Revelation 13:15.
20. The image causes all that worship it to receive a mark in their forehead or in their right hand, Revelation 13:16.
21. The image causes that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, Revelation 13:17.
22. The image causes that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the name [character] of the beast, Revelation 13:17.
23. The image causes that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the number of its name, Revelation 13:17.
24. Here is wisdom, count the number of the beast, the number of a man, the number of its name, which is 666, Revelation 13:18.
25. It has power over the church, politics & economy, Revelation 13.

## The Literary Structure of Revelation 13

**Past** (Revelation 13:1-3): Description of the beast (John sees the beast)

**Future** (Revelation 13:3, 4): The wound is healed and the whole world worships the beast

**Past** (Revelation 13:5-7): The first reign of the antichrist for forty two months

**Past:** The deadly wound was given February 10, 1798

**Future** (Revelation 13:8): The whole world will worship the beast when the wound is healed

**Past, & future** (Revelation 13:9-10): History repeats, its dominion will again be taken away

**Future** (Revelation 13:11-18): The whole world will worship the first beast by command of the second beast.

### Revelation 13:1 (Past)

Revelation 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

- **It is symbolized by a beast:**

Beasts symbolize king, or kingdoms.

Daniel 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

- **It arises out of the sea:**

Waters represents multitudes. The papacy arose in a populated area, Rome, in 538 A. D.

Revelation 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Isaiah 17:12 Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!  
13) The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

- **It has 7 heads:**

The seven heads on the beast represent stages of the total career of the nations beginning with Babylon and ending with the resurrected papacy. The leopard with four heads in Daniel 7 presents the total career of Greece without any time distinctions and then Daniel 8 amplifies by teaching that Greece will be ruled first by a notable horn and then later four horns will rule when the notable horn is broken.

- **It has ten horns:**

Horns symbolize kings, or kingdoms.

Daniel 8:20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

- **It has on his heads the name of blasphemy:**

John 10:33 The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Mark 2:7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

### **Revelation 13:2 (Past)**

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

The leopard, bear, lion and dragon are also found in Daniel 7 only in the opposite order, the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the dragon. These symbols represent Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Pagan Rome, which preceded the sea beast. Daniel was looking forward to the rise and fall of these kingdoms, while John is looking back.

- **The Lion = Babylon:**

The sea beast, or the antichrist has characteristics of these four kingdoms.

Babylon was known for enforcing worship at the pain of death. This decree violated the second commandment forbidding worship of idols. The beast of Revelation 13 will also make a decree enforcing worship at the pain of death.

- **The Bear = Medo-Persia:**

Known for claiming man made laws infallible. So too does the sea beast.

- **The Leopard = Greece:**

Known for promoting the immortality of the soul. So too does the sea beast.

- **The Dragon = Satan acting through Pagan Rome:**

Emperor Constantine moved its seat or throne to Constantinople and gave the Bishops of Rome its throne. The emperor Justinian was instrumental in plucking up the last two horns, which horns had theretofore prevented the Papal Church from coming into power.

- **Rome has four stages:**

Stage # 1: The United Roman Empire (168 BC-476 AD)

Daniel 7:23: Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.

Stage # 2: The Divided Roman Empire (476 AD-538 AD)

Daniel 7:24: The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom.

The text is clear. In order for the ten horns to arise from this kingdom, the kingdom must have already existed before they arose. History proves that the Roman Empire was carved up and divided among the barbarian tribes who invaded from the north.

Stage # 3: First reign of Papal Rome during the 1260 Years (538 AD-1798 AD)

Stage # 4: Second reign of Papal Rome after the wound is healed.

### **Revelation 13:3 (Past & future)**

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

- **One of its heads received a deadly wound: (Past)**

The church/state union ceased to exist when the temporal, military power was removed from the church. That happened on February 10, 1798 when French troops led by General Louis-Alexandre Berthier under Napoleon, invaded Rome, marking a significant event in the French Revolutionary Wars and leading to the establishment of the Roman Republic. The invasion resulted in the capture of Pope Pius VI. Berthier demanded the pope renounce his temporal power. Upon his refusal he was taken captive. He was subsequently exiled and eventually died in prison.

- **His deadly wound will be healed: (Future)**

Temporal, military power will be restored to the Roman Church by the beast with lamb-like horns and persecution of the saints will resume.

- **All the world will wonder after the beast: (Future)**

Only those who are found written in the Lamb's book of life and are faithful will not wonder after the beast.

### **Revelation 13:4 (Future)**

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Satan is always working behind the scenes through his followers, the wicked, to gain the worship he originally desired. Under the One World Order, the few that refuse the mark of the beast will not be able to war against him.

### **Revelation 13:5 (Past)**

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

- **It claims to be "God Himself on earth:" (Past, now & future)**

**"We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty."** (The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII, p.304)

"The pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that **he is not a mere man, but as it were God, and the vicar of God**. The pope is of such lofty and supreme dignity that, properly speaking, he has not been established in any rank of dignity, but rather has been placed upon the very summit of all ranks of dignities." 'On the Chief Duties of Christians as Citizens', dated January 10, 1890, trans. In The Great Encyclical Letters of Pope Leo XIII, p.193.)

- **It claims to be able to forgive sins: (Past, now & future)**

**"When the priest is giving us absolution**, we should say from our heart *the act of contrition* in a tone to be heard by him, and make the sign of the cross.

"The words of absolution are said in Latin: 'I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. 'We must not leave the confessional until the priest gives some sign, as by saying, 'God bless you,' or 'go in peace.' It is best to wait till he has closed the little window.'" (My Catholic Faith, by Louis La Ravoire Morrow p. 313)

- **It reigned forty-two months: (Past)**

This was the first reign of the papacy for 1,260 years, recorded seven times in Daniel and Revelation, from 538 to 1798 A. D. when the wound was inflicted.

## Revelation 13:6 (Past)

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

- **It blasphemed God's name: (Past, now & future)**

Name means character, and the church of the middle ages misrepresented God's character so much so, that French authorities in the French Revolution slaughtered the priests where the blood ran down the streets.

- **It blasphemed God's tabernacle: (Past, now & future)**

Daniel 8 records the antichrist as coming against the truths of God's sanctuary which depicts Christ's steps of salvation.

- **It blasphemed them that dwell in heaven:**

## Revelation 13:7 (Future)

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

- **It will make war against the saints: (Future)**

No one knows how many "heretics" were killed during that 1,260 years. Estimates vary. We have no idea how many will be martyred when the wound is healed.

- **It will receive power over all kindreds, tongues, and nations: (Future)**

When the wound is healed, the beast with lamb-like horns will again give it power, seat and great authority.

Revelation 17:2 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13) These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

## Revelation 13:8 (Future)

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

## Revelation 13:9

If any man have an ear, let him hear.

Warning! Pay Attention! Your eternal life is at stake!

## Revelation 13:10 (Past & future)

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

- **It led into captivity and it will reap what it has sown and go into captivity: (Past & future)**

- **It killed with the sword and will be killed with the sword: (Past & future)**

Revelation 17 records the demise of the antichrist.

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

The papacy used the sword, the political powers, to kill, and it will be killed with the same sword.

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4) For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

## Revelation 13:11

### 1776 Declaration of Independence

### 1787 Constitution

### 1791 Bill of Rights

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

The beast represents a kingdom. The earth, which was an unpopulated area, is the opposite of the sea which represents a populated area. So there is a kingdom arising in an unpopulated area.

Lamb is mentioned 27 times in Revelation alone and represents Christ. The two horns represent religious and civil liberty, Republicanism and Protestantism. The dragon represents Satan.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: ...

During the first reign of the antichrist for 1,260 years, where it persecuted the saints as well as the Scriptures, the woman fled into the wilderness where she was fed the word of God.

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. 15) And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

The woman fled from the dragon out of Europe to the territory of the United States. Eventually this kingdom was established on the Christ-like principles of religious and political freedom. The flood represents the persecution of the church/state union of Europe under the rule of the papacy.

Revelation 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

## Revelation 13:12

But this kingdom changes the way it governs and acts like a dragon manifesting Satan's kingdom principles of self-exaltation and force. It sets up a church/state government and becomes a persecuting power which was exercised by the papacy during the 1,260 years of its first reign. This marks the healing of the wound.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

### **Revelation 13:13**

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

The Holy Spirit is symbolized by the tongues of fire on the day of pentecost. Satan always has a counterfeit for the salvational works of Christ. There will be a spiritual revival of God's church, and Satan will counterfeit this by a false revival in which he will work through the wicked in doing signs and lying wonders in order to deceive the righteous if possible.

### **Revelation 13:14**

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

The "image to the beast" duplicates the church/state union during the first reign.

### **Revelation 13:15**

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Through the union of church and state, the state power will heal the deadly wound by restoring power to the Roman Church of the dark ages and legislate laws and enforce all to worship the Roman Church on pain of death. Historically, whenever church and state have united, it results in persecution of God's people.

### **Revelation 13:16**

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

This is not a literal mark but a sign, signifying allegiance to the Roman Church. "In the forehead" represents a conscious decision to accept it as God's church, while "in the hand" represents not having loyalty for the papacy, but cooperating to gain favor in order to survive.

### **Revelation 13:17**

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

We need to be able to rightly identify the following list of symbols.

- The beast: the papacy
- Image of the beast: fornication—church/state union
- Mark of the beast: sign of its authority
- Name of the beast: Vicarius Filii Dei
- Number of his name: 666
- Mark of his name: Sunday sacredness

### **Revelation 13:18**

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.

Revelation 14:11 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.

Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

### **Name of the beast, Vicarius Filii Dei:**

Vicarius in Latin translates to substitute, supplying the place of someone. Filii is son and Dei is God. The pope's title, "Vicar of the Son of God" in Latin is Vicarius Filii Dei.

"Long ages ago, when Rome through the neglect of the Western emperors was left to the mercy of the barbarous hordes, the Romans turned to one figure for aid and protection, and asked him to rule them; and thus, in this simple manner, the best title of all to kingly right, commenced the temporal sovereignty of the popes. And meekly stepping to the throne of Caesar, the Vicar of Christ took up the scepter to which the emperors and kings of Europe were to bow in reverence through so many ages." James P. Conroy, American Catholic Quarterly Review, April, 1911.

There is evidence, even from Roman Catholic sources, that the title was once on the papal tiara or mitre. In the November 15, 1914 edition of Our Sunday Visitor (the official organ of the Archdiocese of Baltimore) the following question was addressed to the Bureau of Information: "Is it true that the words of the Apocalypse in the 13th chapter, 18th verse refer to the Pope?"

The answer was as follows:

"The words referred to are these 'Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man: and the number of him is six hundred sixty-six.' The Title of the Pope in Rome is Vicarius Filii Dei. This is inscribed on his mitre; and if you take the letters of his title which represent Latin numerals and add them together they come to 666."

In the April 18, 1915 edition of Our Sunday Visitor this information was confirmed once again. The question was: "What are the letters supposed to be in the Pope's crown, and what do they signify, if anything?"

The answer was explicit:

"The letters inscribed in the Pope's mitre are these: Vicarius Filii Dei, which is the Latin for the Vicar of the Son of God. Catholics hold that the church which is a visible society must have a visible head. Christ, before His ascension into heaven, appointed St. Peter to act as His representative. Upon the death of Peter the man who succeeded to the office of Peter as Bishop of Rome, was recognized as the head of the Church. Hence to the Bishop of Rome, as head of the Church, was given the title 'Vicar of Christ.'"

### **Number of his name: 666**

In Roman numerals, D=(500), C=(100), L=(50), V=(5), I=(1). When you add up the Roman numerals in this title, you get 666.

The story of Nebuchadnezzar's image in Babylon typifies the issues in the mark of the beast of Revelation 13. They both deal with the same issues:

- They both have an image
- They both have 666
- They both have a decree violating liberty of conscience
- They both involve the issue of worship
- They both involve transgressing the law of God
- They both have a death penalty
- They both have a deliverance

## Why 666?

“Babylonian mathematics was based on the sexagesimal system, in which the basic counting units were the numbers 6 and 60. The sexagesimal system has been accepted universally for the measurement of arcs and angles and for divisions of time.” (Ranko Stefanovic, Revelation of Jesus Christ, p. 417)

- Sexagesimal system originated in Babylon (60 seconds, 60 minutes, 24 hours, 360 days, 360 degrees)
- If we multiply 60 x 6 the total is 360 which was a very sacred number in Babylon
- 360 degrees and 360 days represent the full cycle of time and the full circle of space
- Each of 36 gods of the pantheon ruled each over 10 degrees of space and 10 degrees of time
- The sum of the numbers 1-36 is 666 and the number 666 was known as “the great number of the sun. All the gods were thus included in this one summary number. In Babylon the sun god was called Marduk. He was thought of as the absolute ruler of all time and all space.
- The Babylonian priestly system expressed this concept by wearing amulets or medallions around their necks
- The medallions were made of pure gold because gold is the color of the sun. In fact the ancients called gold “the dew of the sun.” It is no coincidence that in Isaiah 14:4, Babylon is called “the golden city.” Babylon is represented by the head of gold in Daniel 2. The medallions or amulets were circular (like the sun) and had a hexagon within the amulet.
- On the obverse (front) side of the amulet there was a large square with 36 smaller squares within. In each square there was a number from 1-36 and beneath the large square was the number 666.
- On the reverse side of the seal or amulet there was a raging lion with wings (yellow in color like the sun) whose mane is portrayed as the rays of the sun. Babylon is portrayed as a lion in Daniel 7 and also in sphinxes which were at each of the entrances to the city.
- In astrology, Leo, the lion, rules over the hottest period of the year (July 23-August 22)
- The Romans acquired much of their religious system from Babylon but they established a different number system. They chose six letters from their Latin alphabet and gave each a numerical value. The sum total of all six numbers is 666.
- Thus the number 666 is to be identified with Babylon and with Rome (also called Babylon in I Peter 5:13)
- Thus those who worshipped the image would be honoring Babylon and worshiping the sun god whose number is 666

## Sign, Seal, Mark

There are three symbols that are synonymous found in Scripture, sign, seal, and mark. These terms are used to signify to whom you yield reverence and obedience.

Romans 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Exodus 13:9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7) And thou shalt teach

them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8) And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

Revelation 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

### **Mark of the beast, Sunday the sign of its authority:**

What does the Papacy set forth as the mark, or sign, of its power and authority?

Question. How prove you that the church hath power to command feasts and holy days?

Answer: **"By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of."** Abridgment of Christian Doctrine," by Rev. Henry Tuberville, D.D., page 58.

NOTES: In a letter written in November, 1895, Mr. H. F. Thomas, chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons, replying to an inquiry as to whether the Catholic Church claims to have changed the Sabbath, said: **"Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. . . . and the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical authority in religious things."**

**"The Church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact."** *The Catholic Record* (London, Ontario, Canada, Sept. 1, 1923).

**"The pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain, or interpret even divine laws. The pope can modify divine law, since his power is not man but of God, and he acts as vice-regent of God upon earth with most ample power of binding and loosing his sheep. Whatever the Lord God Himself, and the Redeemer, is said to do, that his vicar does, provided that he does nothing contrary to the faith."** (Prompta Bibliotheca Canonica, Juridica, Moralis, Theologica nec non Ascetica, Polemica, Rubricistica, Historica, article, 'Papa') This encyclopedia is not some offshoot production. The Catholic Encyclopedia, volume VI, p.48 in its article, 'Ferraris' lauds the virtues of the encyclopedia with the following glowing words: It is 'veritable encyclopedia of religious knowledge' and 'precious mine of information.'

**"The Scripture teaches 'Remember that you sanctify the day of the Sabbath; six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.' Etc. But the Church has changed the Sabbath into the Lord's day by its own authority, concerning which you have no Scripture.... The Sabbath is commanded many times by God; neither in the Gospels nor in Paul is it declared that the Sabbath has ceased; nevertheless the Church has instituted the Lord's Day through the tradition of the apostles without Scripture."** (Johann Eck, *Enchiridion Locorum Communion.... Adversus Lutheranos* [Handbook of Common Places against the Lutherans]. Venice:Ioan Antonius & Fratres de Sabio, 1533, fols. 4v, 5r, 42v. Latin trans. By Frank H. Yost.

**"It was the Catholic Church which, by the authority of Jesus Christ, has transferred this rest to the Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of Sunday by Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the Church.** Monsignor Segur, *Plain Talk About the Protestantism of Today* (Boston: Thomas B. Noonan & Co., 1868), p.213

"Question: Is the observance of Sunday as the day of rest a matter clearly laid down in Scripture?

**“Answer: It is certainly not; and yet all Protestants consider the observance of this particular day as essentially necessary to salvation. To say we observe the Sunday because Christ rose from the dead on that day, is to say we act without warrant of Scripture; and we might as well say the we should rest on Thursday, because Christ ascended to heaven on that day, and rested in reality from the work of redemption.”** Stephen Keenan, *The Controversial Catechism*, (London; Burns & Oates, 1896

“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 (336 A.D.), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”** Rev. Peter Geiermann, *The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, (St Louis: B. Herder Book Company, 1957 edition), p.50. It is to be noted that this book “received the ‘apostolic blessing’ of Pope Pius X on January 25, 1910.

Question: “Does the Roman Catholic Church claim the act of changing the observance of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week as a mark of her power?”

**Answer: Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act. It could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in matters spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious without her. And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.”** Signed by Chancellor H. F. Thomas, November 11, 1895.

### **The Sabbath identifies the true God and is a sign of loyalty to Him, a seal of righteousness:**

Remembering the Sabbath signifies your acknowledgment that you honour Him as your Creator and the only One worthy of worship, as well as acknowledging that He alone can sanctify you through that intimate relationship He desires to have with you.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Ezekiel 20:20 And hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

Exodus 31:12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 13) Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

Exodus 20:8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9) Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10) But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11) For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

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