



# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Vision 3, Part 4 (Revelation 13:5-12) - The Two Beasts

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# SUMMARY OF 13:3-4, 17:11-13

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- The successive invasions by Germanic tribes seem to deal a death blow to Rome.
  - But the Latin church revived the empire and becomes the eighth phase of Roman power.
  - The kingdoms of Europe that rose out of the Roman Empire eventually acquiesced to the authority of the Roman church
  - This alliance of church and state creates a beast unlike any other; it is revered by mankind and cannot be defeated by human means
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# QUICK REVIEW OF THE BEAST

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- 5 heads = 5 phases of Roman power have passed
  - 6th head: the Caesars from Augustus (27 BC) to Aurelian (282 AD)
  - 7th head: from Diocletian/Constantine to the fall of Rome in 476
    - Beast seems to be dead, but lives on
  - Beast itself is the eighth: the Roman Church (priests, bishops, archbishops, cardinals, councils, church bureaucracy)
  - 10 horns = European powers that rose out of Rome's fall
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## 13:5-7: AN ENEMY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

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“And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. [6] Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. [7] It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.”

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# THE BEAST IS GIVEN FOUR THINGS

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- Verse 5: he is “given a mouth”
  - Verse 5: he is “given authority” over “every tribe, tongue, and nation” (verse 7)
  - Verse 5: he is given “forty-two months”
  - Verse 5: he is given authority “to make war with the saints and to overcome them”
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# THE BEAST BLASPHEMES...

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- God - more about this when we get to the second beast in verse 11
  - His tabernacle - the church
    - Church is typically referred to as a temple — Ephesians 2:21, 1 Peter 2:4-5
    - Hebrews 8-9 - the tabernacle foreshadows the church (Hebrews 11:9-10, 13-16)
    - Church = tabernacle in Revelation because it is in the wilderness (12:14)
  - Those in heaven - ???
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THE BEAST BLASPHEMES THOSE IN HEAVEN

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# THE CULT OF THE MARTYRS

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- Develops in the second and third centuries
  - Those who remained faithful became local heroes
  - Burial sites became places of prayer
  - Grassroots — started at local churches
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# GAINS SPEED IN THE FOURTH CENTURY

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- Deaths celebrated annually
  - Calendars of martyrs' deaths compiled
  - Shrines and church built near or over graves
  - Relics believed to have miraculous powers
  - Records of lives recorded and heavily embellished
  - Belief developed that martyrs could intercede with God
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“... the bishops saw it necessary to evaluate and legitimize these cults. In doing so, the bishop would inquire into the circumstances of the purported martyr's death and, finding it ideologically sound, would send the martyr's name and an account of their passing to neighboring churches so that, in event of approval by their respective bishops, the cults of the martyr might also extend to their churches.”

*—From the New World Encyclopedia*

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# MORPHS INTO THE CULT OF THE SAINTS

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- Branches out to include venerable monks and bishops toward the end of the fourth century
  - Bishops were inconsistent — some poor candidates were canonized
  - “By the 10th century, appeals were made to the pope. The first saint canonized by a pope was Ulrich, bishop of Augsburg, who died in 973 and was canonized by Pope John XV at a synod held in the Lateran in 993. Pope Alexander III (1159–81) began to reserve the cases of canonization to the Holy See, and this became general law under Pope Gregory IX (1227–41)” (Encyclopedia Britannica).
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THE BEAST MAKES WAR WITH THE SAINTS

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# SECULAR PERSECUTION OF HERETICS

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- The council of Toulouse in 1119 ordered, “that (the heretics who reject the sacraments) be punished by the temporal power.”
  - The Lateran council of 1139, “condemned heretics to be, 'imprisoned by the Catholic princes,' and their goods confiscated.”
  - “...in the Lateran council [of 1179] Pope Alexander III again authorized princes to imprison heretics, and again submitted the goods of these men to confiscation.”
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# COUNCIL OF VERONA, 1184

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“Counts, barons, rectors, and consuls of cities or other places shall be ordered by the bishops to bind themselves by an oath to afford the church, whenever required to, a devoted and efficient cooperation, in all good faith, and according to their means. If they refuse this cooperation, they will be deprived of their places, without compensation, and their lands will be put under an interdict.”

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# LATERAN COUNCIL, 1215

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“The excommunicated prince [for his refusal to intervene against heretics] shall at the end of a year be denounced by the Sovereign Pontiff, who shall free his subjects from their oath of fidelity, and deliver his country to invasion of Catholics.”

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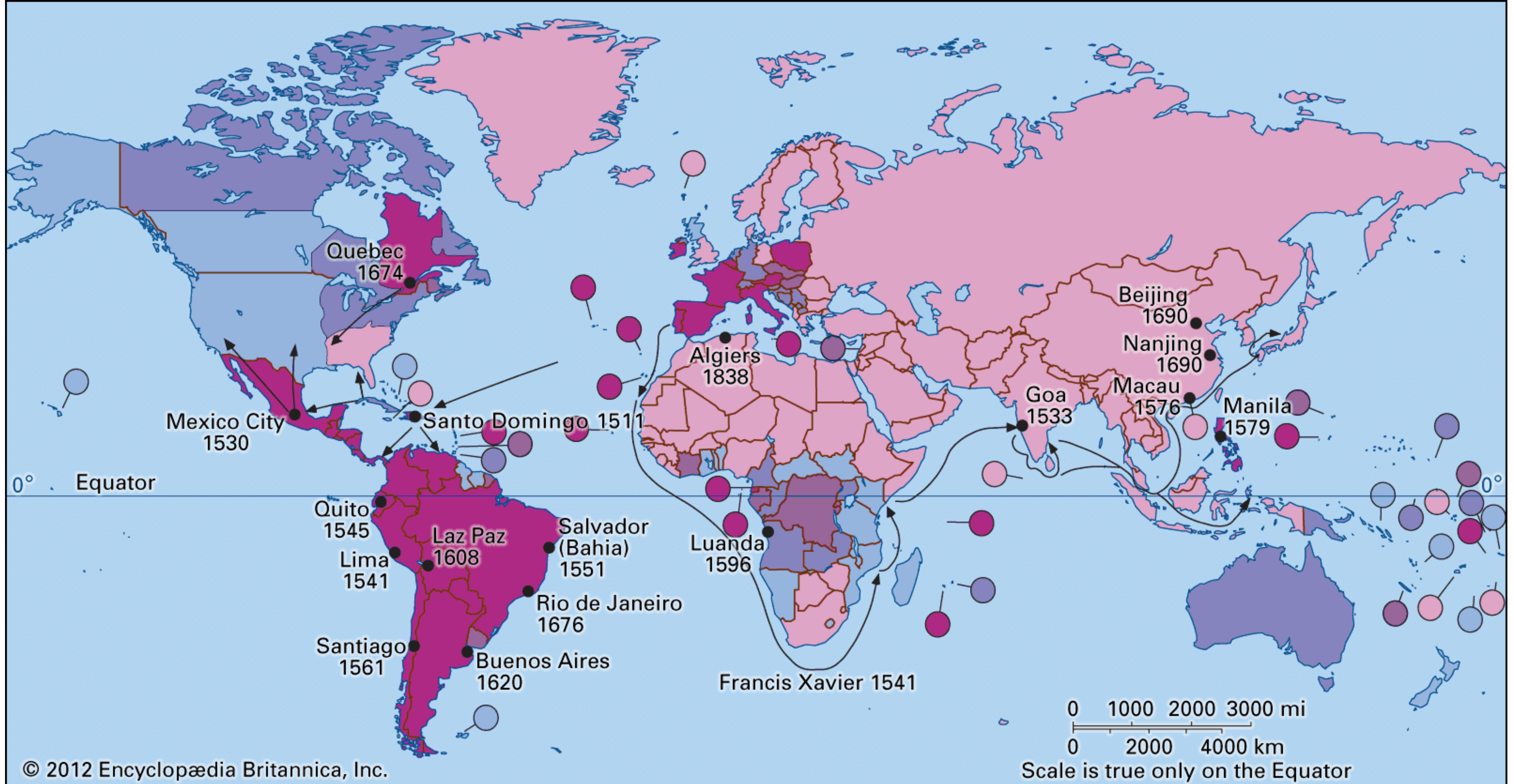
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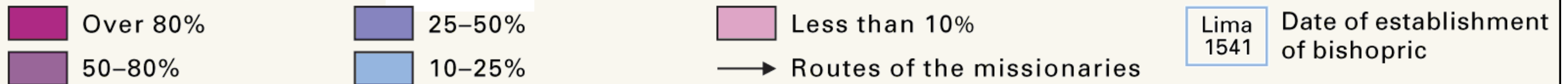
All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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Current percentage distribution of Roman Catholicism





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# THE BOOK OF LIFE

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- God's record of the faithful
  - First mentioned by Moses in Exodus 32:32
  - Mentioned again in Daniel 12:1 (other places in between Moses and Daniel)
  - Luke 10:20, "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."
  - 7 references in Revelation: 3:5, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12 and 15, 21:27, 22:19
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# THE LAMB SLAIN

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- “...from the foundation of the world” - God’s foreordained plan of salvation
  - 1 Peter 1:19-20, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. [20] He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,”
  - 2 Timothy 1:9-10, “who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, [10] but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,”
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# IF ANYONE HAS AN EAR

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- Echoes the message to the seven churches of Asia (see chapters 2-3)
  - The church should be careful
  - The beast is deceptive
    - The world worships the beast as a god
    - A second beast is coming to help the first — see verses 13-14
    - The faithful can get carried away
  - An invitation to repent — is anyone listening?
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# VERSE 10

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- Beast = earthly power antagonistic to God's people
  - How have these beasts operated in time past?
    - Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome
    - God's people were subjugated, they were not free, they were in captivity
  - To lead into captivity and be killed with the sword is to be in league with the beast - Galatians 6:7, Matthew 26:52
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“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, [10] he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. [11] And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.’”

—*Revelation 14:9-11*

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# THE PATIENCE AND FAITH OF THE SAINTS

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- God knows who are His
    - Their names are in His book (13:8, 17:8)
    - His name is on their forehead; they are sealed (7:3-4, 14:1)
  - He will reward faithfulness: Revelation 3:5, “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”
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## 13:11-12: THE SECOND BEAST

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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.

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# ANOTHER BEAST

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- “...coming up out of the earth” - as opposed to the sea
  - “...two horns” — two “kingdoms” (remember 17:12)
  - “...horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon” - looks like Jesus but talks like Satan
    - Matthew 7:15 - wolves in sheep’s clothing
    - This is a dragon in lamb’s clothing
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# EXERCISES ALL THE AUTHORITY...

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- Given authority for 42 months (verse 5).
  - Blasphemes God, His name, His tabernacle, the saints, and the angelic host (verse 6).
  - Makes war with the saints (verse 7)
  - Given authority over every tribe, tongue, and nation (verse 7)
  - All who dwell on earth who are not Christians will worship him (verse 8)
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# FINAL DESCRIPTIONS...

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- “And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence...”
    - The second beast exists concurrently with the first beast
  - “...causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed”
    - The second beast is an enforcer, he works together with the first beast
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# WHO IS THE SECOND BEAST?

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- If the first beast is Rome
  - And the eighth phase of Roman power is the Latin church
  - Then the second beast is the papacy
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# SUMMARY OF REVELATION 13:5-12

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- The Latin church blasphemed God, His church, and those who were martyred for their faith in Jesus.
  - Secular authorities were urged by the Latin church to root out heresy — anyone who would not submit to the church's authority was put to death
  - The church should take to heart God's warnings and persevere in the face of these trials
  - The papacy would work together with the Latin church to accomplish its objectives
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