



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Vision 3, Part 5 (Revelation 13:11-15) - The Second Beast

SUMMARY OF REVELATION 13:5-12

- By corrupting God's design for the church, 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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13:11-12

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.

REVIEWING THE SECOND BEAST

- “...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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TWO HORNS = TWO “KINGDOMS”

- The second beast is the Papacy, a.k.a. the Bishop of Rome
 - “Kingdom” #1 - the spiritual kingdom; spiritual authority
 - “Kingdom” #2 - a kingdom of this world, territories he ruled and governed as a king
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

EARLY SIGNS

- 313, The Edict of Milan - Constantine legalizes Christianity throughout the Roman Empire
 - 325, Council of Nicaea - the bishops of Rome, Antioch, and Alexandria are elevated above the rest of the bishoprics
 - 381, First Council of Constantinople
 - The bishopric of Constantinople is elevated alongside the first three
 - Canon 3, “The Bishop of Constantinople, however, shall have the prerogative of honor after the Bishop of Rome because Constantinople is New Rome.”
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COUNCIL OF CHALCEDON, 451

- Canon 28 places bishop of Constantinople on equal footing with bishop of Rome
 - The First Council of Constantinople (381), “actuated by the same consideration, gave equal privileges to the most holy throne of New Rome, justly judging that the city which is honoured with the Sovereignty and the Senate, and enjoys equal privileges with the old imperial Rome, should in ecclesiastical matters also be magnified as she is, and rank next after her.”
 - Pope Leo I recognized the council’s authority but rejected Canon 28
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THE VICAR OF CHRIST

- 495 - a synod of bishops declares Pope Gelasius to be the Vicar of Christ
 - Latin *vicarius* = “substitute”
 - The term falls in and out of usage until Pope Innocent III (1198-1216)
 - 519 - the Formula of Pope Hormisdas
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“The first condition of salvation is to preserve the standard of true faith, and not to forsake the tradition of the Fathers. The saying of Christ, 'Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,' cannot be annulled. These words have been verified; for the apostolic see (the bishop of Rome) has always preserved untainted the Catholic religion. . . . By following in every respect the apostolic see, by teaching what it has already established, we hope to abide with you in this sole communion which the apostolic see proclaims, in which verily is to be found all the power of the Christian religion.”

EMPEROR JUSTINIAN (527-565)

- 531 - Justinian creates the Pentarchy, five bishoprics identified as “patriarchs” (Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem)
 - Letter to Pope John II, March 15, 533, “Yielding honor to the Apostolic See and to Your Holiness, and honoring your Holiness, as one ought to honor a father, we have hastened to subject all the priests of the whole Eastern district, and to unite them to the See of your Holiness, for we do not allow of any point, however manifest and indisputable it be, which relates to the state of the Churches, not being brought to the cognizance of your Holiness, since you are the Head of all the holy Churches.”
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

CITY OF ROME 330-476

- 330 - Constantine moves the capital to Constantinople
 - The power of the Western emperors was reduced; the papacy stepped into the vacuum
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7, “And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. [7] For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.”
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“Again, when the barbarians came, there came another occasion for the Roman bishops to widen their influence and enhance their authority. Rome's extremity was their opportunity. Thus it will be recalled how mainly through the intercession of the pious Pope Leo the Great the fierce Attila [the Hun] was persuaded to turn back and spare the imperial city.... Thus when the emperors, the natural defenders of the capital, were unable to protect it, the unarmed Pastor was able, *through the awe and reverence inspired by his holy office*, to render services that could not but result in bringing increased honor and dignity to the Roman see.”

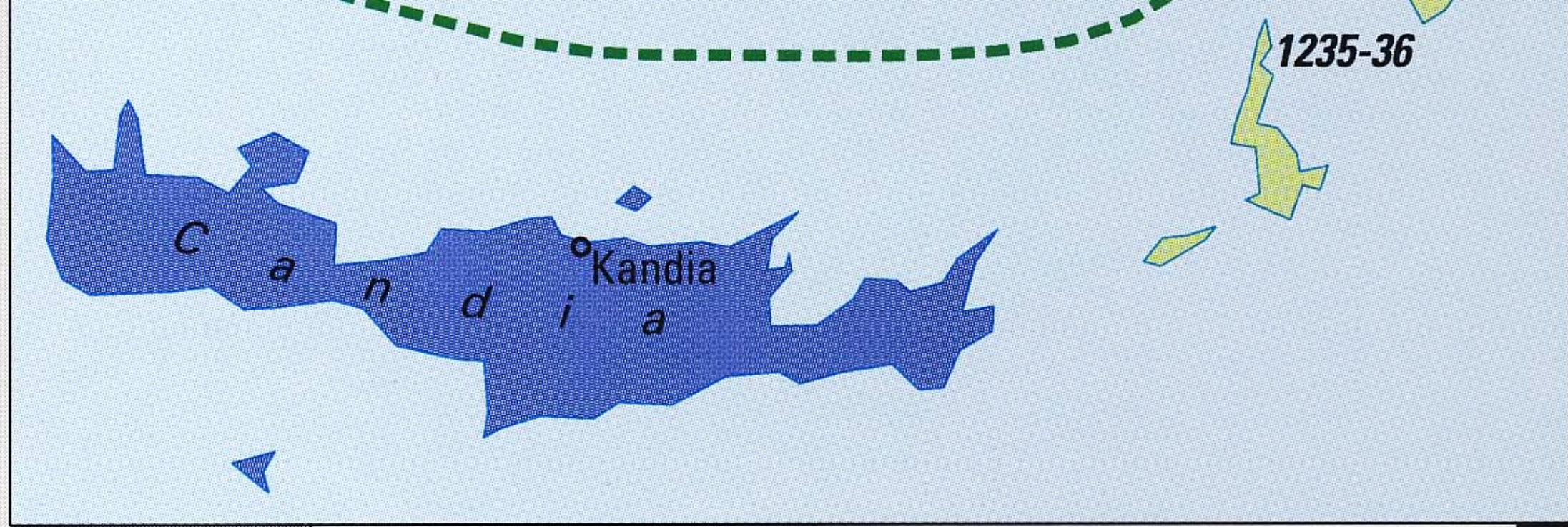
—Meyers, *Ancient History*, p. 584

POPE GREGORY THE GREAT (590-604)

- Church is the largest landowner in Western Europe
 - Gregory significantly increased the church's bureaucracy, “forming a civil service unparalleled in Europe outside of Constantinople itself” (Norwich, *Absolute Monarchs*)
 - “Gregory boldly assumed the role of the emperor in the west, and the powers of a temporal prince, counterbalancing the prestige of Constantinople. From his administration date the foundations of later claims to *papal absolutism*. Gregory was the real leader against the Lombards, appointing governors of cities, directing the generals in war, and receiving from Constantinople pay for the army.”
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THE DONATION OF PEPIN (756)

- Rome turned away from Byzantium in the eighth century
 - Pope Stephen II appeals to the Frankish ruler Pepin the Short to protect Rome from the Lombards
 - Anoints Pepin and his two sons “Patrician of the Romans” (a title he made up)
 - Pepin defeats Lombards, gives all of central Italy to the papacy creating the Papal States
 - Popes become “temporal sovereigns, endowed with judicial titles; and in certain extreme cases their right was recognized even to dispose of thrones.” (LaGarde, *History of the Latin Church in the Middle Ages*, p. 224)
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THE AEGEAN: THE DECLINE OF THE LATIN STATES, 1212-70

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- The Latin Empire, 1212
- The Despotate of Epirus 1224-30
- The Empire of Nicaea, 1214
- Southern boundary of Bulgaria from 1230
- Added by 1247 (with dates)
- Latin States
- Added in 1246
- Venetian possessions and dependencies
- Added later (with dates)
- Frontiers, 1270

THE EXPANSION OF THE PAPAL STATES, 1178-1278

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- The Papal States, 1178
- Added by 1278
- Added by 1219
- Frontiers, 1278

“I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them...The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them...”

–Daniel 7:8 and 24

THE LITTLE HORN

- Ten horns = Germanic tribes that rule the territories of the Western Roman Empire and become the powers of Europe
 - Little horn = the Papal States with the papacy as the “king”
 - *A little* horn — small territory in comparison to other kingdoms
 - But “greater than his fellows” — spiritual authority
 - He rose after them — by the eighth century, the other kingdoms have been established
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LOOKS LIKE A LAMB, TALKS LIKE A DRAGON

THE DRAGON IS BEHIND BOTH BEASTS

- Both have seven heads and ten horns
 - 13:4 - dragon gives authority to the first beast
 - 13:11 - second beast speaks like a dragon
 - 13:14 - “those signs which he was **granted** to do...” Granted by who?
 - Verse 15: “granted power to give breath to the image...” Granted by who?
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“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God...The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,”

–2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 9

REVIEW OF TRUMPET 6

- 1054, The Great Schism — West and East churches split
 - 1057: the Seljuk Turks cross the Euphrates
 - 1071: Byzantium defeated by the Seljuk Turks at Manzikert
 - 1095: Byzantium close to collapse, emperor begs Pope Urban II to send aid immediately
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“Most beloved brethren: Urged by necessity, I, Urban, by the permission of God chief bishop and prelate over the whole world, have come into these parts as an ambassador with a divine admonition to you, the servants of God...

On this account, I, or rather the Lord, beseech you as Christ's heralds to publish this everywhere and to persuade all people of whatever rank, foot-soldiers and knights, poor and rich, to carry aid promptly to those Christians and to destroy that vile race from the lands of our friends. I say this to those who are present, it meant also for those who are absent. Moreover, Christ commands it. All who die by the way, whether by land or by sea, or in battle against the pagans, shall have immediate remission of sins. This I grant them through the power of God with which I am invested.”

—Pope Urban II, excerpt from speech at Clermont

IMPLICATIONS

- A call to arms in the name of Jesus Christ
 - He couches it as a **command** from God!
 - He offers the forgiveness of sins — remember Mark 2:5-11?
 - Spiritual and secular authority on full display
 - Revelation 13:6, “Then (the beast) opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name...”
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“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

–2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13:13-14

“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. [14] And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”

HE “PERFORMS GREAT SIGNS”

- “...he even makes fire come down from heaven” — Genesis 19:24, 1 Kings 18:38, Luke 9:54
 - “...in the sight of the beast” or “in his presence” (verse 12) — working in tandem
 - Second beast = papacy
 - First beast = Catholic Church
 - “...few movements, to this day, that have claimed more signs and miracles to their endorsement....images have come down and lit their own candles...crucifixes have spoken; idols have sweat, turned their eyes, moved their hands, opened their mouths, healed sicknesses, raised the dead, mended broken bones....the stigmata has appeared on hands and feet of persons; Mary has appeared to many, healed their sicknesses, etc.” (Gregg, *Revelation: Four Views*)
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“The Church...resisted, then used, then abused, the cult of martyrs and relics. She opposed the worship of images and icons, and warned her faithful that these should be revered only as symbols; but the ardor of public feeling overcame these cautions, and led to the excesses that aroused the Byzantine iconoclasts. The Church denounced magic, astrology, and divination, but medieval, like ancient, literature, was full of them; soon people and priests would use the sign of the cross as a magic incantation to expel or drive away demons. Exorcisms were pronounced over the candidate for baptism, and total nude immersion was required lest a devil should hide in some clothing or ornament.”

—*Durant, Age of Faith, p. 75*

“The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders...”

–2 Thessalonians 2:9

SUMMARY OF 13:11-15

- The papacy claimed to rule both the kingdom of heaven and the kingdoms of this world (a lamb with two horns)
 - The popes used both powers to conduct wars and commit atrocities in the name of Jesus Christ.
 - Lying signs and wonders led superstitious people to believe God backed both the papacy and the church.
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