

Table Revelation 13:1-18

- 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.*
- 2 *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.*
- 3 *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.*
- 4 *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?*
- 5 *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.*
- 6 *And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*
- 7 *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.*
- 8 *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.*
- 9 *If any man have an ear, let him hear.*
- 10 *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.*
- 11 *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.*
- 12 *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.*
- 13 *And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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:*
- 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.*
- 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.*

See Dr Ruckman's commentaries *The Book of Daniel* pp 172-179, *The Book of Revelation* pp 349-393, Dr Ruckman's book *Mark of the Beast*, and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 327, 769, 994, 1104, 1149-1150, 1155, 1203, 1576-1578, 1658-1659 and the attached study with its accompanying studies ***"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Summary Overview***.

1. **Revelation 13:1-2.** "...**the sea...**" to which John testifies would be "**the great sea**" Numbers 34:6, 7, Joshua 1:4, 9:1, 15:12, 47, 23:4, Ezekiel 47:10, 15, 19, 20, 48:28, Daniel 7:2, by inspection of the contexts of those references the Mediterranean Sea.

John therefore sees this beast as emerging from the Mediterranean Sea *and in the Church Age merging with the End Times this beast is identified with the power of Rome* by means of the expressions **"by night...in the night visions..."** Daniel 7:2, 7 according to Daniel 2:44, 7:2-3, 7 **"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise...Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another...After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns."**

This beast **"...having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns..."** Revelation 13:1 clearly shares the same satanic ruler-ship as the **"...great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads..."** Revelation 12:3 except that this beast has the crowns upon his horns instead of his heads denoting in this writer's view the ten most prominent of **"the kings of the earth"** in the End Times, whom the Lord will depose at the Second Advent. Note these scriptures, bearing in mind that further remarks on the passages drawn from Revelation 16-19 will be made when those chapters are addressed specifically.

Psalm 2:2-3 **"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us"**

Psalm 76:12 **"He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth"**

Psalm 102:15 **"So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory"**

Isaiah 24:21 **"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth"**

Acts 4:26 **"The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ"**

Revelation 6:15-17 **"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"**

Revelation 16:14 **"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty"**

Revelation 17:1-2 **"...Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication...And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth"**

Revelation 18:9 “And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning.” Note that this writer’s analysis gives rise to an apparent contradiction between Revelation 18:9 and Revelation 17:12, 16 “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...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.” For now that apparent contradiction can be resolved only by distinguishing between a satanic *human* ruler and a *satanic* principality, Ephesians 6:12, behind that human ruler e.g. with their contexts “...*the prince of Tyrus...the king of Tyrus...*” Ezekiel 28:2, 12 and “...*the prince of the kingdom of Persia...the kings of Persia...the prince of Grecia...*” Daniel 10:13, 20 noting the plural.

Revelation 19:19 “And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.”

Thankfully after the deposing of both the human and principality satanic kings of the earth at the Second Advent, the Lord appoints His rulers according to Revelation 21:10, 23-24 “And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.”

Dr Ruckman in his commentaries *The Book of Daniel* p 172-182 and *The Book of Revelation* 303, 369-370 delineates the seven crowned heads of the dragon as follows.

1. Nimrod, king of Babel
2. Pharaoh, king of Egypt
3. Sennacherib, king of Assyria
4. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon
5. Cyrus, king of Persia,
6. Alexander, king of Greece
7. Caesar, king of Rome

Dr Ruckman notes that addition of three contemporary powers to the above list namely

1. Great Britain, a lion
2. Russia, a bear
3. The USA, a leopard

gives a total of ten for the crowned horns of “...*the beast which I saw...*” Revelation 13:2. It may be that when Great Britain came under the jurisdiction of the 1611 Authorized King James Holy Bible “*the book of the LORD*” Isaiah 34:16 “*the scripture of truth*” Daniel 10:21 “*the royal law*” James 2:8 and “*All scripture*” that “*is given by inspiration of God*” 2 Timothy 3:16 in the certain belief that no other book is any satanic principality over this nation had to take a back seat. Regrettably that blessed state of affairs has come under repeated attack for more than a century but at least **Britain and Brexit** applies. See the attached study.

The Lord has “*my servant David*” 2 Samuel 3:18, 7:5, 8, 1 Kings 14:8, 2 Chronicles 17:7, Ezekiel 34:23, 24, 37:25 as His Viceroy following the Second Advent. See *Revelation 12* pp 3-4 www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/. Therefore the devil sets up “...*the beast...*” to be his viceroy in imitation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Note further that “...*Michael your prince*” Daniel 10:21 stands for Israel, noting again the plural, whoever her earthly king may be so it is realistic that the same pattern would follow for other nations.

The beast has “...**upon his heads the name of blasphemy**” Revelation 13:1. That name would appear to infer a blasphemous satanic imitation of “**instead of God**” Exodus 4:16 from the ministry that the Lord initiated for Moses and Aaron and therefore reflects the contempt that Pharaoh, one of the dragon’s seven heads, expressed for the Lord and His people Israel as these scriptures show.

Exodus 4:15-16 “**And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God”**

Exodus 5:2 “**And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.”**

The satanic rulers, both of earthly and principality identities, overlooked these scriptures.

Psalms 66:7 “**He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah”**

Jude 14-15 “**And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”**

See bullet points on Revelation 13:1-3 under “*The Mystery of Iniquity*” – *Its Man* in the attached study “*The Mystery of Iniquity*” – *Summary Overview* with respect to Revelation 13:2 noting that “...**the beast...like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion**” is:

An integrated animal and particularly fierce “**like unto a leopard**” even by comparison with other carnivores as “**a chosen vessel unto me**” Acts 9:15 for God’s judgement on sin as indicated by Jeremiah 5:6 “**Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased**”

A ponderous animal with “**his feet...as the feet of a bear**” as “**a chosen vessel unto me**” Acts 9:15 for God’s judgement on sin even on “**the sin of my people Israel**” Daniel 9:20 as indicated by Deuteronomy 28:33 “**The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away**”

A devouring animal with “**his mouth as the mouth of a lion**” that on his own initiative will attempt to thwart “**a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel**” Acts 9:15 as Paul’s narrow escape shows to which he testifies in 2 Timothy 4:17 “**Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.**”

It should be noted that though “**the beast which I saw**” Revelation 13:2 has “**seven heads**” Revelation 13:1 he speaks “**with one mouth**” 1 Kings 22:13 i.e. “**the mouth of a lion**” because English is and will be the pre-eminent language from now until the Second Advent and beyond.

Moreover, see en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglosphere, it may well be that “**seven heads**” Revelation 13:1 refers in prophecy to the seven main English-speaking nations or national group namely [Australia](#), [Canada](#), [New Zealand](#), the [United Kingdom](#), and the [United States](#)...the [Republic of Ireland](#)...and English-speaking [Caribbean](#) countries such as [The Bahamas](#), [Barbados](#), and [Jamaica](#). End Times submission by the leaders of those nations or national group to VICARIU(V)S FILII DEI, 666, the Vicar of the Son of God, would clearly fulfil John’s vision of “**upon his heads the name of blasphemy**” Revelation 13:1 for each of the seven heads of “**the beast which I saw**” Revelation 13:2. See www.remnantofgod.org/666.htm.

It is to be hoped and prayed that enough indigenous English-speaking Tribulation saints bear faithful testimony in the Anglosphere to give the beast a continual sevenfold severe headache. **"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death"** Revelation 12:11.

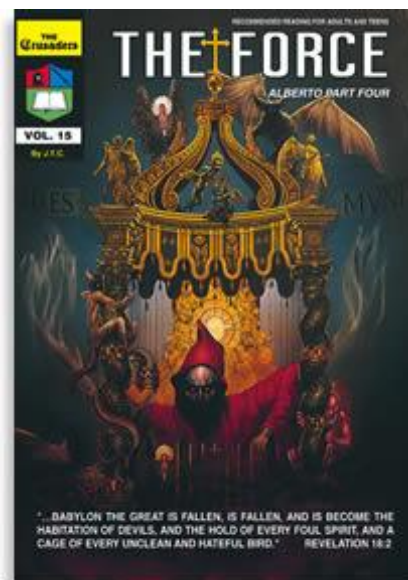
Noting the rhetorical question **"...what is stronger than a lion?"** Judges 14:18 answered by Proverbs 30:30 **"A lion...is strongest among beasts"** the *strength* of the English language via its pre-eminence may be illustrated from the attached study **Pre-eminence of the English Language**.

"...the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority" insofar as unlike the Lord Jesus Christ **"the beast which I saw"** is a willing recipient of the devil's invitation of worldwide rule of Luke 4:5-6 **"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it."**

"Satan's seat...where Satan dwelleth" Revelation 2:13 was in Pergamos but as this extract from **"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Its Man** in the attached study **"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Summary Overview** shows that seat is now in the Vatican to be occupied in the End Times by:

- A man of *mixed race*, manifesting *all three races* – a *leopard* is white, black, yellow-brown – appealing to all racial groups
- A man **"that walketh after the imagination of his own heart"** Jeremiah 23:17 imposing his rule like a Marxist i.e. a *bear*
- A man who speaks English, today's universal language, with a *lion's* mouth
- A man who is *the pope* having the devil's seat *ex cathedra* and thereby imbued with *worldwide political and religious power* and all-encompassing electronic *force* by **"the God of forces"** Daniel 11:38 **"the god of this world"** 2 Corinthians 4:4. See

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Note especially though where the devil now gets **"his power...and great authority"** from in that **"...Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth...For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man"** Matthew 28:18, John 5:26-27.

It is reassuring therefore that at the Second Advent **"...ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts"** Malachi 4:3.

2. Revelation 13:3-4. See remarks under **"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Its Man** in the attached study **"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Summary Overview** with respect to Revelation 13:3 and context and the attached study **"a great sword"** **"the shadow of death"** with respect to why **"...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?"** Revelation 13:4.

In sum on the one hand **"the beast"** whose *principal* head was evidently **"wounded to death...and healed"** thereby engendered wonder and sympathy according to a *satanic imitation* of Isaiah 26:19 **"Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise..."** and a

satanic imitation of Malachi 4:2 **"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings..."** On the other hand by means of **"a great sword"** Revelation 6:2 **"the shadow of death"** Job 3:5, 10:21, 22, 12:22, 16:16, 24:17 twice, 28:3, 38:17, Psalm 23:4, 44:19, 107:10, 14, Isaiah 9:2, Jeremiah 2:6, 13:16, Amos 5:8, Luke 1:79 *eighteen* references **"the beast"** ensures worship according to the End Times satanic fulfilment of Daniel 8:23 **"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up"** **"...a king, against whom there is no rising up"** Proverbs 30:31.

Thankfully with the Second Advent imminent **"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him"** Isaiah 59:19.

Today's believer can be encouraged by Paul's testimony of 2 Timothy 4:18 **"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."**

3. Revelation 13:5-6. **"...there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months"** Revelation 13:5 by the Lord for the duration because in speaking to Moses **"...the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb...have not I the LORD?"** Exodus 4:11 **"...when the number of his months is cut off in the midst..."** Job 21:21 as prophesied by Job because **"...he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate"** Daniel 9:27.

See *The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks* – Review www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ for further details on Daniel 9:27 but **"...that determined shall be poured upon the desolate"** i.e. upon **"...the abomination that maketh desolate"** Daniel 11:31, 12:11 because **"Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate"** Psalm 34:21 especially insofar as **"...he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven"** Revelation 13:6 and **"...Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain"** Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11.

It is therefore reassuring to today's believer and indeed to all saints that **"The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate"** Psalm 34:22.

4. Revelation 13:7-9. Noting again Matthew 28:18, John 5:26-27 cited above and Psalm 62:11 **"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God"** **"...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. 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 13:7-8 to confirm those who will in the End Times abide by the principle of Daniel 3:17-18 **"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up"** when **"...another beast coming up out of the earth...doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 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"** Revelation 13:12-15.

"If any man have an ear, let him hear" Revelation 13:9 because for all saints **"...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"** Romans 10:17 **"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped"** Isaiah 35:5.

5. **Revelation 13:10.** As an encouragement to “...*the patience and the faith of the saints*” “*He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword...*” because the Lord states through Isaiah “*Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far...thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob*” Isaiah 49:25-26.

Concerning both “*the mighty...and...the terrible*” Isaiah 49:25 and them that “*...kill with sword...*” Revelation 6:8 “*...the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh*” Revelation 19:20-21.

The above scriptures are a chilling reminder of Galatians 6:7 “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*”

6. **Revelation 13:11-17.** See remarks above with respect to Matthew 28:18, John 5:26-27 and Psalm 62:11 and the second beast’s exercise of power, Revelation 13:12, 14, 15. Note further that “*...another beast coming up out of the earth...*” Revelation 13:11 is in accordance with 1 Corinthians 15:47 “*The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven*” insofar as the eventual *physical* fate of the earthman is that “*...thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return*” Genesis 3:19. The eventual *soulish* fate of the *rebellious* earthman is Mark 9:44, 46, 48 “*Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched*” “*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...*” 1 Samuel 15:23.

Therefore by way of encouragement to today’s believer and indeed all saints “*As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly*” 1 Corinthians 15:48-49 “*Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear*” Matthew 13:43.

“*...he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon*” Revelation 13:11 because as the Lord warns “*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves*” Matthew 7:15 and this beast’s message is that of the dragon and is as old as Genesis 3:1 “*...the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said...?*”

Encouraging his listeners thereby to *doubt* what God *said* e.g. as in Matthew 7:15 the second beast is then able to fulfil Revelation 13:12 according to the Lord’s admonition of John 5:43 “*I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*”

That this second beast as “*...the false prophet...*” Revelation 16:13, 19:20, 20:10 “*...shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil*” Genesis 49:27 is evident in the fulfilment of 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*” according to a *satanic* hijacking of Luke 9:54 “*And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?*” This atrocity, in addition to beheading, is inflicted in order to “*...cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed*” Revelation 13:15 and in turn to confiscate their goods as in Genesis 49:27.

Thankfully the Lord at the Second Advent will answer the prayer of Psalm 10:15, 18 **“Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none...that the man of the earth may no more oppress.”**

Revelation 13:14-15 are an overview of **“the work of men’s hands”** Deuteronomy 4:28, 2 Kings 19:18, Psalm 115:4, 135:15, Isaiah 37:19 that therefore won’t last as prophesied in 2 Peter 3:10 **“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”**

“...the image of the beast...” Revelation 13:15 twice is no doubt an animated e-replica of the first beast that advanced technology can project into every household *via the net* to implement Revelation 13:16 **“...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”** killing, even e-killing by well-directed **“...fire come down from heaven...”** Revelation 13:13, or seeking to kill anyone who resists.

The operation *with the net as god* appeased by ghastly roasted *or toasted* human sacrifice via Revelation 13:13 where **“...all the workers of iniquity...eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD”** Psalm 14:4 and *beheading* to furnish **“...their drink offerings of blood...that hasten after another god”** Psalm 16:4 is according to Habakkuk 1:15-16 **“They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad. Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.”**

The actual implementation of **“...the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name”** Revelation 13:17 **“...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”** that registers the recipient with the authorities is by the technological power of *an e-kiss in satanic imitation of* **“an holy kiss”** Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26 according to Proverbs 26:24 **“He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him”** and Luke 22:48 **“But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?”**

Today’s believer should therefore keep in mind that **“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful”** Proverbs 27:6 insofar as **“...he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed”** Isaiah 53:5 and **“Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight”** Proverbs 10:18.

7. **Revelation 13:18.** The expression **“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”** confirms that the beast of Revelation 13:18 *with the three sixes* and the second beast are *men* physically each with in effect **“the dead body of a man”** Numbers 9:26, 27, a **“soul of man”** Romans 2:9 and **“the spirit of man”** Proverbs 20:27, Ecclesiastes 3:21, Zechariah 12:1, 1 Corinthians 2:11.

Therefore as an encouragement to today’s believer both beasts as *men* are subject to Psalm 49:1-12, 14 **“Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations. Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish...Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.”**

Conclusion



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P.S. If the first beast is the last pope, see *[“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Summary Overview](#)*, who is the second beast? He may be the Jesuit General aka the Black Pope - often perceived as the real power behind the papal throne insofar as all papal confessors are Jesuits - the last of that line, terminated at the Second Advent.

See humansarefree.com/2014/05/the-black-pope-and-accused-child-killer.html.



Left: The Black Pope and Jesuit Superior General

Right: The White Pope and Fake Head of the Vatican

Revelation 13 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. What do Revelation 13:1-2 reveal of this “...**beast out of the sea**”?
2. How does “**one of his heads...wounded to death**” Revelation 13:3 transform the beast by means of the worship he receives in Revelation 13:4?
3. How do Revelation 13:5-6 depict this beast’s nature?
4. Why should this beast be given such power as Revelation 13:7-9 reveal?
5. How could Revelation 13:10 be an encouragement to “**the patience and the faith of the saints**”?
6. How would the beast revealed in Revelation 13:11-14 encourage worship of the beast of Revelation 13:1-2?
7. What advantage could the satanic ruler-ship have in the construction and operation of “**an image to the beast**” and the exercise of “**power to give life unto the image of the beast**” Revelation 13:14, 15?
8. What should be the response of the End Times saint to the constraints of Revelation 13:16-18?
9. How should the End Times saint cope with the constraints of Revelation 13:18 with respect to daily necessities such as food?
10. What should be the stance of today’s believer in this “**perilous times**” 2 Timothy 3:1 run-up to Revelation 13?

Sample Answers

1. “**The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes**” Psalm 36:1.
2. He becomes an object of idolatry “**...the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword...upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened**” Zechariah 11:17.
3. “**For the wicked boasteth of his heart’s desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth**” Psalm 10:3.
4. The beast’s exercise of his power from God would be aimed at fulfilling for End Times saints Daniel 11:35 “**And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end...**”
5. “**But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons**” Colossians 3:25.
6. This beast will resort to flattery, fakery or fraud and fear “**...and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple**” Romans 16:18 “**Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**” 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 “**...And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy...**” Isaiah 51:13.
7. State-of-the art holographic projection of “**an image to the beast**” into every household would facilitate insertion of “**the mark...of the beast**” Revelation 13:17 into everyone in the household.
8. “**Ye shall not...print any marks upon you: I am the LORD**” Leviticus 19:28.
9. “**These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good**” Psalm 104:27-28.
10. “**And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve**” Luke 4:8.

“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Summary Overview

Introduction

Paul states *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God...And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. **For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming**”* 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 6-8.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 6-8 is a key passage to *“discern the signs of the times”* Matthew 16:3. Central to the passage is the expression *“**For the mystery of iniquity doth already work**”* 2 Thessalonians 2:7. It is hoped that this work will help the reader to gain an understanding of that passage according to 2 Timothy 2:7 *“**Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.**”* For related material see:

The Mark Of The Beast by Dr Peter S. Ruckman

Dr Ruckman’s commentaries:

The Books of Judges & Ruth pp 260-263

The Book of Daniel pp 274-282, 334-336, 338-339, 348-356, 358-362

Minor Prophets Volume II Habakkuk – Malachi pp 254-258

The Book of Matthew pp 238-241, 268-269, 485-494

The Book of Luke pp 448-451

The Book of John pp 182-184, 222-228, 549-552

The Books of First and Second Thessalonians and Philemon pp 128-156

The Books of the General Epistles Volume 2 pp 287-291, 31-315

The Book of Revelation pp 280-314, 349-393, 464-468

The Ruckman Reference Bible pp 169, 193, 376, 407, 745, 752, 785, 987, 1096, 1158, 1211, 1261, 1264, 1281, 1351, 1396, 1410, 1421, 1486, 1577-1578, 1642, 1657-1659, 1662-1663.

Available from www.timefortruth.co.uk/ruckman-material/

“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its Identity

It is *“**the leaven of malice and wickedness**”* 1 Corinthians 5:8 spread by *“false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works”* 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

“the leaven of malice and wickedness” is manifest where *“the people did yet corruptly”* 2 Chronicles 27:2 *“And their word will eat as doth a canker”* 2 Timothy 2:17 as these scriptures reveal.

*“And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, **and be unto me a father and a priest**, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in”* Judges 17:10.



“How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees” Matthew 16:11-12.

“And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven” Matthew 23:9.

“Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do” Mark 7:5-8.

“But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar” John 19:15.

“the leaven of malice and wickedness” is manifest for example as:

- Calling a priest ‘father’
- Rejecting scripture for tradition
- Forsaking ***“your Father, which is in heaven”*** for Caesar.

“the leaven of malice and wickedness” is manifest today as this site reveals. See www.the-ten-commandments.org/catholic_church_error.html and these extracts, this writer’s highlights.

Holy Father is a title that the Pope claims for himself. However, this title occurs only once in the Bible and was used when Jesus addressed His Heavenly Father in John 17:11 in His great prayer before His betrayal, arrest and crucifixion. It is blasphemy for any man to claim this title for himself. It belongs only to God the Father. Father is also a title that every Roman Catholic priest claims for himself and expects to be called. Jesus warns in Matthew 23:9 ***“Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your father which is in heaven”***...Obviously the Roman priest is not your physical father but claims to be a *“spiritual father”* and what God forbids...

Will Pope John Paul II be in the heavenly kingdom? The Pope NEVER spoke of being *“Born Again.”* The Pope NEVER made any public profession of faith ALONE in Jesus Christ. ***On the contrary, Pope John Paul II placed his faith in the traditions and manmade doctrines of the Papal Catholic religion.*** There is absolutely NOTHING in the King James Bible (or the Catholic Bible) about keeping the Seven Sacraments to get to heaven...absolutely nothing! There is absolutely NOTHING in the Word of God about the Immaculate Conception of Mary. There is absolutely NOTHING in the Bible about the Rosary or praying to God through Mary. There is absolutely nothing in the Bible about priests being celibate. Matthew 23:9 outright forbids calling any priest *“Father.”* So why do Catholics do it?...because they are being taught the commandments of men.

So was Peter the first so called Pope? Besides all the above information and by their own admissions the answer is NO because...

6. Peter never took to himself the title *“PONTIFIX MAXIMUS”* as all the Popes willingly accept as seen by the initials P.M. after their names in the Vatican. This was a title of the pagan Roman Emperors from Julius Caesar’s time on. It means *“Chief Bridge Maker between earth and heaven.”* This is a name of blasphemy for a man to take and Peter never saw himself as such. Jesus Christ is the only Bridge Maker between earth and heaven. (John 1:51 ***“And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man”***)...

“Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?” 2 Thessalonians 2:5.

“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its Aim

Its aim is world domination under a false messiah “**a vile person...but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries**” Daniel 11:21 because “**the desire of all nations**” is that which only the Lord can give in that “**The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts**” Haggai 2:7-9 when “**...the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts**” Malachi 3:1.

The aim of world domination under a false messiah by means of peace is implemented by denigrating the true Biblical Messiah “**the Lord’s Christ**” Luke 2:26 as “**that deceiver**” Matthew 27:63. Note below how the appeal to peace is made. Who could resist the appeal of an apparently compassionate infant-toting personable young woman? However as King Solomon warns “**And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her**” Ecclesiastes 7:26.

Therefore “**Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment**” John 7:24.



When all people believe in my power, there will be peace

The Virgin Mary appeared in Marienfried, Germany, in 1946, to a 22-year old woman called Bärbel Ruess. There were three apparitions in all: on April 25, May 25 and June 25 of the same year.

In the first apparition, Mary told Bärbel: “Where the utmost trust reigns and where it teaches people that I can do everything, there I will spread peace. Then, when all people believe in my power, there will be peace...”

The spreading continues. See the site referenced above and this extract.

Referencing [1 Peter 4:14](#), Christians in history who were reproached for the name of Christ, were martyred, glorifying Christ by their death. The Roman Catholic Church who martyred these Christians for their love and faith in Christ are referred to as “*on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.*” The Roman Catholic Church speaks evil of Christ in the following way...

7. People are pointed to pray to Mary as merciful and are turned away from praying to Christ as harsh, unwelcoming and unapproachable...

Gender notwithstanding note Proverbs 26:25 “**When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.**”

“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its Man

Its man is “**that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition**” 2 Thessalonians 2:3. “**that man of sin...revealed**” is identified in that the King James translators in the Dedicatory Epistle to the 1611 Holy Bible rightly spoke of that man of sin...Popish Persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor Instruments to make GOD’s holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness...

See www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm. He will reprise his identity as “**the son of perdition**”:

This man is *part-Jewish of mixed race* from Genesis 19:36-37 where **“...were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.”**

From Moab came Judas Iscariot of **“Kerioth...of the land of Moab”** Jeremiah 48:24.

“Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor” Luke 6:16 is **“a devil”** and **“the son of perdition”** John 6:70, 17:12.

“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 therefore has those *racial part-Jewish, iniquitous and traitorous* links with Judas Iscariot.

Therefore he is called **“...thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end”** Ezekiel 21:25 because – see remarks under **“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its Identity** - the Lord Jesus Christ warned Israel **“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive...they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar”** John 5:43, 19:15. Note that Ezekiel 21:25 describes the ultimate fate of **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** which will be addressed below.

Like Judas Iscariot **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** forsakes **“the Lord GOD, the God of Israel”** Exodus 34:23, Psalm 72:18. He does so for things electronic and for the devil **“Satan as lightning”** Luke 10:18 upon whom he bestows that which is the Lord’s for as shown above **“The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts”** Haggai 2:8. Note these scriptures that show prophetically that this man concentrates wealth for the devil as the Vatican does now. As shown below this man will head up the Vatican *ex cathedra* as the last of the Popish Persons. See

www.goodreads.com/book/show/6341127-the-vatican-billions.

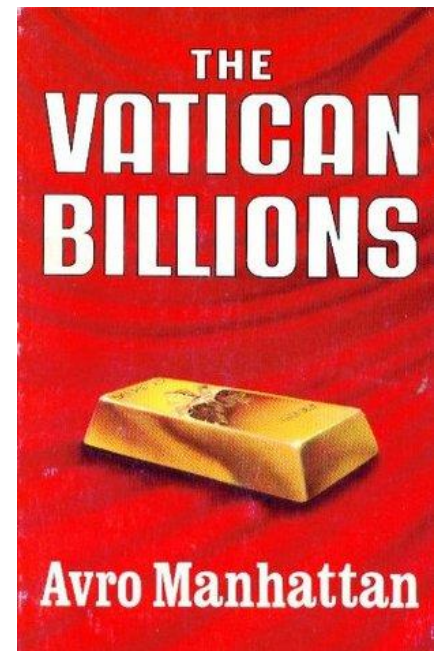
“For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man” Isaiah 10:13.

Daniel 11:37-38, 43 **“Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things...he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt...”**

The extent of this man’s **“power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt”** would be global even over England’s Crown Jewels because Egypt in scripture is **“the iron furnace”** a type of the world from which the Lord brings His people out as stated historically for Israel spiritually for today’s believer in Deuteronomy 4:20 **“...the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.”** See

subversify.com/2011/12/03/stolen-crown-jewels-english-and-irish-3/.

In that **“Neither shall he regard...the desire of women”** this man joins those of **“vile affections...men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their**



error which was meet” Romans 1:26-27. In that respect this man will acquire considerable international support. Even the current UK Prime Minister Theresa May now supports sodomite ‘marriage.’ See www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/36683521/is-theresa-may-the-right-conservative-leader-for-gay-people.

Further to his approach in that **“he shall come in peaceably”** Daniel 11:21 and gain decisive influence via the influential set of individuals and even groups of **“vile affections”** Romans 1:26 he shall gain overwhelming support by means of *disablement* identified for whom he really is as **“...the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened”** Zechariah 11:17.

The manner in which that disablement comes about will be described in more detail below but in sum it takes place according to 2 Thessalonians 2:7 **“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”**

The work of **“the mystery of iniquity”** will be considered further below but remarks above have shown that part of its major work has been to establish the worldwide dominance of that man of sin...Popish Persons. **“...he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way”** is that man of sin and as scripture reveals he is the last of the Popish Persons. It must be understood first that the terms **“letteth...let”** refer to *hindering*, not *allowing*, which is those terms’ usual meaning in scripture.

Note this extract from *KJO Review Full Text* p 550 www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php.

Dr Vance shows that the word **“let”** and the derivative **“letteth”** in the sense of ‘to hinder’ occur 4 times in the AV1611 and he notes that the term is still used in this sense of a ball hitting the net in tennis. This is the sense of the words **“letteth”** and **“let”** in 2 Thessalonians 2:7.... These words are defined as **“withholdeth”** in verse 6...

However, the word **“let”** in its current meaning occurs over 2,000 times in an AV1611.

Note further the scriptural definition of the term *let* where it means hinder in Romans 1:13, 15:22 **“...oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,)...I have been much hindered from coming to you.”**

Bizarrely but biblically **“that man of sin”** by his very *whole* existence as such becomes a *hindrance* to the work of **“the mystery of iniquity.”** He therefore has to be *got out of the way* - temporarily.

“that man of sin” is therefore got out of the way by *murder* because he’s a *hindrance* while he’s *whole* in that he is then to be resurrected after a fatal wounding and possessed by the spirit of Judas Iscariot **“the son of perdition”** John 17:12, 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“...the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth”** Ecclesiastes 3:21 insofar as **“Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place”** Acts 1:25. Note that *this* beast will temporarily come back from **“his own place”** in that **“...the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit...shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition”** Revelation 11:7, 17:8.

It should be understood that 2 Thessalonians 2:7 does *not* refer to the Spirit of God being taken out of the way by the rapture of the Church as is sometimes taught. The Spirit of God is omnipresent and therefore *can’t* be taken out of the way any more than God Himself can and is ministering on earth after the rapture of the Church as these scriptures show.

“Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me” Psalm 139:7-10.

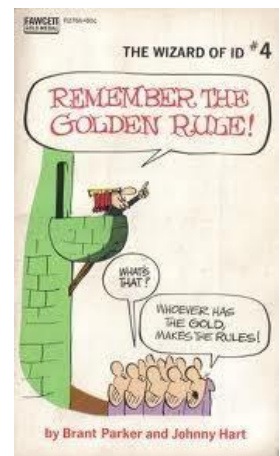
“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” John 4:24.

“And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood up on their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them” Revelation 11:11.

“the mystery of iniquity” has therefore established its ultimate Popish Persons man to be accepted worldwide:

- **“in his own name...king...Caesar”** John 5:43, 19:15
- Outwardly peaceable i.e. **“The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords”** Psalm 55:21
- Multi-racial i.e. white, black, yellow-brown like a *leopard* thereby appealing to all racial groups
- Catholic but also *ecumenical*. See below
- Sodomite of **“vile affections”** Romans 1:26 but promoting the Catholic Mary. See below
- Disabled i.e. **his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened”** Zechariah 11:17
- Ruling by immense wealth - remember *The Golden Rule*, so-called. See www.quora.com/Who-came-up-with-the-aphorism-The-Golden-Rule-He-who-has-the-gold-makes-the-rules.

John therefore describes this man of **“the mystery of iniquity”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 as follows bringing together most of the above points but with additional details in Revelation 13:1-3 **“...I...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. 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. 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. 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?”**



“...the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” 1 Corinthians 2:13 of Revelation 13:2-3 therefore confirm this man of **“the mystery of iniquity”** as:

- A man of *mixed race*, manifesting *all three races* – a leopard is white, black, yellow-brown – appealing to all racial groups
- A man **“that walketh after the imagination of his own heart”** Jeremiah 23:17 imposing his rule like a Marxist i.e. a bear
- A man who speaks English, today’s universal language, with a *lion’s* mouth
- A man who is *the pope* having the devil’s seat *ex cathedra* and thereby imbued with *worldwide political* and *religious power* and all-encompassing electronic *force* by **“the God of forces”** Daniel 11:38 **“the god of this world”** 2 Corinthians 4:4. See www.chick.com/catalog/comics/0115.asp.



- A man who is killed and resurrected coming back partially disabled thereby eliciting widespread *sympathetic* support
- A man who is a ‘gay rights’ individual thereby eliciting widespread support because **“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot...Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed”** Luke 17:28, 30.

- A man who like Judas Iscariot **“the son of perdition”** John 17: 12 is part-Jewish, who rebels in favour of **“the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world”** Revelation 12:9 against Israel’s God **“the Lord JEHOVAH”** Isaiah 12:2, 26:4.
- A man as **“Judas Iscariot...betrayed him”** i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ in that **“...thou, profane wicked prince of Israel”** Ezekiel 21:25 betrays his own nation Israel whom the Lord typified according to Matthew 2:15 **“Out of Egypt have I called my son”** with Hosea 11:1 **“When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.”** The devil therefore works through this man to persecute Israel **“...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...and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed”** Revelation 13:14-15. The Jew won’t worship an image. **“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them...”** Exodus 20:4-5.
- An outwardly *peaceable* man because no-one dares oppose him
- An *ecumenical* man who receives worldwide worship via *Mary*. See www.biblebelievers.com/tetlow/queenofall01.html and this extract.

Queen of All

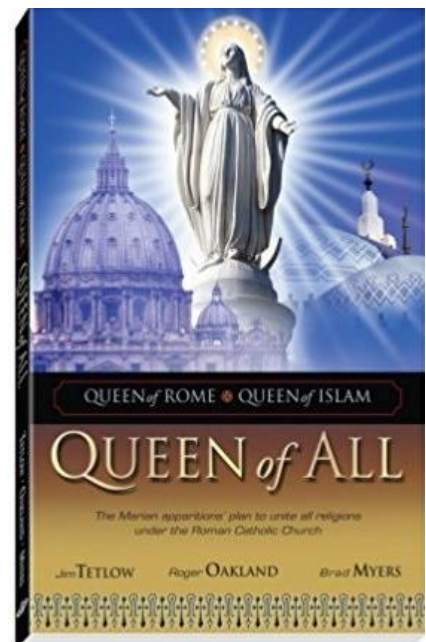
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Queen of Rome, Queen of Islam, Queen of All:

The Marian Apparitions plan to unite all religions Under the Roman Catholic Church

Mary...Millions of Catholics travel to shrines to pray before her image. But what is not commonly known is that Muslims also hold her in high regard, and even among Hindus and Buddhists there is worship of goddesses that bear a striking resemblance to the Catholic Mary.

See also remarks above under **“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its Aim** on Mary and peace and the item below on a mosque named after Mary.



August 21 – The Virgin with the Golden Heart (Beauraing, Belgium) - Our Lady of Knock (Ireland, local feast day)



Abu Dhabi mosque renamed the 'Mary, Mother of Jesus' mosque

In a move to promote religious tolerance, a mosque in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirate (UAE) capital, has been renamed to 'Mariam Umm Eisa' mosque, which translates from Arabic to English as 'Mary Mother of Jesus':

John confirms that **“the beast”** is a man in Revelation 13:18 **“...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.”** However **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians

2:3 **"the beast"** is a man who is *the devil incarnate* as these scriptures show. As shown below **"the beast which I saw...like unto a leopard"** is coloured *red* after his death and resurrection to become **"that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 showing that he is Satan incarnate just as Judas **"the son of perdition"** John 17:12, though himself **"a devil"** John 6:70, was later *literally indwelt by Satan* according to the description applied only to Judas Iscariot in scripture.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!...thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof" Isaiah 14:12, 15-17.

"Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot...And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly" Luke 22:3, John 13:27.

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads...And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him...So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns" Revelation 12:3, 9, 17:3. The *beast* has the *same colour* as the *dragon*.

That **"scarlet coloured beast"** **"that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 the resurrected Judas, the devil incarnate by his satanic power and authority exercised *ex cathedra*, Revelation 13:2, **"made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof"** Isaiah 14:17.

Note that as indicated above **"that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition"** as the resurrected Judas and the devil incarnate will *temporarily* come back from **"his own place"** Acts 1:25 and under God's judgement *return* to it in that **"...the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit...shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition"** Revelation 11:7, 17:8 as Daniel testifies Daniel 7:11 **"...I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame."** See remarks under **"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Its End.**

"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Its Work

That work is a gradual corrupting influence that is *both spiritual and political* according to Matthew 13:33 **"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened"** and Luke 13:20-21 **"And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."**

As has been shown that leavening corruption makes that woman *Catholic Mary* prominent for the sake of *world domination* by a *false messiah* who is **"a vile person"** Daniel 11:21 of **"vile affections"** Romans 1:26 for whom *Catholic Mary* is central to fulfilling his strategy of *peaceful conquest but conquest nevertheless* according to Daniel 11:21, 24 **"he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries...He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time."**

See remarks under **"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Its Aim** and Catholic Mary's declaration **When all people believe in my power, there will be peace** together with bullet points under **"The Mystery of Iniquity" – Its Man** on the ultimate Popish Persons man of **"the mystery of iniquity"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 and Catholic Mary as **Queen of All** who even has a *mosque* named after her.

In sum Catholic Mary is the *satanic personification* of Catholicism and **"that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 the resurrected Judas and the devil incarnate *carries* i.e. *supports* her as his *principal ally* in his quest for *world domination* as John reveals. She will of

course while pretending to be Christian seek to eliminate anyone who gets in her way such as those of whom John states “...*the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth*” John 4:23-24. See John’s observation as follows.

“*And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns*” Revelation 17:4-6.

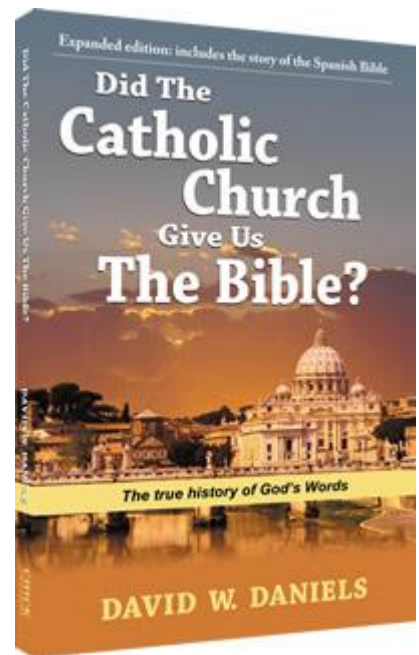
See “*The Mystery of Iniquity*” – *Its Identity* and “*The Mystery of Iniquity*” – *Its Aim*.

One strategic way in which “*The Mystery of Iniquity*” – *Its Work* according to the spread of “*the leaven of malice and wickedness*” 1 Corinthians 5:8 is by means of “*many, which corrupt the word of God*” 2 Corinthians 2:17. See the attached study **English Reformation to Last Days Apostasy – To and From the AV1611** vividly depicting the leaven *in action* and the work by David W. Daniels. See www.chick.com/catalog/books/1252.asp and this extract, again vividly depicting the leaven *in action*.

The True History of God's Words

There is not one history of the Bible, but two. One is a history of God preserving His words through His people. The other is of the devil using the Roman Catholic church to pervert God's words through her “scholars.”

Written in a down-to-earth style, and packed with cartoon illustrations by Jack Chick, Daniels shows that the Bibles Rome gave us are really clever counterfeits, designed to eliminate God's preserved words in English, the KJV. You will see why the KJV is the only Bible you can trust.



Will you trust God and believe His preserved words, or will you trust yourself to pick a Bible version that says what men think God meant to say?...

Therefore to counter “*The Mystery of Iniquity*” – *Its Work* according to the spread of “*the leaven of malice and wickedness*” 1 Corinthians 5:8 by means of “*many, which corrupt the word of God*” 2 Corinthians 2:17 is as King Solomon testifies.

“*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths*” Proverbs 3:5-6.

“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its End

King Solomon warns:

“*For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them*” Proverbs 1:32.

“*The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity...It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity*” Proverbs 10:29, 21:15.

Insofar as Paul states “*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from*

iniquity” 2 Timothy 2:19 and the above analyses indicate that **“the workers of iniquity”** do profess to name the name of Christ though **“He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son”** 1 John 2:22 the Lord takes each of these professors at their word and as with iniquitous **“Alexander the coppersmith...the Lord reward him according to his works”** 2 Timothy 4:12.

They have turned away from **“the Lord’s Christ”** Luke 2:26 unto **“false Christs”** Matthew 24:24, Mark 13:22 and **“another Jesus”** 2 Corinthians 11:4 and are thereby rewarded with **“utter destruction”** 1 Kings 20:42, Zechariah 14:11 at the Second Advent for *not* departing from iniquity. **“The mystery of iniquity”** is therefore terminated because its practitioners are terminated, especially **“the dragon, and...the beast, and...the false prophet”** Revelation 16:13 **“the false prophet”** being **“another beast coming up out of the earth...And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 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...the false prophet that wrought miracles before him”** Revelation 13:11, 13-14, 19:20. Note these scriptures and that the beast and the false prophet are *men* as other men, *diabolical men* but still *men*:

“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth” Matthew 13:41-42.

“...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power” 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

Note that concerning that **“furnace of fire”** and the **“flaming fire”** i.e. **“hell fire”** Matthew 5:22, 18:9, Mark 9:47, annihilation – evidently from ‘the Greek’ so-called - is *impossible* for any *lost* individual suffering **“hell fire”** like **“the rich man...in hell...tormented in this flame”** Luke 16:22-24. By definition annihilation *cannot* be the conscious suffering of a degenerative everlasting punishment which hell is according to Isaiah 66:24 **“And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh”** and Mark 9:44, 46, 48 **“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched”** insofar as the Lord Himself typified the ultimate fate of a lost man in hell when He declared through King David **“But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people”** Psalm 22:6.

That illustrates how appealing to ‘the Greek’ i.e. the usual suspect instead of to the AV1611 is typically worse than useless. It can lead you into serious doctrinal error. See the attached excerpts from *King James Bible Supremacy* pp 1-2, 7-8 www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ and the attached study **Seven Aspects of ‘in the Greek’** concerning ‘the Greek’ so-called.

NEVER fall for the ‘in the Greek’ pitch. The expression **“in the Greek”** occurs only *once* in scripture and it is associated with **“the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon”** Revelation 9:11.

The ‘in the Greek’ pitch therefore stems from **“seducing spirits”** and is among the **“doctrines of devils”** and **“damnable heresies”** 1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Peter 2:1 no matter whom it comes from because **“God is no respecter of persons”** Acts 10:34.

Finally for **“The Mystery of Iniquity” – Its End** via the end of its leading practitioners, *who include men suffering eternally in “hell fire”*:

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever” Revelation 20:10.

Threefold Response to “The Mystery of Iniquity”

The response is personal, spiritual, visionary, *prayerful, practical* but has *three main attributes that apply even to some of those of “vile affections”* Romans 1:26 who may be turned to the Lord according to 1 Corinthians 6:11 “...*ye are washed...ye are sanctified...ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*” See remarks under “*the Mystery of Iniquity*” – *Its Man*.

“*And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts*” Galatians 5:24.

“*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*” James 4:7.

“*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever*” 1 John 2:17.

As such, *even burn the sinner’s clothes to save him from fire*. See extract and graphic from:

scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org/2010/01/22/high-impact-science-kaposi-sarcoma-and-aids-unravelling-a-medical-mystery/ this writer’s emphases.

...as far back as 1872 a skin expert at the University of Vienna called [Moritz Kaposi](#) spotted these same marks in a group of his patients. Kaposi recognised that the lesions were actually a type of cancer – the purplish colour was from the tumour’s blood vessels leaking into the surrounding tissue. A couple decades later this cancer became known as [Kaposi’s sarcoma](#), or KS for short...[In the 1980s] US doctors soon realised that they were witnessing an unprecedented rise in people with KS, but they were flummoxed as to why. **The only clue was that all the young men who were being diagnosed with KS at this stage were homosexual.**



Kaposi’s sarcoma is a cancer that causes patches of abnormal tissue to grow

“*...Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire...But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost...of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh*” Jude 7, 20, 22-23.

Conclusion

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” Ephesians 6:13.



bispobira.wordpress.com/2014/01/08/the-armor-of-the-spirit/

English Reformation to Last Days Apostasy – To and From the AV1611

See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *What is the Bible? – AV1611 Overview Table 1*

Verse	WY	TY/C	BIS	GEN	AV	DR/ CR	RV	JB/N	NWT	NAS	NIV	NKJ
Gen. 50:20									2013			
1 Sa. 10:24												
2 Sa. 8:18												
1 Ki. 10:28												
1 Chr. 5:26								NJB				
Is. 65:11												
Am. 4:4												
Mat. 19:18												
Mat. 27:44												
Mark 6:20												
Mark 9:18												
Luke 18:12												
Acts 5:30												
Acts 7:45												
Acts 12:4												
Acts 19:2						DR						
Acts 22:9a												f.n.
Acts 22:9b												
Ro. 3:4, 6												
Ro. 3:31												
Ro. 6:2, 15												
Ro. 7:7, 13												
Ro. 8:16												
Ro. 8:26												
Ro. 9:14												
Ro. 11:1												
Ro. 11:11												
Ro. 13:9a												
Ro. 13:9b												f.n.
1 Cor. 4:4												
Heb. 4:8												
Heb. 9:7												
Heb. 10:23												
James 3:2						CR						
Departures	16	12	6	6	0	14/14	21	33/34	32/33	36	35	32/34
% Depart.	43	32	16	16	0	38/38	57	89/92	86/89	97	95	86/92

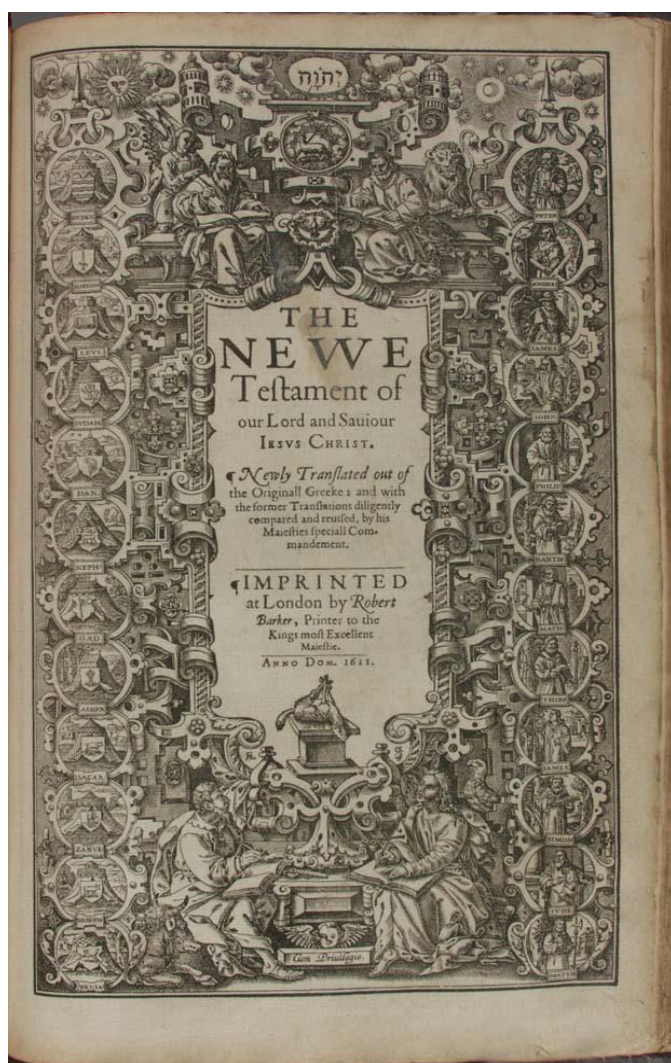
Notes:

1. The table lists 37 passages of scripture that James White designates as “*problems in the KJV*,” *The King James Only Controversy* pp 223ff.
2. James White insists that the modern versions, NIV, NASV, NKJV, largely correct these “*problems*” and that these 37 passages are typical of modern ‘improvements’ over the AV1611. This writer’s review of White’s book shows that they are not. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *KJO Review Full Text*.
3. These 37 passages have therefore been used for comparison with the AV1611 for pre-1611 and post-1611 bibles to show that White’s ‘improvements’ are apostasy.
4. The table lists the results for comparison of these 37 passages with the AV1611 for 17 bibles in total. Readings are omitted but may be checked via the sources listed.
5. A clear cell denotes agreement between the specified bible and the AV1611 with respect to the sense of the reading, although the wording may differ.
6. A shaded cell denotes departure of a bible from the AV1611. Marked cells denote:
 2013 – the 2013 NWT departs from the AV1611, the 1984 NWT does not.
 CR – the Challoner’s Revision departs from the AV1611, the 1610 DR does not.
 DR – the 1610 DR departs from the AV1611, the Challoner’s Revision does not.
 f.n. – the NKJV f.n. footnote departs from the AV1611, the NKJV text does not.
 NJB – the NJB departs from the AV1611, the JB does not.
7. 5 pre-1611 bibles have been used with the 1611 and current i.e. 2011+ AV1611s; WY, Wycliffe, TY/C, Tyndale/Coverdale in the Old Testament, BIS, Bishops’, GEN, Geneva. No changes exist for the 37 passages for the 1611, 2011+ AV1611 Texts.
 Sources for WY, TY/C, BIS, GEN, 1611, 2011+ AV1611s are www.e-sword.net/index.html, www.studylight.org/, www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/file.htm. [2015 update. See for the texts of pre-1611 Bibles thebiblecorner.com/englishbibles/index.html. The Bibles of the Past site is currently not functional]
8. 12 post-1611 bibles have been used; DR/CR, Douay-Rheims 1610 and Challoner’s Revision 1749-1752, RV, Revised Version, JB/N, Jerusalem and New Jerusalem Bibles, NWT, 1984, 2013 New World Translations, NASV, 1977, 1995 New American Standard Versions, NIV, 1984, 2011 New International Versions, NKJ, New King James Version. No changes exist for the 37 passages for the 1977, 1995 NASVs, 1984, 2011 NIVs. Sources for the DR/CR, RV, NIVs, NASVs, NKJV, NWTs, JB, NJB are:
www.studylight.org/, www.e-sword.net/index.html, biblewebapp.com/niv2011-changes/
www.watchtower.org/e/bible/index.htm, www.jw.org/en/publications/bible/
 Printed edition and www.unz.org/Pub/Bible-1966 JB, www.catholic.org/bible/ NJB
9. The table shows that divergence of the pre-1611 bibles from the AV1611 Text for the 37 passages decreases markedly as successive translations appear. The corresponding increasing convergence of the pre-1611 bibles with the AV1611 parallels the advance of the English Reformation from its inception in the 14th century to its maturity in the 16th century, followed by its crowning achievement early in the 17th century - the AV1611 Holy Bible.
10. The table shows further that the post-1611 bibles not only diverge increasingly from the AV1611 Text, with Rome and Watchtower but the ‘fundamentalist’ versions, NIV, NASV, diverge from the AV1611 even more than today’s Papist and JW versions, changing well over 90% of the test passages. Even the ‘conservative’ NKJV is the same, with over 85% departures, typical for AV1611 versus NKJV comparisons if NKJV f.ns. are included – 30%+ is typical for NKJV text-only departures from the AV1611, considerably less but still appreciable. In sum, the accelerating departure of the post-1611 bibles from the AV1611 corresponds to the deepening apostasy of the church in these last days. *All* modern bibles are germane to this apostasy.

course. See the more detailed note on this subject under **Perfection of “the royal law...the whole law” James 2:8-10 and Wisdom of its Perfectors.**

4. They profess to be updating so-called archaic words in the 1611 Holy Bible. The words of the 1611 Holy Bible are *never* archaic because **“The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations”** Psalm 33:11. The words of the 1611 Holy Bible are instead *generic* with wide ranges of meaning⁴. Modern usage has either neglected those words or narrowed i.e. degenerated their ranges of meaning.
5. They fail to see that they have *no authority* to go against the 1611 Holy Bible. See *Royal Law – James 2v8* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/. They fail to see that having set aside **“the king’s word”** 2 Samuel 24:4 they are like those in the Book of Judges where **“In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes”** Judges 21:25.

In sum, the Hebrew/Aramaic/Greekiolators have no authority for their work, which is itself un-scholarly because they do not have the wisdom of the King James translators...



**The 1611 King James Bible - Title Page
(Newe Testament)**

**Perfection of “the royal law...the whole law”
James 2:8-10 and Wisdom of its Perfectors**

The adjacent title page reads, this writer’s emphases, *The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Newly Translated out of the Original Greek: and with the former Translations diligently compared and revised, by his Majesty’s special Commandment.*

In God’s wisdom, the wording shows that whatever the King James translators prepared from their Greek sources, these were not the over-arching authority for their work. The former translations i.e. vernacular Bibles were, not only English but also foreign, as John Selden notes in *Table Talk* cited first by Scrivener in *The Authorized Edition of the English Bible (1611) Its Subsequent Reprints and Modern Representatives* p 140. See *In Awe of Thy Word* p 539, author’s emphases.

“The translation in King James’ time took an excellent way. That part of the Bible was given to him who was most excellent in such a tongue and then they met together, and one read the translation, the rest holding in their hands some Bible, either of the learned tongues [Greek, Hebrew, Latin], or French, Italian, Spanish &c [and other languages]. If they found any fault, they spoke; if not, he read on.”

As indicated, no-one can legitimately criticise the King James Bible simply by means of the Greek so-called.

If the critic thinks his efforts are to be perceived as superior to those of the King James translators he must at least be as painstaking as they were *and in addition to the ancient language sources check all the vernacular Bibles that they did before he can pass judgement on their work.*

Whenever any critic uses the Greek so-called, it's almost always a swipe at the work of the King James translators. However, the very title page of their New Testament shows that you can't do that. You must at least consult all the references that they did. The Greek so-called does not have any special authority over the former translations that the King James translators used.

No-one can therefore reasonably say '*In the Greek, it really says etc.*' To be consistent in putting their own efforts above those of the King James translators critics would in effect have to say In the Greek, Latin, Syriac, Gothic, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Polish etc. (note the words ***and other languages***) and the former Anglo-Saxon and English translations it really says etc. with explicit reasons given why the King James translators passage under study should be overturned.

Anything less is unscholarly.

Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 8:4 ***"Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?"***

Seven Aspects of ‘in the Greek’

Based on **Dr Donald Waite** and *The DBS* [Dean Burgon Society], *Dead Bible Society* pp 32-34

“In the Greek” – Once Only in Scripture!

1. No single, definitive Greek text exists⁵. As Gail Riplinger shows, “**in the Greek**” Revelation 9:11 is “**upon the sand**” Matthew 7:26 and “**ready to fall**” Isaiah 30:13 with “**none to help**” Psalm 107:12.

2. Koine i.e. New Testament Greek is a dead language. The DBS⁶ admits “**Biblical Greek is a dead language**” but 1 Peter 1:23 says “**The word of God...liveth and abideth for ever.**” So “**the word of God**” cannot be “**in the Greek.**” Moreover, neither 1600’s writers like Shakespeare nor Greek philosophers can dictate Bible word meanings or usage. Dr Hills⁷ states.

“The English of the King James Version is not the English of the early 17th century. To be exact, it is not a type of English that was ever spoken anywhere. It is biblical English, which was not used on ordinary occasions even by the translators who produced the King James Version...Even in their use of thee and thou the translators were not following 17th-century English usage but biblical usage, for at the time these translators were doing their work these singular forms had already been replaced by the plural you in polite conversation.”

David W. Norris⁸ states:

“Shakespeare certainly knew how to use English, but he also knew how to be vulgar, suggestive, and anything but pure-minded in his writing. Rather than being so much influenced itself by the language around it, the Authorised Version has given to the English language many words, phrases, and proverbs...[it has] had an impact on English prose that remains to this day.

*“The 1611 Bible was never the ‘modern version’ of its day. The Authorised Version possesses its own unique English. It gave to English far more than it took from it...Bible words must be defined for us by the way they are used in the Bible itself. Scripture is its own lexicon [see *The Language of the King James Bible* and *In Awe of Thy Word*, Parts 1-4, both by Dr Mrs Riplinger]...It is for preachers of the Word to explain and expound these words according to their very specific biblical usage, which will often be different from their secular use. For example, dikaiosune is translated ‘righteousness’ in our Authorised Version, but in English translations of the Greek philosopher, Plato, the same word is translated ‘justice’. Dikaosune when used in Scripture means to be right before God, to be as we ought before God, to stand in a right relationship to Him. Used in Plato, it means to be right with our fellowmen, to be as we ought with other men. In Scripture, the word is directed towards God, in Plato towards men.”*

Plato leavens the 1984 NIV in Acts 17:31, Romans 3:25, 26, Hebrews 11:33, Revelation 19:11, where “**righteousness**” is changed to “**justice.**” The 2011 NIV has “**righteousness**” in Romans 3:25, 26 but retains “**justice**” where “**righteousness**” is “**through faith**” Hebrews 11:33 and



“The angel of the bottomless pit...in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon”

Revelation 9:11 (!)

where God **“will judge the world”** Acts 17:11 and **“judge and make war”** against it Revelation 19:11. **“Sinners...are afraid”** Isaiah 33:14 of that **“righteousness”** and would prefer Plato!

3. Koine Greek was a stage in the development of the scriptures, Psalm 12:6, 7, with God bringing forth vernacular Bibles in many languages⁹; Latin, Syriac, Gothic, German, English etc. However, Koine Greek is now history, as Dr Mrs Riplinger explains¹⁰, this writer’s emphases.

“The desire to appear intelligent or superior by referring to ‘the Greek’ and downplaying the common man’s Bible, exposes a naivety concerning textual history and those documents which today’s pseudo-intellectuals call ‘the critical text,’ ‘the original Greek,’ the ‘Majority Text,’ or the ‘Textus Receptus.’ There existed a true original Greek (i.e. Majority Text, Textus Receptus). It is not in print and never will be, because it is unnecessary. No one on the planet speaks first century Koine Greek, so God is finished with it. He needs no ‘Dead Bible Society’ to translate it into “everyday English,” using the same corrupt secularised lexicons used by the TNIV, NIV, NASB and HCSB [Holman Christian Standard Bible]. God has not called readers to check his Holy Bible for errors. He has called his Holy Bible to check us for errors.”

4. Paul never said go to ‘the Greek’ for what God ‘really’ said. “Except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken?” 1 Corinthians 14:9.
5. Few can master Koine Greek. They risk becoming ‘Protestant popes,’ **“highminded”** 2 Timothy 3:4, like 33rd Degree Royal Arch Masons, i.e. only those taught ‘the (Greek) mysteries’ know what God ‘really’ said, *which violates the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9 and is lording it over the laity, “the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate”* Revelation 2:15.
6. Even the Greeks don’t understand ‘the Greek’! Bro. Brent Logan is a KJB Baptist missionary to Thessaloniki, Greece. He has said to this writer:

“The TR (Koine) Greek is not used in Greece. Modern Greek (Dimotiki) is several steps away from Koine. Some use the older Katharevousa Greek which is between Koine and Dimotiki, but this is still 19th century Greek. Most do not even understand Katharevousa. I have heard that there may be some Orthodox priests that chant the Koine as liturgy without knowing what it means but have never confirmed this. Any exception would prove the rule. Greek people today do not have nor understand Koine.”

Why should English-speaking believers be subject to a language for **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21 that not even Greeks understand? As Paul says of **“false brethren...who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour”** Galatians 2:4-5.

7. The expression “in the Greek” occurs only once in scripture, Revelation 9:11 (!) in relation to “Apollyon” and “the bottomless pit.” That is where ‘Greekiolatry’ comes from. The Lord Jesus Christ said **“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”** Matthew 24:35. ‘The Greek’ is long gone **“But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it”** Deuteronomy 30:14.

The AV1611 is that word, **“the word of faith, which we preach”** Romans 10:8.

Amen.

Britain and Brexit

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom_withdrawal_from_the_European_Union

Introduction

The nation of Britain has voted by a narrow margin to leave the EU European Union. See www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-36616028. Brexit, Britain Exit the European Union, has won.

The sites eutruth.org.uk/, www.eutruth.org.uk/eu200bn.html dated 2009 reveal the EU's *material* evil as this extract shows, writer's emphases.

The EU costs £6.15 per hour off everyone's pay (at 1,800 working hours/year)

That's why so many people earn only £5 per hour when they should be earning double that - the EU has sucked the wealth out of the economy before it gets to them.

Estimation of total cost of 36 Years in the EU = £310/2 x 36 = £5,580 billion.

The total cost of the EU to date is probably over £5 trillion, or 5 years GDP. If we hadn't just lived through the biggest boom in history, the EU would already have destroyed Britain economically. In this downturn, it will.

The EU's costs of £310 billion [per year] are 25% of our entire £1,330 billion economy (GDP 2007)

The site www.raptureready.com/abc/Roman_Empire.html reveals the EU's *spiritual* evil as the kingdom of the beast as this introductory extract shows.

The European Union is rapidly fulfilling prophecy in becoming the prophesied revived Roman Empire, the final worldly kingdom of human history. According to prophecy, this kingdom will give rise to an ecumenical and apostate religion, a global government, and a global economy. Out of this kingdom will arise the most evil dictator ever known to man - the Antichrist.

"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. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." **Revelation 17:12-13**

The Brexit victory of June 23rd-24th 2016 has delivered Britain from the twin material and spiritual evils of the EU in fulfillment of Psalm 124:7 **"Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped."** That deliverance is of the Lord's mercy.

"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" Lamentations 3:22-23.

This work aims to highlight that deliverance in Constitutional and further Biblical context.

Constitutional Reality

Brexit has been in accord with the reality of the *written* British Constitutional documents. These include the terms and conditions of the Coronation Oath, the Oath itself making Britain's EU membership illegal. See attached study ***"The Royal Law"*** James 2:8.

This writer compiled a study entitled *Biblical Bulwarks* 2001, updated 2014 that addresses the Constitutional *illegality* of Britain's EU membership. An e-PDF copy is available on request. Note these extracts pp 11, 13-14 showing that Britain's written Constitution also includes Magna Carta 1215.

Ashley Mote...summarises the significance of Magna Carta for Britons today.

"We argue that the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union is null and void, that it can be and should be so declared, and that all consequential laws, regulations, directives and judicial decisions fall with such a declaration.

"Our justification for such awesome statements starts with Magna Carta, 1215, which gave sovereign recognition to already longstanding Anglo-Saxon common law, rights and customs. Some 150

years earlier William the Conqueror had made the first attempts to codify those rights and customs, which ultimately go back to the time of King Alfred and beyond...

“Magna Carta is a treaty, not an Act of Parliament. As we understand it, Magna Carta, like all treaties, cannot be repealed. Magna Carta is an affirmation of common law based on principles of natural justice. These principles of natural justice - and the document itself - pre-date Parliament. To summarise our understanding of these principles and customs:

- ❖ *Common law is the will and custom of the people.*
- ❖ *Statute law is the will of Parliament. Statute can and does give expression to common law, but that common law cannot be disregarded by Parliament, nor can it be repealed...*
- ❖ *Parliament is made by the law, and is not above it.*
- ❖ *No Parliament can bind its successors.*
- ❖ *Parliament is answerable to the people, is elected by the people to protect their interests for a maximum of five years, after which time this power is returned to the people who may grant it to another Parliament for a further five years - and so on ad infinitum. (This is the sovereignty of the people established over Parliament.)*
- ❖ *No Briton, including members of the police and armed forces, is above the law. We are all subjects of the crown first... See again the attached study “**The Royal Law**” James 2:8.*

“We contend that the U.K.’s membership of the European Union is illegal, and always has been. We believe the signatories to all the treaties - Rome, Maastricht and Amsterdam [and Lisbon] - exceeded their powers, and that, as subjects of the Crown, we have absolute right of redress...”

Brexit has opened the way for that redress. It will depend on God’s mercy and judgement.

God’s Mercy and Judgement

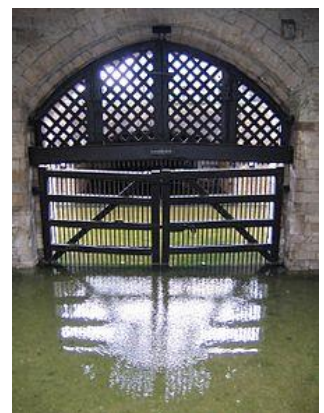
The British nation will face the judgement of God according to Ezekiel 39:6 ***“And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles; and they shall know that I am the LORD.”*** However, Brexit and God’s mercy imply that Britain will not suffer Revelation 16:10-11 ***“And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.”***

God’s mercy can enhance Brexit but God’s particular judgement will fall on Brexit opponents at the Second Advent. See Psalm 63:11 ***“But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped”*** pictured as follows.

Traitors Gate

See graphic. www.englishmonarchs.co.uk/tower_london_15.html states The infamous entrance to the Tower of London, Traitors Gate, is the water-gate entrance to the Tower of London complex and forms part of St. Thomas’ Tower...it acquired its current name of Traitors Gate due to the number of prisoners, accused of treason, who have passed through it.

Those who oppose Brexit are guilty of treason. See again the attached study ***“The Royal Law”*** James 2:8 and ***Constitutional Reality*** above. See also the comprehensive study **BRITAIN IS NOT PART OF THE EU, AT LAW** by Michael Clark. A copy is available on request. The Lord Jesus Christ will ***“judge righteous judgment”*** John 7:24 on the anti-Brexit traitors at the Second Advent. ***“Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul”*** Psalm 109:20.



The Way Ahead

It is to be hoped and prayed that in the coming days Britain sees the fulfilment of Proverbs 4:18 ***“But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”***

“The Royal Law” James 2:8



“The Royal Law” James 2:8



The Queen Enthroned with “The Royal Law”

British Governance

British governance is embodied in the Coronation Oath¹¹. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II undertook the Oath when she was crowned. David Gardner¹² explains the significance of the Oath.

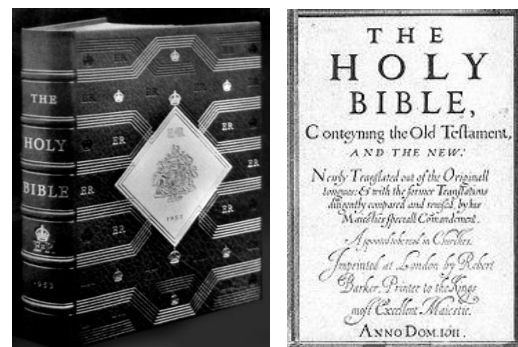
“When the Sovereign is crowned, he or she is required to place one hand on the open Bible, and is then required to take a solemn oath before Almighty God ‘to uphold to the utmost of my power, the Laws of God within the Realm, and the true profession of the Christian Gospel.’ Parliament, through its peers, pledges itself to support the sovereign in this. This is the British position constitutionally.”

It still is, as shown below, regardless of how much it has been violated in practice or by whom.

The Coronation Oath

The monarch-to-be is seated upon the Chair of Estate in Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop of Canterbury gives the Coronation Oath for the monarch’s enthronement. The Oath states in part:

Archbishop: *Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof as by law established in England? And will you reserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do or shall appertain to them of any of them?*



The Coronation Bible and Title Page

Queen: *“All this I promise to do.”*

The Oath is sealed with the King James Bible¹³, presented to the monarch. The presenter at Queen Elizabeth II’s Coronation was the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, with these words. *“Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom [Revelation 13:18]; This is the royal Law [James 2:8]; These are the lively Oracles of God [Acts 7:38, Romans 3:2, Hebrews 5:12, 1 Peter 4:11].”*

The King James Bible used for the Coronation contains the Apocrypha but the Apocrypha is *not* part of “the royal law.” See figure **The Coronation Bible and Title Page**.

“The Royal Law”

James 2:8 states ***“If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:”*** ***“The royal law”*** and ***“the scripture”*** are each ***“the whole law”*** James 2:10 and the Coronation Oath is unequivocal that the King James Bible is ***“the royal law”*** for ***“the Rule for the whole life and government of”*** Her Majesty and her subjects. In turn, nothing is above the King James Bible ***“for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name”*** Psalm 138:2.

“The royal law” states in Numbers 15:16* with respect to Great Britain and the Old Dominions that:

“One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.”

*To Israel first but not rescinded for other nations by Paul, the author of specific Christian doctrine Numbers 15:16 means that for governance of Britain’s inhabitants by ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611:

- Criticism of the ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Hostility towards Israel and/or the Jewish people is treason against God and the Crown.
- Catholicism by its hatred of ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Britain’s membership of the papal European Union is treason against God and the Crown.
- Entry of foreigners alien to ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Mohammedanism and all non-Biblical religions are treason against God and the Crown.
- Secular belief systems e.g. Darwinism, Marxism etc. are treason against God and the Crown.
- ***“Whoremongers...them that defile themselves with mankind...menstealers...liars...perjured persons”*** 1 Timothy 1:10 ***“and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God”*** Deuteronomy 25:16 and traitors to ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611, God and the Crown.

The Coronation Oath has been repeatedly violated since the Coronation and it still is. However, as Rev Gardner states, the Oath is ***“a solemn oath before Almighty God”*** so God the Offended Party must punish the violators.

God the Offended Party

Men in scripture are likened to trees. ***“And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking”*** Mark 8:24.

God promises a judgement by fire in the End Times. ***“And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD”*** Ezekiel 39:6.



The Fire of Jeremiah

“The isles” and ***“trees, walking”*** are easily identified.

Jeremiah 21:14 is therefore a grim warning for Britain.

“...I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about...”

Proverbs 13:13 is a further warning, though with ***“mercy...against judgment”*** James 2:13: ***“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.”***

Britain *must* therefore regain her only firebreak ***“the royal law”*** the AV1611 to receive mercy when God’s End Times judgement by fire finally descends ***“that the whole nation perish not”*** John 11:50.

Pre-eminence of the English Language

Extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php Peter Amue the Bible Corrector Part 2 pp 5-7

“IV. ...the majority of people do not speak English...**CHECK THIS OUT.**”

Saint Ignatius High School¹⁴ in Cleveland, Ohio has carried out a fairly recent study entitled *The World's Most Widely Spoken Languages* and it includes links with extensive detail. The study makes this statement about the importance of English as a global language.

“After weighing six factors (number of primary speakers, number of secondary speakers, number and population of countries where used, number of major fields using the language internationally, economic power of countries using the languages, and socio-literary prestige), Weber compiled the following list of the world's ten most influential languages:(number of points given in parentheses)

1. *English (37)*
2. *French (23)*
3. *Spanish (20)*
4. *Russian (16)*
5. *Arabic (14)*
6. *Chinese (13)*
7. *German (12)*
8. *Japanese (10)*
9. *Portuguese (10)*
10. *Hindi/Urdu (9)”*

Note that as an influential global language, English is significantly ahead of its nearest competitor, French. The data have been drawn largely from a detailed paper by George Weber¹⁵, entitled *Top Languages, The World's 10 Most Influential Languages*. Although the data were compiled in the 1990s, the author explained, in 2006, that the rankings do not need updating. The only change will have been a systematic one, with the number of speakers worldwide for *all* the top ten languages having increased since the data were accumulated.

The study notes that as a first and second language, English is second to Mandarin Chinese with 480 million speakers worldwide versus 1.12 billion (in 1997). However, the study shows further, from Weber's data, that English is far ahead of its nearest rival, French, with respect to the number of countries, worldwide, where the language is spoken, 115 versus 35.

This study has shown that English is arguably the world's most significant language, even if it may not have the greatest number of speakers but the estimates given above may be conservative for English. Although *Wikipedia* is not always deemed the most authoritative source, its article¹⁶ *English Language* is very detailed with extensive referencing and yields some striking results.

For a world population¹⁷ of 6.6 billion, English may have up to 1.8 billion speakers as a first or second language or 27% of the world's population, far in excess of the 480 million English speakers cited above but estimates are known to vary widely. The *Wikipedia* article suggests that English may therefore have more speakers worldwide than even Mandarin Chinese, making it indeed the most widely spoken language on the planet. This article, like the source given above, is unequivocal about the global dominance of the English language.

“Modern English is sometimes described as the global [lingua franca](#) [common language]. English is a [dominant international language](#) in [communications](#), [science](#), [business](#), [aviation](#), [entertainment](#), [radio](#) and [diplomacy](#). The influence of the [British Empire](#) is the primary reason for the initial spread of the language far beyond the [British Isles](#). Since World War II, the growing economic and cultural influence of the United States has significantly accelerated the adoption of English.”

It is interesting that the two leading bible-believing and Protestant nations (historically) should be instrumental in the worldwide spread of the English [*lingua franca*](#). See comments under ***Missionary Effectiveness*** of the earlier work, pages 7ff.

Although, as indicated, Mr Amué despises both Dr Mrs Riplinger and her work, she nevertheless has valuable insights, her emphasis, into English¹⁸ as the premier missionary language, citing the work of language historian David Crystal, whom the *Wikipedia* article also references. Note that Dr Mrs Riplinger's data on the percentage of English speakers in the world's population approximately matches that of the *Wikipedia* article.

"In 1611 the KJV served only 5 million English-speaking people. Today the KJV could be used to bring this century's nearly 2 billion English speakers to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (49% of these are native speakers of English; 51% of these can speak some English as their second language). This is nearly 33% of the world's population [year 2000 total world population 6 billion]...The teaching of English is now required in most nations of the world. [Stanford University] English Professor, Seth Lerer, feels that 'in many ways, the central feature of 20th century English is its status as a global language.'"

So Mr Amué's petulance to the effect that *"the majority of people do not speak English"* is beside the point. The point is that God has chosen English as the missionary language of the end times – via the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible.

“a great sword” “the shadow of death”

From www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 6 pp 5-7

In sum the riders of Revelation 6:2, 4 are the same individual *in different forms* even after the manner of the Lord Jesus Christ in Mark 16:12 **“After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.”** However note the *unique* expression **“and there was given unto him a great sword”** that implies victory for the rider of Revelation 6:2, 4. David acquired such a sword as shown in 1 Samuel 21:9 **“And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.”**

“The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah” is **“a great sword.”** Goliath is a type of **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 and **“the valley of Elah”** has prophetic End Times significance as **“the valley of the shadow of death”** Psalm 23:4.

See this extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *The Revelation of the Seventy Weeks – Review* p 6. Note that in the End Times when God delivers Israel from the invasion of Gog and his allies, Ezekiel 38:1-12, God declares that **“For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel.”** That earthquake may be or at least may trigger **“a great earthquake”** Revelation 6:12 that releases **“the shadow of death”** Job 3:5, 10:21, 22, 12:22, 16:16, 24:17 twice, 28:3, 38:17, Psalm 23:4, 44:19, 107:10, 14, Isaiah 9:2, Jeremiah 2:6, 13:16, Amos 5:8, Luke 1:79 *eighteen* references. Dr Ruckman explains **“the shadow of death”** as a lethal cloud released during the End Times that destroys every living thing that it passes over in his comments of Job 24:17 **“For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.”**

Just as God enabled David to wield **“The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah”** so God could for a time enable **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 solely to wield **“a great sword”** by controlling the trajectory of the ultimate weapon of mass destruction **“the shadow of death”** against his victims in fulfilment of Revelation 6:4 after the manner of 1 Chronicles 21:16 **“And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces”** rather like that lone B-29 from Tinian that appeared in the skies over Hiroshima on that terrible morning of August 6 1945 when tragically on that occasion **“For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”** Isaiah 14:27. No-one.

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enola_Gay
www.nebraskaaircrash.com/events/atomicplanes.html.

With such a weapon of mass destruction at the sole disposal of **“that man of sin...revealed, the son of perdition”** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 **“the beast”** Revelation 13:2 it is understandable that **“...all the world wondered after the beast...and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”** Revelation 13:3-4.

The extract follows.



The Great Rift Valley

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Rift_Valley.

“The valley of the shadow of death” Psalm 23:4 may be the Great Rift Valley that passes through the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea towards the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea, which ‘just happens’ to be the area near *“the land of Uz”* where Job was, Job 1:1. It is possible that whatever embodies *“the shadow of death”* may emerge from beneath the Rift Valley via *“a great earthquake”* Revelation 6:12 when its *“doors”* are opened Job 38:17 during the time of *“Jacob’s trouble”* and *“great Tribulation”* Jeremiah 30:7, Revelation 7:14. The Lord would then dispel *“the shadow of death”* and shut the doors on any further manifestation of it at the Second Advent. Psalm 23:4 indicates God’s protection for His people at that time.

Note that at the time of *“a new heaven and a new earth”* the Lord will shut* *“the gates of death”* forever by means of the restoration of *“the tree of life”* Genesis 2:9, 3:22, 24, Revelation 2:7, 21:1, 22:2, 14. *He will actually have disposed of them in *“the lake of fire...the second death”* Revelation 20:14

Note also that *“the valley of the shadow of death”* had historical significance for David as *“the valley of Elah”* where David fought and killed Goliath, though the giant had vowed to kill him 1 Samuel 17:2-3, 44-51. Devotionally, *“the valley of the shadow of death”* also applies to *“the saints and martyrs of Jesus”* who suffered for the Lord down through the centuries, especially at the hands of Rome and her abominable offspring like Islam, Hebrews 11:35-38, Revelation 17:6, *The Prophet, Alberto Part 6*, Chick Publications, 1988.

It would seem entirely appropriate that as Pastor Donovan notes the Great Rift Valley *“The valley of the shadow of death”* Psalm 23:4 is the conduit for the effusion of blood of Revelation 14:20 *“And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”*

“For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God...” 1 Chronicles 5:22.

Today’s believer can be encouraged that the Lord has a *greater* sword than *“a great sword”* by which He vanquishes the enemy that Revelation 6:2, 4 reveal and his mentor.

“In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea” Isaiah 27:1.

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