

The Revelation Chapter 13:14, 15 presents the *Beast from the Earth's* deceptive tribute to the *Beast from the Sea*, the **Image to the Beast**. Recall, the *Beast from the Earth*, The United States, which once upheld *Protestantism* and *Republicanism* as core tenets [*Protestant America*] will forsake those tenets, and will be empowered to perform miracles and lying wonders before the earth. Those deceptive feats will affect the world, drawing its affections towards the Beast from the Sea that received a deadly wound, and yet still lived, the papacy. By this unholy influence, Protestant America would have forsaken its Protestant roots and joined hands with the papacy in ruling the world as the **False Prophet**. In this lesson, we will understand what constitutes the *Image to the Beast*, and what is meant by giving life to 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*" (Revelation 13:15). In preparation for this study, we must consider another *Literary Tool and Principle* of Bible prophecy while reviewing an experience of God's faithful servants, recorded in the Old Testament.

Natural, followed by the Spiritual: The Bible often uses *symbols and imagery* to convey a spiritual lesson. The Apostle Paul once wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:45, 46:

"And so it is written, *The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam (Jesus) [was made] a quickening spirit. Howbeit that [was] not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.*"

Paul here articulates another Bible prophecy principle, where natural or literal events, people, or things are often portrayed later in the Bible spiritually, or symbolically. Jesus, the Second Adam, is the spiritual representation of the first man, Adam. When seeking understanding of the spiritual [symbolic], we must first reflect upon the characteristics of the natural [literal].

Please read the account of the three Hebrew-faithfuls in Ancient Babylon when King Nebuchadnezzar set-up a golden statue on the Plain of Dura in [Daniel Chapter 3](#).

Q: *What is an image?*

A: An image is a reflection or representation of something. The statue set-up on the Babylonian Plain of Dura was a likeness of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar dreamt in Daniel Chapter 2, however, adapted to suit his prideful spirit. An image however, need not be a physical representation but may be a reflection of one's ideology or works.

Q: *What influenced the men of Babylon and the entire world to bow and worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image?*

A: Fear of the death-decree made law by King Nebuchadnezzar was the motivating force that caused all to bow and worship the image.

Q: *Of what was bowing and worshipping Nebuchadnezzar's image a sign?*

A: Bowing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's statue was an act of homage to the one who set-up the image, to his gods, and

to the image itself (Daniel 3:4-14, 18).

The narrative of the Beast from the Earth in the Revelation 13:13, 14 states that hypnotic **fire from heaven**, or demonic bewitching will deceive those who dwell upon the earth. Captivating sights, mesmerizing sleight of tongue, charismatic music and other deceptive influences inspired by the devil, in the sight of men, is that which causes the world to "*wonder after the beast*" that received a deadly wound (Rev. 13:3). It is under an atmosphere of extreme spiritual deception that Protestant America, in homage to the papacy, will call the world to make an Image to the Beast. The deceptions will be so great that Jesus warned, "*even the very elect could be deceived*" (Matthew 24:24).

We reason that the Image to the Beast must be interpreted spiritually; rather, it is not literal as the statue upon the Babylonian Plain of Dura, but a representation of the papal system's works and ideology. We draw this conclusion most strongly by interpretive consistency, where all *symbols and imagery* in the Revelation chapter 13 hitherto have been understood spiritually [symbolically], see the table below:

Symbol	Interpretation	Symbol	Interpretation
A beast	Kingdom/nation	A horn	Kingdom/nation
A head	Kingdom/nation	A crown	A monarchy
Seas/water	Multitudes of people	Earth	Sparsely populated area

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Sword	The Bible	Power	Armies/Police
Dragon	Satan/Pagan Rome	Fire from heaven	Counterfeit miracles/revival

To understand the spiritual interpretation of the Image to the Beast, one must inventory the works, ideology, and teachings of the papacy in history and the Bible. However, one characteristic above all, confirmed in both history and the Bible, identifies the papacy most clearly, namely, the boasted "*mark of its authority*" in Christendom, **Sunday Worship**. The boast of the Catholic Church, written in the [Catechism of Catholic Doctrine](#) [excerpts shown below], a guidebook of its faith, is its admission to have changed God's law, particularly the Fourth Commandment (Daniel 7:25):

Q: *Which is the Sabbath Day?*

A: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q: *Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?*

A: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity [holiness] from Saturday to Sunday. {Emphasis applied}

Q: *By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?*

A: The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plenitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her.

We will further explore this identifying **mark** of the Catholic

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for society, “giving life” to laws. Therefore, it is by popular consent, influenced by deceptive *strange fire*, and ultimately by legislation that the Image to the Beast will be formed. Once these laws “speak” or are *enforced*, they will “cause” men to worship on Sunday for fear of civil punishment, including death. Then will the prophecy be fulfilled:

“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.” Revelation 13:15

The Bible describes the works of the Dragon, Satan, working through a **New World Order** comprised of the kings of the earth, and the Beast from the Earth, Protestant America, in establishing an *Image to the Beast*. As accomplices to the Beast from the Sea, the papacy, Protestant America and globalist world leaders will elevate the papacy, helping to restore its image and empowering it to again assume the seat as **Queen of the Earth** (Rev 18:7; 17:12, 13; Isa 47:5, 8). Sunday worship is common ground among most Protestants and the papacy. This relic of papalism that is upheld by Protestants, pays homage to that church system at the expense of honoring God and keeping His commandments. Jesus rightly stated. “Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men” (Mark 7:7). **A National Sunday Law in America** will soon come as a welcomed, popular response to national crises in the economy, by terrorism, and rampant moral and social decay.

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(Rev 13:4; Matt 4:8-10). As in the past, the stakes will be high, but particularly for those who uphold God’s Sabbath. The image to the Beast is the Bible’s final example of an **unrighteous decree**, a satanic trial levied explicitly against the people of God to destroy them or cause them to forsake God by transgressing His laws. The Image to the Beast will have the effect of testing, purifying, and lifting up before the world as witnesses, those who love truth and have unwavering faith in God’s word, the Bible. The table below delineates other examples of *unrighteous decrees* recorded in the Bible that foreshadow the last test for God’s **remnant**.

Unrighteous Decree (Isaiah 10:1)	Scripture Reference
Decree requiring midwives to kill all male Hebrew children born	Exodus 1:8-22
Death decree by Persian King Ahasuerus against the people of God	Esther 3:8-14
Life or death worship of King Nebuchadnezzar’s golden statue	Daniel 3
King Darius is deceived into issuing a worship law aimed directly at Daniel	Daniel 6:5-16
Death decree for all children born in Bethlehem	Matthew 2:16-18; Jeremiah 31:15

Q: *How will Protestant America give life to the Image to the Beast and cause it to speak?*

A: *The government of the United States empowers its democratically elected representatives to enact laws and establish institutions that govern the land. The people’s power lies in the ballot, which determines the majority’s will*

Church in our next study. However, it is important to note its relevance to the Image to the Beast. Sunday worship was compulsory, enforced by monarchies during the 1,260 years of papal rule known as the **Dark Ages**. Sunday laws were enacted and enforced in every Catholic kingdom, requiring universal compliance on threat of imprisonment or death. Those willing to live in deprivation and isolation for the sake of exercising their moral right to freedom of conscience found refuge in desolate mountain regions and caves to avoid the Roman prelates (Hebrews 11:36-38; Revelation 12:13-16). Even in isolation, these early defenders of the faith once delivered to the saints, lived in great peril, being hunted as heretics by the church sanctioned State militias.

Beginning as a *rest day* to promote family values in an increasingly materialistic world; shortly thereafter, promoted as a *sacred day* of spiritual revival, given the moral decay in society, Sunday will today assume greater importance in our world. It is however, in the eventual **Passage of a Sunday Worship Law** through a **New World Order**, that we identify an *Image to the Beast*. As in ancient Babylon, as well as during the Dark Ages, only through the coercive *power of the state* could men be “caused” to bow and worship contrary to their consciences. These mortal laws, when universally enforced, will exert the greatest pressures upon men’s lives than any other test. Compliance will signal worshipping the **Beast of the Sea**, paying homage to the institution of its devising, turning one’s back on God and His commandments, and ultimately worshipping Satan