

# Outline 17

## Beauty and the Beast

I. The Bible describes an exotic composite \_\_\_\_\_, which had spots like a leopard, the raking claws of a grizzly bear, the tearing fangs of a lion, seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads was a blasphemous name. **REVELATION 13:1, 2 (1183)**

II. This beast symbolized and described the future of a power that would \_\_\_\_\_ church history.

- A. It would be blasphemous.
  - 1. A dictionary definition: “The act of claiming the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”
  - 2. Bible stories agree with that definition. **JOHN 10:33 (1038); MARK 2:7 (969)**
- B. It would dominate for 42 months (3½ years, or 1260 days).
  - 1. In Bible prophecy, a day represents a year—known as the “year/day principle” of prophetic interpretation. **EZEKIEL 4:6 (804); NUMBERS 14:34 (140)**
  - 2. Forty-two prophetic months equates to 1260 prophetic years.
- C. It would be a \_\_\_\_\_ power and receive worship. **REVELATION 13:8 (1183)**
- D. It would be a \_\_\_\_\_ power with global dominion. **REVELATION 13:1, 2 (1183)**
- E. It would be mortally \_\_\_\_\_ and nearly destroyed. **REVELATION 13:3 (1183)**
- F. The wound would \_\_\_\_\_ and the power reassert its global dominance. **REVELATION 13:3 (1183)**
- G. It would make war on the people of God. **REVELATION 13:7 (1183)**

III. The Bible describes another power in contrast to the beast. **REVELATION 5:6, 9 (1177)**

- A. Parallels between the **Lamb** and the **beast**:
  - 1. Both arise out of \_\_\_\_\_ as they begin their influence on earth.
  - 2. Both exercise power for 3½ years. (Lamb = literal; beast = prophetic/symbolic)
  - 3. Both are mortally \_\_\_\_\_. (Jesus on the cross; the beast taken captive)

- 4. Both come back to life. (see **REVELATION 1:18 [1174]; 13:3 [1183]**)
- 5. Both have symbolic horns. (Lamb has 7—**REVELATION 5:6 [1177]**; beast has 10—**REVELATION 13:1 [1183]**)
- 6. Both receive honor and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. Both seek to reach every nation, tongue, and people. **REVELATION 14:6 (1183); 13:7 (1183)**
- B. The beast is trying to take the place of the Lamb (Christ)—Anti-Christ means “\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.”

IV. Who is the “beast” power in our world today?

- A. The beast of Revelation 13 is an \_\_\_\_\_ not an individual, a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_ person or people.
- B. Since the 1200’s, a long line of scholars believed and taught that it is the institution of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Rome.
- C. History confirms the fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation 13.
  - 1. The Papacy dominated from A.D. 538 to 1798 (1260 years) when Pope Pius VI was taken \_\_\_\_\_ by Napoleon, and died in exile (a “mortal wound” to the Papacy).
  - 2. The “wound” began \_\_\_\_\_ in 1929 when Mussolini granted the Papacy geopolitical power once again and restored confiscated lands.
  - 3. Pope John Paul II is considered by many world leaders as “the world’s highest \_\_\_\_\_ authority.”
  - 4. The Roman Catholic Church still asserts the Pope’s personal power to teach infallibly on faith and morals, and yet many protestant denominations are seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ under Rome’s authority.

V. The Bible calls us to focus on the Lamb and His soon return.

- A. “When these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your \_\_\_\_\_ draws near.” **LUKE 21:28 (1019)**
- B. “Come out of her My people.” **REVELATION 18:4 (1186)**
- C. God calls for the endurance and faith of His people. **REVELATION 13:10 (1183)**
- D. Jesus said: “Hold fast till I \_\_\_\_\_.”

*ANSWERS: (I) beast; II dominate; A-1: attributive; C: religious; D: political; E: wounded; F: head (III) A-1: water; A-3: wounded; A-6: worship; B-1: instead (IV) A: institution, power; B: Papacy; C-1: prisoner; C-2: healing; C-3: moral; C-4: unite (V) A: redemption; D: come*