

3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL  
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**IDENTIFYING THE BEAST: PART 2**

Rather than worshiping the beast, God's people find their greatest joy and highest delight in worshiping Him. Their obedience springs from their heart of love. They are committed to Him because they know how committed He is to them.

Revelation 13:5 (NKJV) "And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months."

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Numbers 14:34 (NKJV) "According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection."

Ezekiel 4:6 (NKJV) "And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year."

Write this identifying characteristic on the line below:

Satan is connected to the system that he has established. The "Beast" described Revelation, 13: 15, rose to prominence and reigned from **538 AD to 1798 AD**. The only Power that fits this description is the power of pagan and papal, Rome.

Rome's teachings included the doctrine that the pope is God on earth. That's Rome is a reflection of what Satan himself would do. **2 Thessalonians 2:4 (NKJV) "who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."**

The papacy exercised great influence from a.d. 538 to a.d. 1798. But when Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the pope captive in a.d. 1798, the prophetic period of papal supremacy ended, and Revelation's prophecy was fulfilled: "He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity" (Rev. 13:10, NKJV). The blow to the papacy was extremely serious but not fatal. According to Revelation 13:12, the deadly wound would be healed. The papacy's influence once again would be felt worldwide.

1. Evidence #1 of Rome's power is its world recognition: Revelation 13:3 (NKJV) "And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast."

2. Evidence #2 of Rome's power is the acceptance of her documents: Revelation 17:5 (NKJV) **And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."**
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Rome is the power that is coalescing the world together under its political and religious influence. Both church leaders and politicians recognize the voice and persuasive power of Rome, both politically and religiously.

**However hard it is now to see something like this happening, look at how quickly our world can change.**

**"Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. . . . They will be accused of disaffection toward the government. Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God. In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment keepers will be misrepresented and condemned."—Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 592.**

**What should these changes tell us about how quickly end-time events can come upon us?**

**Revelation 17:17 (NKJV) "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled."**

**Isaiah 46:9–10 (NKJV) (9) "Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, (10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure."**

**Isaiah 14:27 (NKJV) "For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?"**

Ultimately, God decides how the great controversy ends. It is not under the control of any human to determine how God's plan is going to unfold eternally.