

Antichrist and the Commentators

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As Rev. R. Gerald Culleton notes in his *The Reign of Antichrist*, ***the comments made by the various priests and scriptural scholars on the books of the Bible are basically opinions.*** They cannot be taken in the same sense as the works of the early Fathers or any scriptural interpretations given by the Pope — and those are fairly rare, as Pope Pius XII commented in his encyclical on Holy Scripture. But what is clear from what the early Fathers have said regarding Holy Scripture is that ***those closest to the event are going to be able to see a lot more than those furthest from the event.*** Even Pope Leo XIII says the commentators were making observations based on the data and the experiences they had ***then***, versus ***actual events***. They were projecting into the future and so it was nothing but a more-or-less probable opinion, at best; they didn't really know what was going to happen for sure, they were just drawing conclusions based on what they knew and believed ***at the time***.

Rev. Hugh Pope, O.P., S.T.M, D.SScr., Professor at the Collegio Angelico in Rome, writes in his *The Catholic Student's Aids to the Bible*, Vol. V: “In a very real sense we are now at ‘the last hour.’ The interpretation, then, of the Apocalypse must be governed by the rules which hold good in the interpretation of all prophecy. ***The full light will not be shed thrown on this prophetic book till those last things have received their ultimate fulfillment.*** The book [Apocalypse] is replete with mystery; it is itself the sealed book of Chap. 5. St Jerome says: ‘John's Apocalypse contains as many mysteries as words...in every single word lie hid many meanings.’ And St. Augustine said: ‘In... Apocalypse, many things are said in obscure fashion for the exercising of the reader's mind. ***There are but few points in it, but their investigation opens up a laborious understanding of other points...***”

I am writing this essay because so many have questioned my opinion, based on the teachings of the scriptural commentators and mirrored in current events (not based on works of private prophecy) that Paul 6 was the Man of Sin, the Antichrist. They object that his reign failed to fulfill what was predicted in Holy Scripture and by the Fathers. And yet I see no way to discount the ***fact*** that Paul 6 and his predecessor fulfilled biblical prophecy concerning the abomination of desolation — Antichrist — by first occasioning an invalid election, as predicted in detail by Pope Paul IV in *Cum ex Apostolatus Officio*. This invalid election happened as a result of the great apostasy of the clergy (followed by that of the laity); second in the usurpation of the papal throne by John 23 and Paul 6, and third, in the liturgical changes that abolished Pope St. Pius V's Latin Mass and the destruction of the sacramental rites. This constitutes the fulfillment of ALL the prophecies of St. Paul in 2 Thess. 2 as well as a papal bull. And several modern popes predicted his reign as well.

The Popes foretell the end times

Below, Francis Panakal, a former Redemptorist who left the Novus Ordo in 1970, chronicles additional papal warnings concerning the approach of the end times:

“The first modern pope to issue a warning was Gregory XVI (1831-1846). As more and more governments were separating themselves from the Church during his pontificate, there was more

than enough reason to believe that the apostasy, that is the defection of the Gentiles from the Christian faith – against which St. Paul has so clearly warned – was being realized in the modern world. In his encyclical *Mirari Vos* Gregory XVI, describing the general problem of evil confronting the Church from the outside, quoted the following passage from the Apocalypse. He wrote:

“In seeing men deprived of every restriction capable of holding them in the path of truth, led as they are already by a natural inclination to evil, it is in truth that we say that the abyss has been opened up, from which St. John saw rise the smoke of the darkened sun, and locusts come out for the devastation of the earth” (Apoc 9:3)

“Gregory XVI mentioned the bottomless pit of Apocalypse 9 to warn the faithful in a general way about the loss of faith which characterized the world of his time. The next warning came from Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) which was more specific; for he quoted Apocalypse 12, which describes the battle taking place in heaven – that is, in the Church itself – to describe the evils threatening the Church from within. In the prophetic [Long Exorcism Prayer] of Leo XIII, after having had a vision of the future tragedy of the Church, he wrote:

“Where the seat of the most blessed Peter and the Chair of Truth was established as a light to the nations, there they have placed the throne of the abomination of their impiety; so that having struck the Pastor, they might destroy the flock.”

“Again, it was Leo XIII who enjoined upon priests to recite the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after every mass, a practice that was abolished by Pope John XXIII. Pope St. Pius X succeeded Leo XIII and in his very first encyclical *E Supremi Apostolatus* wrote:

“So extreme is the general perversion that there is reason to fear that we are experiencing the foretaste and the beginnings of the evils which are to come at the end of time, and that the Son of Perdition, of whom the Apostle speaks, has already arrived upon the earth.” (When St. Pius X wrote these ominous lines in 1903, Giovanni Battista Montini, the future Paul VI, was six years old.)

“Pope Pius XI (1922-1939), in his encyclical on the Sacred Heart *Miserentissimus Redemptor*, added yet another assertion as to the proximity of the coming of the Antichrist. After describing numerous atrocities committed against the Church in his own day, he went on to characterize them as “ ***the dawn of the beginning of sorrows that will bring ‘THE MAN OF SIN’ arising against all which is called God and is honored by worship.***”

“After the death of Pius XI, Pope Pius XII began his pontificate with still another statement which has even more significant implications. In his encyclical *Summi Pontificatus*, after describing his generation as one “ tormented ... by spiritual emptiness and deep-felt interior poverty,” he applied to it this passage of the Apocalypse:

“Thou sayest: I am rich, and made wealthy, and have need of nothing: and knowest not, that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked” (Apoc 3:17)

“This particular passage is a description of the church at Laodicea which, *in the opinion of Catholic interpreters, is a representation of the Church as a whole during the time of the Antichrist*. Thus Pius XII’s application of this passage of the Apocalypse to his time would, in effect, be an indication that the age of the Antichrist had in some way already begun” (end of Panakal quotes).

Successors of the Satanic pontiffs

I have always believed that the successors of Roncalli and Montini were just as much antichrists ruling, in their stead, as they were. I say this because as I have explained before, the beast dies and lives again. But there is only one Man of Sin and he is the one designated by the sixes who abolishes the Mass and fulfills the prophecies. Just as St. Peter was the first and premier pope and St. Paul was his star missionary, so the same with Roncalli and Montini. Montini was the man behind Roncalli working behind the scenes during his entire “papacy;” he was the fulfillment of all Roncalli did. The commentators support this opinion regarding the false prophet (Roncalli) and some of the early Fathers support it in an indirect way.

Antichrist has to be in perfect opposition to Christ for the simple reason that the devil can't do anything by half measures; he has to be able to mock our Lord as best he can and appear to assume all of His earthly power. That's the nature of Satan — he was a liar from the beginning, he was a deceiver and jealous and hateful from the beginning; we all know that. That being the case I think we need to draw some things out here. Antichrist’s reign is a repeating cycle; *just as the papacy is a direct succession of vicars with the same power and authority, so is the reign of the Roman usurpers*. Given the time span of this usurpation and recent worldwide events, also by piecing together some of the opinions of the Fathers and commentators that have become better understood as a result of these events, it seems necessary to make these observations known. The Fathers themselves assume that Catholics in these days will evaluate the situation and recognize the signs. And Christ Himself tells us to read that we may understand.

Many of these Fathers and commentators in the past accurately predicted a lot of things that have taken place — there's no doubt about that. But others had some pretty wild predictions about what Antichrist would be and what he would do and people take what they said in a *literal* sense when all the commentators agree the Apocalypse must be interpreted *symbolically*, or spiritually. I am convinced that many of the torments they speak of him inflicting are *mental and emotional torments*, not physical ones, just as the miracles and other feats they mention are actually *illusions*, as St. Thomas Aquinas and others better explain, not real miracles. Think of all the “miracles” they could work today with holograms and artificial intelligence! So as Pope Leo XIII says in *Providentissimus Deus*, which I quote here, we have to go back and re-evaluate some of what was said and adjust it to our times. That doesn't mean that we reject it or that we don't give it due consideration; I don't mean that. What I do mean is that we take a common sense look at it in view of our own times (which is all we can really do) and adapt our understanding of it accordingly.

It is not possible that all those writing so many centuries ago could have been correct in every detail regarding Antichrist. And no one pretends that all that those who have commented on the books of Apocalypse, 2 Thess. 2 and Matt. 24 all agreed in their opinions. In fact, there are so many conflicting opinions on these prophecies that it is difficult to make sense of any of them.

How Antichrist can be known

All I have tried to do with secular commentators is weave a path through their comments and abandon the false scenarios that they all present; then take what is left and try to make sense of it in light of what is happening today. Henry Cardinal Manning, Berry, Kramer, Allo, Le Frois and Arminjon are probably the most reliable. St. Bellarmine is preoccupied with refuting those who style the papacy as Antichrist and all his commentary is devoted to this task. This is largely true of Haydock as well in his commentary on the Apocalypse. While most commentaries note from the outset that the Apocalypse is to be taken in a symbolic or allegorical sense, that is not always what the commentators do in practice. Hence we often receive the literal sense, not the spiritual or symbolic/mystic and this makes certain things appear to be literally true when they should be taken in a spiritual sense. Critics fail to consider any mystical and spiritual fulfillment of the Apocalypse, interpreting it solely in the literal sense.

Huchede notes the spiritual sense is usually apparent before the literal regarding the fulfillment of end-time prophecies. This is the premise I have adopted for my own, as it seems to be borne out by the events themselves. Some seem to think I believe all the prophecies regarding Antichrist have been fulfilled in Paul 6, but this is far from the truth. I indicated that his reign was only “The Beginning of Sorrows,” in a subtitle in my first (1990) book. In that same book I also note that:

“The wild beast from the abyss is first seen in Daniel as the fourth beast unlike to the other beasts and had ten horns. We feel this beast is the prevailing system of Antichrist set in motion by the cooperation of Roncalli and Montini with “the powers and principalities, the rulers of this world of darkness” as described in Ephesians 6:12. Here we can see why the commentators had such difficulty separating the system from the man: we have had the man but the system lives on!” I also wrote underneath this hideous picture of Antichrist in my first book that “by the beast is represented three figures: the central horned figure Antichrist proper, the winged lioness on the left the false prophet and the leering hyena like creature on the right as the wild beast. All have their separate identities, yet all are Antichrist. The system and the beasts are inseparable.”

The only beasts I have treated in the majority of my work since writing my first book have been the sea and land beasts, Antichrist and the false prophet. But I have carefully and systematically evaluated ongoing developments regarding Antichrist’s system. I have been looking for the reign of the wild beast who I believe will be the final manifestation of Antichrist. At some point this will be evident enough to complete the portrait of Antichrist and his reign which I began 32 years ago. But in my preliminary evaluation, I proceeded not on the opinions of commentators, not even primarily on the Fathers, but on the predictions of the popes. These are three: Pope Paul



Pl. 12. The Infernal Proteus. This is the diabolical anti-trinity of the Apocalypse; the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet. Like the Baphomet of the Templars, this personage is androgynous and symbolises pure and supreme animality—vital force deliberately cut off from the spiritual, and belonging to both sexes. Top left, a sorcerer is seen on his way to the Sabbath; he is flying over the Brocken in the Harz Mountains. Top right, an elemental is born from a torch brandished by a phantom. On the left a damned soul rises from a rent in the ground. The trinity emerges from the lake of fire mentioned in the Apocalypse. For occultism, Satan is the great, universal magnetic agent, the invisible creative Fire. (Frontispiece of *Der hollische Proteus oder tausendkünstige Versteller* by Erasmus Franciscus, Nuremberg, 1695.)

IV, who remarkably defined the very Scripture verse on the abomination of desolation that fits Antichrist's advent to a "T"; the long St. Michael's prayer written by Pope Leo XIII, warning the abomination had already appeared in the holy place and Pope St. Pius X's 1903 announcement that he believed Antichrist was already born (Montini was six years old at the time). Then of course there is the unanimous opinion of the Fathers which must be accepted as a rule of faith (DZ 1788); that Antichrist will cause the Holy Sacrifice to cease.

Pope Paul IV told us exactly who Antichrist would be and how he would ascend to power. Those who read this work will be familiar with the fact that he not only foresaw the invalid 1958 papal election but aptly predicted that a man who was the product of such an election would become the abomination. Roncalli was an antichrist and an abomination in that he also was a heretic who shared that title as the false prophet to a certain degree with Paul 6 This is true because Montini reigned through him and with him even before being elected "pope." Pope Leo XIII and Pope St. Pius X warned us that we were fast approaching the time of his reign. How anyone can deny the fact that Paul 6 caused the Holy Sacrifice to cease is beyond me, for it is the very reason that nearly half of all then calling themselves Catholic left the Novus Ordo. That prophecy is probably the most telling prophetic fulfillment of all since it is an actual fact that even Traditionalists acknowledge.

Yet they deny that the Sacrifice has ceased, even knowing Montini and Roncalli were the cause of its cessation. They cite private prophecy to support their position or commentators who believe Antichrist will be some insane political figure who will outlaw their Latin Mass, which cannot be nor has ever been validly celebrated. Below we will see what *the popes*, not Traditionalists have to say about the opinions of those commenting on Holy Scripture, even the Fathers and those approved by the Church.

Providentissimus Deus

"15. *The authority of other Catholic interpreters is not so great*; but the study of Scripture has always continued to advance in the Church, and, therefore, these commentaries also have their own honourable place, and are serviceable in many ways for the refutation of assailants and the explanation of difficulties."

"19. *The unshrinking defense of the Holy Scripture, however, does not require that we should equally uphold all the opinions which each of the Fathers or the more recent interpreters have put forth in explaining it; for it may be that, in commenting on passages where physical matters occur, they have sometimes expressed the ideas of their own times, and thus made statements which in these days have been abandoned as incorrect.* Hence, in their interpretations, we must carefully note what they lay down as belonging to faith, or as intimately connected with faith — what they are unanimous in. For 'in those things which do not come under the obligation of faith, the Saints were at liberty to hold divergent opinions, just as we ourselves are,' according to the saying of St. Thomas. And in another place he says most admirably: 'When philosophers are agreed upon a point, and it is not contrary to our faith, it is safer, in my opinion, neither to lay down such a point as a dogma of faith, even though it is perhaps so presented by the philosophers, nor to reject it as against faith, lest we thus give to the wise of this world an occasion of despising our faith.'"

Divini Afflante Spiritu

And Pope Pius XII writes in his encyclical on Holy Scripture, *Divini Afflante Spiritu*:

“No one will be surprised if all difficulties are not yet solved and overcome but that even today serious problems greatly exercise the minds of Catholic exegetes. We should not lose courage on this account nor should we forget that in the human sciences the same happens as in the natural world; that is to say, new beginnings grow little by little and fruits are gathered only after many labors... ***God wished difficulties to be scattered through the sacred books inspired by Him in order that we might be urged to read and scrutinize them more intently and experiencing in a salutary manner or on limitations we might be exercised in due submission of mind.*** No wonder if one or other questions no solution wholly satisfactory will ever be found, since sometimes we have to do with matters obscure in themselves and too remote from our times and our experience; and since ***exegis also, like all other most important sciences has its secrets which, impenetrable to our minds, by no efforts whatsoever can be unraveled.***

“This... is no reason why the Catholic commentator, inspired by an active and ardent love of his subject and sincerely devoted to Holy Mother Church should, in any way, be deterred from grappling again and again with these difficult problems hitherto unsolved, not only that he may refute the objections of the adversaries but also may attempt to find a satisfactory solution which will be in full accord with the doctrine of the Church... Let them bear in mind above all that in the rules and laws promulgated by the Church there is question of doctrine regarding faith and morals and that in the immense matter contained in the sacred books... there are but few texts whose sense has been defined by the authority of the Church, nor are those more numerous about which the teaching of the holy Fathers is unanimous. There remains, therefore, many things and of the greatest importance in the discussion and exposition of which the skill and genius of Catholic commentators may and ought to be freely exercised so that each may contribute his part to the advantage of all, to the continued progress of the sacred doctrine and in the defense and honor of the Church.

“This true liberty of the children of God which adheres faithfully to the teaching of the Church and accepts and uses gratefully the contributions of profane science; this liberty, upheld and sustained in every way by the confidence of all, is the condition and source of all lasting fruit and of all solid progress in Catholic doctrine, as our predecessor of happy memory Leo XIII rightly observes when he says: ‘Unless harmony of mind be maintained and principles safeguarded, no progress can be expected in this matter from the varied studies of many.’”

Rev. Leo Haydock says that in his “City of God” St. Augustine, “teacheth that the ***last persecution*** of antichrist, here mentioned [Apoc. 20:7-8], shall last but three years and six months; i.e. ***a little while***. In Cap. xiv and xv, he expounds the 10th and following verse, of the devil being cast into the lake of fire, after the last persecution of antichrist. By *the beast* he understands, as before, the city or multitude of all the wicked; and by the *false prophet*, either antichrist or the outward appearance of faith in them that have none.” This distinction is important because some hesitate to believe ***the*** Antichrist has reigned, thinking Enoch and Elias must come during his reign, and no one fitting their description has appeared.

Rev. Leo Haydock notes in his commentary on 2 Thess. 2: 3 regarding the Great Revolt: “St. John Chrysostom, Theodoret, St. Augustine, and others, by this falling off and apostasy,

understand *Antichrist himself*, apostatizing from the Catholic faith.” And this is so true, because John 23 and Paul 6 pulled everyone into apostasy with them, as described in *Cum ex...* Haydock goes onto explain that others commonly understand the great revolt as “A great falling off of great numbers from the Catholic Church and faith in those nations where it was professed before.” If one reads Henry Cardinal Manning’s entire work *Temporal Power of the Vicar of Christ*, he dates the apostasy — just as I have quoted from his works and the works of others — **from the Reformation on**. It ended with the infiltration of the Modernists and Freemasons into the Church which accounts for the defection of the cardinals who elected John 23, a known ecumenist, Masonic sympathizer and Communist sympathizer as well. This was proven long ago in the book I co-authored in 1990. The Great Revolt began to conclude with the cardinals and bishops who campaigned for liturgical renewal and ecumenism even before Pope Pius XII died; it all culminated in Roncalli’s election.

Matthew, Chapters 24, 26

- ***The shepherd shall be struck and the sheep scattered*** — Zach. 13:7; Matt 26: 31.
- The Temple shall be utterly destroyed (also the Church in Rome, eventually, according to the common opinion of scriptural commentators and theologians) — Matt. 24: 2.
- This time shall be like no other, but it will resemble the time of Noe — Matt. 24: 21; 37-39.
- Many false prophets shall rise and seduce many (Protestant Reformation and what followed) — Matt. 24: 24.
- ***When the abomination of desolation foretold by the prophet Daniel shall stand in the Holy Place, he who readeth let him understand.*** (This is interpreted by Pope Paul IV in *Cum ex Apostolatus Officio* as a heretic obtaining the see by fraud, not canonically) — Matt. 24: 15.
- The abomination of desolation is also interpreted as the substitution of a false sacrifice or idols to whom one must render adoration (Haydock Commentary, Matt. 24:15).
- False christs (false popes) and false prophets shall show great signs and wonders to deceive if possible even the elect. ***Behold, I have told it to you beforehand*** (in other words, you’ve been forewarned!) — Matt. 24: 24-25.

St. Paul, 2 Thess. 2

- There will come the revolt, then the Man of Sin is revealed. — 2 Thess. 2: 3. ***The beginning of this revolt is portrayed by Henry Cardinal Manning and others as occurring at the time of the Reformation and intensifying in the 19th century. Those writing on the Apocalypse in the 20th century relate it to Modernism, Communism, Socialism and Freemasonry. The culmination of this revolt occurs following the death of Pope Pius XII***, with the Cardinals electing a man many believed was a Freemason, a public heretic officially listed by the Vatican as suspected of Modernism, therefore violating Pope Pius XII’s election law and voiding the election (see Apoc. 12:1).
- He shall sit in the temple of God, showing himself as though he were God — 2 Thess. 2: 4.

(Some think the temple in Jerusalem, others the Church. But it is clear from Pope Paul IV's Bull that he will be a usurper reigning as a true pope from the Vatican in Rome, and this interpretation is binding on the faithful. This however does not exclude the possibility that he could reign in both places at different times.)

- ***He who withholdeth shall be taken out of the way*** — 2 Thess. 2: 6-7. (Henry Cardinal Manning, Rev. E.S. Berry and Rev. H.B Kramer all teach that this means the Roman Pontiff.)

- The coming of Antichrist will be “according to the working of Satan,” exercising Satan’s power, signs and lying wonders — 2 Thess. 2: 9.

- Because those who succumb to Antichrist will not love the truth, they shall be seduced by the operation of error, and will be judged — 2 Thess. 2: 10-11.

Apocalypse, Ch. 12

- The early Fathers interpret the woman in Apocalypse 12: 1 as the Church clothed with all her attributes and divine authority (H. B. Kramer). Later Fathers of the Church also saw in this sign the Blessed Virgin, but most commentators insist on following the earlier Fathers.

- The Church is with child and cries out in travail, in anguish of delivery (Apoc. 2-3). Rev. E.S. Berry writes that “Satan will ***first*** attempt to destroy the power of the papacy and bring about the downfall of the Church through heresies, schisms and persecutions that will surely follow.” Both Berry and Rev. H.B. Kramer believe that this verse unmistakably refers to a papal election. Kramer writes: “The Church does not travail in anguish at every papal election which can be held without trouble or danger. But at this time the great powers may take a menacing attitude to hinder the election of the logical and expected candidates by threats of a general apostasy, assassination or imprisonment of this candidate if elected... An extended interregnum in the papacy is always disastrous and more so in times of universal persecution. If Satan would contrive to hinder a papal election the church would suffer great travail. Satan knows how extensively an interregnum to the papacy would favor his success in recovering his ancient lordship over the world” (and here Kramer cites 2 Thess. 2:27 on he who withholdeth). The red dragon is later identified as the False Prophet (Roncalli). Also, Kramer sees it as Communism, red with the blood of saints and martyrs. (See more on this [here](#).)

- In verse four of Apocalypse 12, the dragon pulls down one-third of the clergy and casts them to earth (St. Augustine, Kramer, Berry, Gallois). ***This occurs before the election even takes place.*** Kramer writes: “The text suggests a use of the apostate clergy after their own defection, in persecuting the Church. Verse nine clearly states that those who will not have braved martyrdom will surrender to Satan: the dragon will have them doing his will. Methodius says of these stars: ‘And the stars which the dragon touched with the end of his tail and drew them down to the earth are the bodies of heresies; for we must say that the stars which are dark, obscure and falling are the assemblies of the heterodox.’ ...The verse seems to allude to Isaias 9:15-16... The tail is a symbol of lying and hypocrisy... The clergy who are ripe for apostasy will hold the influential positions in the Church having won preferment by hypocrisy, deceit and flattery.”

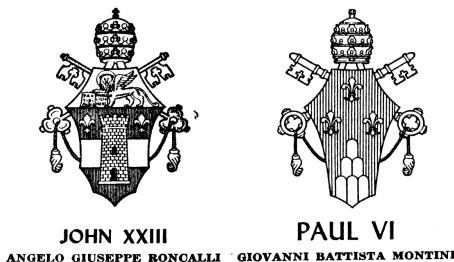
- The woman is delivered of a man child who is to rule the nations with a rod of iron, but he is taken away to God and his throne (Apoc. 12: 5-6). The dragon stands waiting to devour the child and the woman flees into the wilderness for 1,260 days Berry writes: “The papacy will be attacked by all the powers of hell. In consequence the Church will suffer great trials and afflictions in securing a successor on the throne of Peter.” He then cites 2 Thess. 2 regarding he who withholdeth as the obstacle impeding Antichrist’s reign, intimating it is the papacy.
- Kramer writes prophetically: “As a dragon, Satan, through the evil world powers of that time, will enter the Church, interfere with her liberty and perhaps by stealthy suggestions having long before directed the choosing of candidates for the episcopate, will now endeavor by threats of force to hinder the election of the worthiest candidate for the papacy.” This is precisely what happened, as explained in the book *The Phantom Church in Rome*. The CIA had worked with Montini for many years during World War II, setting up a universal spy system using priests and bishops as informants. They favored him as a candidate but knew he was not a cardinal and did not stand a good chance of election. The U.S. government therefore lobbied prior to Pope Pius XII’s death for the election of Montini’s friend Roncalli as an interim “pope” who would make Montini a cardinal and begin the modernization of the Church, promoting religious liberty. This is a known fact cited by several different credible authors.
- Kramer envisions the Church escaping and possibly following the man not elected, meaning an antipope/pope situation, but this is not what happened. Berry presumes there is an unfilled interregnum. Berry, Allo, Le Frois, Lactantius, and St. Hippolytus maintain there will be two separate 1,260 day periods where the Church will be protected from the full brunt of Antichrist’s torments. (St. Augustine says these days can mean any length of time, according to Fr. Arminjon, as does St. Bede, and LeFrois and Heidt, among others agree). The first period follows the contested election and is set in days, but appears to be an indefinite period — three and one half years. The second time-period mentioned is referred to as a time, times and half a time.
- The first time the Church shelters in the wilderness (Verse 6), the second time in the desert (verse 14). Kramer says the wilderness is some non-Catholic nation signified by the great eagle (the U.S.). A few other commentators suggest this as well. Rev. Haydock says that the wilderness means the Church worshipping in a private manner. The desert seems to indicate a starker existence, where spiritual food and water (the Mass and Sacraments) are not available and corresponds with the desolation wrought by Antichrist and his system.
- Angry at the woman’s escape, now the forces of Antichrist begin a bloodier persecution than was ever seen before, but God sends her special protection and assistance (verse 14-15 Haydock).
- Once Satan has wrecked the Church he stands on the “sands of the sea,” (verse 18) seeking whom else to devour. This could mean he is devising ways to go after those who have escaped, such as those who exited the Vatican 2 church. His answer was Traditionalism.

Apocalypse, Ch. 13

- The wild beast with seven heads (Apoc. 13:1, 2, 7; Isaiah 17: 12, 13; Daniel 7: 17, 23) represent *the worldwide political system of the beast*. This is the opinion of nearly all the commentators.
- They also nearly all agree that Antichrist is the sea beast and the false prophet is the earth or land beast (verses 1, 3, 11-15).
- The false prophet (the second beast, the dragon who had two horns like a lamb) transfers *his* power to the first beast (Apoc. 13:15). This is the power of the Satanic papacy, in opposition to that established by Christ. Roncalli appeared to many as a simple and harmless old man; they called him “good pope John,” and commended him for his charity and humility. In reality, he was not the meek lamb, but the red dragon, symbolizing Freemasonry and Communism.
- He worked wonders in his sight (verses 12-14 — the cardinalate, the Dialogue Mass changes, religious liberty [Pacem in Terris], Vatican 2, dialogue with Freemasons and Communists).
- The first beast is wounded by a sword and lives (Apoc. 13:3). Pope Pius XII passes him over for selection as a cardinal and sends him to Milan, away from the Vatican. Also, Paul 6 survived a knife attack in Manila in the 1970s and lived. https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=e_TzbK6xDHU <https://thesplendorofthechurch.com/2020/11/29/the-failed-assassination-attempt-on-st-pope-paul-vi-in-manila/> It was introduced as a miracle in his “canonization” process. John Paul 2, of course, also survived an assassination attempt.
- The transfer of power from John 23rd to Paul 6 also is seen in Apoc. 17:8: “The beast which thou sawest was, and is not, and shall come up out of the pit and go into destruction.” Paul 6 was accepted by Catholics as a true pope, yet he was not a true pope and went to his death with people believing he was a true pope. He was the Antichrist who died but shall rise out of the pit (see Apoc. 9:11) to be resurrected with the false prophet in John Paul I and John Paul II. *This can be recognized as a perverse sort of perpetuity in imitation of that promised to St. Peter*. It continues to this day.

Paulus P.P. VI *— 666*

PAOLO VI, di Concesio (Brescia), Giovanni Battista Montini, 21.VI, 30.VI.1963 - felicemente regnante.



Paulus P.P. VI

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- No one who has his mark — 666 — shall buy or sell (Apoc. 13:18). This mark is the most disputed topic in Apocalypse. This illustration here is the best explanation of how it applies to Paul 6.

Montini’s number — 666

“...Count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man... 666.” (Apoc. 13:18.) As Francis Panakal in his booklet, *666 — Beast of the Apocalypse Unmasked* observes: “...’the number of a man’ implies very definitely that he is really one among several men, each of whom will have a number, the beast in the prophecy being the one with the number 666,” (p. 2.) Here Panakal refers to the fact that in the *Annuario*

Pontificio, published since 1954, the names of all the popes are listed (after the first 22), according to the date of election, coronation as pope, and the date on which his pontificate ended. Panakal notes that a few numbers on this list occur more than once, but Montini's number appears only once; and that number reads 666 — VI for Paulus VI; VI for the month of June (his election); VI for the month of his coronation (June). Although these Roman numeral VI's are the only one's St. John could have identified in his vision, since he could not read Arabic numbers, the sixes do not stop there. Yet another instance of the use of “666” can be seen reflected in Montini's coat of arms.

Montini was born Sept. 26, 1897. The World Book Encyclopedia, under the heading heraldry, lists the fleur-de-lis, which appear on Montini's family coat of arms, as a symbol of the “sixth son” in a family and his coat of arms displays three fleurs-de-lis; hence, 6-6-6. Panakal lists several instances of six; six names (Enrico Antonio Maria Giovanni Battista Montini); Montini's number in the conclave was six; he was 66 at the time of his election; the 266th pope; elected at the sixth conclave held in this century. Panakal points to Pope St. Pius X's first encyclical, *E Supremi Apostolatus*, quoted above, where Pope St. Pius X predicted Antichrist was already born when Montini was six years old. This would not be so unusual if St. Pius X had not been known to have the gift of foresight. Moreover, Paul 6 signed his name in such an unusual way, that when the signature is turned upside down, it reads 666, as shown above.

Why would anyone have gone to such great lengths to present as the man whose number is 666, the Abomination of Desolation, Man of Sin, Son of Perdition, Lawless One, and not be that very person? The Catholic Encyclopedia and nearly all commentaries on this subject refer these titles to the individual who will be Antichrist. It is difficult to ignore such clear evidence. Yet despite giving off every sign imaginable, few Catholics believe that Montini was actually the one predicted by Holy Scripture, seduced as they are by lying signs and wonders, another indicator of his true identity. There can be no doubt that the operation of error to believe his lies has succeeded in deceiving the elect.

If the actual mark, however, be interpreted in *a spiritual way*, it could be taken as the following:

- a) Any work of the *hands*, cooperation in the spread of Antichrist's teachings and religion, (*communicatio in sacris*); the Novus Ordo Missae's “work of human hands.”
- b) Actual reception of Novus Ordo “baptism,” pouring water on the *forehead*.
- c) Reception of Novus Ordo (or Traditionalist) “orders” (the anointing of the fingers of the *hands*; in episcopal consecration, anointing the *head* and the *hands* of the bishop-elect)

All this is literally the result of Montini's abominable reign and his desolation of the Mass and Sacraments. Furthermore, he also was the fulfillment of disputed points among the Fathers, for he was apparently a Jew himself, something of which they were not certain in the early centuries and he appealed to them as equals even wearing their vesture. If this man fulfilled even those prophecies that were undecided then, how is it that so many can doubt he was not the Man of Sin, when he also fulfilled all those points that were certain?

Was Paul 6 the Jewish Messiah?

It seems enough to point to the fact that Paul 6 publicly wore the Jewish High Priest's Ephod or *rationale* (hanging between each side of P6's stole in this photo at left), to prove that he indeed was at least an agent or a secret son of some sort to those Jews working in concert with Freemasonry. Was he their Messiah? No one pretends to know Freemasonry's secrets, but their pyramid boasts Antichrist as its pinnacle. That they considered him a sort of Jewish savior is clear from these links:

<https://legallegacy.wordpress.com/2020/10/28/october-28-1965-pope-paul-vi-absolves-jews-of-collective-guilt-for-the-crucifixion-of-jesus-christ/>;

<https://www.ajc.org/news/from-regret-to-acclaim-a-jewish-reaction-to-nostra-aetate>

Certainly Jewish officials flocked to Rome to consult with Roncalli and Montini during their time there.



The Traditionalist Mexican priest Fr. Joaquin Saenz-Arriaga, in his work *Sede Vacante* quotes "The Golden Book of Noble Italian Heritage," which states that Paul 6 was descended from the deBenedictis family and that this family was "...of Hebrew origin." The book lists Montini's ancestor as the great-grandfather of Pier deLeoni, **the anti-pope Anacletus II of St. Bernard's day**. Maurice Pinay (pen name for Anacleto Gonzalez-Flores), in his *The Plot Against the Church*, quotes the Jewish-Spanish Encyclopedia to document the fact that Baruz Leoni (a Jew) had himself baptized and took the Christian name of Benedict. The final sentence of this quote reads "...in spite of baptism and mixed marriages, the descendants of Benedictus were connected down the centuries with the Jewish community."

In his massive work on the Apocalypse, printed in Spanish in Quito, Ecuador in 1954, Dr. Anton Bileham, holding doctorates in both philosophy and theology, wrote: "We firmly believe from now on, that such a name Benedictos, **whose number, in Greek, language of the Apocalypse equals 666**. B (2) E (5) N (50) E (5) D (4) I (10) C (20) T (300) O (70) S (200) = 666... Then Antipope Antichrist was called Benedicto." It would seem then that Montini was of Jewish extraction, possibly even a Marrano or clandestine Jew. But to exemplify the height of imperfection to be realized by Antichrist, he must also have been of Catholic blood. For Zacharias wrote: "I was wounded in the house of them that loved me." (Zach.13:6.) No betrayal is so painful or so reprehensible as that perpetrated by close friends or relatives. Christ was crucified by His own, and in this, the passion of His Mystical Body, He will, once again, suffer persecution by members of the Church He entrusted to St. Peter.

As Vicomte Leon de Poncins and many others have fully documented, John 23 and Paul 6 openly schemed with the Jews to so arrange and conduct Vatican 2 that the resulting remodeled "church" could in no way offend their beliefs. The oft-quoted 1966 article in *Look* magazine, *How the Jews Changed Catholic Thinking* (<https://www.fisheaters.com/jewsvaticanii.html>)

offers clear testimony to this. The Jews demanded and received the removal of any reference to their guilt in Christ's death, openly stated during Good Friday services. And it is no coincidence that they were assisted in their quest by none other than Pro Deo University's Felix Morlion, arch-conspirator and champion of religious liberty.

As a result, Vatican 2 taught that the Jews of yesterday and today, as a whole, cannot be blamed for Christ's death and are not to be reviled or persecuted by Catholics — they intimated that this was only a reiteration of the teachings of *Mit brennender Sorge* and other papal documents. It is Paul 6's insistence that the Jews not be considered as reprobate, i.e., incapable of salvation that compromised the faith. Already John 23 had removed reference “perfidious” (unbelieving) Jews in the Good Friday liturgy. Paul 6 strengthened this decision of his predecessor by further revisions, calling for the removal of any references to the “conversion of the Jews,” the existence of a “veil over their hearts” and the need for deliverance “from their darkness.” And this contrary to the commonly accepted interpretation of these Scriptural passages as indicative, at least, of the complicity of the Jewish elders in Christ's crucifixion.

Instead Paul 6 called them “People of Abraham...beloved of God,” and inferred, contrary to the clear teaching of Holy Scripture and the Church for 2,000 years, ***THAT THE JEWS COULD ANTICIPATE SALVATION WITHOUT BENEFIT OF CONVERSION***. This is a clear denial of Scriptural truth. Was he not then their Messiah, by “saving” them from their previous fate?! And certainly John Paul 2 strengthened this notion beyond the Jews' fondest dreams. All this is contrary to the truths of faith prescribed by Pope St. Pius X in his Oath Against Modernism which reads, in part: “With a firm faith I believe that the Church, guardian and mistress of the revealed word, was instituted proximately and directly by the true and historical Christ Himself, while He sojourned among us, and that the same was built upon Peter, the chief of the apostolic hierarchy, and his successors till the end of time... I accept sincerely the doctrine of faith transmitted from the apostles through the orthodox fathers, always in the same sense and interpretation, even to us...” And from the Council of Trent: “...No one who distorts the Sacred Scripture, according to his own opinions, shall dare to interpret the said Sacred Scriptures contrary to the sense which is held by holy mother Church, whose duty it is to judge regarding the true sense and interpretation of holy Scriptures, *or even contrary to the unanimous consent of the Fathers...*” (DZ 786).

So not only did Paul 6 deny the clear words of Holy Scripture in his pronouncement on the Jews, he also broke with the unanimous opinion of the Fathers and the common and constant teaching of his predecessors, violating that “same sense and interpretation” ever maintained by the continual magisterium. He obliterated Tradition by altering the liturgy and its condemnation of the Jews, but then that paled in comparison to his abrogation of the Latin Mass. But we need not insist that Paul 6 be formally *identified* as the Jewish Messiah for the prophecies on Antichrist to be fulfilled. Rev. Denis Fahey in his *The Kingship of Christ and Conversion of the Jewish Nation* identifies this point as only probable, not certain. At least part of this point is fulfilled, however, for Fahey says the Jews will assist Antichrist in setting up his kingdom and certainly this was the case. A probable opinion is not binding on anyone. One, it is only an opinion; two, probability is measured in degrees. Acclamation as their actual Messiah would mean little, Fahey explains, since some 25 men have enjoyed this same distinction over the course of Jewish history. It seems then that even without an actual affirmation, Montini served them well in this role.

The Church's Babylonian Captivity

Some believe there are two separate time periods mentioned in Apocalypse 12 — the time in the wilderness and the time in the desert. Chapters 12 and 13 of Apocalypse cover the first period, his “spiritual” reign, a period we believe ended sometime in 1993. This was stated in my 1990 book. From 1993 to 2028 will comprise the second period, although this time-period most likely will be shortened. If this theory is correct, we could be looking at a 70-year period from the reign of John 23 to the year 2028 (although his period could be longer or shorter; we cannot predict the exact time). Why this 70-year period is significant is explained below.

Ironically, Rome is often referred to by St. Paul as Babylon. The Babylonian Captivity of the Chosen People lasted exactly 70 years as the prophet Jeremiah predicted, extending from the burning of the Temple in 586 B.C. to its reconstruction in 516 B.C. ***Even though God had promised to preserve the Chosen People in Judah, he permitted them to be taken away.*** The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel had warned the Chosen People, even before Jerusalem fell, that they were not following the law and would be punished, as Moses had warned them. Among their many sins was idolatry.

“If thou wilt not keep, and fulfil all the words of this law, that are written in this volume, and fear his glorious and terrible name: that is, The Lord thy God: The Lord shall increase thy plagues, and the plagues of thy seed, plagues great and lasting, infirmities grievous and perpetual. And he shall bring back on thee all the afflictions of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of, and they shall stick fast to thee. Moreover, the Lord will bring upon thee all the diseases, and plagues, that are not written in the volume of this law till he consume thee: ***And you shall remain few in number, who before were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because thou heardst not the voice of the Lord thy God. And as the Lord rejoiced upon you before doing good to you, and multiplying you: so he shall rejoice destroying and bringing you to nought,*** so that you shall be taken away from the land which thou shalt go in to possess. The Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the farthest parts of the earth to the ends thereof...” (Deuteronomy 28: 58-64).

“***Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people wickedly transgressed according to all the abominations of the Gentiles: and they defiled the house of the Lord, which he had sanctified to himself in Jerusalem.*** And the Lord the God of their fathers sent to them, by the hand of his messengers, rising early, and daily admonishing them: because he spared his people and his dwelling place. ***But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused the prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, and there was no remedy.*** For he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, and he slew their young men with the sword in the house of his sanctuary, he had no compassion on young man, or maiden, old man or even him that stooped for age, but he delivered them all into his hands. And all the vessels of the house of the Lord, great and small, and the treasures of the temple and of the king, and of the princes he carried away to Babylon. And the enemies set fire to the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burnt all the towers, and whatsoever was precious they destroyed. Whosoever escaped the sword, was led into Babylon, and there served the king and his sons till the reign of the king of Persia” (2 Paralipomenon 36: 14-21).

“If therefore you will hear my voice, and keep my covenant, you shall be my peculiar possession above all people: for all the earth is mine. ***And you shall be to me a priestly kingdom, and a holy nation. Those are the words thou shalt speak to the children of Israel***” (Exodus 19:5).

But in the time leading up to the Babylonian captivity, Judah’s kings became so evil God finally completely disowned that kingly line of descent, vowing no one issuing from it would ever sit on David’s throne again (Jeremiah 22: 30). In Ezekiel 21: 25-27, God tells the prophet the King’s office would be suspended until the rightful claimant to the throne appears. This of course was Christ Himself, rejected by the Jewish nation, which is why they have not possessed their land ever since. By rejecting Christ, they forfeited the promises made to their forefathers which then fell to those accepting the New Covenant.

Even before Vatican 2, many Catholics were guilty of materialism, indifference, spiritual sloth, birth control and were violating many other laws and teachings of the Church. They did not obey the popes and had little esteem for them. They did not know their faith. They were attached to religious externals and had little in way of any personal relationship with Our Lord. Bishops and priests especially were not faithful to their duties to the faithful and held ecumenical and other beliefs contrary to faith which led to the liturgical movement and Vatican 2. Sadly nearly all of us at one time have been involved in either the Novus Ordo, the Traditionalist movement or both. We too are guilty of these sins. God demands an accounting for them, far more from His Church, which was purchased at such a great price, than from the Chosen People. The Chosen People lost their temple and sacrifice on several occasions, and now we, too, have forfeited our Sacrifice. The prophet Daniel says this will happen because of our sins.

Idolatry began in the Novus Ordo church when John 23 was placed in the Canon of the Mass in 1958 as a true Pontiff and when Montini was likewise placed in the Canon and accepted by the majority of those previously Catholic as “pope.” Even those priests who left the Novus Ordo Church rather than say the new “mass” could not function for very long, because eventually any jurisdiction they possessed expired. In addition, those who joined the Traditionalist sects were guilty of *communicatio in sacris* (cooperation in a non-Catholic religion/service) and were automatically excommunicated as heretics (Can. 2314). Under Pope Pius XII’s infallible constitution *Vacantis Apostolicae Sedis*, none of those claiming to be Traditional clergy ever received valid orders.

There is another reason why 70 years is significant. If we agree with those commentators that there are two three and a half year periods, and with other commentators that both these periods are indefinite; if we then divide 70 into these two periods we have the time, times and half a time — 10, 20 and 5 = 35. Why did the first 35 years end in 1993? Because in that year the Vatican officially entered into diplomatic relations with Israel on Dec. 30. This marked the beginning of a series of events that would prepare the way for the goal Rome has been working towards since the reign of the usurpers first began — the eventual translation of the “papal throne” to Jerusalem. Benedict 16 later continued this process.

The end of the second 35-year period corresponds with the date for the completion of the New World Order — 2028-30 — But there are some very important events that take place in between. It appears we are now entering on the tail end of the second thirty-five-year period when

Antichrist consolidates his power, or as St. Francis de Sales says "...during the three and a half years that he shall **reign mightily**" (*Catholic Controversy*), Rev. Huchede admits that "***It is not known how long it will take Antichrist to achieve the conquest of the world,***" although he assumes this will happen rapidly, while noting this is only a conjecture. Some will say that the usurpers issuing from Antichrist are not him, and yet they are the heirs of his legacy and his power and are imbued with his spirit, which ultimately is the Satanic spirit. They are as much John 23rd's and Paul 6's heirs to the fullness of Satanic power as the popes were heir to Christ's own power. Unless the Church was taken out of the way, none of this could have been successful. But always the goal was to conclude with that worldwide system – why else do we know Rome today as the Novus Ordo, or New Order?

Why would Rome transfer the papacy to Jerusalem? The prophecy of the first 35 years has already been fulfilled regarding the Church in Rome, which some believe is meant by St. Paul's prediction. Antichrist will show himself in the temple of God as if he were God. But if there are two 35-year periods there also will be a second fulfillment under the reign of the wild beast, Satan, who will **attempt** to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, which other Fathers and commentators believe is the meaning of this prophecy. This will probably take place in the last three and a half years of that 35 years, but these times could be cut short at any point — either by our own death or by the Second Coming. The explanation of all this is convoluted, as one might expect; more can be read on this topic in the links below. Once again, it is all speculation, but it is based on what we see and know, here and now. "Let him who reads, understand."

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