#### **SPECIAL COMMENTARY:**

# <u>Comparative Study on Key Passages of the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse)</u> (<u>Chapters 11, 13, and 17)</u>

By a soul

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The following charts are a comparative study of the **Book of Revelation (Chapters 11, 13, and 17)** based on my understanding of various Marian apparitions, primarily, the **Book of Truth** given to **7th Messenger, Maria Divine Mercy,** and private revelation given to me (*a soul*), in comparison to modern-day Catholic biblical scholarship and Catholic tradition. It is mainly written for Catholic priests, Christian ministers, biblical scholars and Catholic theologians, as well as lay persons interested in understanding authentic teachings of the Catholic Church on the Book of Revelation.

I offer this comparative study with the complete understanding that I am not a biblical scholar and I have not been formally trained in scholarly theological research. I am simply a lay person who is interested in understanding more about my beloved Lord. I do not claim perfect discernment and I am not infallible. My interest in doing this comparative study stems from private revelation given to me as I seek to understand further my purpose and my mission from the Lord – just as every person on earth wonders what their purpose is in life.

Chapter 11 of the Book of Revelation is predominantly about the Two Witnesses of the Apocalypse. My interest in understanding more about the Two Witnesses stems from the fact that on July 13, 2008, I was visited privately by Our Lord and Our Lady and assigned a "special protector" from Heaven as I had a "special mission" to complete on earth. For two years I did not know who this special protector was. Then, on July 20, 2010, Our Lord revealed to me that my special protector was St. Elijah the Prophet from the Old Testament. Only months later did I realize that July 20th was also the feast day of St. Elijah in the Catholic Church.

I still do not know what my special mission is, but I do hope to find out when the Great Warning (Illumination of Conscience), as prophesied by Our Lady at Garabandal, Spain, in the 1960s, finally takes place on earth. In the meantime, I press on each day, working daily on my blog, *MaryRefugeOfHolyLove*, which I hope will help many people in the aftermath of the Great Warning. Perhaps, my blog is my special mission—I do not

know—but, I offer my work simply out of love for the Lord and others. I simply hope many people are blessed.

Meanwhile, knowing that St. Elijah walks with me each day, has piqued my own personal interest in the mission of the Two Witnesses. On the chart, I offer my conclusions regarding prophecies in Chapter 11, which I have discerned from my own contemplation in prayer through the years, but again, I do not claim perfect discernment. Jesus has said much about the Two Witnesses in the Book of Truth given to 7th messenger, Maria Divine Mercy, and so, if there is ever a conflict between my own understanding about Chapter 11, I ask that readers submit themselves firstly to what Jesus says in the Book of Truth, as Our Lord's holy words will always trump whatever I could ever discern from my own prayers.

Also, I do know that Our Lord has revealed much about the Book of Revelation to mystic, **Vassula Ryden,** in "**True Life In God (TLIG).**" I believe that Vassula is an authentic visionary and the holy words given to her are true. However, I have not studied much the volumes known as "True Life In God," as I have only come to know of her blessed work very recently. Thus, I am unable to add her private revelations from Our Lord and Our Lady to the different charts. But, again, if there is ever a conflict between my understanding of apocalyptic events and Our Lord's holy words, I ask that readers submit themselves to Our Lord. Again, I do not claim perfect discernment.

Chapters 13 and 17 of the Book of Revelation speak about the two beasts of the Apocalypse—the antichrist and the false prophet—as well as the "mark of the beast" and the great city, Babylon. In January 2017, I was given a series of private revelations about the Apocalypse from St. Gabriel the Archangel while I was undergoing much spiritual warfare. Much of the prophecy explanations are related to Chapters 13 and 17. And I have written them down in several recent commentaries, which are available to read freely on my blog, *MaryRefugeOfHolyLove*.

Again, I ask that readers submit themselves firstly to the holy words of Our Lord and Our Lady in the Book of Truth given to Maria Divine Mercy, and only secondarily, to whatever understanding I may have discerned privately from St. Gabriel. The Book of Truth will always trump whatever private revelations that I have received because—as I perceive it—the Book of Truth is on par at the same worth and authenticity as Holy Scripture itself. The Book of Truth is uniquely a very special gift of revelation from God.

Now, in this comparative study, I have spent several hours researching Catholic biblical scholarship on the Book of Revelation. I have relied upon seven very reputable and

well-known Catholic commentaries on Holy Scripture. They are:

The Navarre Bible (2005)
Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation (2005)
Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (2010)
Collegeville Bible Commentary (1989)
Jerome Biblical Commentary (1968)
A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture (1953)
Haydock's Catholic Bible Commentary (1859)

Unfortunately, I do not have the time nor the skill or ability to read the primary sources of the Church Fathers, the Magisterium, and biblical texts in the original Latin, Greek, and Hebrew of the past 2000 years. So, I have to rely on secondary sources—the seven commentaries that I mentioned—and simply trust that the authors have done their due diligence in correctly interpreting the original sources. However, as I said, all seven commentaries are very well-respected in the biblical field, and as I have used more than one commentary, I believe that I have gotten a very complete picture of the Catholic Church's current teachings on the Book of Revelation.

Now, as readers review the following material, I believe that they will readily discern that there is a great divergence between what Our Lord and Our Lady have said in private revelation to various chosen messengers in comparison to current Catholic biblical scholarship and Catholic teaching on the Book of Revelation. Readers need to be aware that there are three different ways—all well-grounded on the opinions of the ancient Church Fathers—on how to interpret the Book of Revelation written by St. John the Apostle:

The first way accepted by certain Church Fathers is that all the visions of the Apocalypse from the end of Chapter 3 to Chapter 20 are only to be fulfilled during the time in the future of the antichrist. Thus, the Book of Revelation cannot be understood by anyone until by the generation that lives during the time of the antichrist. However, it is unclear to me if these Church Fathers ever anticipated for the Book of Truth promised by God to the Prophet Daniel to be revealed at a later date. In my preliminary research, it seems like no one expected God to send another prophet to the world before the Second Coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. However, I need to research this fact some more before I can say this definitively.

The second way accepted by certain Church Fathers is that the visions of the Apocalypse may be applied to particular events that happened during the first three or four centuries A.D., under persecuting heathers to the early Christians, until the time of Emperor

Constantine, etc. Then the faith of Christ triumphed over all its enemies; thus, most of the visions of the Apocalypse have little application to a future date—they are historical in nature.

And finally, the third way accepted by certain Church Fathers is that the visions of the Apocalypse apply to the whole of salvation history—either from the beginning of Adam and Eve or the beginning of the Christian Church until the end of time. So, the visions are interpreted in a wide-swept symbolic and metaphorical way—not necessarily applying to individual people or particular events, but more broadly over the course of history. Thus, for example, the antichrist may not be a particular person, but rather, a symbol for political oppression or the devil in general.

Thus, these three ways of the interpreting the Book of Revelation by the Church Fathers needed to be considered by readers as they examine and discern for themselves the following charts about the various chapters of the Apocalypse.

However, I will say this very plainly... While I was completing these charts, I became very concerned about the current state (plight) of the Catholic Church. It is very clear that what Our Lord and Our Lady have been revealing about the Apocalypse to various chosen messengers is very different from the current teaching of the Magisterium on the Book of the Revelation. As I discovered these differences, I realized very profoundly why the Book of Truth given to 7th messenger, Maria Divine Mercy, has been condemned by different Catholic Bishops as heresy. Frankly, I became shocked, as I read the different biblical interpretations accepted by current mainstream scholars. I thought to myself, if these interpretations are what is currently being taught in seminaries, no wonder, the Catholic Church is in trouble. I realized that many people—especially, our clergy, are really quite blind to the wisdom of Heaven. I realized very profoundly how satan has poisoned the minds of our priests.

Finally, at the end of this comparative study, I have included links to the various commentaries that I have written which will shed light—giving more details on the prophecy explanations that I have shared briefly in the various charts. I invite people to read them to learn more deeply why I said the things that I said. That way, readers will be able to better discern these prophecies for themselves.

At the end, I have also included a few relevant messages from Our Lord and Our Lady found in the Book of Truth. After reviewing the charts, these heavenly messages will take on a more sharper meaning and deeper clarity, as readers will understand chiefly, why Our Lord chose Maria Divine Mercy, a lay woman who never read the Holy Bible and claims no knowledge about Holy Scripture, to impart the Book of Truth; and why,

Our Lord has said such things as, His sacred servants would "crucify" Him again if He were to walk the earth again, and how they pay "lip service" to what the Second Coming really means. For myself, after doing this comparative study, I realized how profoundly blind the Pharisees must have been and how the modern-day Church is repeating the Pharisees' mistakes.

Thank you very much for considering this work.

#### God bless!

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CATHOLIC COMMENTARIES USED / Abbreviations	
The Navarre Bible: The Revelation to John (The Apocalypse) (2005) (St. Josemaría Escrivá)	Navarre
Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation (2005) - by Michael Barber	Barber
The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The New Testament (2010) - by Scott Hahn and Mitch Curtis	Ignatius
The Collegeville Bible Commentary (1989)	Collegeville
The Jerome Biblical Commentary (1968)	Jerome
A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture (1953)	1953 Commentary
Haydock's Catholic Bible Commentary (1859) - By Rev. George Leo Haydock	Haydock

## New American Bible Book of Revelation, Chapter 11

#### The Two Witnesses.

I Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff and I was told, "Come and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count those who are worshiping in it. 2 But exclude the outer court of the temple; do not measure it, for it has been handed over to the Gentiles, who will trample the holy city for forty-two months. 3 I will commission my two witnesses to prophesy for those twelve hundred and sixty days, wearing sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes out of their mouths and devours their enemies. In this way, anyone wanting to harm them is sure to be slain. 6 They have the power to close up the sky so that no rain can fall during the time of their prophesying. They also have power to turn water into blood and to afflict the earth with any plague as often as they wish.

7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the abyss will wage war against them and conquer them and kill them. 8 Their corpses will lie in the main street of the great city, which has the symbolic names "Sodom" and "Egypt," where indeed their Lord was crucified. 9 Those from every people, tribe, tongue, and nation will gaze on their corpses for three and a half days, and they will not allow their corpses to be buried. 10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and be glad and exchange gifts because these two prophets tormented the inhabitants of the earth. 11 But after the three and a half days, a breath of life from God entered them. When they stood on their feet, great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, "Come up here." So they went up to heaven in a cloud as their enemies looked on. 13 At that moment there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell in ruins. Seven thousand people were killed during the earthquake; the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe has passed, but the third is coming soon.

# The Seventh Trumpet.

15 Then the <u>seventh angel blew his trumpet.</u> There were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world now belongs to our Lord and to his Anointed, and he will reign forever and ever." 16 The twenty-four elders who sat on their thrones before God

prostrated themselves and worshiped God 17 and said:

"We give thanks to you, Lord God almighty, who are and who were.
For you have assumed your great power and have established your reign.
18 The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to recompense your servants, the prophets, and the holy ones and those who fear your name, the small and the great alike, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm.

<b>BOOK OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 11</b>		
Book of Truth (Maria Divine Mercy), Marian Apparitions, and by <i>a soul</i>	Catholic Tradition and Modern-Day Catholic Scholarship	
Identity of the Two Witnesses		
Remnant Christian Church and House of Israel – those united by the Book of Truth	Henoch (Enoch) and Elias (Elijah) (commonly understood) (Catholic	
and other authentic Marian missions	Tradition – Haydock)	
(Jesus to Maria Divine Mercy, Book of		
Truth)*	Elijah and Enoch, Moses, or Prophet	
	Esdras (Ezra) (Catholic Tradition – 1953	
Elijah and Enoch (Mystic St. Anne	Commentary)	
Catherine Emmerich, Private	• /	
Revelation—Tradition)*	Some believe two historical individuals: either two unknown martyrs or two figures	
Moses "Law" and Elijah "Prophets" (Jesus	from the Old Testament (Moses and Elijah	
to Mystic Vassula Ryden, True Life in	or Enoch and Elijah) (Catholic Tradition	
God)*	– Ignatius)	
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ and	Elijah and Moses – Book of Jude, Chapter	
Immaculate Heart of Mary (Jesus to	9, alludes to assumption of Moses into	

# Mystic Vassula Ryden, True Life in God)\*

Two unknown individuals that personify and embody the entire teaching and faith of the Christian Church (Jesus to Mystic Maria Valtorta, Poem of the Man-God)\*

Unknown priest-son "Pope of Fatima" and unknown lay woman (By a soul based in part on Jesus and Mary in Locutions To The World; See Commentary #7)\*

(\*) Reason so many answers exist is to protect the humility of the Two Witnesses from satan – By *a soul*, See Commentaries #2 and #5

Heaven (Jewish tradition) and fiery chariot as assumption into Heaven for Elijah (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Symbolizes Moses (Law) and Elijah (Prophets); Old Testament: Vision of Moses and Elijah at Transfiguration; New Testament (Gospels): Return of Moses and Elijah in the New Age as John the Baptist (Elijah) and Jesus (Moses) (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

St. Peter and St. Paul suffering martyrdom in Rome mentioned symbolically as the Great City later in Book of Revelation (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

The prophetic witness of the Catholic Church – present at the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and throughout Her sacred mission until end of time (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Prophet Ezekiel had to prophesy against two false teachers to Jerusalem who die – Two Witnesses may be an anti-type against such false teachers to Jerusalem (Catholic Modern – Collegeville)

Entire passage (Book of Revelation, Chapter 11) about Two Witnessed is mythical based on traditional Jewish storytelling pattern (Catholic Modern – Collegeville)

# 1260 days of testimony

Literally, 1260 days of testimony during Great Tribulation – corresponds to the reign of the antichrist (By *a soul* based on

Symbolic time period: 42 months/1260 days refers to desecration of Jewish temple by Antiochus IV Epiphanes who

# **Book of Truth; See Commentaries #2, 3, 9)**

Less than 3 and 1/2 years during the reign of the antichrist – Jesus will increase the spinning of Earth on its axis making the days shorter (Jesus to Prophet John Leary)

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persecuted the Jews for 3 and 1/2 years B.C. (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Symbolic 3 and 1/2 years – "persecution time" stereotyped since original 3 and 1/2 years Jewish persecution under Antiochus IV Epiphanes (June 168 to December 165 B.C.) (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

3 and 1/2 half years – half of seven – symbolizes things are precarious and transitory; Derived from the Jewish persecution by Antiochus IV Epiphanes lasted (June 168 to December 165 B.C.) – persecution of Antiochus became the type for subsequent periods of opposition which are only for a limited time (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Symbolically, a "limited" period of time; or, more likely, stands for the duration of Christian Church's sufferings in the course of history (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Taken literally, Roman conquest of Jerusalem in 70 AD; Taken symbolically, persecution of the saints throughout time whose destiny is the heavenly Jerusalem (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

# Wearing sackcloth

Not literal sackcloth – clothed in sackcloth means personifying Great Commandments of Holy Love\* which is the greatest penance "dying to oneself" (By a soul based on Jesus to Holy Love Ministries; See Commentary #3)\*

Literal sackcloth is worn as sign of mourning and repentance (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

Symbolically clothed in sackcloth – Catholic Church must practice and preach penance to bear witness (Catholic

# (\*) Great Commandments of Holy Love is to love God above all else and neighbor as self (Holy Love Ministries)

#### Tradition – Jerome)

Sackcloth is symbolic for calling people to penance (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Sackcloth is symbolic sign of repentance in face of coming Divine Judgment – Old Testament bears witness against Israel (Jerusalem); Christians are witnesses of Gospel in Jerusalem (first century) calling for Jews to repent and convert (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

## Two olive trees and two lampstands before the Lord

"Two olive trees" are Old Jerusalem and the New Israel (**Book of Truth**)

"Two lamps" are the traditional True Christian Church and followers of Christ cast aside by the false prophet (**Book of Truth**)

"Two olive trees" represent "Peace of the Lord" which the Two Witnesses herald to the world (By a soul discerned from story of Noah and the Flood in Book of Genesis, Chapter 8; See Commentary #3)

"Two lampstands" represent "suffering" and "brotherly love" bore by the Two Witnesses as they call the world to repentance and Holy Love\*; The Two Witnesses personify on an individual level the two most pleasing Churches to the Lord of the Seven Churches in Book of Revelation; The Two Churches are Smyrna ("Suffering Church") and Philadelphia ('Church of Brotherly Love") (By a soul

"Two olive trees" means flourishing with works of piety and mercy; "two lampstands" means shining with faith and good works (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

"Olive trees" continually provide oil for "two lamps" – meaning Jewish Temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt despite opposition and resistance because of God's anointing (Zechariah, Chapter 4) (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Represents twofold mission of Catholic Church to be royal and priestly witness to Gospel – originally derived from "two olive trees" that symbolize two anointed leaders of Israel who helped rebuild the nation after Babylonian exile: royal governor, Zerubbabel, and high priest, Joshua (Zechariah, Chapter 4) (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

Symbolically, Christian Church and Christian witness – "two olive trees" and

# discerned from Book of Revelation, Chapters 1-3; See Commentary #3)

"two lampstands" represent Zerubbabel and Joshua, two anointed servants of the Lord; seven-branched lampstand represents God, who inspires and strengthens these two leaders, whom political and religious reconstruction of Israel was entrusted (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

#### Fire coming from their mouths to devour enemies

Not literal fire; Refers to speaking with the Divine Fire of the Holy Spirit (**Book of Truth**)

Not literal fire but divine fire of speaking the Truth (By a soul discerned in part on Holy Scripture; See Commentary #7)

"Fire will come out of their mouths" — Christians who acknowledge God cannot be killed so long as their testimony remains incomplete; Witnesses kill by fire of the word that they proclaim (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

### Identity of the beast from the abyss

Beast is the antichrist who is a demon incarnate and Muslim leader (Jesus to Prophet John Leary)\*

Beast is the antichrist who is a demon incarnate that poses as Jesus Christ (Book of Truth)\*

(\*) The antichrist is the Jesus of the Koran—both the Madhi (military hero) and Isa (Jesus) of Islamic End-Times prophecies (By a soul, See Commentary #4)

Beast is antichrist inspired by satan on earth (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Beast is the enemy of the Christian Church and enemy of God who is revealed later in Book of Revelation as the dragon (satan) (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Beast represents the Roman empire which Christians live in and imperial ideology against they must struggle (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Mythical beast embodies Roman imperial power and its deadly conflict with the truth of God's sovereignty (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Great City - symbolic names "Sodom" and Egypt"

Great City is both Rome and Jerusalem; Rome is the home of First Witness, the Remnant Christian Church: Jerusalem is the home of Second Witness, House of Israel (Book of Truth)

Great City is Jerusalem (By a soul discerned from Locutions To The World and Catholic Tradition; See **Commentary #8)** 

# Jerusalem (Catholic Tradition - various sources)

Great City is any city or any nation where Christians are persecuted; the whole world is the city of devil and evildoers (Catholic **Tradition – Navarre)** 

Figuratively, unbelieving world, Sodom and Egypt are places infamous in the Bible for moral depravity and oppressive slavery (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

Great City – entire passage applies to universal Christian Church fulfilling the office of witness before a world hostile to God – testimony may lead to martyrdom but unshakeable confidence in Divine Protection assures her sacrifice will result in complete victory and further glory of God (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Great City which suggests both Rome and Jerusalem is the pagan world (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Rome, in mystical sense, called "Sodom" for its infamous crimes and "Egypt" for persecution of the martyrs – members of Body of Jesus Christ (Catholic Tradition - Haydock)

# Every people, tribe, tongue, and nation – inhabitants of the earth will gaze upon their bodies

True Faith of God embodied in His Two Witnesses—the Remnant Christian Church and House of Israel—are viciously attacked and cast aside by the false prophet century A.D.) (Catholic Tradition – and antichrist; They will appear to have

Inhabitants of the earth are either Gentiles in general or Diaspora Jews living among them throughout the Roman world (First **Ignatius**)

died at the very end of the Great Tribulation like corpses left in the streets of Rome and Jerusalem – their demise celebrated by the world over (**Book of Truth**)

Jews, Muslims, atheists, and pagans around the world will see the martyrdom of the Two Witnesses (By *a soul*, See Commentaries #3, 4, 6, 8, 9)

# Death for 3 and 1/2 days then breath of life from God resurrects them

When the True Faith has all but seemed to have disappeared and died then the three days of darkness will occur and the Great Day will dawn resulting in the Victory of the True Church with the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Book of Truth)

Literally, 3 and 1/2 days – Two Witnesses descend to Purgatory to announce Second Coming of Jesus Christ to poor souls, then are resurrected and assumed into Heaven (By a soul, See Commentary #9)

Literally, 3 and 1/2 days and then resurrection/assumption into Heaven (Catholic Tradition – various sources)

Symbolically, resurrection of bodies by breath of the Holy Spirit and assumption "in a cloud" foretells restoration of faithful Israel to Christian Church — anticipates how all saints will ascend to glory after General Resurrection (Final Judgment) (Catholic Tradition — Ignatius)

Death of the Two Witnesses symbolizes all the prophets who warned Israel to repent and were killed; Resurrection of the Two Witnesses refers to Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the True Witness; Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 27, Verses 52-53, indicates a great earthquake and many bodies of the saints were raised and appeared to many people in Jerusalem at the Death of Jesus – by rejecting Christ and delivering Him into the hands of Pontius Pilate, Jerusalem (Israel) set itself up for Divine Judgment – all that remains is 3rd woe of the Apocalypse during the End Times (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

#### People were terrified and gave glory to God

Jerusalem will be saved by the martyrdom of the "Pope of Fatima," which will result in unification of the Christian Church and the House of Israel (Jesus and Mary in Locutions To The World)

Jews, Muslims, atheists, and pagans will be converted by the resurrection of the Two Witnesses (By a soul discerned in part from Locutions To The World; See Commentaries #3, 4, 6, 8, 9) Tenth of the city dies in earthquake, which represents seven-fold judgment; rest of people gave glory to God – only chastisement in Book of Revelation that leads some to repentance (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

"Gave glory to God" – the wicked acknowledge their sinfulness at the end – the nations worship, but out of fear and are not saved by it – judgment is too late – (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Great earthquake is symbolic and often used by prophets indicate social or spiritual upheavals; Seven thousand people killed is symbolic for great throng composed of all social classes (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Seven thousand people killed – figurative number meaning many people (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

# **Seventh Trumpet**

Seventh trumpet is Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Book of Truth)

Seventh trumpet is third woe – full manifestation of God's Kingdom on earth; Recalls two stories in Old Testament: 1) Collapse of walled city of Jericho giving Israel decisive hold on Promised Land was followed by seven trumpet blasts; and 2) Dream of Nebuchadnezzer (Book of Daniel, Chapter 2) in which the Eternal Kingdom of God destroys the godless kingdoms of the world (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

Second woe is persecution of antichrist; Third woe is Day of Judgment near at hand (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Third woe (seventh trumpet) is the universal judgment on Last Day – Kingdom of God comes into its fullness and the righteous will reign forever with Christ (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

The seventh trumpet's blast corresponds to the seventh seal of the Apocalypse (Book of Revelation, Chapter 8) – Final Consummation of salvation history (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

## **Identity of the 7th angel**

7th messenger (angel) is Final End-Time Prophet, Maria Divine Mercy (Book of Truth)

7<sup>th</sup> angel is a heavenly angel – one of many in the Book of Revelation (Catholic Tradition)

## 7th angel blows his trumpet

Maria Divine Mercy will announce the Second Coming after the Three Days of Darkness (Book of Truth)

The seventh trumpet's blast corresponds to the seventh seal of the Apocalypse (Book of Revelation, Chapter 8) – the consummation of salvation history (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

A heavenly angel heralds on a trumpet the beginning of Christ assuming His Heavenly Throne – the Lamb of God is worthy to rule – vision proclaims the present sovereignty of the Lamb over history (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

# New American Bible Book of Revelation, Chapter 13

#### The First Beast.

I Then I saw a beast come out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads; on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads blasphemous name[s]. 2 The beast I saw was like a leopard, but it had feet like a bear's, and its mouth was like the mouth of a lion. To it the dragon gave its own power and throne, along with great authority. 3 I saw that one of its heads seemed to have been mortally wounded, but this mortal wound was healed. Fascinated, the whole world followed after the beast. 4 They worshiped the dragon because it gave its authority to the beast; they also worshiped the beast and said, "Who can compare with the beast or who can fight against it?"

5 The beast was given a mouth uttering proud boasts and blasphemies, and it was given authority to act for forty-two months. 6 It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling and those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was also allowed to wage war against the holy ones and conquer them, and it was granted authority over every tribe, people, tongue, and nation. 8 All the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, all whose names were not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life, which belongs to the Lamb who was slain.

9 Whoever has ears ought to hear these words. 10 Anyone destined for captivity goes into captivity. Anyone destined to be slain by the sword shall be slain by the sword.

Such is the faithful endurance of the holy ones.

#### **The Second Beast.**

11 Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb's but spoke like a dragon. 12 It wielded all the authority of the first beast in its sight and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. 13 It performed great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of everyone. 14 It deceived the inhabitants of the earth with the signs it was allowed to perform in the sight of the first beast, telling them to make an image for the beast who had been wounded by the sword and revived. 15 It was then permitted to breathe life into the beast's image, so that the beast's image could speak and [could] have anyone who did not worship it put to death. 16 It forced all the people, small and

great, rich and poor, free and slave, to be given a stamped image on their right hands or their foreheads, 17 so that no one could buy or sell except one who had the stamped image of the beast's name or the number that stood for its name.

18 Wisdom is needed here; one who understands can calculate the **number of the beast**, for it is a **number that stands for a person. His number is six hundred and sixty-six.** 

BOOK OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 13		
Book of Truth (Maria Divine Mercy), Marian Apparitions, and by <i>a soul</i>	Catholic Tradition and Modern-Day Catholic Scholarship	
Identity of the first beast		
First beast is the antichrist who is a demon incarnate and Muslim leader (Jesus to Prophet John Leary)*	Majority of Church Fathers see first beast as the antichrist (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)	
First beast is the antichrist who is a demon incarnate that poses as Jesus Christ in the flesh (Book of Truth)*	Identity of the first beast is uncertain, may be the antichrist (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)	
(*) The antichrist is the Jesus of the Koran—both the Madhi (military hero) and Isa (Jesus) of Islamic End Time prophecies are the same person (By <i>a soul</i> , See Commentary #4)	First beast is a combination of all four beasts of Prophet Daniel, Chapter 7 (Catholic Tradition – Barber)  First beast symbolizes various empires that overran Israel (related to fourth beast of Prophet Daniel, Chapter 7) (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)	
	In Prophet Daniel, four beasts mean four different empires; for John the Apostle in the Apocalypse, all symbols of the beasts are combined into one empire, collectively, Roman Empire (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)	
	If first beast is the 4th beast of Prophet Daniel, Chapter 7, then it is Rome; Four	

beasts (nations) of Daniel that come to

oppose Israel, like a lion (Babylon), like a bear (Medo-Persia), like a leopard (Greece), and had ten horns (Rome) (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

First beast is Rome which is symbol for any state turns away from God and persecutes His people; Represents corrupt political government (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

First beast is Roman Empire – archetype of secular powers that persecute the Church (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

First beast comes out of the sea; "sea" often implies Gentile origin; first beast symbolizes Gentle powers, arising out of the seas (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

First beast – sea beast – is demonic rival that mimics the Lamb (1) The Lamb is worshiped by angels and saints (Revelation 5:14), while the beast is worshiped by the wicked (13:4); (2) the Lamb was slain and rose again (5:6), while the beast was mortally wounded and recovered (13:3); (3) the Lamb sits on the throne of his Father (3:21), while the beast shares a throne with the dragon (13:2); (4) the Lamb redeems believers from every tribe and nation (5:9), while the beast has temporal authority over every tribe and nation (13:7); (5) the Lamb is worthy of power and glory from God (5:12), while the beast receives power and authority from the dragon (13:2); (6) the name of the Lamb is stamped on the foreheads of the saints (14:1), while the number of the beast is branded on brows of sinners (13:16–18)

#### (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

First beast is a double parody of both emperor and false messiah, antichrist; following the beast is not just a sign of loyalty to the empire but a parody of true Christian discipleship (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

First beast symbolizes political power taken to such an extreme that it supplants God (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

First beast is probably the whole company of infidels, enemies and persecutors of the people of God from the beginning to the end of the world (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Beasts stand for those who in the course of history embodied powers of evil in one way or another, starting with Roman empire to today in Marxism (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Description of the head of dragon (satan) (Book of Revelation, Chapter 12) is the same as the first beast showing they are undoubtedly connected with one another (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

First beast is similar in appearance to dragon in Book of Revelation, Chapter 12, but not exactly – beast is an instrument of the devil (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

#### **Identity of the dragon**

Dragon is satan (**Book of Truth**)

Dragon is the devil (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

#### Dragon gave its power, throne, and authority to the first beast

Satan will gave all his powers to the antichrist made possible through the black mass (occult worship) in the false Catholic Church (By *a soul* based in part on Book of Truth; See Commentary #1)

"Dragon gave his power" – investiture of the beast is opposed to enthronement of the Lamb – dragon, prince of world, presumes to claim temporal powers (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Dragon's authority comes to rest in two beasts, one from the sea and one from the earth; The beasts symbolize the antichrist and false prophet of the end time in Jewish apocalyptic visions at the same time as they are the final embodiment of imperial power opposed to the rule of God, the final beast of Daniel's visions (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

# One of the heads of the first beast was mortally wounded

The antichrist is a demon incarnate – the spawn of satan with a human female; Demon incarnates are the Nephilim mentioned in the Book of Genesis – they finally disappeared from the face of the earth due to the protecting power of the Real Presence of the Holy Eucharist during the past 2000 years (By a soul, See Commentary #1)

Wound on head may refer to some particular political crisis, like assassination of Julius Caesar or disturbances after death of Caesar Nero (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Wound by the sword – allusion to Caesar Nero's suicide by sword (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Eastern myth that Caesar Nero did not die but escaped east to later turn as savior of the eastern people (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

#### First beast whose mortal wound was healed

The antichrist is a demon incarnate – the spawn of satan with a human female; Due

Mortal wound healed and cured is either the antichrist or one of the kings (heads) to the abuses of the Holy Eucharist primarily by the clergy during the past half century, satan was able to counter the protecting effects of the Holy Eucharist and spawn a demon incarnate (By *a soul*, See Commentary #1)

cured by the devil and diabolical arts after a mortal wound (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Mortal wound healed – mimic Lamb of God – may refer to some definite event to Roman Empire – cure of the first beast excites world wide admiration and leads to adoration of dragon and beast (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

"Mortal wound" is sixth king, Nero, seventh king is Galba who reigned only a little while six months; Suicide of Nero ended the dynastic line of Julius Caesar whose unbroken line of succession provided stability to the Roman Empire; Nero's suicide through Roman Empire into chaos and state of civil wars; All expected the beast to die yet he recovered – Roman Empire was expected to fall with death of Nero yet it survived which seemed miraculous (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Mortal wound healed not only refers to legends about Caesar Nero but parodies the true healing of mortality in the resurrection of Christ, who died and now lives (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Mortal wound healed – some understand as the idolatry of Roman empire (sixth head) which was dealt a mortal wound by Emperor Constantine, but then healed again by Emperor Julian the apostate (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

## "Who can compare to the beast?"

Deliberate mockery by satan of St.

"Who is like the beast" refers to St.

Michael the Archangel whose name means, "Who can compare to God?" (By a soul based on Catholic Tradition; See Commentary #1)

Michael the Archangel's name (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

"Who is like the beast" is a parody of St. Michael the Archangel (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

"Who is like" is parody of honors due to Lamb and God Himself (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

# Forty-two months reign of the first beast

Literal 42-months – same time-period 1260 days as the mission of the Two Witnesses (By *a soul* based on Book of Truth; See Commentaries #3 and #9)

Less than 3 and 1/2 years during the reign of the antichrist – Jesus will increase the spinning of Earth on its axis making the days shorter (Jesus to Prophet John Leary)

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42-months is a stereotype of earlier Jewish persecution (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

42-months is symbolic for a "short time" (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

42-months signifies a time of tribulation (Book of Daniel); Appears Caesar Nero persecution of Christians in Rome actually lasted 42-months (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Symbolic 42-months represents the time of authority given any hostile power (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

42-months is symbolic of the duration of the Church Militant on earth (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

First beast (political absolutionism and tyranny) is active throughout course of history and present throughout the world (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

# **Identity of the second beast**

Second beast is the false prophet – antipope of the Catholic Church (Pope Francis) (Jesus in Book of Truth)

Identity of the second beast may be the antichrist's false prophet, some famous impostor and magician in the antichrist's time who will do great wonders and signs (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Second beast represents false religious authority – the false prophet (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Second beast is the false prophet identified later in Book of Revelation, Chapters 16 and 19; stands for pride of earthly glory – "two horns like a lamb" is hypocritical sanctity lacking real wisdom; uncertain if refers to a specific individual or group of people; symbolic for political-religious regimes of emperor worship (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Second beast is the false prophet - personification of the antichrist in the religious sphere, embodied in pagan priesthood which endeavored to draw all men to cult of the emperor (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Second beast comes from land which represents corrupt religious leaders in Jerusalem; Jerusalem is "false prophet" (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Second beast comes from the earth – probably refers to Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Second beast comes from the land, likely comes from Asia (relative to St. John the Apostle who wrote Book of Revelation); a high-priest of emperor-worship of the East

# (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

Second beast – land beast – power is used to promote false worship – represents religious entity subordinate to secular state embodied by the first beast (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

Beasts stand for those who in the course of history embodied powers of evil in one way or another, starting with Roman empire to day in Marxism (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Second beast symbolizes forces of evil who defend, justify and propagate deification of power (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Second beast is a kind of demonic parody of the Lamb (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Second beast may be a collective like the first beast of civil and religious authority in Asia (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

# Second beast wielded all the authority of the first beast

The false prophet will form a global partnership with the antichrist uniting politics with religion and the economy (Jesus in Book of Truth)

Second beast is a delegate of the first beast, as the first beast is a delegate of the dragon (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

As false prophet, the second beast sets himself up against God's prophets and therefore mimics the Two Witnesses, Book of Revelation, Chapter 11 – he

demonstrates a special fire, stands in the presence of the dragon, and gives breath to a statue of the beast making it come to life (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Miracles performed by the second beast are likely conjuring tricks used (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

Second beast is a pretender of imitating Christ by outward sanctity, but may be understood as heathenish priests and magicians, principal promoters both of idolatry and persecution (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

The dragon's authority comes to rest in two beasts, one from the sea and one from the earth; The beasts symbolize the antichrist and false prophet of the end time in Jewish apocalyptic visions at the same time as they are the final embodiment of imperial power opposed to the rule of God, the final beast of Daniel's visions. (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Second beast is Rome which embodies world power that sets itself up as an evil substitute for Christ; close association with dragon (devil) shows Rome's dominion comes from satan (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Second beast represents the power of the empire as it was exercised by local authorities (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Second beast made all the inhabitants of the earth worship the first beast

The false prophet will declare that the antichrist is Jesus Christ in the flesh causing people to worship the antichrist as God (Jesus in Book of Truth)

The false prophet will institute the black mass (occult worship) in the false Catholic Church (By a soul based on Book of Truth; See Commentary #1)

As false prophet and religious leader, the second beast causes the inhabitants of earth to worship the first beast instead of God, much like chief priests of Jerusalem incited the people to shout blasphemous words, "We have no king but Caesar" – Caesar wanted sacrificial worship which the chief priests gave him when they handed over the Lamb of God (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Second beast is Rome which embodies world power that sets itself up as an evil substitute for Christ; close association with dragon (devil) shows Rome's dominion comes from satan (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

# Stamped image "mark of the beast" on the right hand or forehead for buying and selling

Mark of the beast is a physicallyembedded microchip that causes spiritual death (Jesus to Prophet John Leary)

Mark of the beast is a physicallyembedded microchip that causes spiritual death (Jesus in Book of Truth)

Mark of the beast is a physicallyembedded microchip that causes spiritual death (God the Father to Holy Family Refuge)

Mark of the beast "angel chip" is a physically-embedded microchip that causes spiritual death (Mary to Holy Love Ministries)

Mark of the beast controls people by

Mark of the beast was the coin that had the emperor's image on one side which was a means of veneration (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Mark of the beast – mockery of the seal of baptism – likely a forced registration of the citizenry at the time, like the branded Jews in 217 B.C. who submitted to registration with the 'stamp' of the god Dionysos (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

Mark of the beast is sign for apostasy (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

Mark of the beast probably refers to exclusion of Christians from social life (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

demonic voices from cell towers, etc. (Jesus to Prophet John Leary)

Mark of the beast causes demonic possession (Jesus in Book of Truth)

Mark of the beast causes demonic possession – free-will is fully controlled by satanic will (By *a soul* based in part on Book of Truth; See Commentary #1)

Mark of the beast is taken like a vaccination and causes a deadly disease (Book of Truth)

Mark of the beast vaccination carries mercury that makes people susceptible to microwaves, etc., in cell towers and electronic devices causing cancer and other diseases (Jesus to Holy Family Refuge)

Mark of the beast is a deliberate mocking of the Sign of the Cross (symbolizes Baptism) made by Christians over themselves (By *a soul*, See Commentary #1)

# Identity of the beast who is a person whose number is 666

"666" represents the fallen angelic person satan (By *a soul* based in part on Book of Truth; See Commentary #1)

In both Hebrew and Latin, letters of the alphabet were also used as numbers – "666" fits with name Caesar Nero in Hebrew; in some manuscripts it is written "616" which fits Caesar Nero in Greek (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Many possibilities, unclear who is "666" (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Beast is symbolic of sinful humanity;

Adam was created with the beasts on the sixth day and seventh day (rest) was the goal God had for Adam to strive towards; Six days Adam was to work and reign as king with dominion over Creation; Seventh day represented his priestly calling; Falling in grace, Adam remained on the sixth day – day of the beast; 6 is the number of the beast; in most basic level "beast" symbolizes man's fallenness (Catholic

**Tradition – Barber)** 

Solomon amassed "six hundred and sixty six talents of gold" in taxes in one year (1 Kings 10:14); This is the only other place in the Bible where "666" occurs. Solomon, king of Israel, known for his great and holy wisdom, slowly slipped into sin (greed) and went from being a type of Christ to a symbol of the antichrist; He, who was called to be a priest-king like Melchizedek, ultimately chose to be king instead of priest; The connection with Solomon is underscored by John's mention that "wisdom" is necessary to discern the beast's identity, something famously attributed to Solomon; Solomon, then, like Adam, failed to fulfill his vocation by preferring earthly goods to heavenly ones. (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Number 666 refers to Caesar Nero and is not a prediction of the future (Catholic **Modern – Collegeville)** 

**New American Bible** Book of Revelation, Chapter 17

#### **Babylon the Great.**

1 Then one of the seven angels who were holding the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come here. I will show you the judgment on the great harlot who lives near the many waters. 2 The kings of the earth have had intercourse with her, and the inhabitants of the earth became drunk on the wine of her harlotry." 3 Then he carried me away in spirit to a deserted place where I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names, with seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was wearing purple and scarlet and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls. She held in her hand a gold cup that was filled with the abominable and sordid deeds of her harlotry. 5 On her forehead was written a name, which is a mystery, "Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth." 6 I saw that the woman was drunk on the blood of the holy ones and on the blood of the witnesses to Jesus.

#### Meaning of the Beast and Harlot.

When I saw her I was greatly amazed. 7 The angel said to me, "Why are you amazed? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, the beast with the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 The beast that you saw existed once but now <mark>exists no longer. It will come up from the abyss</mark> and is headed for destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world shall be amazed when they see the beast, because it existed once but exists no longer, and yet it will come again. 9 Here is a clue for one who has wisdom. The seven heads represent seven hills upon which the woman sits. They also represent seven kings: 10 five have already fallen, one still lives, and the last has not vet come, and when he comes he must remain only a short while. 11 The beast that existed once but exists no longer is an eighth king, but really belongs to the seven and is headed for destruction. 12 The ten horns that you saw represent ten kings who have not vet been crowned; they will receive royal authority along with the beast for one hour. 13 They are of one mind and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will fight with the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and king of kings, and those with him are called, chosen, and faithful."

15 Then he said to me, "The waters that you saw where the harlot lives represent large numbers of peoples, nations, and tongues. 16 The ten horns that you saw and the beast will hate the harlot; they will leave her desolate and naked; they will eat her flesh and consume her with fire. 17 For God has put it into their minds to carry out his purpose and to make them come to an agreement to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are accomplished. 18 The woman whom you saw represents the great city that has sovereignty over the kings of the earth."

BOOK OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 17		
Book of Truth (Maria Divine Mercy), Marian Apparitions, and by a soul	Catholic Tradition and Modern-Day Catholic Scholarship	
Identity of Babylon the Great (woman represents a great city)		
Babylon the Great is Rome (Book of Truth)	Babylon is Rome (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)	
	Rome is called Babylon because Babylon was the prototype of cities hostile to God – characterized by its wealth, immoral influence, impurity, and horrendous crimes against Christian martyrs (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)	
	Babylon is either the city of the devil in general or if a particular city, pagan Rome (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)	
	Babylon is the multinational Roman Empire (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)	
	Babylon is Jerusalem – the New Babylon; "sea" and "waters" represent Gentile nations; "many waters" shows how Jerusalem has set itself up on Gentile authority (Catholic Tradition – Barber)	
	Babylon is Jerusalem who has "spiritual" dominion over the kings of the earth — God's holy city; Since Jerusalem was called to lead the nations back to God as the Lord's light to them, she was given a sacred authority over them, yet the "great city" turned sinful — a hypocrite and bastion of wickedness; by forsaking God, she condemned herself to judgment and also led the Gentiles into blindness; thus,	

Jerusalem is the "false prophet" (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Constantinople will be the capital of the antichrist (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

#### Beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries the woman

Beast is the antichrist who will rule the world from Rome (Book of Truth)

Beast is the antichrist (Catholic Tradition)

Beast that supports Babylon may signify the power of the devil exerted itself under the antichrist (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Beast is a symbol of the Roman Empire (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

### Beast once existed but no longer exists and yet comes once again from the abyss

Beast is the antichrist who is a demon incarnate – the spawn of satan with a human female; Due to the abuses of the Holy Eucharist primarily by the clergy during the past half century, satan was able to counter the protecting effects of the Holy Eucharist during the past 2000 years and finally spawn one demon incarnate (By a soul, See Commentary #1)

Beast is legend of Caesar Nero returning as the head of the Parthians to avenge himself on his enemies in Rome (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Beast parodies the Lord who is the One who "was and is and is to come" (Book of Revelation Chapters 1:8 and 4:8) by being called the one who "was, and is not, and is to ascend from the bottomless pit"; prediction of the beast who will die "is not" then revived from the pit refers to the emergence of the Roman Empire after the chaos following suicide of Caesar Nero – those who thought Rome would fall will "wonder" in amazement at its resurgence (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Seven heads of the beast represents seven hills that the woman sits on

Seven heads/hills that the woman sits on is another way of naming Rome – the great city surrounded physically by seven hills (By *a soul* based on Catholic Tradition; See Commentary #1)

"Seven hills" is Rome (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

"Seven hills" refers to both Rome and Jerusalem noting that Jerusalem sits on seven hills according to one rabbinic tradition; It is possible to identity Jerusalem as the harlot city who joins forces with the beastly power of Rome (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

Constantinople which is surrounded by seven hills will be the capital of the antichrist (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

#### Seven hills represents seven kings

Seven hills/kings are popes of the Catholic Church (By *a soul*, See Commentary #1)

Seven hills/kings are Roman emperors (Catholic Tradition)

Number of heads (hills/kings) does not match a strictly historical account of Roman emperors – best represents all emperors up to the time of Domitian (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Read symbolically, "seven kings" represents all earthly kings, all Roman emperors, or all empires of history until the end of time (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

# Identity of the (seven heads/hills) five fallen kings, one king still lives, and last king will only remain short while

Five fallen kings are the popes who were given time to do the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (according to Our Lady of Fatima 1917) but never completed the act properly; king

Seven kings are chief supporters of idolatry, and the most virulent persecutors of the Christian religion; Their names were Nero, Domitian, Severus, Decius, Valerian, Dioclesian and Antichrist – Five of them

that still lives is Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; and the last king is the false prophet, Pope Francis (By *a soul*, See Commentary #1)

are fallen or gone, viz. Nero, Domitian, Severus, Decius, Valerian, who supported the idolatrous empire for a time; one is, viz. Dioclesian, with whom the reign of idolatry falls; and the other is not yet come, that is, antichrist (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Seven hills are seven Roman emperors – first five fallen are Caligua, Claudius, Nero, Vespasian, and Titus; one alive at St. John the Apostle's writing is Domitian; seventh to come is Nerva (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

Sixth king is Caesar Nero who was reigning when St. John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation; afterwards, Emperor Galba reigned only six months fulfilling "when he (seventh king) comes must remain only a little while" (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Seven heads/seven kings is seven principal kingdoms or empires that have exercised tyrannical power over the people of God – five fallen are Egyptian, Assyrian, Chaldean, Persian, and Grecian monarchies; one present, is Rome; and one to come is the great antichrist and his empire (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

It is not improbable that by these seven kings may be understood the collection of kings, in what are called the seven ages of the world, from its creations to its consummation – the first age, is reckoned from Adam to Noah, and the deluge: the second age, from Noah to Abraham; the third, from Abraham to Moses; the fourth,

from Moses to David; the fifth, from David to Christ. These five were past, and fallen, when St. John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation; The sixth age is, and is to last from Christ to antichrist; And another, the seventh age, is not, being the time of antichrist, and only a short time (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

#### Beast that existed once but no longer is eighth king, but really belongs to the seven

Beast that is an eight king is the antichrist who will pose as Jesus Christ; he belongs to the seventh king who is the false prophet (By a soul, See Commentary #1)

Beast itself (antichrist) is said to be eighth, and is of the seventh; because the seventh king who is the false prophet all act under the devil, and by his instigation, so that his power is in

Beast itself (antichrist) is said to be the eighth, and is of the seventh; because they all act under the devil, and by his instigation, so that his power is in them all, yet so as to make up, as it were, an eighth empire distinct from them all (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Eighth king is the beast who will be just as cruel as one of the seven emperors – Caesar Nero (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

The "eighth king" but is one of the seven refers symbolically to Caesar Nero (Catholic Tradition – Collegeville)

Legends that prevailed during the time spoke of Caesar Nero coming back to life; This was seen with the Domitian, who was nicknamed "Nero" so horrible his reign was in pagan Rome, thus, he was considered the "eighth emperor to come" (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

Eighth king is Emperor Domitian, in whom Caesar Nero, so to speak, reincarnated (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Eighth king is symbolic and likely refers to Vespasian who reestablished the Roman Empire; Number eight was symbol of resurrection and new beginnings in first century Judaism and Christianity (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

Beast that "was, and is not" is the eighth king; and is of the seven is the devil who reigns with the kings in all these ages – he is of the seven, because he is the prince under whom reign the wicked in all ages; and he is also the eighth, inasmuch as he is their prince, and they are only his instruments (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

#### Ten horns of the beast represents ten kings

Ten kings are ten emperors who will rule over the ten economic/political/religious unions created by the antichrist over the world (Book of Truth)

Antichrist, false prophet, and ten kings, are an affront to the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ (**Book of Truth**)

Ten horns may be understood as ten lesser persecutors during the reign of the antichrist (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Seven heads and ten horns may signify a great number of kings and princes who shall be overcome by the antichrist and submit their rule to him (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

Ten kings stand for those whom Rome established as kings in the nations it conquered – rulers subject to the emperor (Catholic Tradition – Navarre)

"Ten horns" are kingdoms under Rome (Catholic Tradition – 1953 Commentary)

"Ten horns" are Partian satraps who,

according to popular belief, were to invade and destroy Rome under Caesar Nero (Catholic Tradition – Jerome)

Ten kings are presumably rulers of lower rank than the Caesars but identity is mystery (Catholic Tradition – Ignatius)

"Ten horns" represent the sum total of those who receive their power from the Roman Emperor and rule under him (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

"Ten horns" denotes ten kings or ten powers, namely, Goths, Huns, Alans, Vandals, Saxons, Burgundians, Franks, Heruli, Suevi, etc., – the chief of the Barbarians that invaded the Roman empire in the fifth century; They shall receive power as kings, one hour after the beast; that is, they will serve under their own leaders, to assist pagan Rome a little against its enemies; and their one design is afterwards to take the fruitful provinces of Rome to themselves, which we know they did (Catholic Tradition – Haydock)

"Horns" and "heads" are symbols of political authority (Catholic Tradition – Barber)

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From the Book of Truth (Maria Divine Mercy)

"Great Tribulation is being mitigated through prayer" Thursday, August 18th, 2011 @ 20:45

My daughter, those followers of Mine, who are well-read in matters of Holy Scripture, tend to get carried away with their own human interpretation, so that the lesson I have preached to love one another is so easily forgotten. Love one another. Honour your mother and father. Honour your Creator, God the Father, and live as I have told you in love and fear of My Father.

So many learned men, caught up in their analysis of My Teachings, forget one thing. That is, when I will come again to Judge. Never for one moment do they consider that this time may well happen in their own lifetime and not in the distant future. Why then do they search and continue to search for further meanings in Holy Scripture when the Truth is so simple? Why do they not remember that love is all I ask? Love for Me, your Saviour. Love for God the Father and love for each other.

For those intellectual experts who proclaim to be able to analyse My Teachings and then go as far as attempting to predict a date for when I will come again, I say this. If you try to assume that you have been able to discern the year for My return, then you are sadly mistaken. No one will be given this date, not even the angels in Heaven or My beloved Mother. But this I can reveal. The Tribulation started some time ago. The Great Tribulation will begin at the end of 2012. This terrible period is being mitigated

through the prayers of My dearly beloved followers. It will also be diluted through the conversion achieved after The Warning takes place. This event is good news, My children. It is to help eradicate the slavery by man to the evil one.

#### Religious experts display an arrogance, which I find repulsive

Many, sadly, will ignore My pleas to prepare, so caught up are they in this so-called intellectual religious debate, based on human reasoning, one trying to outdo the other to prove that he or she is more knowledgeable. These experts display an arrogance, which I find repulsive. They are no better than the Pharisees were. Their ignorance blocks out the Truth when it is presented before their very eyes.

#### My Word is being ignored by My sacred servants

My Word has fallen on deaf ears. My Word is ignored by My sacred servants, as I attempt to communicate with them at this point in history. Yet, after The Warning there will be no excuse for them not to sit up and listen to My instructions. For then they will hold out their arms pleading with Me to guide them through the Great Chastisement. For when this prophecy is unveiled to those who doubt My Word, through this messenger, I urge you then to take up My Sacred Cup, drink from it and fight to save souls.

I urge all of you, including those self-proclaimed scriptural experts, to sit down in humility and ask this question. Why would I encourage simple believers to become embroiled in an argument over My return to Earth? All that matters now is that I Am coming. Be prepared at all times. Never judge others in My Name. Seek out the gift of humility at all costs for it will be your passport to Heaven.

#### YOUR BELOVED SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

"Virgin Mary: My Son's Church on earth will not listen this time, yet they know how my Son was treated the first time"
Sunday, July 15th, 2012 @ 15:45

My child the pain endured by my Son and His disciples during the time of His mission on earth is identical to that which is to be endured by His followers as He prepares to come again.

During my Son's time on earth He faced huge obstacles. Very few were prepared to

listen to Him in His own community.

He was treated with contempt and looked down upon by those who were in charge of the temples and the synagogues.

Yet he was welcomed by the simple people and His word was accepted because they could see the Truth that He spoke.

His Word created fear and uncertainty in many quarters but few could ignore the wisdom of His teachings.

My Son created division although that was not His intention.

His simple demeanour meant that few could accept the fact that he was the Son of God.

### Many asked how could the Son of Man be such an ordinary simple man?

They denied Him for they thought that the Messiah would be majestic, proud and would command attention in the highest echelons of the church.

My Son could not get those in charge of the church at the time to listen to Him. Their pride prevented them from listening to the Truth.

The same will happen now as my Son prepares the world for His Second Coming.

My Son's Church on earth will not listen this time, yet they know how my Son was treated the first time.

This time His Holy Word, given to you the end time prophet, will not be accepted in my Son's Church on earth.

# My Son's Church turn a deaf ear to the gift of prophecy. They deny prophecy because they do not want to listen.

My Son's disciples will be turned on by those in charge of the Catholic Church on earth and accused of being false.

Although my Son's teachings have never changed they will find fault with His Holy Word given to them now.

They will declare these messages to be in contradiction to the Word of God.

You must, children, always remember that my Son could never contradict His Church on Earth for He is the Church.

The Truth is still as it always was.

You must follow the Word of God for my Son's voice is being cast aside and ignored just as it was the first time.

Do not allow yourselves to be denied the Gift of His Salvation, the last act of His Mercy on earth.

So patient has my Son been, for such a long time. The Truth was given to humanity at my Son's Passion on the Cross.

It was reinforced through all those chosen souls who were enlightened by the power of the Holy Spirit down through the centuries.

Now the time has come for my Son to come again and only those who recognise His voice, because of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, will follow His instructions.

The Church will, just as they did during my Son's time on earth the first time, reject His word as He prepares for His Second Coming.

They will fail to recognise Him or accept Him.

# They have learned nothing.

Pray that those brave souls within the Church who do recognise His voice, will have the courage to lead all of God's children to eternal life at this crucial time in history.

# YOUR BELOVED MOTHER MOTHER OF SALVATION

"The prophecies, contained in the Book of Revelation, are only partially known" Sunday, January 27th, 2013 @ 20:30

My dearly beloved daughter, I Am bound to inform My followers that you will become

chastised, by certain sacred servants of Mine. You will soon be instructed, by some of them, to walk away from this Work.

You will be treated just as My disciples were, by the priests of their time. They, too, were told to walk away from Me and many were not allowed to enter the temples to pay homage to God, My Eternal Father.

Much misunderstanding of My Promises to humanity will be used as a tool to encourage others to reject Me, as I communicate My Holy Word to the whole world, at this time.

You, My disciples, will be accused of heresy and told that you are not following Holy Doctrine.

Terrible errors will be made by My sacred servants when they will follow the wrong fork in the road to My Kingdom. They will do this through ignorance, for many of them assume that they already know the prophecies I Am still to reveal to the world, before My Second Coming.

Oh how they will be confused when they are instructed to do the wrong thing by rejecting My warnings given to all, for the salvation of souls. <u>The prophecies</u>, contained in the Book of Revelation, are only partially known.

No sacred servant in My Church understands the Book of Revelation, yet. They will be informed, and this I will do in parts. It is only for your knowing when I decide the time is right.

Please open your hearts to the Truth. Be careful when you judge the Word of God, given to His chosen prophets. Judge them harshly, and you will be judged, accordingly. Reject them cruelly, and you, too, will be rejected by My Hand of Justice. Accept them with love, and I will envelop you in My Holy Arms.

Nothing I give you now contradicts My Father's Book, for this is not possible. I come, now, to conclude the Teachings set out by Me during My time on earth. When My Work is completed, My Covenant will finally be fulfilled. Then, I bring the Most Glorious Gift of Eternal Life.

#### **YOUR JESUS**

"The Pharisees scourged and murdered many before they finally crucified Me"

#### Monday, August 26th, 2013 @ 20:20

My dearly beloved daughter, before I was crucified, many hateful lies were created about Me by My enemies. There were gatherings held by the Pharisees, many times, to decide what to do about Me. They would not accept, for one minute, that I had been sent by God to save humanity. How they hated Me. How they screamed and tormented those disciples of Mine, who were caught by them.

The Pharisees scourged and murdered many before they finally crucified Me. Their savagery and their wickedness were against God's Teaching and the Most Holy Bible. This did not deter them, as they hunted Me down. They would preach the Word of God and then they would defy the Word of God – all at the same time. Not only did they condemn Me, but they declared that God would never send a Messiah of this type. They looked down on humble and poor people and those they considered to be theologically ignorant. Their hatred of Me frightened many poor souls, who attended the temples. Those who asked them why they, the Pharisees, condemned Me, were themselves condemned, for daring to question their reasons for rejecting Me.

There were many false prophets preaching, while I walked the Earth and I was considered to be insane and not to be tolerated. Many of these false prophets quoted from the Book of Genesis and made ridiculous claims, which were offensive to God, yet they were tolerated and given little attention.

Although the miracles, which I performed, were witnessed, they would still not open their eyes to the Truth, for they did not want to see. The priests of the day made many public speeches, which condemned Me as being the son of Satan and warned those who were seen to associate with Me that they would be expelled from the temples.

They rejected Me because they could not accept My humble origins and because I was not educated to their high expectations. Therefore, they concluded, I could not possibly be the Messiah. They thought that the Messiah would come from within their own ranks. And so, they detested everything about Me. They felt threatened by My Words, which despite their rejection of Me, touched them in some way, which they did not understand.

They were not prepared for My First Coming. They certainly are not prepared for My Second Coming, today. Anyone who dares to say that they are a prophet, sent to warn God's children of the Second Coming, will be tolerated, once they do not reveal the Truth. But when a true prophet reveals himself and speaks the Word of God, he or she will be hated and publicly condemned. When you see outright condemnation, based on ignorance of the Promises made by Me, to come again, and when the hatred is so vicious that the perpetrators break the Word of God, you will know then that it is Me

they hate. Only I can attract such hatred amongst sinners. Only My Voice stirs up such opposition.

Were I to walk the Earth, at this time, they would crucify Me again. Those who claim to love Me and who lead My disciples in the Christian Church would be, sadly, the first to drive the first nail into My Flesh.

Remember, none of you is worthy to place yourself before Me. None of you has the authority to publicly condemn My Word, when you do not know Me. You, who condemn Me, as I try to fulfill My Father's Final Covenant, have no shame. Your pride disgusts Me. You have condemned your own souls, in My Eyes. You have learned nothing about Me. You do not believe in Holy Scripture because you deny that My Second Coming will take place.

You will be asked to count the souls you have lost Me on the final day. On that day, as you scream for My Mercy, you will be unable to look Me in the Eye.

#### **YOUR JESUS**

"They pay lip service to what My Second Coming means" Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 @ 23:00

My dearly beloved daughter, how long did man think that I would wait before communicating with him again before My Second Coming? Did he think that I would do this the year before? The month before? The week before? Or did he believe that I would not warn him at all?

Before My birth, the world was promised a Messiah. My Father spoke through the prophets, so that humanity would be given hope, wisdom and the Grace to accept the Word of God, so that they would be ready for My arrival. Did they listen? Many did and prepared for My Time. Sadly, when I was born they were not ready. Then John the Baptist gave them the Word and warned them to prepare. Were they ready? No, for they did not believe him. And yet many were saved, because through My death on the Cross, caused by their rejection of Me, I redeemed them in the Eyes of My Father.

So many fought against My Mission then and yet so many followed Me. Now the world is being prepared again because of the Love of My Father for all His children. This time, it will be more difficult. For all their knowledge of Me, they will still refuse to accept that God is intervening and preparing them through His prophet. The further away they remove themselves from God, the less they know of My Promise. They pay lip

service to what My Second Coming means, because many of them really do not know anything about it at all.

This time they will be left with little option but to see the signs, which they will have to bear witness to, for I will reveal all. When I say something will happen and when it does, they will still deny that the prophecy came from the Words uttered by My Lips. When they see the Earth twist, shake and other punishments poured down upon them, they will still argue that there is a scientific reason for it.

When the great apostasy engulfs the world and crushes Christianity, in favour of paganism, will they say that this is a good thing? The answer is yes. So, as My Presence becomes less revered by so many, what chance does the world stand against Satan? This is why My Father prepares you now, for He never gives up when preparing His children for His Great Mercy.

The preparation of humanity will continue and the world will be given the Truth, in order to save man from the final destruction. My Time is close and the whole of humanity must allocate the time needed to prepare their souls. Time must never be squandered when you are preparing to welcome Me. You must never dismiss the Word given to a prophet of God. If you do, you slap Me, your Jesus, in the Face.

YOUR BELOVED SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST