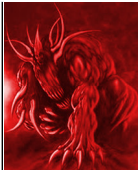



## WORLD EMPIRES

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." **Daniel 7.7**  
 In Babylon, 553BC<sup>1</sup> Daniel the Prophet was given a vision by God of four great empires (beasts) that would have dominion even until the end of the world: Babylon (lion with eagle's wings); Media and Persia (bear); Greece (four-headed and four-winged leopard); and Rome (iron-clawed beast).  
 History has proven this remarkable prophecy true:




 "This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians...In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old." **Daniel 5.26-28, 30-31**

In 539BC, Cyrus the Great of Persia diverted the Euphrates river that flowed through Babylon, marched up the dry bed and took the city without conflict. The Medo-Persian bear had reared itself up. Cyrus' elderly uncle Darius ruled in his stead two years before he took over as sole rex<sup>2</sup>. Cyrus decreed the Temple in Jerusalem be rebuilt only the work was hindered till 516BC, the time of Darius (Hystaspis) I the Great (also the Ahaseurus of Esther 1.1).<sup>3</sup> "King of kings" Artaxerxes (Xerxes I)<sup>4</sup> then reigned, followed by the fourth great king, Artaxerxes I Longimanus. His riches were put to stirring up sedition in Greece, as foretold by Daniel 11.2.





In 336BC, Alexander III of Macedon ascended to power in Greece then in just five years conquered Persia<sup>5</sup>. He died 323BC at Babylon and sure to prophecy his kingdom was split in four: Seleucus (Asia), Ptolemy (Egypt), Lysimachus (Thrace) and Cassander (Greece and Macedonia).<sup>6</sup>




 "Lo,I will bring a nation upon you from far,O house of Israel,saith the LORD:it is a mighty nation,it is an ancient nation,a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say." **Jeremiah 5.15**

In 753BC, Romulus founded the Roman Kingdom on Palatine Hill, Rome. His successor Numa Pompilius created the College of Pontiffs, appointing the first Pontifex Maximus (chief bridge-builder between the people and the gods). Across 736 years, the now latin-speaking<sup>7</sup> Romans grew from Kingdom, to Republic, then Empire (under Caesar, Augustus). By military might this fourth beast trod down Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

 Word of Jesus' resurrection spread throughout the empire and beyond via its highways. Persecution was just as swift, under Emperor's Nero (64AD), Domitian (94AD), Trajan (112AD), Marcus Aurelius (161AD), Severus (197AD), Maximinus (235AD), Decius (249AD), Valerian (257AD), Aurelian (274AD) and Diocletian (303AD)<sup>8</sup>. The Roman beast was merciless-the saints were sewn up in skins and mauled by wild animals, torched alive and torn with hooks.

 The man credited with halting violence was Constantine I (272AD-337AD). A sun worshipper, he was affected by a vision before battle against rival Maxentius<sup>9</sup>. In 313AD, with Licinius I pagan Emperor of the East, the Edict of Milan was published granting freedom of religion. Eight years later though he wrote, "On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed," in honour of the sun god Apollo! As Emperor he was also Pagan high priest, Pontifex Maximus, just like the old Roman kings. At the end of his reign the baby teeth of Catholic persecution were bared in his Edict against the heretics<sup>10</sup>, a foretaste of the dark-age Inquisitions:


 **Forbidding gatherings:** "we give warning that none of you henceforth presume to assemble yourselves together."  
**Theft:** "all the houses of prayer...which belong to heretics...be made over without delay to the catholic Church."

It is said persecution of true Christians was greater after Constantine's edict than before, John 15.20-21: "Remember the word that I said unto you...If they have persecuted me,they will also persecute you...these things will they do unto you for my name's sake,because they know not him that sent me."

Jesus is clear 'they' are part of the world, taken captive of the devil to do his will, having no understanding of John 12.14: "Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not." Any 'church' guilty of these deeds under a veil of Christianity is impostor, a spiritual whore seeking to usurp the true bride of Christ. As ruler of both the Roman Catholic Church<sup>11</sup> and 'Holy' Roman Empire, Supreme Pontiff Constantine was the first 'Christian' priest-king, the key link between pre-existing 'Pagan' and 'Christian' Rome. Catholicism is a revision of ancient Babylonian religion, from Nimrod at Babel.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The year Belshazzar became co-regent after his (paternal) father Nabonidus left to fight with Cyrus the Great. See Nabonidus cylinder artifacts Sippur and Ur at [livius.org/na/nd/nabonidus/cylinder.html](http://livius.org/na/nd/nabonidus/cylinder.html) | [livius.org/na/nd/nabonidus/cylinder-ur.html](http://livius.org/na/nd/nabonidus/cylinder-ur.html)  
<sup>2</sup>Dr. Floyd N. Jones, *Chronology of the Old Testament*, Green Forest, AZ, Master Books, 2007, pp. 300-302. <sup>3</sup>Ibid. † pp. 199-205. <sup>4</sup>Ezra 7.12. <sup>5</sup>Daniel 8.5. <sup>6</sup>Historyofmacedonia.org/ancientMacedonia/AlexandertheGreat.html <sup>7</sup>A completely alien language to Hebrew. <sup>8</sup>John Foxe, *Acts and Monuments*, ed. Rev. Hobart Seymour, NY, Robert Carter and Sons, 1885, p. 35-61. <sup>9</sup>"in hoc signo vinces" on a cross in the sky. <sup>10</sup>Eusebius, *Life of Constantine*, c332AD, 3:64-65. <sup>11</sup>He ran the famed Council of Nicea in 325AD. <sup>12</sup>Cf. Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, ON, CA, CHICK, 1998.


## LITTLE HORN


 "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots; and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." **Daniel 7.8**  
 Like the other three, the fourth beast is a kingdom. The ten horns are ten kings, and the little horn arising out of the beast is a peculiar king. He succeeds in absorbing three existing ones<sup>13</sup> by manipulation of secular powers<sup>14</sup>. Like the beast, this king is still alive today! The proud Pope sits enthroned and unassailable in Vatican City, Rome.

**Q.** Has the horn's mouth been found speaking great words against the most High?  
**Pope Leo XIII:** "But since We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty..."<sup>15</sup>  
**Pope Gregory IX:** "For it is not man, but God who separates, those whom the Roman Pontiff, who is not a mere man, but acts in the place of the true God on earth..."<sup>16</sup>  
**Pope Boniface VIII:** "Furthermore, we declare, we proclaim, we define that it is absolutely necessary for salvation that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff..."<sup>17</sup>

**Pope John Paul II:** "Be not afraid." Have no fear when people call me the "Vicar of Christ," when they say to me "Holy Father," or "Your Holiness," or use titles similar to these, which seem even inimical to the Gospel... These expressions, nevertheless, have evolved out of a long tradition..."<sup>18</sup>  
**"But to believe that Our Lord God the Pope, the establisher of said decretal, and of this, could not decree, as he did decree, should be accounted heretical."**<sup>19</sup>

"The Pope is of so great dignity, and so exalted, not merely man, but as it were God, the Vicar of God...Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and the underworld. **The Pope is as God on earth...**supreme King of Kings."<sup>20</sup>  
 By crowning themselves King of Heaven, Earth and Hell these men impersonate the real King, Jesus: "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself." (Revelation 19.12). Paul prophesied about little horn usurper's pride and claim to power, like his master Lucifer:

 **"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."**  
**II Thessalonians 2.4**  
**"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...I will be like the most High."** **Isaiah 14.13a,14b**


 **THE PERSECUTED BRIDE**  
 In 1179AD, canon 27 of Latern Council III decreed, "...heretics who are called Catharins, Patarins, or Pictians...among the Albigenes...we anathematise them...As for the Brabancons, Arragoneses...[etc.]...who spare neither widow nor orphan...nor do we permit them to be absolved, until they have taken up arms against these abominable Albigenes." What made them so abominable?  
 "In the year of our Lord 1160, the penalty of death was pronounced against those who did not believe...that Christ was really in the host [biscuit]...to go on the knees before it, to call it God..."


They refused to worship a piece of bread!  
 Peter Valdo of the ancient Vaudois peoples, heirs of the truth preached this message: "that the pope had abandoned the Christian faith, that the holy city [Rome] was the prostitute Babylon...that purgatory, masses...the veneration of saints...were but...inventions...to extort money from the simple."<sup>21</sup>  
 As to their antiquity in Europe, one document managed to survive the cultural purgings of Papal inquisitions: *La Noble Leçon* (The Noble Lesson), written at the latest c1100AD:


<b>Apostolic Succession</b>	"Now after the Apostles, were certain Teachers, Who taught the way of Jesus Christ our Saviour, And these are found even at this present Day...But they are so persecuted, that they are able to do but little, So much are the false Christians blinded with Error."
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	"Many excellent Parables he spoke to them and the People, Which were written in the New Testament...We ought to watch, and read the Scripture..."
<b>Doctrine &amp; Discernment</b>	"For I dare say, and it is very true. That all the Popes which have been from Silvester [I, 314-335AD], And all Cardinals, Bishops, Abbots, and the like, Have no power to absolve or pardon, Any creature so much as one mortal sin;"
<b>Worn Out by Rome</b>	"Like those who now seek occasion to persecute the Saints; Which men ought to be Christians, but appear not to be such...for that they persecute and imprison the good; For, it is not found anywhere, That the Saints persecuted or imprisoned any."


<sup>13</sup>The Vandal (under Genseric d.477AD), Héruli (under Odoacer, killed by Theodoric in 493AD) and Ostrogoth (under Theodoric d.526AD) kingdoms, hated by the Papacy and coined 'Arian' declined in 5th-6th century AD. See Dr. John C. Ripdath, *History of the World*, NY, The Jones Bros. Publishing Co., 1899, II: pp.394, 408-413. <sup>14</sup>Cf. Daniel 8.24.  
<sup>15</sup>*Praeclara Gratulationes Publicae*, Rome, 20/6/1894, ¶5. <sup>16</sup>*Decretalium Gregorii Papae IX Compilationis*, Book 1, Title 7, Chp. 3.16-17. <sup>17</sup>*Unum Sanctam*, Rome, 18/11/1302, ¶4. <sup>18</sup>*Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, NY, Alfred A Knopf, 2005, p. 6. <sup>19</sup>*Extravagantes XX Joannis XXII*, Lyon, 1543 edition. Added in the gloss (margin commentary), 'Deum' was kept despite a Papal review (under Gregory XIII in 1582). See *Reformation Journal*, Vol. 10, 1/12/1860, p. 164. <sup>20</sup>Dr F. Lucii Ferraris, *Prompta Bibliotheca*, Venice, G. Storti, 1782, VII: pp.26-27(Art.II.l. xiii,xviii).  
<sup>21</sup>Louis Marie de Cormenin, *A Complete History of the Popes of Rome*, PAJ, & J.L.Gibon, 1851, I p. 446.


## DRUNKEN WITH BLOOD


John's Apocalypse provides the same witness some 650 years after Daniel as to the fourth beast, the Roman empire with its 10 kings. A new abomination is now revealed-a murderous harlot sitting atop:  
 "and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns...And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the martyrs of Jesus." **Revelation 17.3b,6a**  
 The Papacy enjoyed a golden age during the midnight of Europe from 9-11<sup>th</sup> centuries. In 1054AD, Pope Leo IX reinforced the spiritual legs of iron of the East and Western Empire<sup>22</sup> demanding the Bishop of Constantinople Michael Cerularius submit to Rome. When Leo's abuse of the pope's fake 'Donation of Constantine' failed, he excommunicated Michael who returned the favour in kind. This schism within the harlot remains to this day.  
 The woman's cup was filled often with blood, intoxicating her into the lower depths of evil:


 Pope Urban XII preaches war as God's will (*Deus vult*) inciting the First Crusade<sup>23</sup>. In a prophetic travesty of Hebrews 9.22 remission of sins were promised to those who went. The chain of death set off by Rome led to eight more crusades (ending 1272AD), the death of millions, and the modern (often convenient) confusion of Christianity with bloody Roman Catholicism:  
**"Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."** **Matthew 26.52**

 Languedoc, France was a place of religioicic borne of Papal fury. Legate and Head of the Cistercian Order<sup>24</sup>, Abbot Arnaud Amaury was ordered by Pope Innocent III to carry out 'Holy War' against the 'heretics' known as Albigenians. At least 20,000 were murdered in the city of Beziers alone, the rest steadily stamped underfoot afterwards by the beast: "a race industrious, intellectual, addicted to commerce and the arts, and still more to poetry"<sup>25</sup>.  
**Arnaud-Amaury: "Kill them all, God will know his own."**<sup>26</sup>

 Pressured by Cardinal Tournon, King Francis I sent an army into Provence, Southern France to kill Christians. They had built up the land from nothing. The 'Massacre at Mérindol' was a 7-week slaughter: 4,225 dead, 600 sold as galley slaves and 21 villages razed<sup>27</sup>. For these great services to the Roman Catholic church the Pope awarded President Maynier Imperial Honours!  
**"We Hereby Order You...that they [Waldneses] shall be exterminated from our kingdom."**<sup>28</sup>

 The Pope at this time was Julius III, a paedophile who had taken a 15 year old street boy as his lover, making him a Cardinal at age 17!<sup>29</sup> With this 'holy father's' legate, Cardinal Pole, did bloody Queen Mary I strive to restore England to Popery. The first to burn was John Rogers (pen name Thomas Matthews)<sup>30</sup> translator of the 1537 Matthew's Bible. After 300 martyrs, burnings halted with Mary's death on May 17, 1558. Cardinal Pole died in London that same day.  
**"The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot." Proverbs 10.7**

 St. Bartholomew's 'Day' massacre: 3 weeks of Catholic bloodlust and 75,000+ Christians killed across France, beginning in Paris. The Jesuits and wicked Queen Catherine D'Medici laid a trap of her daughter's marriage to the king of Navarre. Admiral Coligny was the first victim, his head was sent to Cardinal de Lorraine as a trophy. Pope Gregory XII made a medal to celebrate the killings!  
**"VGNUTTORVM STRAGES: 1572": HUEGENOTS SLAUGHTERED**<sup>31</sup>  
**"We made a big mistake at the Saint Bartholomew; we should have bled the royal vein."**<sup>32</sup>

 Dictator Mussolini embarks on a 7 year war with Ethiopia to recreate a Holy Roman Catholic Empire: 1 million Ethiopians killed, 525,000 homes destroyed and 14 million dead animals<sup>33</sup>. In 1939, Albania was invaded, whose annexation was 'bound to improve the position of the Church and please the Vatican.'<sup>34</sup>  
**"The war against Ethiopia should be considered as a holy war, a crusade." (priest blesses the army)**

Dr. John Dowling in *History of Romanism*, pp. 541-542 wrote: "From the birth of Popery in 606, to the present time [1845], it is estimated by careful and credible historians, that more than FIFTY MILLIONS of the human family have been slaughtered for the crime of heresy by popish persecutors, an average of more than 40,000 religious murders for every year of the existence of Popery." Since Vatican Council II in 1965, heretics who at one time the Roman Church would have tortured and killed are now labelled 'separated brethren' who need to return home.

<sup>22</sup>Daniel 2.33. <sup>23</sup>Pope Urban II, *Letter of Instruction to the Crusaders*, 1095. <sup>24</sup>Cistercians were averse to blood shed, so they preferred crushing weapons to swords!<sup>25</sup> J.C.L. Simonde de Sisonndi, *Histoire des Français*, Paris, Treuttel & Wurtz, 1823, VI: p. 250. <sup>26</sup>[cathar.info/120502\\_arnaud.htm](http://cathar.info/120502_arnaud.htm), 27.1.13. <sup>27</sup>Frank W. Hardy, *The French Waldenses of Provence*, Washington, DC, SDA Theological Seminary, 2010, p.27.30-33 : [ccel.org/ccel/bair/huegenots.xi.html#x](http://ccel.org/ccel/bair/huegenots.xi.html#x). <sup>28</sup>Page 236, 3.2.13. <sup>29</sup>Ibid.‡, p. 36. <sup>30</sup>[gbtg.com/social-sciences/julius\\_III.html](http://gbtg.com/social-sciences/julius_III.html), 28.1.13. <sup>31</sup>To his shame refused aide to Joan Bocher, sharing her fate. See Rev. Joseph Nightingale, *The Beauties of England and Wales*, London, 1815, Xiii, pp. 490-491, 500. Cf. Proverbs 21.13. <sup>32</sup>Eric Jon Phelps, *Vatican Assassins*, Newmamstown, PA, Eric Phelps, 2004, pp. 108-111. <sup>33</sup>Jesuit Prof. Guinard's Latin student 'exercises', in 'Edmond Paris, *The Secret History of the Jesuits*, Ontario, CA, CHICK Pub., 1975, p.65. <sup>34</sup>Kidane Alemayehu, *The Pope's Thundersing Silence on the Ethiopian Cause*, [globalallianceforethiopia.org/popebenedict.pdf](http://globalallianceforethiopia.org/popebenedict.pdf), 31.1.12. <sup>35</sup>Ibid. \*, p.185.

## FORNICATION WITH KINGS

"With whom the kings of the earth have committed **fornication**, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." **Revelation 17.2**

The oecumenical title of 'Pope' (Universal Bishop) was given solely to the Bishop of Rome in perpetuity by Byzantine Emperor Phocas, 606AD. Phocas was a centurion who usurped power in 602AD by murdering Emperor Maurice I, his 5 sons, then later his wife Constantina and 3 daughters.<sup>35</sup> Boniface erected a gold-gilded statue of him atop a column in the Roman Forum, now lost. Phocas then gave another gift to the next Pope, the Pantheon, which was re-built 118AD by Emperor Hadrian, a persecutor of Christians. The Pope simply turned this house of idols into a 'church'<sup>36</sup>

"Ye shall **utterly destroy** all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods... And ye shall **overthrow their altars, and break their pillars...**" **Deuteronomy 12.2-3ab**

Papal ambition has always sought both dominion over physical land as earthly kings, and power over men's souls. In 754AD, Rome itself was threatened by the Lombard King Astolphus. Pope Stephen III first sent letters to the French, offering forgiveness of sins and eternal life.<sup>37</sup> He then crossed the Alps to meet King Pepin in person, offered presents and begged for help. Pepin not only agreed but donated the Lombard land and cities to 'St. Peter' (the 'Donation of Pepin'). In return the Pope consecrated his bloodline forever as Kings of France. To rouse Pepin to action though a letter from the *dead St. Peter himself* (!) was needed: 'I, Peter, called to the apostleship by Jesus Christ... beseech you Pepin... not to permit **my city** of Rome and **my people**... be longer rent by the Lombards... if you wish to shun the tearing of your bodies and souls in eternal fire, by the forks of Satan.'<sup>38</sup>

At the sound of Peter's cry for help Pepin rescued the pope and birthed the unholy Papal States:

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is **not** of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight: that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." **John 18.36**

Jealousy often caused quarrels to erupt with the Whore's lovers, as was the case with Henry IV. He began appointing his own bishops by seizing a dead bishop's ring and crosier, the badges of Papal authority. Underestimating the Pope's power, he was compelled to cross the Alps, fast three days in the cold winter outside Gregory VII's residence, then humiliate himself by *kissing the pope's toe!*<sup>39</sup>

**Pope Gregory VII, 1076AD: 'I prohibit Henry... from governing the Teutonic kingdom and Italy.'**

In 1213AD, Rome threatened the English King John with French armies of the Papist King Philip. Pope Innocent III coveted the island for himself and eventually forced John to submit: 1,000 marks protection money would be paid each year on pain of forfeiting the whole country! This slavery only lasted two years before freedom was won back by the Barons in John's signing of the **Magna Carta**<sup>40</sup>.

In 1798 a deadly wound was dealt to the beast: French General Berthier took Rome, abolished the Papacy and declared a Republic. Pius VI died in captivity a year later. It took till 1870 under King of Italy Victor Emmanuel II for the Papal States to be dissolved. Rome was kept scheming till 1929 and the arrival of the "man of

Providence"<sup>41</sup>, **Mussolini**. For Catholic support in the Italian Parliament and election as Prime Minister, *Il Duce* made Pope Pius XI King of Vatican City, paid him £1.75 billion<sup>42</sup> and made Catholicism Italy's religion. The wound was healed!<sup>43</sup>

"With his promise, I was sure that, if this man came to power, we would succeed."<sup>44</sup>

The same overtures were made to Germany and on January 30, 1933 the Catholic *Zentrumsparlei* elected Hitler as Chancellor. It then gave full dictator powers to the Nazis on March 26 via the *Enabling Act*. After servicing Germany, the Whore was paid by the *Reichskonkordat* on 10 September 1933. It secured all her property and reassured power to levy Church taxes on people<sup>45</sup>. In 2011, she raised €9.5B.<sup>46</sup>

"The Third Reich is the first power, which... puts into practice, the high principles of the Papacy."<sup>47</sup>

The European Union is the Holy Roman Empire revived: a mingled people joined by Mammon yet unable to mix, and one of the ten kingdoms of the last world empire before Christ the Rock comes to rule<sup>48</sup>. What spiritual power drives this empire is the same of old, the Whore of Babylon. Left is a 2004 EU Commission signing by ex-UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, on Capitoline, one of Rome's 7 hills. The imposing bronze Innocent X in the background declares with 2 stretched fingers the Papacy's right to both world power and spiritual authority via Apostolic succession. This incestuous pope had both female *and* male lovers!<sup>49</sup> The Vatican today has 110 Papal Nuncios, a tentacle beast reaching out for influence across the globe.

<sup>35</sup> ccel.org/gibbon/declines/volume2/chap46.htm <sup>36</sup> rome.info/pantheon/ <sup>37</sup> Ibid. 0, p.191. <sup>38</sup> Ibid. 0, pp.192-193. <sup>39</sup> John Dowling, *History of Romanism*, NY, 1845, pp.241-244. <sup>40</sup> Great Charter' giving basic freedoms to the Church and mankind and vehemently opposed by the Pope. See concordatwatch.eu/showtopic.php?org\_id=889&kb\_header\_id=41481, 7.2.13. The bribe stopped with King Edward II a century later. <sup>41</sup> Ibid. \*, p. 176. <sup>42</sup> Italian Republic, *Treaty of Conciliation: Financial Convention*, 1929, Art. 1. <sup>43</sup> aloha.net/~mikesch/treaty.htm#2 <sup>44</sup> biblelight.net/latran2.gif <sup>45</sup> Cardinal Pietro Gasparri. Ibid. \*, p. 177. <sup>46</sup> German Reich, *Concordat*, 1933, Art. 13. concordatwatch.eu/showkb.php?org\_id=858&kbheader\_id=752&kb\_id=1211 <sup>47</sup> bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-19737983, cf. 1 Tim. 6. 10. <sup>48</sup> Papal Chamberlain Franz Von Pappen. Ibid. \*, p. 234. <sup>49</sup> Daniel 2.33-35, 41-45. <sup>49</sup> Ibid. 0, II: pp. 321-322.

## CITY ON SEVEN MOUNTAINS

"And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth... And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

**Revelation 17.9,18**

Here God gives four clues about the Whore of Babylon:

- (i) She is a great city that is visible.
- (ii) The city reigns over earthly kings.
- (iii) The city must sit on seven mountains.
- (iv) One's mind must be used to identify her.

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed." **Luke 2.1**  
At the time of Christ the Roman Empire was so powerful it ruled the known world from its seat, Rome. An unrivalled military, vast road networks and political cunning gave it enduring supremacy. It is still known today as the *Eternal City*<sup>50</sup> or *Caput Mundi* ('Head of the World').

From its founding nearly 2800 years ago, the city has physically and spiritually subdued rulers. Nations were forced into tribute under its Kings, Consuls and Caesars. Then its Bishops claimed power over their very souls, merchandising them<sup>51</sup> with 'purgatory'. Pope Gregory VII boasted *his* job was to, "pull down the pride of kings."<sup>58</sup> Only God can do that:

"Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place." **Job 40.12**

The smallest country on earth today, Vatican City rests on *mons vaticanus*, Vatican Hill, west of the Tiber River opposing the seven hills of Rome. It has been inside Rome proper since 848AD under King and Pope Leo IV. Right is the reverse of Paul VI's papal coin: a cup-bearing woman, FIDES (faith) who resides in the CITTA DEL VATICANO (City of the Vatican). Regarding the cup, one verse in the *Anima Christi* ('Soul of Christ') prayer actually reads "Blood of Christ, inebriate me!"<sup>52</sup> In 1851, the Jesuits built Sevenhill cellars in Claire Valley, South Australia to honour Rome<sup>53</sup>. Despite 'Christian' meanings the woman's colours are plain and in accordance with Bible prophecy:

"And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornications... And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints." **Revelation 17.4,6a**

The seat or *cathedra* of the Bishop of Rome has always been St. John Lateran, which was donated by Constantine c313AD. It rests on Caelian Hill, one of the seven of Rome. The Conciliation Treaty of 1929 also states this church is owned by the Holy See, property of Vatican-City<sup>54</sup>. This not only means the Whore physically sits on one of the 7 hills but Vatican City, Catholicism and Rome are one, a brief exile to Avignon in France the exception (1309-1377AD).

"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." **Revelation 17.5**

God shows the Whore's identity stamped on her forehead. Left is the inscription on St. John's, in part reading, "Mother Church and Head of all churches in the city and world". She has indeed birthed many daughter churches which by definition are **harlots**, prostitutes of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Other cities are sometimes put forward as candidates for the Whore of Babylon, one being Jerusalem. It is an ancient and enduring city, founded after the flood c2400BC, and ruled by king Melchizedek.<sup>55</sup> It also has seven mountains, has shed the blood of prophets (Matthew 23.34-39) and the martyrs of Jesus (e.g. Stephen in Acts 7.59-60, James in 12.2). While it now lies in wickedness, being called Sodom and Egypt (Revelation 11.8), scripture prophesies one day it will be made new by God:

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." **Revelation 21.2**. Even before its final redemption Jerusalem is where the holy saints dwell-it is described as "the beloved city" (see Revelation 20.9).

In contrast to the Bride, Babylon the Whore is earmarked for total destruction: "and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her... Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all." **Revelation 18.8b,21cd**

It is for no small reason God commands precious souls trapped in Rome's religious system to 'come out of her'. While alluring to man's mind and spirit, at the root is spiritual poison and within lies 'every unclean and hateful bird'. History and God have recorded her wickedness and now she sits as Queen awaiting judgement. If you wish to exchange her for eternal life, by faith alone ask the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10.9-10).

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them ... But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light." **Ephesians 5.11,13, AV**

<sup>50</sup> eternalcitytours.com <sup>51</sup> Revelation 18.13. <sup>52</sup> animachristi.com <sup>53</sup> sevenhill.com.au/about\_sevenhill.php <sup>54</sup> Ibid. x, Art. XIII. <sup>55</sup> i.e. Jesus (Genesis 14.18).



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