The History of the Counter-Reformation in a Nutshell



True Protestantism is Bible based Christianity. The Jesuit Counter-Reformation is the effort to eliminate Protestantism and Bible based doctrines entirely.

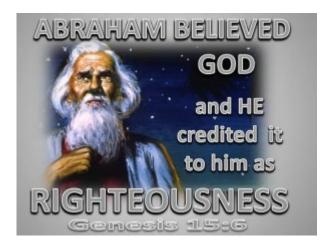
<u>The Excellency of Christ Part I By</u> Jonathan Edwards



In the person of Christ do meet together infinite glory and lowest humility. Infinite glory, and the virtue of humility, meet in no other person but Christ.

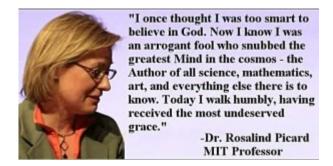
What is "The Covenant" of the Book of

Daniel?



The Covenant of the Book of Daniel is referring to the Covenant God made with Abraham. Jesus confirmed it by preaching the Gospel of grace to the Jews.

MIT Professor Comes to Know the Author of All Knowledge



I once thought I was too smart to believe in God. Now I know I was an arrogant fool who snubbed the greatest Mind in the cosmos—the Author of all science, mathematics, art, and everything else there is to know.

The Bondage Of Doing



Salvation is from Christ alone, through faith in God's Word alone, due to God's grace alone. Abraham believed God and it was counted to Abraham for righteousness.

The Movers and Shakers of this World



The most powerful people in the world are behind the scenes and are not the visible leaders of the nations.

The Cunning Genius of the Vatican Papal System, Part II



The Papal System is unrivaled in the world. It's massive, it's institutional, it's a religious system which is also a civil system. It's immensely deceptive.

The Falling Away From Truth



Pope Francis engaging in idol worship.

This article is about the history of errors by the Church of Rome, written by George Burnside. I didn't agree with one of his points and omitted it, the one about "Sunday worship." The Bible tells me that the disciples met on the first day of the week — Sunday. The Sabbath was the *last* day of the week.

Acts 20:7 And upon the **first day of the week**, when the disciples came together to break bread, ...

There may be other points in this article you find questionable. If so, please tell me about it in the comments section.

Errors continue to this day. I just read on Facebook of a man speaking as if he were God saying, "I will not cast unbelievers into hell." He doesn't read his Bible. My Bible says,

John 3:36 He that **believeth on the Son** hath everlasting life: and **he that believeth not** the Son shall not see life; but **the wrath of God abideth on him**.

200 AD

Immersion of infants who are dying, but considered sinless. (Tertullian V.12)

250 AD

North Africa region is first to practice infant baptism and reduced the age of baptism from minors to all newborns. This is opposed by other regions.

257 AD

Baptism by sprinkling for adults instead of immersion first used as an exception for those on sick beds, but it caused great dispute.

300 AD

Prayers for the dead.

320 AD

Special dress code of the clergy in worship.

325 AD

At the general council of Nice, 325, it was proposed indeed, probably by the Western bishop Hosius, to forbid entirely the marriage of priests; but the

motion met with strong opposition, and was rejected.

325 AD

The date for Easter was set.

379 AD

Praying to Mary & Saints. (prayers of Ephraim Syrus)

385 AD

In the West, the first prohibition of clerical marriage, which laid claim to universal ecclesiastical authority, proceeded in 385 from the Roman church in the form of a decretal letter of the bishop Siricius to Himerius, bishop of Tarragona in Spain.

389 AD

Mariolatry begins with Gregory Nazianzen, who mentions in a eulogy, how Justina had besought the virgin Mary to protect her virginity.

400 AD

Impossibility of apostasy or once saved always saved, (Augustine XII.9).

416 AD

Infant baptism by immersion commanded of all infants (Council Of Mela, Austin was the principal director).

430 AD

Exhalation of Virgin Mary: "Mother of God" first applied by the Council of Ephesus.

502 AD

Special dress code of the Clergy all the time.

500 AD

The "Habit" of Nuns (Black gowns with white tunics).

519 AD

Lent.

526 AD

Extreme Unction.

593 AD

The Doctrine of Purgatory popularized from the Apocrypha by Gregory the Great.

600 AD

First use of Latin in worship (Gregory I) Beginning of the Orthodox/Roman Catholic church as we know it today in its present organization.

607 AD

First Pope: Boniface III is the first person to take the title of "universal Bishop" by decree of Emperor Phocas.

608 AD

Pope Boniface IV. turns the Pantheon in Rome into a temple of Mary ad martyres: the pagan Olympus into a Christian heaven of gods.

709 AD

Kissing of Pope Constantine's feet.

753 AD

Baptism by sprinkling for those on sick beds officially accepted.

787 AD

Worship of icons and statue approved (2nd council of Nicea).

787 AD

Rome (Latin) and Constantinople (Greek) part ways and begin the drift towards complete split, resulting in two denominations emerging in 1054 AD

965 AD

Baptism of bells instituted by Pope John XIII.

850 AD

Burning of Holy Candles.

995 AD

Canonization of dead saints, first by Pope John XV.

998 AD

Good Friday: fish only and the eating-red meat forbidden.

1009 AD

Holy water.

1022 AD

Penance.

1054 AD

Roman Catholic church breaks away from the Orthodox church.

1054 AD

Roman Catholics officially embrace instrumental music, Orthodox reject instrumental music down to the present time.

1079 AD

Celibacy enforced for priests, bishops, presbyters (Pope Gregory VII).

1090 AD

Rosary beads: invented by Peter the Hermit.

1190 AD

Sale of Indulgences or "tickets to sin" (punishment of sin removed).

1215 AD

Transubstantiation by Pope Innocent III, Fourth Lateran Council.

1215 AD

Auricular Confession of sins to priests instituted by Pope Innocent III, (Lateran Council).

1215 AD

Mass a Sacrifice of Christ.

1217 AD

Adoration and Elevation of Host: ie. communion bread (Pope Honrius III).

1230 AD

Ringing bells at Mass.

1251 AD

The Scapular, the brown cloak worn by monks invented by Simon Stock.

1268 AD

Priestly power of absolution.

1311 AD

Baptism by sprinkling accepted as the universal standard instead of immersion for all, not just the sick. (Council of Ravenna)

1414 AD

Laity no longer offered Lord's cup at communion. (Council of Constance)

1439 AD

Purgatory a dogma by the Council of Florence. (see 593 AD)

1439 AD

Doctrine of Seven Sacraments affirmed.

1480 AD

The Inquisition. (of Spain)

1495 AD

Papal control of marriage rights.

1534 AD

Order of Jesuits founded by Loyola.

1545 AD

Man-made tradition of church made equal to Bible. (Council of Trent)

1545 AD

Apocryphal books added to Bible. (Council of Trent)

1546 AD

Justification by human works of merit.

1546 AD

Mass universally said in Latin. (see 600 AD)

1547 AD

Confirmation.

1560 AD

Personal opinions of Pope Pius IV imposed as the official creed.

1864 AD

Syllabus Errorum [Syllabus of Errors] proclaimed that "Catholic countries" could not tolerate other religions, (no freedom of religion), conscience, separation of church and State condemned, asserted the Pope's temporal authority over all civil rulers (Ratified by Pope Pius IX and Vatican Council) condemned.

1870 AD

Infallibility of Pope. (Vatican council)

1908 AD

All Catholics should be christened into the church.

1930 AD

Public Schools condemned by Pope Pius XII. (see 1864 AD)

1950 AD

Sinners prayer, invented by Billy Sunday and made popular by Billy Graham. (Some Catholics now use this.)

1950 AD

Assumption of the body of the Virgin Mary into heaven shortly after her death. (Pope Pius XII)

1954 AD

Immaculate conception of Mary proclaimed by Pope Pius XII.

1995 AD

The use of girls in the traditional altar boy duties.

1996 AD

Catholics can believe in Evolution. (Pope John Paul II)

Can Roman Catholics Accept The Bible?

- 1. Why does it condemn clerical dress? (Matthew 23:5-6).
- 2. Why does it teach against the adoration of Mary? (Luke 11:27-28).
- 3. Why does it show that all Christians are priests? (1 Pet. 2:5,9).
- 4. Why does it condemn the observance of special days? (Galatians 4:9-11).
- 5. Why does it teach that all Christians are saints? (1 Corinthians 1:2).
- 6. Why does it condemn the making and adoration of images? (Exodus 20:4-5).
- 7. Why does it teach that baptism is immersion instead of pouring? (Colossians 2:12).
- 8. Why does it forbid us to address religious leaders as "father"? (Matthew 23:9).
- 9. Why does it teach that Christ is the only foundation and not the apostle Peter? (1 Corinthians 3:11).

- 10. Why does it teach that there is one mediator instead of many? (1 Timothy 2:5).
- 11. Why does it teach that a bishop must be a married man? (1 Timothy 3:2, 4-5).
- 12. Why is it opposed to the primacy of Peter? (Luke 22:24-27).
- 13. Why does it oppose the idea of purgatory? (Luke 16:26).
- 14. Why is it completely silent about infant baptism, indulgences, confession to priests, the rosary, the mass, and many other things in the Catholic Church?

Reasons Why The Apocrypha Is Not Inspired:

- 1. The Roman Catholic Church did not officially canonize the Apocrypha until the Council of Trent (1546 AD). This was in part because the Apocrypha contained material which supported certain Catholic doctrines, such as purgatory, praying for the dead, and the treasury of merit.
- 2. Not one of them is in the Hebrew language, which was alone used by the inspired historians and poets of the Old Testament.
- 3. Not one of the writers lays any claim to inspiration.
- 4. These books were never acknowledged as sacred Scriptures by the Jewish Church, and therefore were never sanctioned by our Lord.
- 5. They were not allowed a place among the sacred books, during the first four centuries of the Christian Church.
- 6. They contain fabulous statements, and statements which contradict not only the canonical Scriptures, but themselves; as when, in the two Books of Maccabees, Antiochus Epiphanes is made to die three different deaths in as many different places.
- 7. The Apocrypha inculcates doctrines at variance with the Bible, such as prayers for the dead and sinless perfection.

And the day following Judas came with his company, to take away the bodies of them that were slain, and to bury them with their kinsmen, in the sepulchers of their fathers. And they found under the coats of the slain some of the donaries of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbiddeth to the Jews: so that all plainly saw, that for this cause they were slain. Then they all blessed the just judgment of the Lord, who had discovered the things that were hidden. And so betaking themselves to prayers, they besought him, that the sin which had been committed might be forgotten. But the most valiant Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves from sin, forasmuch as they saw before their eyes what had happened, because of the sins of those that were slain. And making a gathering, he sent twelve thousand drachmas of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection, (For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead,) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is

therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins. (2 Maccabees 12:39-46)

8. The apocrypha contains offensive materials unbecoming of God's authorship.

Ecclesiasticus 25:19 Any iniquity is insignificant compared to a wife's iniquity.

Ecclesiasticus 25:24 From a woman sin had its beginning. Because of her we all die.

Ecclesiasticus 22:3 It is a disgrace to be the father of an undisciplined, and the birth of a daughter is a loss.

- 9. It teaches immoral practices, such as lying, suicide, assassination and magical incantation.
- 10. The apocryphal books themselves make reference to what we call the Silent 400 years, where there was no prophets of God to write inspired materials.

And they laid up the stones in the mountain of the temple in a convenient place, till there should come a prophet, and give answer concerning them. (1 Maccabees 4:46)

And there was a great tribulation in Israel, such as was not since the day, that there was no prophet seen in Israel. (1 Maccabees 9:27)

And that the Jews, and their priests, had consented that he should be their prince, and high priest for ever, till there should arise a faithful prophet. (1 Maccabees 14:41)

Josephus rejected the apocryphal books as inspired and this reflected Jewish thought at the time of Jesus.

"From Artexerxes to our own time the complete history has been written but has not been deemed worthy of equal credit with the earlier records because of the failure of the exact succession of the prophets." ... "We have not an innumerable multitude of books among us, disagreeing from and contradicting one another, but only twenty-two books, which contain the records of all the past times; which are justly believed to be divine..." (Flavius Josephus, Against Apion 1:8)

- 12. The Manual of Discipline in the Dead Sea Scrolls rejected the apocrypha as inspired.
- 13. The Council of Jamnia held the same view rejected the apocrypha as inspired.

They debated the canonicity of a few books (e.g., Ecclesiastes), but they changed nothing and never proclaimed themselves to be authoritative determiners of the Old Testament canon. "The books which they decided to acknowledge as canonical were already generally accepted, although questions had been raised about them. Those which they refused to admit had never been included. They did not expel from the canon any book which had previously been admitted. 'The Council of Jamnia was the confirming of public opinion, not the forming of it.'" (F. F. Bruce, The Books and Parchments [Old Tappan, NJ.: Fleming H. Revell, 1963], p. 98])

- 14. Although it was occasionally quoted in early church writings, it was nowhere accepted in a canon. Melito (AD 170) and Origen rejected the Apocrypha, (Eccl. Hist. VI. 25, Eusebius) as does the Muratorian Canon.
- 15. Jerome vigorously resisted including the Apocrypha in his Latin Vulgate Version (400 AD
-), but was overruled. As a result, the standard Roman Catholic Bible throughout the medieval period contained it. Thus, it gradually came to be revered by the average clergyman. Still, many medieval Catholic scholars realized that it was not inspired.
- 16. The terms "protocanonical" and "deuterocanonical" are used by Catholics to signify respectively those books of Scripture that were received by the entire Church from the beginning as inspired, and those whose inspiration came to be recognized later, after the matter had been disputed by certain Fathers and local churches.
- 17. Pope Damasus (366-384) authorized Jerome to translate the Latin Vulgate. The Council of Carthage declared this translation as "the infallible and authentic Bible." Jerome was the first to describe the extra 7 Old Testament books as the "Apocrypha" (doubtful authenticity). Needless to say, Jerome's Latin Vulgate did not include the Apocrypha.
- 18. Cyril (born about A.D. 315) "Read the divine Scriptures namely, the 22 books of the Old Testament which the 72 interpreters translated" (the Septuagint)
- 19. The apocrypha wasn't included at first in the Septuagint, but was appended by the Alexandrian Jews, and was not listed in any of the catalogues of the inspired books till the 4th century.
- 20. Hilary (bishop of Poictiers, 350 A.D.) rejected the apocrypha (Prologue to the Psalms, Sec. 15)
- 21. Epiphanius (the great opposer of heresy, 360 A.D.) rejected them all. Referring to Wisdom of Solomon & book of Jesus Sirach, he said "These indeed are useful books & profitable, but they are not placed in the number of the canonical."

Was Peter The First Pope?

The Catholic church falsely claims that Peter was the first bishop of the church in Rome, and all power was handed down to the bishops or popes of that city.

NWO Insider Dr. Richard Day Reveals the New World Order Plan



Dr. Richard Day

Dr. Richard Day revealed New World Order plans in 1969. As we enter the new year 2024, let's count how many of these 55 points in their plans have come to pass. My comments are in parenthesis after some of them.

This article started with a video of the recollections of Dr. Lawrence Dunegan regarding a lecture he attended on March 20, 1969, at a meeting of the Pittsburgh Pediatric Society. Unfortunately, that video was removed from YouTube. \sqcap

The lecturer at that gathering of pediatricians was Dr. Richard Day (who died in 1989). At the time Dr. Day was Professor of Pediatrics at Mount Sinai Medical School in New York. Previously he had served as Medical Director of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Dr. Dunegan was formerly a student of Dr. Day at the University of Pittsburgh and was well acquainted with him, though not intimately. He describes Dr. Day as an insider of the "Order" and although Dr. Dunegan's memory was somewhat dimmed by the intervening years, he is able to provide enough details of the lecture to enable any enlightened person to discern the real purposes behind the trends of our time.

You can also <u>read a transcript of the entire message on this</u> site!

Here are just some of the topics covered in this video created from Dr. Dunegan's audio tapes about the plans of the New World Order. He revealed this information in 1969! How many predictions can *you* count that have been fulfilled? Please write your answer in the comments section below.

- 1. Girls would be discouraged from playing with dolls so they wouldn't think about babies. They would be encouraged to get out on the soccer field instead.
- 2. Guns would be eliminated almost entirely and the few that were allowed to have them for hunting would have to check them out from officials. (The public in Canada, Australia and New Zealand have been disarmed. This is the reason, in my opinion, government repression during the Covid plandemic was much harsher in those nations than in America.)
- 3. They already could cure over 98% of all cancers they had the cures at the Rockefeller Institute. But they would not be released because there were too many people in the world and they had to die of something.
- 4. Homosexuality will be encouraged anything goes. (Since the Obama administration, gay rights have been promoted, and now under Biden, the LGBTQ agenda is given priority over fixing the southern border crisis and fixing other serious problems America is facing today.)
- 5. Families will diminish in importance. People would be encouraged to live alone.
- 6. Euthanasia will be encouraged they will use "the demise pill" to kill themselves.
- 7. Births will be strictly controlled and you could not simply have children because you wanted them.
- 8. "Stupid" people would not eat correctly and exercise so they would die much earlier and that's what they wanted.
- 9. Private doctors will be eliminated doctors make too much money.
- 10. They will make health care so expensive that you must have insurance or be financially destroyed. Limiting access to affordable medical care will make eliminating the elderly easier. They would stop hospitals from giving any charity care.
- 11. New difficult-to-treat and diagnose diseases will come about as a means of population control. (SARS, Covid-19, laboratory engineered viruses.)
- 12. Running shoes and sports equipment will be made glamorous to make the "smart" people get into exercise.
- 13. Romantic music will not be put out anymore. All the old music will be brought back on certain "oldies" radio stations and the young people will have their own radio stations. Old movies will be put on again for the old people.
- 14. Entertainment will be used to mainly change and program young people. The old people are not important anyway so they don't care much about them.
- 15. Entire meals will be made and put in grocery stores. Convenience foods will be made unhealthy. They wanted people who were too lazy to fix their own meals or exercise to die early.
- 16. Inducing heart attacks as a means of assassination. (Heart attacks among young people have indeed dramatically increased since the Covid-19 pandemic. Did the Covid vaccines cause it? I believe it did.)
- 17. They will blend all religions but Christianity had to go especially!

 Once the Roman Catholic Church is brought down then the rest will go next. Then they will create a new religion. (Many traditional Catholics are alarmed at the way Pope Francis is leading the church. I believe that even if the RCC is destroyed as an institution, those who controlled it will lead the new world religion. And if end-time events

- do not go the way dispensational evangelicals think they will, some have actually said they will throw their Bible away!)
- 18. They will change the Bible over time churches would help them! (False doctrines abound in churches today.
- 19. The education system will be restructured as a tool of indoctrination. Kids will spend more time in school but won't learn anything. Kids will have to specialize early on in their education and changing their plans will be very difficult. (Many Americans cannot find major countries such as Japan on a map.
- 20. ID will be required for all travel. They will implant IDs inside the skin so that nobody can say they lost their IDs.
- 21. They will control who has access to information. Some books will just disappear or be changed. They will even have thieves steal certain books from the library. (It's much harder for them to control Information now unless Internet providers start to charge more money to access websites like mine which are not sanctioned by the government.
- 22. Drug use will be encouraged to create a "Jungle" atmosphere. Meanwhile, police enforcement to put people in prison for drugs will be drastically increased.
- 23. Food will be strictly controlled and people would be not allowed to grow their own. They only would give you enough food to give you what you needed but hoarding food or growing food would be criminal activities. They didn't want anybody to be able to support those outside their system.
- 24. Travel will be first made cheaper to encourage people to spread out their families but then made very expensive so few people can afford it.
- 25. Crime will be increased as a way to control society.
- 26. More jails would be made and they would even use hospitals as jails.
- 27. **America would lose its manufacturing base**. Other countries would be making the products America was making now. (This is sure true of manufacturing in Asian countries.)
- 28. Sports would be used as a tool for social change Soccer was being encouraged since it was a global game. They wanted to do away with anything like football and baseball that were created in the United States. National pride of any type would be discouraged.
- 29. Sex and violence would be programmed through entertainment.
- 30. All television sets would have secret cameras that would watch everybody in the room.
- 31. They would implant IDs in everybody.
- 32. They would control what was in our food.
- 33. They already controlled the weather. They would stop rain in certain areas to bring them under their control. They would make rain during harvest to make it harder to get the food from the fields.
- 34. There were always two reasons for all their actions. The public reason they give everybody and the REAL reason.
- 35. People don't ask the right questions they are too trusting.
- 36. Scientific research would be falsified to push their agendas.
- 37. Terrorism would be used to control the people.
- 38. Home ownership will be a thing of the past.
- 39. The new system would be either brought by peaceful means if possible or by bringing the nation to the brink of nuclear war. People would give up

- their national sovereignty to keep the peace.
- 40. If too many people resisted their plans, there might be a need to use one, two or more nuclear weapons to show that "we mean business".
- 41. War was justified as a way to control the population. They were happy that World Wars had killed millions so they couldn't keep having babies. But now with nuclear weapons, they would not allow wars to be fought with nuclear weapons on a wide scale.
- 42. Americans have had it too good so nuclear terrorism might need to be used in order to implement the new world order system.
- 43. Inflation is a tool of control. Money would be turned into credit. Cash would be done away with. People would carry money only for small items such as chewing gun. All else is done electronically. They would ultimately have a single bank system but might appear as several banks.
- 44. All purchases would be tracked. If you bought too much of an item or a particular item, an official would be alerted to investigate. The ability to save would be curtailed so they would not be able to accumulate wealth. Wealth in the hands of the people is not good for those in charge.
- 45. If you saved too much, your pay would be cut in the future so you could not accumulate any wealth.
- 46. Credit would be encouraged so people would get in debt and get in trouble so authorities could come down hard on them.
- 47. Eventually there would only be one credit card and then after that, there would be a skin implant located in your right hand or your forehead. He was told to not worry about what the Bible said about this because this was just the logical place for the implant.
- 48. Implants would also be used for surveillance. Every citizen could be identified by their own signal through tooth fillings etc.
- 49. You'll be watching television and somebody will be watching you at a central station. The TV could be off and still monitor you. They could tell what you are watching and how you are reacting to what you are watching. The signals for monitoring you will go down the cable for your Cable TV and telephone wires.
- 50. Audio monitors would also be used in other rooms. Any wires that come into the home will be used to monitor you such as telephone wires.
- 51. There would be service trucks everywhere putting in the monitoring equipment.
- 52. People who already owned houses would be allowed to keep them but young people would never be able to afford a home. The cost of homes would not come down even with all the empty houses. They would control the price of homes to turn more and more people into renters.
- 53. People would be assigned where they would live and they would assign non-family members to live with you. That's why the census asks how many bedrooms you have in the home.
- 54. When the new system comes out, they would be required to sign allegiance to it. There would be no room for people who would not sign their allegiance to the new system. They would be secretly taken to special places where they would not live very long. People will just disappear so they can't be martyrs.
- 55. The new system will come in over a weekend in the winter. They would announce the new system was in place on a Monday. Everybody will have

less leisure time after the new system was brought in so they couldn't figure out what was going on.

The Rapture Theory



We should read the prophecy in 1 Thess 4 as it continues into chapter 5 as the Second Coming of Christ and events that all happen all on the same day!

<u>Forefathers of the Faith Exposed the</u> REAL Antichrist



God's people of the past correctly identified the Antichrist. Most of God's people today don't have a clue and are only speculating who it could be.

God's Promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 is Misinterpreted by Zionists to Promote Genocide



The misunderstanding of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 has led to the murder of innocent Palestinians in Gaza.

<u>Pope Francis declares WAR against</u> <u>Bible believing Christians!</u>

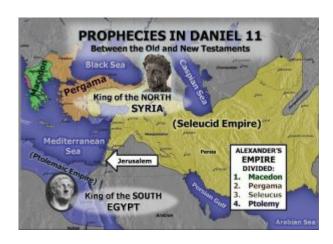


A fundamentalist group, although it may not kill anyone, although it may not strike anyone, is violent. — Pope Francis

Why Do Jews Not Believe Jesus As Messiah?

A man asks, Why Do Jews Not Believe Jesus As Messiah? I need an answer from the Jews themselves.

Who is the Prince of the Covenant of Daniel 11:22 ?



One of the problems of interpretation of Bible prophecy is not knowing it was fulfilled in the past and therefore thinking it is a future event. This is why the "prince of the covenant" of Daniel chapter 11 is popularly interpreted to be the Antichrist of the future who makes some kind of peace deal with the nation of Israel. This kind of interpretation is called "eisegesis" meaning reading into the text what it is not actually saying. Eisegesis is the process of interpreting the text in such a way as to introduce one's own presuppositions, agendas or biases. It is commonly referred to as reading into the text. That's a no-no!

Let's read Daniel 11:22 in context with verses before and after.

Daniel 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up **a vile person**, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

- 22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also **the prince of the covenant**.
- 23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

It's my observation that contemporary Bible prophecy teachers confuse the prophecy of Daniel 9:27 with the prophecies of Daniel 11. They are entirely different! Daniel 9:27 was fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Apostles during a seven-year period from 27 AD which was the year Jesus started His ministry of preaching the Gospel to the restored house of Israel which confirmed the Covenant God made with Abraham, the Covenant of grace through belief in God's Word. The Bible says so no less than 3 times!

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

And the Apostle Paul unequivocally says the Covenant of Daniel 9:27 was confirmed in Christ!

Galatians 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ,...

I won't discuss Daniel 9:27 further in this article because I have covered it in detail a <u>multitude of times on this website</u>. What I want to talk about now is the problem of combining prophecies that are not related to each other.

Commentary of Daniel chapter 11:21-22 from Adam Clarke (1762 — 26 August 1832), a British Methodist theologian.

Daniel 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up **a vile person**, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

In his estate shall stand up a vile person — This was Antiochus, surnamed Epiphanes — the Illustrious. They did not give him the honour of the kingdom: he was at Athens, on his way from Rome, when his father died; and Heliodorus had declared himself king, as had several others. But Antiochus came in peaceably, for he obtained the kingdom by flatteries. He flattered Eumenes, king of Pergamus, and Attalus his brother, and got their assistance. He flattered the Romans, and sent ambassadors to court their favour, and pay them the arrears of the tribute. He flattered the Syrians, and gained their concurrence; and as he flattered the Syrians, so they flattered him, giving him the epithet of Epiphanes — the Illustrious. But that he was what the prophet here calls him, a vile person, is fully evident from what Polybius says of him, from Athenaeus, lib. v.: "He was every man's companion: he resorted to the common shops, and prattled with the workmen: he frequented the common taverns, and ate and drank with the meanest fellows, singing debauched songs," &c., &c. On this account, a contemporary writer, and others after him, instead of Epiphanes, called him Epimanes — the Madman.

"Antiochus IV Epiphanes (c. 215 BC — November/December 164 BC) was a Greek Hellenistic king who ruled the Seleucid Empire from 175 BC until his death in 164 BC. He was a son of King Antiochus III the Great. Originally named Mithradates (alternative form Mithridates), he assumed the name Antiochus after he ascended the throne. Notable events during Antiochus's reign include his near-conquest of Ptolemaic Egypt, his persecution of the Jews of Judea and Samaria, and the rebellion of the Jewish Maccabees." — Source: Wikipedia

Daniel 11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the

covenant.

And with the arms of a flood — The arms which were overflown before him were his competitors for the crown. They were vanquished by the forces of Eumenes and Attalus; and were dissipated by the arrival of Antiochus from Athens, whose presence disconcerted all their measures.

The prince of the covenant — This was Onias, the high priest, whom he removed, and put Jason in his place, who had given him a great sum of money; and then put wicked Menelaus in his room, who had offered him a larger sum. Thus he acted deceitfully in the league made with Jason.

Commentary from Albert Barnes (December 1, 1798 — December 24, 1870), who was an American theologian.

Yea, also the prince of the covenant — He also shall be broken and overcome. There has been some diversity of opinion as to who is meant by "the prince of the covenant" here. Many suppose that it is the high priest of the Jews, as being the chief prince or ruler under the "covenant" which God made with them, or among the "covenant" people. But this appellation is not elsewhere given to the Jewish high priest, nor is it such as could with much propriety be applied to him. The reference is rather to the king of Egypt, with whom a covenant or compact had been made by Antiochus the Great, and who was supposed to be united, therefore, to the Syrians by a solemn treaty. See Lengerke, in loc. So Elliott, "Rev." iv. 133.

Commentary from contemporary Bible teacher.

There's a prince that's coming. He's going to make a covenant and to me, it just tells you two things. We're talking about the rise of the Antichrist and the timing. We finally began the Tribulation, notice verse 23 and after the league made with him. That's the Covenant. So he makes a Covenant but he's a liar he's a vile person and after the league made with him, he shall work deceitfully.

As you can see, this Bible teacher is giving us a futuristic interpretation. He's calling the Prince of the Covenant the Antichrist. This is exactly what I was taught in the 1970s by a Bible prophecy teacher. And this teacher is also mixing together the prophecies of Daniel 9 with Daniel 11.

Some say a prophecy can have multiple fulfillments but I see no precedent for that in the Scriptures. Daniel 9:27 was fulfilled 2000 years ago and can never be repeated.

Albert Barnes and Adam Clarke come much closer to the truth in their historical interpretation of the Prince of the Covenant than do popular endtime Bible prophecy teachers of today.

If you were looking for an article on Christmas day about the birth of Christ, I have nothing better to tell you than to read the Gospel of Luke chapters one and two and also Isaiah chapter 53. That's what me and my wife did for our morning devotions.