

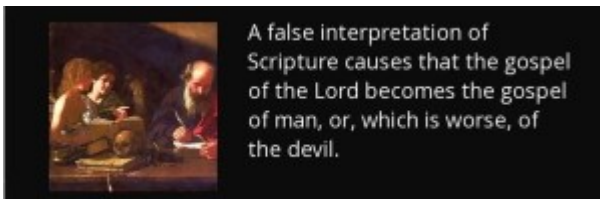
## [The Mass an Abomination to God](#)



Christ finished the Atonement on Calvary, yet these Roman and High Church priests go through the blasphemous daily sacrifice again.

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## [The Scholars Behind the Promotion of the False Interpretations of the Books of Daniel and Revelation](#)



Five leading scholars turned the finger-posts of Divine Prophecy round, so that ever since they have pointed the wrong way, and turned multitudes of ministers, scholars and students off the King's highway down into two side lanes, whither they have led nearly the whole Christian Church.

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## [Our Position Today in the Divine Program as Revealed in Prophecy](#)



This is the continuation of the series, **Antichrist And His Ten Kingdoms** – By Albert Close and the previous post, [The Great Harlot's Daughters](#).

God has never in any age sent a messenger or preacher to cross, contradict or make void an interpretation of Holy Scripture revealed to an earlier generation; as for example in the case of the Reformers at the Reformation.

The early Christians believed that Christ's Second Coming was surely to take place in their own days. The Thessalonians even sold their goods and gave up their secular callings and sat down to wait for the return of our Lord.

St. Paul in 2 Thess. 2:1-12 reproves them for being carried away by mistaken teachers. He tells them that the Second Coming could not take place until there came a falling away from the faith of Christ, and the Antichrist, or Man of Sin, should arise. He then describes the character of the coming Antichrist and his monstrous claims and blasphemous pretensions, which have all been perfectly fulfilled by the Popes of Rome. The Pope today claims to be the Vicar of Christ on earth!

In 2 Thess. 2:3-9 St. Paul thus describes the twelve hundred years of falling away during the Dark Ages, and the character of Antichrist during the Dark Ages and since.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 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.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the MYSTERY OF INIQUITY doth already work: only he who now letteth (hinders) will let (hinder), UNTIL HE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

## EXPLANATORY NOTES ON VERSES.

From Irenaeus (A.D. 115-190), the disciple of Polycarp, the contemporary of St. John, we first hear that the hindrance to the full development of Antichrist, mentioned by St. Paul,

A. Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Beyond question refers to the drying up of the Turkish Empire, which originated in its infancy as a Mohammedan religious Power at Mecca in 622 A.D. and in 1063 as a Religious Political power at Baghdad, which passed the Euphrates and invaded Asia Minor, Eastern Europe and North Africa. In 1924 the Caliphate or dynasty of Sultans ended and Turkey became a very small Republic. Gibbon says: "The Turks from Baghdad passed over the Euphrates in 1063, and inundated Asia Minor and Eastern Europe." Gibbon-X. p. 352. Note that Gibbon uses the word "inundated"; then read carefully Rev. 8:9, Rev. 16.

B. Revelation 16:13 And I saw *three unclean spirits* like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

This evidently refers to the rise of the *Papal, Fascist and Nazi* Movements of today. These are three outstanding evil movements in the world. These are active, not only in the area of the old Roman earth, but all over the world. The text clearly differentiates between "the earth" and "the whole world." "The Earth" clearly refers to the area of Papal Europe and Mohammedan Eastern Europe, which once formed the Eastern and Western Roman Empires, the area ruled over by the Popes and Sultans. The West is still *secretly* dominated by the Papacy. Mussolini's chief adviser on behalf of the Pope is Father Pietro Tachi-Venturi, a Jesuit, *Daily Express*, 2/9/35.

C. Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Verse 15 contains a sharp clear warning shot, like a flash of lightning into the middle of the text at this time. When we see the three evil spirits at work gathering the nations of the world to battle, we should keep a very sharp look-out for the Coming of Christ, lest we be surprised and put to shame.

D. Revelation 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. This verse reads in the Revised Version "and they gathered them together," not "he gathered them." \*Were not these three evil movements in Germany, Italy and Vatican gathering all nations together in the War of Armageddon? We cannot interpret until all has been fulfilled, whether Armageddon is a period of great conflicts, or, a single great battle which will center around the Valley of Armageddon. Armageddon Valley in Palestine

is only about 25 miles in length. The Battle of France in May and June 1940 extended over 600 miles in length. As Armageddon is to be the greatest Battle of all history, we must wait until it has been fought before we can interpret this verse unerringly.

\* On this false translation has been built up the interpretation of a future Military Antichrist.

## **THE JESUITS, RIBERA AND BELLARMINE, MIX THE INTERPRETATION OF PROPHECY, 1581–1603.A.D.**

In 1576, Gregory XIII. appointed the Jesuit Cardinal Bellarmine to lecture on controversial theology in the new Roman College. He was a man of great learning, and the most powerful controversialist the Roman Church has ever produced. He and Ribera the Jesuit of Salamanca were the leaders in the Movement in the Church of Rome to change the interpretation of Prophecy. At the same time that Ribera published his Futurist commentary on the Apocalypse, Bellarmine published his three volumes of his lectures in the Roman College in the years 1581, 1582, and the third in 1593. Ribera published the three editions of his commentary in 1591, 1592 and 1603. These are now in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

These works called forth a multitude of replies from the Protestant side, including that of Brightman, in England, in 1601.

### **WHAT RIBERA THE JESUIT WROTE 1591–1603 A.D**

Revelation xiv., xvii. and xviii.

“Babylon whose fall is here predicted, Babylon the purpled Harlot, Babylon the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth, she that has made all nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, this is indeed Rome; but not Rome Christian, not Rome obedient to the Pope, not Rome retaining and preserving within herself the See of the Apostle Peter . . . it is Rome the author and preserver of superstitions, the head of idolatry, the sink of all iniquity, the most bitter enemy of the Christian name, the murderer and slaughterer of the saints . . . such as she will be in the end of the world, after she has fallen away from the Pope.” “ Apocalypsin, cap. xiv. Ribera Num. 39. Bodleian Library, Oxford.

Bellarmino powerfully supported Ribera, as will be seen by the following extract from his “Disputations and Controversy.” The Year Day theory then rising into general notice was first attacked by Bellarmine.

He admits that Rome and her Ten Kingdoms is meant by Babylon in Rev. 17, but denies that it refers to Rome and the Popes, but to a Rome future, not Rome of the present, Here is what Cardinal Bellarmine, S.J., wrote 1586–96, A.D.

The Ten Kings who will share among them the Roman Empire, and in whose reign Antichrist will come, –these will hate the purple-bearing harlot, that is, Rome, and will make her desolate, and burn her with fire. How, therefore, can she be the seat of Antichrist, if at that very time she is to be overthrown

and burnt?

Bellarmino continues: "By God's wonderful Providence when the Roman Empire failed in the West, which was one of the legs of Daniel's statue, it remained safe in the East, which was the other leg. But because the Eastern Empire was to be destroyed by the Turks, as we have seen, God once more set up in the West, the first leg, that is, the Western Empire, by Charlemagne; and this Empire still exists."



Jesuit Robert Bellermine, taken from a Catholic website.

Here, therefore is proof positive of the origin of the Futurist Interpretation of Daniel and Revelation. It is not mere hearsay evidence. This was part of the great Jesuit conspiracy of 1551 to destroy the Church of England by mixing the doctrines. The following is a copy of the Secret Instructions issued to the Jesuits of Paris, from the Council of Trent in 1551 A.D.

#### **JESUITS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIXING DOCTRINES AND INTERPRETATIONS.**

The following secret Instructions were sent in 1551 A.D. from the Council of Trent to the Jesuits in Paris.

"Ye are not to preach all after one method, but observe the place wherein you come. In England preach any that are contrary to the Holy See of St. Peter, by which your function will not be suspected, and yet you may still act on the interest of the Mother Church; there being, as the Council are agreed on, no better way to demolish that Church (the Church of England) of heresy than by mixtures of doctrines, and by adding of ceremonies more than be at present permitted. Some of you who undertook to be of this sort of heretical episcopal society, bring it as near to the Mother Church as you can, and be a means to reduce all in time to the Mother Church."

The late Father Hugh Benson, son of an Archbishop of Canterbury, confessed before a vast audience in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, in October, 1907, that whilst a Mirfield monk in the Church of England:—

Father Hugh Benson:—"On every point except the supremacy of the Pope we believed the teaching of the (Roman) Catholic Church, and taught most of her doctrines, as thousands of Anglican clergymen are doing today."

Father Ronald Knox, son of Bishop Knox, followed Benson into the Church of Rome in 1917.

Father Woodlock, the Jesuit, stated that in 1924, that out of 1,345 converts at Westminster, 1,147 were from the High Church of England, and 144 from other Churches.—"Catholic Times," 1/4/27

Father Buggy, of Halifax, states 15 out of 20 converts afterwards leave the Church of Rome.—"Daily Telegraph," 21/10/29. Disillusioned!

Dean Goode, late Dean of Ripon, in "Rome's Tactics," shows that part of Rome's tactics is to send disguised Roman priests to officiate as Church of England clergymen, and gradually introduce her ritual and doctrines.

About 9,000 out of the 12,000 Church of England Clergy are Anglo-Romanists who follow Romish practices and ritual today.

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## The Great Harlot's Daughters



The Church of Rome's daughters: Ritualistic and apostate Churches, and especially to the High Church sections of the Churches of England and Scotland, and to the Greek and Eastern Churches, which all teach and practice many of the Church of Rome's doctrines and abominations.

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## The Church of Rome Ignores the Challenge to Disprove She is the Great Whore of Revelation Chapter 17



All the great Protestants of the past declared that the Great Whore who is drunken with the blood of the saints of Revelation 17 is the Roman Catholic Church.

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## [A Description of the Great Whore of Revelation Chapter 17](#)



The Church of Rome boasts of being a universal Church. The harlot is seated on many waters, which are nations, and peoples, and tongues.

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## [Revelation 17 – The Prophetic Portrait of the Church of Rome](#)



The images before which Roman Catholics bow down, the Mass, worship of the Eucharist, prayers to saints show the Church of Rome as the biggest idolatrous system.

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## [Is the Prophecy of Matthew 24:29-31 a Future Endtime Event?](#)





Alternative non-dispensational interpretations of Matthew 24:29-31 based on the historical views of Protestant Reformation Bible teachers and pastors.

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## [The Root Of Antisemitism](#)



### **Foreword from the Webmaster:**

As Christians, we should not support Zionist Antichrist Israel, but neither should we hate the Jews as a people! The Apostle Paul loved his people the Jews and went out of his way to preach the Gospel to them. I believe all antisemitism comes from non-Christians, those who don't know true salvation by grace in Jesus Christ.

This article is from the *Converted Catholic Magazine* of which former Roman Catholic priest, Leo Herbert Lehmann (also known as L.H. Lehmann) is the editor. It was first put online in PDF format by the [LutheranLibrary.org](http://LutheranLibrary.org).

IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED that after the war the Jewish people in Europe, as a result of wholesale slaughter by the Nazi-Fascists, will be so reduced in numbers that they will never recover from their losses. Germany, even if it loses 20 percent of its population, can make up for its losses in another generation. But not the Jews.

This wholesale extermination of a people in the twentieth century, simply because of their religious background, is something that both Protestants and Catholics have much to be concerned about. For anti-Semitism is a religious problem, intimately bound up with the most fundamental belief of Christians. It stems from the death of Christ, the central and essential point of

Christian soteriology. It is only in Protestant countries since the Reformation that Jews have ceased to be regarded as the 'scapegoat' for the responsibility and blame in connection with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Even in the United States, while the ruthless slaughter of Jews has been taking place in Europe, the Catholic press has kept up this accusation that the Jews killed Christ – as the picture (below), syndicated by the American Catholic hierarchy's official N.C.W.C. News Service, shows. Implicit in this false accusation is an "explanation" of the horrors being meted out to Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe at that time.

THE TABLET, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1942

# STRANGE BUT TRUE

## Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY Copyright, 1942, N. C. W. C. News Service

PRIEST

SAFFRON VESTMENTS

*were worn anciently on GOOD FRIDAY to recall the bitter vindictiveness of the Jews in killing Christ.*

SAFFRON INDICATES BILE (BILE)

Prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> Century priests were permitted to recite the **GLORIA** at **EASTER SUNDAY MASS ONLY.**

**EASTER MESSAGE, 1942 — ROMAN CATHOLIC STYLE**

This anti-Semitic way of picturing the death of Jesus Christ belongs to the Middle Ages. The Catholic press revived it for Holy Week in America, 1942. Although the above is reproduced from the Catholic *Tablet* of Brooklyn, it will be noted that it was syndicated by the N.C.W.C., the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, official organization of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States, which has its own world-wide news service.

It is both untrue and unscriptural that the Jews killed Christ. But this has been the Catholic cry against the Jews all through the centuries. Note also the stress on the meaning of the word "saffron" as "bile."

It must seem impossible to Jews, and to Christians themselves if they give time to consider it, that the same death of Christ on the cross could bring the inestimable gift of salvation to one section of the human race, and at the same time be made the curse of another. Yet it has been officially pronounced by the Popes of Rome for centuries that the death of Christ forever made the Jews actual slaves of Christians whom the death of Christ made free. Here is how the great Pope Innocent III, and other popes for centuries after him, put it:<sup>1</sup>

“Although Christian piety tolerates the Jews, whose own fault commits them to perpetual slavery... they must not be allowed to remain ungrateful to us in such a way as to repay us with contumely for favors and contempt for our familiarity... As they are reprobate slaves of the Lord, in whose death they evilly conspired (at least by the effect of the deed), let them acknowledge themselves as slaves of those whom the death of Christ made free.”

It must first be asked, is this true Christian teaching? Did Christ so plan that one part of the human race would be saved and made free and another part be made the slaves of those thus freed – all by one and the same act of his saving work? This teaching was dogmatized into the history of Europe by the Popes of Rome up till the time of the Protestant Reformation, and is the root cause of the slaughter of millions of innocent Jewish people that has taken place under Nazi-Fascist domination of Europe during the past five years. It must further be remembered that this ruthless slaughter was carried out by the Nazi-Fascist regimes to which the Vatican allied itself by solemn concordats – and to which it remains allied to this date. But it is not, and could never be, true Christian teaching.

The Protestant Reformation, out of which came democratic freedoms and equality before God of all human beings, put an end to this Roman Catholic teaching and established it so that the Jews, even while remaining Jews by race and religion, are the equal of Christians in their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is thus that Jesus Christ himself would have it, so that by justice, equality, love and kindness, the Jews might eventually be led to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Christ himself was born a Jew and all his apostles and followers were Jews. He was put to death by Roman soldiers after sentence by a Roman judge. The priests of the Jewish religion – who played politics with the officials of the Roman government over the heads of their people, much as the Vatican does today – conspired to have Jesus put to death by the Romans. “It is not lawful for us to put any man to death,” they told Pilate (John 18:31). But the Jewish people had no more to do with it than the Roman Catholic people in America have had to do with the political intrigues of the Vatican with Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and other Fascist dictators.

Saint Paul was a Jew, though he claimed Roman citizenship. He taught no such doctrine that Jews were the slaves of Christians because they conspired in the death of Christ. In his desire to bring all to Christ he declared (Gal. 3:28): “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” But that was before the Romans took over control of the Christian church and established their juridical concepts of ‘interdict’, ‘delict,’ and hierarchical authority.

Jesus Christ died to save all who truly accept him as Savior. He died to set all men free, and by his death could have enslaved no one. No true Christian, grateful for having been made free himself by the death of Christ, could ever bring himself to believe that the act that made him free made his Jewish neighbor his slave. But it is only in predominantly Protestant countries that Jews have been able to exercise their equal rights with Christians before the law.

The solution of the problem of anti-Semitism awaits official recognition of similar rights for Jews from the Roman Catholic church and governments of Roman Catholic countries.

1. cf. Migne, Patrologia, Vol. 27, p. 1291. For other decrees of the Popes against the Jews, see our pamphlet: "How the Popes Treated the Jews."  
[Available from [LutheranLibrary.org](http://LutheranLibrary.org) -Ed]↵

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## When The Pope Blesses



Pope Benedict XV was the Pope of the Catholic Church from 1914 to 1922. When he blessed certain people his "blessings" turned into curses on every one he blessed!

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## The Third Temple Deception



A third temple would be an abomination. It would be blasphemous to build a temple. Why? Are you saying that the blood of Jesus isn't good enough anymore?

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# Christian Zionism & End Time Deception and Delusion



This is one of the best talks I've heard to date that exposes so called Christian Zionism as a false unbiblical doctrine and deception of the enemy. The YouTube is an hour and 8 minutes long, but the speaker, Charles A. Jennings, speaks quite slowly. It's faster to read what he has to say than listen to him. And he has very important things to say!

## Transcript

Welcome to truth in history.

Have you ever wondered what is the biggest end-time deception that has entered the Church? What is the biggest, not a deception, but *the* biggest deception that has entered especially the fundamental Evangelical Church World, especially here in America. It's something to think about. It's a very serious matter, and I'm afraid that most Christian people in the Evangelical, fundamental, Pentecostal, Baptist, independent, that type of Church, are the biggest ones, the biggest crowd to be deceived by this delusion that has come along and hit the Church world. It's been around for approximately 120 years, but the worst part of it has been around ever since about 1970 after The Six Day War in the Middle East.

This is what I want to talk about today, and that is Christian Zionism. I believe that **it is the biggest delusion, deception, that has come along in a very very long time.** There's been a lot of isms that have come along in the Church, but Christian Zionism has affected not only the Church, the preaching, the singing, the offerings, the money, it has affected our society and also foreign relations, and even our national foreign policy.

Now, in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, the Apostle Paul is warning the Church concerning the man of sin that is yet to be revealed, not in our day, but was

yet to be revealed after Paul's day. And he said that this man of sin would be in the Temple, this is 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 and verse 4, he said who opposeth and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he as God sitteth in the Temple of God showing himself to be God.

Now, we believe historically, or **I believe that that was the dynasty of popes**. But do you notice where this man of sin puts himself in the Temple of God? Not the *hieron*, the physical brick and mortar of Solomon's Temple or Herod's Temple, but he puts himself in the *naos* the body of Christ, in the true Church, or where the religious people, Bible believing people, were located. That's where he sat himself, in the *naos*, in the spiritual Church I should say. And that's where Christian Zionism has set itself.

But reading on in this same chapter in verse number nine it says, "even him whose coming is after the working of Satan." The opposer. Satan means opposer. "With all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish because they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved."

And then in verse number 11 he gives the reason. He says, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie."

Now the Church world that I named, Evangelical, fundamental, "Bible believing" Pentecostal World, a large part of the Baptist world, the independent World, **they are under a strong delusion**. Or, whoever else believes in Christian Zionism, they are under a strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. It says that they may be damned or judged. **There is coming a judgment against this whole Christian Zionist philosophy that has invaded the Church.**

Now, why am I not a Christian Zionist? There are many reasons, but the Christian Zionist movement is built upon the sand. It's built upon a shaky foundation. It's not a solid foundation. **It's not a Biblical Foundation. It's a lot of misinterpretation of Scripture.**

And the first one ... well let me say this about Christian Zionism. Christian Zionism is that element, that philosophy, that "Bible" interpretation, and I put that in quotes because it's not in the Bible, that believes that the Jewish people living today, number one, they believe that the Jewish people are the descendants, the direct lineal descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and that God gave that land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He gave it to "the Jews." And they're equating Jews with all of Israel, all 12 or 13 tribes. They're equating just the Jews as all 13 tribes. See, right there is a wrong premise because the Jews do not have an unbroken genealogical line back to the Bible Patriarchs.

If you study and read after the Jewish scholars that are honest, the historians, they will tell you that the Jews of today is that class of people that is made up of many many different ethnic groups, and it's a religion, and it's a culture, it's a social culture, it's a religious culture, it's a

historical culture. So during the centuries many people have joined themselves by either adopting the Judaistic religion, accepting the Talmud as their sacred book, and or they have married into people who were considered Jews, so they were considered Jews. There are Chinese Jews, black Jews, white Jews, Japanese Jews, there's Jews of all type. So it's not a clean genealogical unbroken line all the way back to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And if anyone believes that that's the case, they are delusional. Read the Jewish historians and scholars.

Number two, they believe that the Jews have a right to that land of Palestine, which that we know is not the proper name for the place, but it was given that name by the Romans. So they believe that the Arabs have no right to the land at all, they need to get out. And greater Israel as they call it, the Jews believe that they have a ancestral right from the Euphrates river to the river of Egypt. So they say, "That's ours. The Arabs have no right whatsoever. I don't care how long they've been there, I don't care how many are there, they need to get out."

The next thing that Christian Zionism believes, is that if Christians around the world, especially American Christians with American money will help finance the Jews going back to Canaan land, and building up the place, and planting orchards and gardens and buildings, and raising up houses in the different settlements, that it will hasten the coming of Jesus Christ. And they also believe that when Jesus Christ comes, that He will sit in a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and rule from a Jewish State. And many of them believe that the Old Testament ceremonial rituals will be reinstated, blood sacrifice, animal sacrifice, and they will be reinstated so that the Jews can have a means of salvation.

Many Zionists today believe that there's two plans of salvation, for the Gentiles – that is everyone that's not Jewish – they can have their salvation through Jesus, but the Jews, they can have salvation through returning to the Old Testament ceremonies of sacrifice of animals. Now, how ridiculous is that?

So that's just some of the things that they believe. No doubt they believe more than that because it has become cultish. It is absolutely working themselves into becoming a cult, a Christian Zionistic cult. And one of these cult members could be your pastor. It could be someone that is sitting in the pew next to you. It could be your relative. And the people that are most rabid in believing this are the fundamental Evangelical Bible believing Christians who carry a Scofield Bible.

In Genesis 12:1, this is one of their favorite verses, Genesis 12:1, it says this:

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth

thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Now, in whom and in what posterity has all the families of the earth been blessed? Through the Jews? Or through *true* Israel, "the Gentiles" that have preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world? Who has blessed the world more? Have the Jews taken the Gospel? We all know the answer to that.

Also, the Lord said, "And I will bless them that bless thee." He said nothing about blessing a modern State. He spoke to Abraham. He said, "I will bless them that bless thee and in thy seed, and in thee, shall all nations of the earth be blessed. And in his seed, Abraham's offspring, if you bless them. It says absolutely nothing about blessing or cursing a political State, nothing. So the Christian Zionists have no right to use that verse to promote their support of the modern state of Israel.

Now, also we see this in 2 Chronicles chapter number 19 verse number one.

2 Chronicles Chapter 19 1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

Wrath came upon him because he helped the ungodly and them that hated the Lord. Do the Jewish people love the Lord? Who is the the Lord? The Lord is the Lord Jesus Christ. Do they love Him? Or do they curse Him? So we see this principle where why should Christians bless someone with their moral support or monetary support that hate the Lord, that hates Jesus Christ, denies His divinity, that believed that he was conceived by Mary who was a prostitute and sired by a Roman soldier? They believe that!

So that's one reason why I'm not a Christian Zionist. I cannot support support the enemy, love the ungodly. It's an abomination, it's a delusion, it's a deception, but yet, the Jewish lobby and the lackeys that go along with it, the big-name evangelists for the last 50 years, ever since about 1970, have been *promoters* of this concept. And **they have become prostitutes for an ungodly element**. They became lackeys, lap dogs for the Jewish nation and the Jewish Lobby in this country. I could name some names but I think you know who I'm talking about.

Now, how did this concept get started? In around 1860 or so some of the Jewish rabbis said we need a homeland. Well, the the idea caught on among a lot of Jewish people, especially those living in Europe. And so Theodore Herzl in 1897 held his Zionist conference in Basel Switzerland and said, "We need a homeland." And they began to look around and said, "Where can we create a homeland?" They thought of Madagascar. They thought of Uganda and possibly other places in that part of the world. But some of the Christians like Arno C. Gaebelein and Brooks, and another man by the name of Scofield and Clarence Larkin and other Bible believing people said, "No, the Bible prophesies that the Jews would return to Palestine."



So the Zionist movement was born 1917 in November. Lord Balfour signs the Balfour Declaration. He was the Home Secretary of the British government. He signs the Balfour Declaration in agreement with Rothschild and giving the Jews the right to go to Palestine and form a homeland. But it did not say a nation, it just said you can go there and live peaceably with the Arabs, and the civil and religious rights of the Arabs shall not be disturbed at all. That was in the Balfour Declaration. But they soon broke that.

Immediately after World War II the conflict between the Jews over there and the Arabs intensified. More Jews were coming in from around the world and taking the property of the Arabs. So there was warfare, violence on each side, extreme violence. It's not just one-sided that lasted through the 20s the 30s and the 40s, when Menachem Begin who later became a prime minister, with his leader of the Ingun gang or the Stern gang. They blew up the King David hotel. I think that was in 1947, and killed several British soldiers and officers, because Britain had a mandate for that land. And when the British left, they declared themselves a nation.

And then our president, Harry S Truman, who was a self-proclaimed Baptist, who had been trained under the teaching of Scofield by his pastors, said according to Bible prophecy the Jews have a right to that land. So the nation of Israel was formed in May of 1948. And they had conflict with the Arabs throughout the 50s, but in 1967 was The Six Day War, and they won hands down. Look at the American money and American equipment that they had.

So that (the popularity of the doctrine of Christian Zionism) started after The Six Day War. The Christians in this country, the fundamental evangelicals, got the idea that these are God's people, this is God's land, and they deserve to have this land. So they began their big support for the Jewish cause.

Now, the teaching, "Bible" teaching or "Bible" justification for Zionism came out of the Scofield Reference Bible, and Scofield along with Arno C. Gaebelin wrote the notes. And then Mr. Clarence Larkin came along and made the real big book chart full of charts, and it just went through the Christian World in this country like wildfire. And people began to support it during the 20s 30s and 40s. And then in around 1970 you had preachers that were on television, that way they could speak to millions of Americans and they promoted this Zionist cause.

Now, who was it? You name the big television evangelists that were on television starting in around 1970 working this way, and some of them still on, and some new ones. Those are the ones that generate moral and monetary support for Christian Zionism. And it's become an absolute last day fever! You ought to hear some of these Christian Zionists on TV these days during this Israeli Hamas conflict! They are cultish! One man told me that every Arab should be killed! How ridiculous! And he being a Christian who told me that, "Every one of them should be just killed and let the Jews have the land whatever they want, and this will help Jesus to come back and rapture the Church." So they're they're really happy.

You've got the Left Behind Series that came along which is absolute fiction.

And this fiction has just taken over the mind of people that the 70th week of Daniel is future, there will be a third Temple built, the Rapture will take place, then 7-year tribulation for everybody that's left, but a third of the Jews will be killed. They say a third of them will be killed and some of the some of the Jews on TV are not too happy about that because they're not happy with the Christian Zionists who are saying, "Go back to Palestine and be killed." So it's a mixed up mess. Also Hal Lindsay's book, *The Late Great Planet Earth* that was in 1970 really got the ball rolling.

Now, here's some of the heresies that they teach. They teach that God has two Divine plans, one for an Earthly people called the Jews, and another plan for His Heavenly people called the Church. Now where is that in the Bible? An Earthly people and a Heavenly people. He's working on two fronts at the same time. And the preacher in San Antonio says that there's a plan of salvation strictly for the Jews, and one strictly for "the Gentiles," the non-Jews. And the salvation plan for the Jews is animal sacrifice. So they advocate the re-institution of animal sacrifice.

Also, they believe in a postponement theory that when Jesus came the first time the Jews rejected Him because Jesus did not assume the Throne of David when He came but he went to the Cross instead. He went to the cross when he should have went strictly to the throne. So Jesus came, the Jews rejected Him, so the postponement theory is the Jews will accept Him when He comes again or something like that. And they're going to be flaming evangelists, 144,000 of them, listed in Revelation chapter 7. They're going to be the flaming evangelist to go around the world, and there'll be the greatest revival ever to take place. Folks, that is nonsense! The Bible never says anything about 144,000 Jews preaching the Gospel. That's a perversion. It's a lie. In Revelation chapter 7 when those tribes are named, it's the tribes of Israel, all 12 tribes of Israel. Now, I know Dan is missing, but this is talking about something totally different. This is talking about true Israel, not apostate Israel.

So they (evangelicals) believe that when Jesus comes again they (the Jews) will accept Him. He'll set up His throne, and it will be a Jewish Throne, a Jewish State, a Jewish gospel, and they will rule over the Gentiles, all non-Jews, like they're a bunch of slaves or peons. That's what these people believe.

In believing the idea that the 70th week of Daniel is future, they they believe in an Antichrist, a one man Antichrist. And this one man Antichrist is going to make a covenant or a treaty with the Jews. But this is what John the Apostle tells us about the definition of an antichrist. The Bible never teaches a one man Antichrist, but that's what the Christian Zionists believe. 1 John Chapter 2 the first Epistle of John chapter 2: 18.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

The last time John was writing this, it was in the first century, and he considered that the last days. And he said antichrist shall come, there are *many* antichrists whereby we know that it is the last time. And then in verse 22:

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

Do you know any people that denies that Jesus is the Messiah? You guessed it. He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. If you deny the Son you deny the Father also.

Don't tell me like these Christian Zionists believe, "Well, the Jews believe the Old Testament God is the one they worship. The Christians worship Jesus." Two Gods?! That's how nutty these people are.

Verse 23:

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.- 1 John 2:23

Then in the first Epistle of John chapter 4, verse number one:

¶Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: – 1 John 4:1-2

In other words, God incarnate, in flesh. That's what he's talking about, is of God.

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: – 1 John 4:3a

What group of people, what religion, does not believe that Jesus Christ is the incarnate God?

and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. – 1 John 4:3b

Because those people, those Pharisees, scribes Herodians, they denied the deity of Jesus Christ. They say, "Who are you? Who are you?"

Also in the Second Epistle of John verse 7,

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

How can these Christian Zionists go to church and sing, "Oh, how I Love Jesus," and then the next night go to a Night for Israel rally, and wave their little flag with six-pointed star on it and yell, "Israel, Israel, Israel," thinking of the Jews. And dig into their pocketbook and say, "We need to send some money to the soldiers." Soldiers? they're well equipped already, especially with the Iron Dome paid for by the US and \$3.5 billion dollars every year of our tax money goes there.

So this is the Antichrist. Those people are antichrist. And how can two walk together except they be agreed? Christian Zionism, folks, is a delusion. It's a deception, and it's the biggest one that's come down the pike for the last 50 years.

They also believe in the Rapture. They believe that Revelation 4:1 when the angel told John to come up higher or come up hither that's the Rapture. Oh how weak, how weak is that exegesis (reading *out* of Scripture)! That's not exegesis, that's eisegesis, reading something into the text (based on one's own bias and interpretation).

And there they go again with 1 Thessalonians chapter 4. But that's talking about the resurrection, not a flying away, not a flying away to another planet. That's talking about the resurrection of the righteous.

They believe that another Temple, the Third Temple they call it, must be rebuilt. I find an interesting verse in Jeremiah chapter 7 beginning with verse number one.

Jeremiah 7:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,  
2 Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. 3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these. 5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; 6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: 7 **Then will I cause you to dwell in this place**, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

What the Jews did back in Judah long before the time of Christ, they thought

that the Temple was everything. **The whole Judaistic religion revolved around the Temple.** The Temple, that was their great emphasis. And they neglected these other things that I just read about, justice, fairness, righteousness, etc. They put an emphasis upon the Temple. But what did Jesus say in Matthew 24? He knew that the Temple had become an idol. The ceremonial law had become an idol. And at that time, it really wasn't the law of Moses, it was Talmudic law. And they were carrying on all their ceremonies. And Jesus simply said, "There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down." Why did He destroy the Temple? It had become a religious icon, an idol that was the center of Judaism. And there's where Jesus prophesied that the Roman army would come and destroy that place.

Who is the real Temple? In John Chapter 2 and verse 18 we read this:

Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.** 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, (See, they were thinking about the brick and the mortar.) and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

The true Temple of God is Jesus Christ, his literal physical body. But He said, "I'm going to build a Church." And the Church has become the body of Christ. That's the true Temple. This is what Paul said in 1 Corinthians chapter 6:19.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost? Not *heron*, brick and mortar, but *naos*, the Temple of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit resides within every believer. That's the true Temple of God. And Christian Zionists are collecting money to build a third Temple, brick and mortar, and all the furnishings and the furniture, and then go through that ritual again? I mean are they thinking straight? It's a delusion! The Lord said, "I will send a strong delusion that they will even believe a lie. They're believing a lie.

2 Corinthians chapter 6 says this:

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Clear enough. He dwells in us. Christ dwells in us. Christ in you the hope of glory. And we dwell in Christ. And Paul said that's His body, that's the true Temple. Why does the Christian world or the Jews or anybody else need a third Temple? **It's a political thing.** The Christian Zionists are under delusion.

Another verse that these Christian Zionists use is found in Psalm 122 and verse 6. They quote it all the time.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Now, what is the context of this verse? Psalms 120 through 134, that's 15 Psalms. They are what are called songs of degrees. And if you notice they're like stepping stones or steps going higher and higher. And **they were sung by the worshippers on their way to Jerusalem, or the captives returning from Babylon, returning back to Jerusalem,** when people were literally returning back to the old city of Jerusalem from Babylon, or when they were going up to worship. And they said, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." They lived there. That was the center of their worship. That was the center of their religion. That was the center of the priesthood. That's where the labor (?) was located and the golden altar of incense, and the Tabernacle or the Temple, and the holy place and the most holy place, and the brazen altar. But we don't have all that today. It's irrelevant and nowhere, nowhere in New Testament theology, are we commanded to pray for Jerusalem.

This Scripture, Psalm 122 verse 6 is misapplied. They use it all the time. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Naturally the people back then in Old Testament times, this is a thousand years before Christ, this is the setting for this verse. They wanted a peaceful city because there's where the Lord put His Name.

But He forsook the place in Matthew 24. And when we come to Matthew 23, He uttered all these woes, all these woes. And then we come down to verse 37 of Matthew 23.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Now listen. Jesus did not pray for the city of Jerusalem. He wept over it. He cursed it.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. – Matthew 23:37-38

Is that a prayer? That's a curse! Your religion is left under you desolate. Your Temple is desolate. Your city is desolate. And about 40 years later here

comes the Roman army. That was the judgment of God because they rejected the Son of God. And those people are still rejecting the Son of God.

Josephus the Jewish historian tells us that they continued, the Jews continued sacrificing animals even after the sacrifice of Jesus. So concerning the sacrifice of Jesus when He was on the cross, what did He say? John 19:30: "It is finished." All the sacrifices are gone. The veil of the Temple rent in twain. That way you don't need that physical holy place anymore.

Jesus is the holy place, and He exposed that the Temple system was a farce. Behind that veil, there was no Ark of the Covenant, no Mercy Seat, and no glory cloud. It was a farce. But they held the people in bondage because of it.

In the book of Hebrews chapter number 10 it says in verse 10.

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

One time. We do not need another animal sacrifice. You may agree with me on many topics, but let's all agree on the fact that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was totally sufficient for our sins personal and national, and to redeem creation back to Him.

Hebrews 10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

But what about those who continue their blood sacrifice of animals? It was an *affront* unto the sacrifice of Jesus Christ! I looked up the word "affront" in the dictionary. It says to encounter face to face, to insult openly and purposely, to slight, to confront defiantly. They did that. That Judaistic system, and it's still going on today. If they do not accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as being sufficient as the God-man, then they are making an affront, to encounter face to face, to defiantly confront, to insult openly and purposely, and to slight the sacrifice.

Back to Hebrews chapter 10:

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received

the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

This phrase, "an unholy thing" means of no value, unholy, of no value. That's what they considered the blood of Jesus Christ.

And hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing and hath done despite under the spirit of grace. "Despite" means to insult. This is a serious thing. Christian Zionism that promotes, believes, campaigns for, goes goofy after, and supports with money and trips over there, and padding the Jewish Prime Ministers or religious rulers or government rulers on the back, "We are with you. This is a match made in heaven," and all such nonsense. And they're promoting another Temple and another institution of animal blood sacrifice. They are insulting the Son of God. They are trampling His Blood underfoot, and they are rejecting, they are rejecting the Son of God, and considering His Blood of no value.

They even go further. They say, "Well, the Jews need a red heifer because they believe that under religious law every Jew is presumed to have had contact with the dead." I'm reading this out of a book entitled *On the Road to Armageddon* by Timothy Weber. For lack of a red heifer's ashes there is simply nothing to be done about it. No way for Jews to purify themselves to enter the Sacred Square. No way for Judaism to reclaim the Mount. No way to rebuild the Temple. So they need a red heifer that's born over there. And there's so many silly American cattlemen ranchers and cattlemen that are trying to raise a red heifer. What do we need a red heifer for? And this misguided cattleman from Mississippi transported all these heifers over there, all this cattle, hoping that a red heifer, a perfect one, will be born over there. How silly! It's a cult, folks. It's an absolute cult.

I made mention of this book. We do not handle this book, we do not sell this book, this is the only copy that I have, but you can look online on Amazon and search for this book. I think it's still available: [On the Road to Armageddon: How Evangelicals Became Israel's Best Friend](#). It's very informative. It'll bring you up to date with a lot of names and places. It's written by Timothy Weber. Every one of these television evangelists needs to read that book. It's well worth the read.

Another thing about Christian Zionism is that **they supplant Christ as being the focal point of history**. What do they do? They make *the Jews* the focal point of history. In Revelation 19 in verse number 10 it says.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See



thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

But yet Clarence Larkin, Arno C. Gaebelin, and many of these ministers that are writing these books, mainly television evangelists are writing these books promoting Christian Zionism, are saying that the Jewish people and that land over there is the focal point of all prophecy. It's not! Jesus Christ is the focal point of prophecy! The issue is what are you going to do with Jesus? It's not what are you going to do with the Jewish people. Because folks, the Jews are not Israel anyway. They're not.

So we see where Christian Zionism is a delusion. It's a lie. It's an oxymoron. Jesus Christ and the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Folks I pray that I have said something that would be encouraging to somebody that's in this cult to get out. And there's a lot more to it, because Christian Zionism, as some of the government leaders of the State of Israel have said, We could not exist without the American Christian support. Moral support, political support, and a lot of their money."

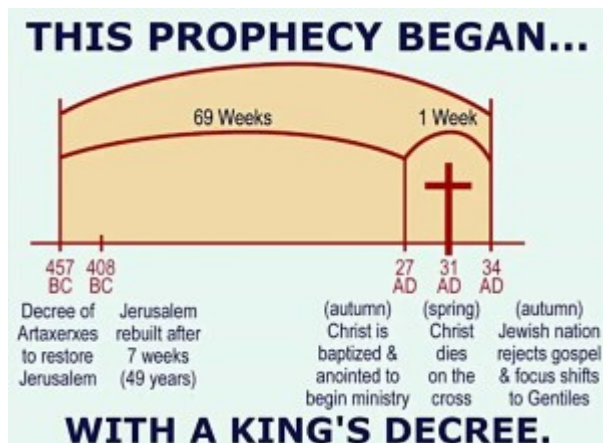
Folks, we need the Lord Jesus to come, the true Messiah, to set up His Kingdom, and destroy every idol that man has built. And unfortunately the Christian World, especially as I see it in a America, is **irredeemable**, it's over the hill with falsehood, delusions, deceptions, lies, and the biggest one right now is Christian Zionism that is gotten us in trouble in the Middle East. They're constantly lobbying our congressmen and our senators to send more money, send more money, send more money. That's our tax dollars which could be used at home to help the poor, close the border, and do many other things.

I want to lift up Jesus Christ, not just an ethnic people on the earth whoever they may be, true Israel or false Israel. I want to exalt Jesus Christ as the true Prophet our Melchizedek priest, and our coming King.

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[\*\*Summary of the Prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 by David Nikao Wilcoxson\*\*](#)



David Nikao Wilcoxson is the brother in Christ who opened my eyes to the true interpretation of the prophecy of Daniel 9 and the true meaning of the 70th Week of Daniel. This was in December of 2014, a fraction of the time since I came to know Jesus and the Gospel after coming from Roman Catholic darkness in early 1971. I used to teach the Jesuit / Darby / Scofield interpretation of Daniel 9:27. Imagine that. I'm trying now to help my friends see the truth about it. It was so plain to me when I read it from David's website. I think unless the Holy Spirit enlightens a believer when he or she hears it, it will be like water off a duck's back. You'll either get it immediately, or you won't. Many people just don't get it due to their cognitive bias of hearing the false interpretation of the 70th Week of Daniel most of their lives as a Christian. Or maybe they will get it better from David Wilcoxson than from me which is why I'm posting it.

Here's what David has to say:

I'm sharing this message with you because I appreciate your impact on my life. *Iron sharpens iron*, and I hope I can bless you in return. As I've witnessed the crazy things taking place in our world, it caused me to want to understand the prophecies in Revelation.

We've been taught that most of the Revelation prophecies are yet to be fulfilled during the last 7 or 3 ½ years, so I wanted to understand what prophecy the seven years is based upon. Most people point to the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27 prophecy.

Many teach that the first 69 weeks of the 70-week prophecy have been fulfilled, but there's a 2000-year time gap between the 69th and 70th week. My first impression is that it doesn't make sense. Why would the Heavenly Father give a 70-week timeline which isn't fulfilled in 70 consecutive weeks?

We've been taught that the 'covenant' in Daniel 9:27 points to the antichrist making a 7-year peace agreement with Israel. When I read Daniel 9 to understand the context, I saw that Daniel was not praying about the end times or the antichrist but that he wanted to know what would happen to the Jews when they would be released from captivity in Babylon.

And to me, it doesn't make sense that the same four verses, which foretold when Messiah came to die for our sins, are also about His enemy, the antichrist, who appears 2000 years later.

I noticed that Daniel 9:4 mentions a *covenant* that the Heavenly Father keeps *with those who love Him and seek to obey Him*. The highlight of the prophecy is *Messiah the Prince*, so it makes sense that He came to *confirm* the *everlasting covenant* of mercy to those who love the Father.

And then the Spirit led me to verses that validate it. Romans 15:8 says *He was sent to confirm the promises made unto Abraham*. Galatians 3:17 points to *Messiah confirming the covenant*. Hebrews 7:22 tells us that *Messiah is the surety of the covenant, that He is the bondsman who ratified it with His blood*. Hebrews 8:6, 9:15-17, and 12:24 say He is the covenant's Mediator. Hebrews 13:20 says that *we're saved through the blood of the everlasting covenant*, shed by Messiah.

There's a consistent narrative: Daniel 9:27 points to Messiah the Prince confirming the everlasting covenant, and the New Testament contains verses about Messiah and the covenant.

And this explanation fulfills the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 in 70 consecutive weeks. This was a game-changing revelation for me, as it shows that the enemy has created a grand deception about the fulfillment of prophecy. I know this explanation is contrary to what we've been led to believe, so I pray that you will pursue this matter, as we'll be held accountable for what we teach about prophecy. I've included a summary about the fulfillment of the 70th week of Daniel 9. I pray that it opens your eyes.

The fulfillment of the Daniel 9 prophecy testifies to the glory of our King! Hallelujah!

(End of message from David Wilcoxson.)

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## [Biblical Unity or Papal Conformity?](#)



By Michael de Semlyen and Richard Bennett

## **Papal Penitence**

On Sunday, March 12, 2000, the first Sunday of Lent, the Pope presided over a solemn ceremony called "The Day of Pardon" in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, in which he asked God for forgiveness for the historical wrongs of the Roman Catholic Church (RCC). The ceremony was presented as another profoundly significant event in the RC Church's "Millennium Jubilee Holy Year" and a further step, unprecedented but necessary, in the process of unity. It was a modern media event staged for maximum impact to encourage "unity". The impression given is that it is a genuine attempt to wipe the slate clean and to apologize for the past wrongs of the Church.

Careful examination, however, shows that the Pope's "Day of Pardon" was in fact not an apology, but rather a day of deception. In this service, the Pope continually prayed, purportedly as a Christian, while never admitting any of the horrendous sins of the Church of Rome. An egregious example from the prepared text that was used is found in Section III, "Confession of Sins Which Have Harmed the Unity of the Body of Christ".<sup>1</sup> The set prayer of the representative of the Roman Curia was as follows, "Let us pray that our recognition of the sins which have rent the unity of the Body of Christ and wounded fraternal charity will facilitate the way to reconciliation and communion among all Christians." This was followed by silent prayer, and then the prayer of "The Holy Father" addressed to the "Merciful Father",

Merciful Father, on the night before his Passion your Son prayed for the unity of those who believe in him: in disobedience to his will, however, believers have opposed one another, becoming divided, and have mutually condemned one another and fought against one another. We urgently implore your forgiveness and we beseech the gift of a repentant heart, so that all Christians, reconciled with you and with one another will be able, in one body and in one spirit, to experience anew the joy of full communion. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

If the Pope and the Roman Curia were really serious about their prayer offered to Holy God, they must face the fact that condemning curses of their Council of Trent were not mentioned nor repented of, including the condemnation of the Biblical Gospel and historical biblical Christianity, which led to the wholesale slaughter of millions of Christians during the 667 years of the Inquisition, and which have never been revoked, Vatican Council II notwithstanding. If this prayer were answered, it would be necessary to dismantle the RCC with its false gospel, papal infallibility, and "irreformable"<sup>2</sup> ways, which clearly the Pope and his Curia have no intention of doing.

## **"The Week of Christian Unity"**

The gathering of mainstream churches at St. Paul's Basilica in Rome earlier this year is thought to have been the largest assembly of Christian leaders with a Pope since the Vatican Council II in the early 1960s. On January 18th, the Tuesday of the week which had been designated 'The Week of Christian Unity' in the 'Holy Year, 2000', leaders representing four fifths of Eastern

Orthodoxy gathered alongside Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Pentecostals. They were participating in celebration of the opening of the 'Holy Door at St. Paul Outside the Walls'. Archbishop George Carey, Primate of the Church of England, and Metropolitan Athanasius, representing Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople and head of the Orthodox Church, knelt on either side of Pope John Paul II before the newly opened door. Only one cushion had been provided as it was thought that only the Pope would kneel, but when they both fell to their knees, too, the Pope called out, "Unity! Thank you!" It was a highly symbolic moment.

The Pontiff had every reason to express his gratitude to the Churches represented and the two men flanking him. After all, in May 1999, the joint Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) had issued a statement "recognizing the Pope as the overall authority in the Christian World" and describing him as "a gift to be received by all Churches", (a gift yet to be accepted by the Synod of the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion, however). Five months later in October, 1999, on Reformation Day, the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches had signed a joint declaration announcing that their opposing views on justification have been reconciled.<sup>3</sup> With this declaration of reconciliation and unity, the way seems clear for the Lutherans to join the Anglicans in accepting Papal primacy. The frosty relationship of earlier years with the Russian Orthodox Church has warmed up, and a Papal visit to Moscow and a meeting with Patriarch Alexy II is being discussed. Pentecostals and Charismatics have accelerated their Rome-ward journey and Evangelical leaders who have signed ECT ("Evangelicals and Catholics Together") have led very large numbers of Evangelicals to kneel before the open "holy" door that the Roman Catholic Church offers them.

The Pope's words that day were couched in the language associating equality with freedom. Carefully concealed in his response was the non-negotiable agenda of the Roman Catholic Church, for rather than looking for unity based on truth, the Papacy, as ever, is seeking to secure conformity through compromise. The "ecumenical dialogue" referred to by the Pope during the January 18th ceremony, is clearly governed by a special set of rules. Vatican Council II's postconciliar Document No. 42 on ecumenism states that "...dialogue is not an end in itself...it is not just an academic discussion."<sup>4</sup> Rather,

"ecumenical dialogue...serves to transform modes of thought and behavior and the daily life of those [non-Catholic] communities. In this way, it **aims at preparing the way for their unity of faith in the bosom of a Church one and visible.**"<sup>5</sup>

That the papacy expects this process of dialogue to take time to accomplish its stated aim of bringing all Christian churches under its authority is clear when she says,

"...little by little, as the obstacles to perfect ecclesial communion are overcome, **all Christians will be gathered, in a common celebration of the Eucharist [the Mass] into that unity of the one and only Church.**...This unity, we believe, dwells in the Catholic Church as something we can never lose."<sup>6</sup>

The "little by little" approach of the Vatican II document are now giant steps.

How many present at the January 18th gathering understand what is really happening? The Pope's official position is that "ecumenical encounter is not merely an individual work, but also a task of the [RC] Church, **which takes precedence over all individual opinions.**"<sup>7</sup> Thus the opinions of others present on January 18th are "individual opinions" and worthless. The final goal of any dialogue with the RCC is, first and foremost, "unity" in a visible and specific ritual. Under the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, "all Christians will be gathered, **in a common celebration of the Eucharist** into that unity of the one and only Church...unity we believe dwells in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose." She could hardly state it more clearly.

## **Unity: True and False**

Very different from this man-made spurious unity is the true unity of believers in Christ. The foundation of Christian unity is the position of believers "*in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.*"<sup>8</sup> The Lord's prayer in John 17:21 for unity is answered in the life of an individual who is justified by God's saving grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. The fact that the Lord Jesus Christ prayed for unity means that unity of believers is actual. God, the Father of His people, Who before the world existed chose the believers to be in Christ His Son, justified them through His righteousness, and upon saving them, places them in Him, and will preserve them in that unity unto the culmination of all things. Believers are placed into the unity which is in Christ Jesus, a unity which they themselves did not establish, but which they are commanded to maintain. In the words of the Apostle Paul, they are "*to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*"<sup>9</sup>

## **True Ecumenism**

The same Apostle shows clearly the ground of true unity. "*There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*"<sup>10</sup> Believers, therefore, who adhere to God only and His Written Word, as did the Lord and the Apostles after Him ('Sola Scriptura') are one in body, in Spirit, and in truth. They are saved before the all-Holy God by grace alone ('Sola Gratia'), through faith alone ('Sola Fide'), and in Christ alone ('Solo Christo'), and all glory and praise is to God alone ('Soli Deo Gloria'). These five biblical principles together show the foundation of true unity in the Lord. They have helped the persecuted church through the centuries to hold fast to the simplicity of the Gospel. True ecumenism is fellowship or working together in adherence to the five basic biblical principles that maintain the foundation of true unity in the Lord. To the degree to which these key basic biblical standards are embraced, true unity will be evident.

## False Ecumenism

On the other hand, false ecumenism, typically institutionalised, is the joining together for common causes of professing Christian groups, when in fact one or more of the parties involved are unconverted. While purporting to confess the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Scriptures, for the most part the five biblical principles that display the basis of true unity in the Lord are compromised. The extent to which these principles are not upheld usually shows the inclination of the church or group to submit to Rome.

The World Council of Churches is such an institution. Within it, there is no agreement on any of the five principles that demonstrate the fact that the foundation of true unity is in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. The Pope and his Church, likewise in apostasy from the true Gospel, are also without any of the five biblical standards. Counterfeiting the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, they are intent on finding successful ways to bind all to the very visible, active and attractive pontifical throne.

## Pope Defines Conformity

In his official letter, "That they May Be One", the Pope defines full unity,

"The Catholic Church, both in her praxis and in her solemn documents, holds that the communion of the particular Churches with the Church of Rome, and of their Bishops with the Bishops of Rome is, in God's plan, an essential requisite of full and visible communion."<sup>11</sup>

To arrive at that point of full unity, a different set of five principles must be adopted—principles that actually deny all five parameters of biblical truth. According to the Pope, "It is already possible to identify the areas in need of fuller study before a true consensus of faith can be achieved:

- (1) the relationship between Sacred Scripture, as the highest authority in matters of faith, and Sacred Tradition, as indispensable to the interpretation of the Word of God;
- (2) the Eucharist, as the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, an offering of praise to the Father, the sacrificial memorial and Real Presence of Christ and the sanctifying outpouring of the Holy Spirit;
- (3) Ordination, as a Sacrament, to the threefold Ministry of the episcopate, presbyterate and diaconate;
- (4) the Magisterium of the Church, entrusted to the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him, understood as a responsibility and an authority exercised in the name of Christ for teaching and safeguarding the faith;
- (5) the Virgin Mary, as Mother of God and Icon of the Church, the spiritual Mother who intercedes for Christ's disciples and for all humanity."<sup>12</sup>

The Pope's objective in declaring his five principles is that a ubiquitous visible conformity to the Church of Rome should be forged in accordance with and manifested through her institution alone. Thus the Pope decrees,

"...it is now necessary to advance towards **the visible unity** which is required and sufficient and which is manifested in a real and concrete way, so that

the Churches may truly become a sign of that full communion in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church **which will be expressed in the common celebration of the Eucharist.**"<sup>13</sup>

The RCC is attempting to forge a man-made unity, visible by means of an institution to which all must conform. Such a conception stands in direct contradiction to the reality of believers who, having been placed invisibly in Christ by God, are to maintain the bond of unity given them by the Holy Spirit.

## **External Unity to be Attained by Power and Penalty**

What is this conformity now so passionately advocated by the Pope? How would it be applied in practice? From all previous experience, and the official teaching of the same Pope in his Canon Law, those fully participating will be obliged to submit their faculties of both mind and will to 'the Holy Father' [the Pope], to his decrees, and to the dogma of his Church. Thus present day Roman law decrees,

Canon 752 "A religious respect of intellect and will, even if not the assent of faith, is to be paid to the teaching which the Supreme Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate on faith or morals when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they do not intend to proclaim it with a definitive act..."

In this official law Rome enunciates, in clearer terms than any cult states, the necessity of suppressing one's God given faculties, that of mind and will. This is not only demanded, the new Canon Law, the 'Papal Code' codified by the present Pope, includes a section entitled "Punishment of Offenses against Ecclesiastical Authorities and the Freedom of the Church". Under the heading, "The Punishment of Offenses in General", the Inquisition appears again as from old times, for Canon 1311 states,

"The Church has an innate and proper right **to coerce** offending members of the Christian faithful by means of penal sanctions."<sup>14</sup>

A brief acquaintance with history readily reveals that coercion is a term that the Roman Church understands very well. Naturally, when ushering all comers into her big tent, she makes light of its implications; but when once again in direct control of the levers of political power (which may well be provided by the fast advancing European super state), Canon 1311 could acquire that same notoriety as those that have so darkened the pages of history.

It is important to remember always that the Roman Papacy is an absolute monarchy and also a secular government. Enormously wealthy, it has territorial sovereignty, its court, nobles, and diplomatic corps; its detective force and secret service; its laws, advocates, and system of jurisprudence as well as prison; taxes, bank, foreign treaties and concordats, enormous political influence, ambitious plans and policies, all as much as any secular kingdom. And it still has the Inquisition, now styled the Office of the Doctrine of the Faith, headed by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger.



## **Bride of the Lamb Understands Apostate Church**

Believers of old were clear to call the Roman Catholic Church's imposed conformity "Satan's seat" or the Antichrist. This was known and spoken of even through the Middle Ages by Dante Alighieri (d. 1321), John Wycliff (d. 1384), John Huss (d. 1415), Savonarola (d. 1498), and William Tyndale (c. 1536). So Rome's conformity was described as Antichrist from the time of Reformation by Martin Luther (d. 1546), Nicholas Ridley (d. 1554), John Bradford (d. 1555), and John Foxe (d. 1587), and in more recent times by Isaac Newton (d. 1727) and Jonathan Edwards

(d. 1758). Now as the "Holy" Roman Empire revives in the European Superstate, can believers afford to remain ignorant of both history and Biblical prophecy as understood throughout the centuries? Confident believers of old saw that unity is in Christ and, consequently, warned of the conformity with Rome. They both knew the true church in Christ, and recognised the apostate Church in Rome. Understanding that unity with the Roman Catholic Church always meant submission to her traditions and finally obedience to her Pope, they rejoiced that their unity was in the Beloved, rather than dallying with sin.

### **Pope Identified**

Extravagantly, apparently without trembling, the Pope has again fulfilled the Lord's prophetic Word (II Thessalonians 2:3-12) depicting the Man of Sin and Son of Perdition. The sitting Pope purports to take for himself a Divine position. Thus in Section III of the prepared program for the "Day of Pardon", "The Holy Father" is mentioned eight times. Nonetheless in the RCC, this title does not denote the All Holy One in heaven, but rather the sitting Pope. Seen in the light of Scripture, the RCC Pope who claims to be Christian, clearly is one "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, showing himself that he is God" (v. 4). The Pope of the RCC goes further when by taking to himself the title of "The Vicar of Christ", he presumes to take the place of Christ Himself, teacher, shepherd, and priest. This also is clearly tantamount to "as God sit[ting] in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." The assertion is not simply made, for the Pope's law gives it teeth in exacting submission of mind and will and promising punitive action against those who fail to obey, as Canon 752 and 1311 document. He is the worst and greatest enemy of Christ who under the pretence of service to Christ, presumes to undermine His unique offices by covertly usurping His position and power.

C. H. Spurgeon clearly understood these things. His timely words still apply,

Since he was cursed who rebuilt Jericho, much more the man who labours to restore Popery among us. In our fathers' days the gigantic walls of Popery fell by the power of their faith, the perseverance of their efforts, and the blast of their gospel trumpets; and now there are some who would rebuild that accursed system upon its old foundation. O Lord, be pleased to thwart their unrighteous endeavours, and pull down every stone, which they build. It should be a serious business with us to be thoroughly purged of every error which may have a tendency to foster the spirit of Popery; and when we have

made a clean sweep at home we should seek in every way to oppose its all to rapid spread abroad in the church and in the world.<sup>15</sup>

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1 [www.vatican.va/jubilee\\_2000/jubilevents/events\\_day\\_pardon](http://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/jubilevents/events_day_pardon)

2 "This infallibility, however, with which the divine redeemer wished to endow his Church in defining doctrine pertaining to faith and morals...the Roman Pontiff...enjoys...when...he proclaims in an absolute decision...For this reason his definitions are rightly said to be irreformable by their very nature..." No. 28, Lumen Gentium, in Vatican Council II The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents, Austin Flannery, Ed., 1981 ed. (Northport, NY: Costello Publ. Co., 1975) p. 380.

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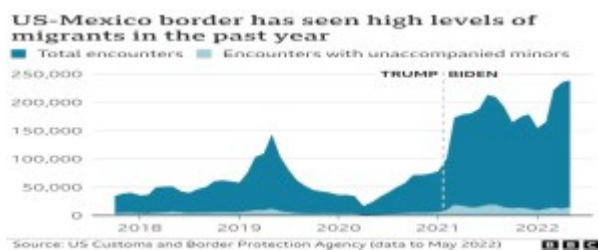
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