## <u>Revelation 11:7-12. Retrospective View</u> <u>Of The Two Witnesses – Part III</u>



Papal war against all the saints and true Bible believers in Christ Jesus. Their death and resurrection.

### The Church Hijacked



Emperor Constantine who made Christianity the state religion.

My good friend Reinhard from the Netherlands wrote this and shared it with me.

Many Protestants believe that the Romanization of the Early Church occurred in phases and steps over the centuries; say, in the 4th to the 6th century. And, in a way, it did! But there was certainly a turning point in church history when a switch was definitively turned. It is not clear to many that a fatal decision was taken at a council convened by **Emperor Constantine** (306-337), who was present there as president. What should a government servant do at a church meeting? He had put an end to the persecution of Christians, but the Church was fettered and a gross error was introduced (Ephesians 4:14). Even most Protestant church history books don't mention what comes next!

But the book "The Two Babylons" by Alexander Hislop (late 19th century) gives a clear account of this. By the two Babylons is meant, firstly, the idolatry of ancient Babylon and secondly, the Roman Institute, which has taken over a great deal from it under "Christian" or otherwise names.

It is about the Council of Nicaea in the year 325. There a heretic, Arius, who denied the eternal divinity of Christ, was justly condemned, but at the same time the Orthodox Church was hijacked by Roman Catholicism, although that appellation did not then exist, but was of Gnostic origin. The Egyptian participants, called the Melchites of Alexandria, brought up the concept of "Theotokos." (Alexandria was a hotbed of gnostic schools.) Theotokos was concerned with the designation of Mary as being the one who gives birth to God, i.e. "the God-bearer".

Here the "Mother and Child Worship" was introduced and soon also the image service. So the heretic Arius was cast out through the front door, but Babylonian idolatry was brought in through the back door. The truth is that Mary is not the mother of God, but Jesus took on her flesh and blood. And again, that Mary was impregnated by the Holy Ghost so that our Lord was the Man-God. True God and true Man. That is why we do not speak of Mary as the mother of God (God Triune was eternally earlier than Mary!) but as the mother of the Lord. The "Mother and Child Worship" of ancient Babylon had been adopted, and with it the Early Church ended up in the waters polluted by false teachings. When, at the end of the 4th century, the bishop of Rome took the title "Pontifex Maximus" (until then the title of the Roman emperor), the first pope, named Siricius from 384-399, was appointed. This made the Roman Institute a 'fait accompli' (an accomplished fact)! These facts mark the transition from the Early Church to the papacy. Another 11 centuries would pass before the Reformation would break through and the Light of God's Word would be put back on the candlestick. A huge breach was made in the fortress of the antichrist. God's people were delivered and brought out of their Babylonian captivity! The Roman Institute is not a Christian church, and Roman Catholics are not Christians.

Note: "Gnosis", is the Greek word for 'Knowledge'. A religion for initiates, whose pseudo-Christian movement gave a different interpretation to the truth of the Gospel and denied that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. I John 4:1-6 and II John 7.

They adhered to a doctrine of higher and lower gods (Roman Catholic saints) produced by the great goddess, whom they called the "Virgin Mother." This is the ancient idolatry of Babel. They taught another trinity: the Father, the Madonna, and the Son. The Blessed Virgin (Mary) is then the incarnation of the Spirit of God. This is the basis of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin. This has actually been adopted by Roman Catholicism. Until 325 A.D., this doctrine was alien to the Early Church and has no basis in the Bible.

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### **Revelation 6:12-17. The Sixth Seal**



Dissolution Of The Pagan Firmament – Constantine Establishes Christianity.

### The Textual Controversy

Verse No.	Version of the Bible					
	KJV N	IV	NASV	NCV	NRSV	RSV
Matthew 17:21	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Matthew 18:11	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Matthew 23:14	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Mark 7:16	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Mark 9:44	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Mark 9:46	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Mark 11:26	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Mark 15:28	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Luke 17:36	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Luke 23:17	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
John 5:4	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Acts 8:37	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Acts 15:34	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Acts 24:7	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Acts 28:29	YES		RE	MOVE	D	
Romans 16:24	YES		RE	MOVE	D	

My one object has been to defeat the mischievous attempt, which was made in 1881 to thrust upon this Church and Realm a revision of the Sacred Text, which recommended though it be by eminent names, I am thoroughly convinced, and am able to prove, is untrustworthy from beginning to end.

# <u>A Description of the Antichrist – By</u>

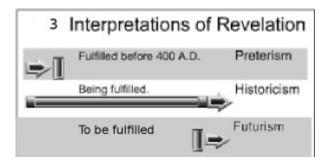
### **Darryl Eberhart**

According to the Bible, which of the below is the Antichrist likely to look like?



the identity of the Antichrist] is proclaimed in II Thess. 2 as BOTH a system AND a person: the 'man of sin' and the one who would sit in the 'temple [Ed.: Greek: "naos"] of God' calling himself God. And the only one in the pages of history who has done this is the Pope.

## False Interpretations of Divine Prophecy



Two Jesuits published their respective but quite counter interpretations, Ribera in 1591 published Babylon and Antichrist, the Futurist scheme; the other, Alcasar, the Preterist; that the prophecies have all been fulfilled in the fall of Pagan Rome.

## 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.

### 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.

<u>The Church of Rome Ignores the</u> <u>Challenge to Disprove She is the Great</u> <u>Whore of Revelation Chapter 17</u>



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.

# <u>The Character of Antichrist and Papal</u> <u>Persecution of the Saints</u>



Futurists overlook the fact that the Antichrist is not to be an open and avowed antagonist of Christ, but one professing to be a Vice Christ, a rival Christ; one who would assume the character, occupy in the human heart the place, and fulfill the functions of Christ.

# <u>Revelation 17 – The Prophetic Portrait</u> <u>of the Church of Rome</u>



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.

# The Catholic Church And Women

All religious systems ruled by priestcraft have subordinated women to a state inferior to that of men and used them as a means to power.

# <u>God's Promise to Return Israel to</u> <u>Their Own Land Fulfilled Over 2000</u> <u>Years Ago</u>



This is a Bible study that was inspired by a former dispensational Christian Zionist preacher, Steve Gregg, who my wife and I listened to yesterday evening. He has two videos on this subject (at the bottom of this article) totaling nearly 3 hours. This article is an attempt to prove true directly from the Bible and in my own words as succinctly as possible what Pastor Gregg is teaching. I figure if I can't base a doctrine directly from what the Word of God actually says in the Bible, I either don't understand that doctrine well enough, or it's a false doctrine with no basis in Holy Scripture.

Famous influential preachers such as Billy Graham, Franklin Graham, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell Jr., John Hagee, James Dobson, and many others, have taught or are teaching that God's promise to restore the Jews to their own land was fulfilled in 1948. They use the prophecies in Ezekiel chapters 36 and 37 to support that claim. But do those prophecies really support it? Let's read some of those prophecies, the ones in Ezekiel 36, and find out. And as we read them, let's remember the time when these prophecies were given: During the 70-year Babylonian captivity of the Jews.

Ezekiel 36:23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them (during the Babylonian captivity); and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

This passage only makes sense when you read it in the light of the fact it was given during the Babylonian captivity and was completely fulfilled by the time <u>Jesus confirmed the Covenant</u> when His ministry started in 27 AD, the very Covenant of grace that God made with Abraham concerning his seed.

How does the prophecy compare to the modern nation of Israel?

Ezekiel 36:23 And I will sanctify my great name

Is the Name of God or of Christ sanctified among them?

Verse 23b: the heathen shall know that I am the LORD

Do the surrounding heathen nations know that Jesus Christ is the Lord?

Verse 25:Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Is the modern nation of Israel clean from all filthiness and idolatry?

Verse 26: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Does the nation of Israel have a heart of love and compassion for its neighbors?

Verse 27: And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Is the modern nation of Israel walking in God's statutes and keeping His judgments?

The answer to all these questions is a resounding no!

Ezekiel 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Jeremiah 30:3 "For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it."

These prophecies were totally fulfilled by the time of Christ! The books of Ezra and Nehemiah are all about the end of the 70 years of captivity and the return of the Jews to Judea. The kings of Medo-Persia gave them permission to return and rebuild the Temple and the walls of Jerusalem! And Jesus Himself said His ministry was to the house of Israel!

Matthew 10:6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matthew 15:24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Verse 26: A new heart also will I give you, and **a new spirit will I put within you**: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

This prophecy was clearly fulfilled on the day of Pentecost!

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

I believe the prophecies in Ezekiel 36 were all fulfilled by the time Jesus was born and walked on earth during His ministry. Not all Jews were saved, but a good remnant were.

Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The main reason why prophecies are misinterpreted is because of failure to understand how they were already fulfilled in the past. Some believe a prophecy can have multiple fulfillments. Is there a precedent for that in the Bible? I don't see one.



## This phrase does NOT exist in the Bible.

Christian Zionist American congressmen.

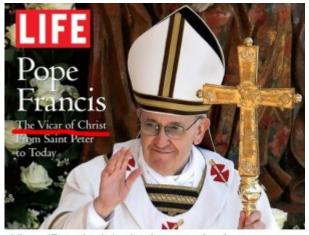
Ask yourself, are unbelievers in Christ Jesus God's covenant people of today? Does a person's ethnicity matter in God's eyes? My Bible says it doesn't.

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

If you like my simple Bible study, please share it with your Israel supporting friends. My aim is to keep things so simple that when people read it, they will remember it and share it. When I share something I learned, often the Holy Spirit deepens my understanding of the subject.

And I hope you take time to listen to what Pastor Steve Gregg has to say. He covers a lot more details.

#### <u>666 – The Anti-Christ to Come?</u>



Vicar: (From Latin) vicarius, *a substitute*, Anti: (From Greek) against, opposite, *instead of*, Vicar of Christ = Anti Christ

n 1519 Martin Luther first called the Pope the Antichrist and later wrote to Pope Leo X and with boldness informed him that he, the Pope, was the Antichrist. The Historicist view was held by all the Protestant Reformers – that is, every major preacher of the gospel on the Protestant side of the Reformation. They all believed that the Papacy was the Antichrist.

# <u>Babylon the Mother Church – By Henry</u> <u>Grattan Guiness</u>



Did not Rome Christian became a harlot? Did not Papal Rome ally herself with the kings of the earth? Did it not glorify itself to be as a queen, and call itself the Mistress of the World?

## <u>The History of Persecutions by the</u> <u>Horn of Daniel Chapter 7</u>



A history of persecutions by the Horn of Daniel chapter 7, the Antichrist, the Popes of Rome who killed Bible believing Christians over the centuries till today!