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A Past and Present Day Application

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"And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." Daniel 7:14.

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1A. The Falling Away: Apostasy from the Truth of the Gospel - AD 1-99 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [Coming of Christ] shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.

....This plainly sets forth the prophecy of a great falling away or apostasy from the truth of the gospel. "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. And also of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Acts 20:29, 30....

....It was from those who would arise not only speaking perverse things, but "speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. "Through error of judgment, a man might speak perverse things with no bad intention; but the ones here mentioned would speak perverse things purposely and with the intention of making disciples for themselves -- to draw away disciples after them instead of to draw disciples to Christ. These would pervert the truth and would have to pervert the truth, in order to accomplish their purpose....When one seeks to draw disciples to himself, and puts himself in the place of Christ, then he must pervert the truth, and accommodate it to the wishes of those whom he hopes to make his own disciples. This is wickedness; this is apostasy." The Two Republics, A.T. Jones, 203, 206.

## 1B. The Falling Away: Bishops pervert their Calling

"There was another consideration which made the danger the more imminent. These words were spoken to the bishops. It was a company of bishops, to whom the apostle Paul was speaking when he said: "Of your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them." From that order of men who were chosen to guide and to care for the church of Christ, from those who were set to protect the church -- from this order of men there would be those who would pervert their calling, their office, and the purpose of it, to build up themselves, and gather disciples to themselves in the place of Christ.

To watch this spirit, to check its influence, and to guard against its workings, was constant effort of the apostle; and for the reason as stated to the Thessalonians, that the mystery of iniquity was already working. There were at that time elements abroad which the apostle could plainly see would develop into all that the Scriptures had announced. And scarcely were the last of the apostles dead when the evil appeared in its practical workings." Ibid., 206, 207.

#### 1C. The Falling Away: Christian Doctors Introduce External Rites

"No sooner were the apostles removed from the stage of action, no sooner was their watchful attention gone, and their apostolic authority removed, than this very thing appeared of which the apostle had spoken. Certain bishops, in order to make easier the conversion of the heathen; to multiply disciples, and by this increase their own influence and authority, began to adopt heathen customs and forms.

When the canon of Scripture was closed, and the last of the apostles was dead, the first century was gone; and within twenty years of that time the perversion of the truth of Christ had become widespread. In the history of this century and of this subject the record is, -- "It is certain that to religious worship, both public and private, many rites were added, without necessity, and to the offense of sober and good men." -- Mosheim.

And the reason of this is stated to be that – "The Christians were pronounced atheists, because they were destitute of temples, altars, victims, priests, and all that pomp in which the vulgar suppose the essence of religion to consist. For unenlightened persons are prone to estimate religion by what meets their eyes. To silence this accusation, the <u>Christian doctors</u> thought it necessary to <u>introduce some external rites</u>, which would strike the senses of the people, so that they could maintain themselves really to possess all those things of which Christians were charged with being destitute, though under different forms." -- Mosheim." Ibid., 207.

1D. The Falling Away: Steps to Heathenize Christianity – Pagan Mysteries "This was at once to accommodate the Christian worship and its forms to that of the heathen, and almost at one step to heathenize Christianity. No heathen element or form can be connected with Christianity or its worship, and Christianity remains pure.

Of all the ceremonies of the heathen, the mysteries were the most sacred and most universally practiced....But whatever was the mystery that was celebrated, there was always in it as an essential part of it, the <u>elements of abomination</u> that characterized <u>sun worship</u> everywhere, because the mysteries were simply forms of the wide-spread and multiform worship of the sun. Among the first of the perversions of the Christian worship was to give to its forms the title and air of the mysteries.

For says the record: -- Among the Greeks and the people of the East, nothing was held more sacred than what were called the mysteries. These circumstances led the Christians, in order to impart dignity to their religion, to say that they also had similar mysteries, or certain holy rites concealed from the vulgar and they not only applied the terms used in the pagan mysteries to Christian institutions, particularly <u>baptism and the Lord's supper</u>, but they gradually introduced also the rites which were designated by those terms." -- Mosheim." Ibid, 208.

1E. The Falling Away: Reprove the Works of Darkness – Worship of the Sun "The [pagan] mysteries being a form of sun worship, the "sacred" symbols cannot be described with decency....It is not necessary to describe the actions that were performed in the celebration of the mysteries, that were performed in the celebration of the mysteries after the initiation, any further than is spoken by the apostle with direct reference to this subject. "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Ephesians 5:11, 12."

It was to accommodate the Christian worship to the minds of a people who practiced these things that the bishops gave to the Christian ordinances the name of mysteries. The Lord's supper was made the greater mystery, baptism the lesser....Therefore, before the second century [150 AD] was half gone, before the last of the apostles had been dead forty years, this apostasy, this working of the mystery of iniquity, had so largely spread over both the East and the West, that it is literally true that "a large part, therefore, of the Christian observances and institutions even in this century, had the aspect of the pagan mysteries. Nor is this all.... The worship of the sun [by then] had become universal. These apostates not being content with so much of the sun worship as appeared in the celebration of the mysteries, adopted the heathen custom of worshiping toward the East.... and of the Day of the Sun [Sun-day] as a festival day. To such an extent were the forms of sun worship practiced in this apostasy, that before the close of the second century the heathen themselves charged these so-called Christians with worshiping the sun." -- Mosheim." Ibid., 211, 212.

### 1F. The Falling Away: From Passover to Easter Sunday

"From Rome there came now another addition to the sun-worshiping apostasy. The first Christians being mostly Jews, continued to celebrate the Passover in remembrance of the death of Christ, the true Passover; and this was continued among those who from among the Gentiles had turned to Christ. Accordingly the celebration was always on the Passover day -- the fourteenth day of the first month [Leviticus 23:5]. Rome, however, and from her all the West, adopted the day of the sun as the day of this celebration. According to the Eastern custom, the celebration, being on the fourteenth day of the month, would of course fall on different days of the week [when compared to the Roman Julian calendar] as the years revolved. The rule of Rome was that the celebration must always be on a <u>Sunday</u> -- the Sunday nearest to the fourteenth day of the first month of the Jewish year. And if the fourteenth day of that month of the Jewish year should be on Sunday, then the celebration was not to be held on that day, but upon the next Sunday.

One reason of this was not only to be as like heathen as possible, but to be as unlike the Jews as possible: this, in order not only to facilitate the "conversion" of the heathen by conforming to their customs, but also by pandering to their spirit of contempt and hatred of the Jews. It was upon this point that the bishop of Rome made his first open attempt at absolutism." Ibid, 213.

1G. The Falling Away: The West Excommunicated the Eastern Faithful "We know not precisely when this began [Easter Celebration], but it was practiced in Rome as early as the time of Sixtus I, who was bishop of Rome A. D. 119-128. Victor, who was bishop of Rome A. D. 192-202, likewise proposed to oblige only those under his jurisdiction to conform to the practice of Rome; but he asserted jurisdiction over all, and therefore presumed to command all....

....Accordingly, after having taken the advice of some foreign bishops, he wrote an imperious letter to the Asiatic prelates commanding them to imitate the example of the Western Christians with respect to the time of celebrating the festival of <u>Easter</u>. The Asiatics answered this lordly requisition by the pen of Polycrates, bishop of Ephesus, who declared in their name, with great spirit and resolution, that they would by no means depart, in this manner, from the custom handed down to them by the apostles and disciples. Upon this the thunder of excommunication began to roar. Victor, exasperated by this resolute answer of the Asiatic bishops, broke communion with them, pronounced them unworthy of the name of his brethren, and excluded them from all fellowship with the <u>church of Rome</u>." -- Mosheim.

In view of these things it will readily be seen that between paganism and this kind of Christianity it soon became difficult to distinguish, and the <u>third century</u> only went to make any distinction still more difficult to be discerned." – Mosheim." Ibid,. 214, 215

#### 2A. What happened from AD 321 to 325

"Royal edicts, general councils, and church ordinances sustained by secular power were the steps by which the pagan festival [Sun-day] attained its position of honor in the Christian world. The first public measure enforcing Sunday observance was the law enacted by Constantine. (A.D. 321; see Appendix note for page 53). This edict required townspeople to rest on "the venerable day of the sun," but permitted countrymen to continue their agricultural pursuits. Though virtually a heathen statute, it was enforced by the emperor after his nominal acceptance of Christianity.

The royal mandate not proving a sufficient substitute for divine authority, Eusebius, a bishop who sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine, advanced the claim that Christ had <u>transferred the Sabbath to Sunday</u>. Not a single testimony of the Scriptures was produced in proof of the new doctrine. Eusebius himself unwittingly acknowledges its falsity and points to the real authors of the change. "All things," he says, "whatever that it was duty to do on the Sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord's Day."—Robert Cox, Sabbath Laws and Sabbath Duties, page 538.

But the Sunday argument, groundless as it was, served to embolden men in trampling upon the Sabbath of the Lord. All who desired to be honored by the world accepted the popular festival." The Great Controversy, 574, 575.

## 2B. What was the significance of the First Decree of Nicaea?

"The First Council of Nicaea, held in Nicaea in Bithynia (in present-day Turkey), convoked by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 325, was the first <u>ecumenical</u> conference of bishops of the Christian Church, and most significantly resulted in the first uniform Christian doctrine. With the creation of the Nicene Creed [Credo], a precedent was established for subsequent 'general (ecumenical) councils of Bishops' (Synods)....the intent being to define unity of beliefs for the whole of Christendom — a momentous event in the history of the Church and subsequent history of Europe.

Beside attempting to resolve disagreements over the nature of Christ, another result of the council was an agreement on the date of the Christian Passover (Pascha in Greek; <u>Easter</u> in modern English), the most important feast of the ecclesiastical [Roman] calendar. The council decided in favour of celebrating Jesus's resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, independently and contrary to the Bible Hebrew Calendar [Firstfruits], and authorized the Bishop of Alexandria (presumably using the Alexandrian calendar) to announce annually the exact date to his fellow bishops.

The Council of Nicaea was historically significant because it was the first effort to attain consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom. "It was the first occasion for the development of technical Christology." Further, Constantine's role in the council was, viewed in retrospect, as a clear precursor of <a href="future imperial control">future imperial control</a> over the church." <a href="https://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~rwest/wikispeedia/wpcd/wp/f/First\_Council\_of\_Nicaea.htm">https://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~rwest/wikispeedia/wpcd/wp/f/First\_Council\_of\_Nicaea.htm</a>

2C. Fall of Adam – Fall of Israel – Fall of the Christian Church – Today "If the race had ceased to fall when Adam was driven from Eden, we should now be in a far more elevated condition physically, mentally, and morally. But while men deplore the fall of Adam, which has resulted in such unutterable woe, they disobey the express injunctions of God, as did Adam, although they have his example to warn them from doing as he did in violating the law of Jehovah. Would that man had stopped falling with Adam. But there has been a succession of falls. Men will not take warning from Adam's experience. They will indulge appetite and passion in direct violation of the law of God, and at the same time continue to mourn Adam's transgression, which brought sin into the world. From Adam's day to ours there has been a succession of falls, each greater than the last." Confrontation, 73, 74.

"If the Christian Church, like Israel of Old, had ceased to fall when the Bishops of the primitive Church perverted their calling, we should now be in a far more elevated condition physically, mentally and spiritually as the 7<sup>th</sup> Church. But while the leaders and church members deplore the falling away, which has resulted in such unutterable woe – the Roman Catholic Church – they disobey the express injunctions of God, as did the first Christian leaders, although they have their example to warn them from doing as they did in violating the law of Jehovah and mingling with Paganism and False Education. Would that the Church had stopped falling with them. But there has been a succession of falls. Christ's Church does not take warning from their experience. They indulge appetite and passion in direct violation of the law of God, and at the same time continue to mourn the first leaders' transgression, which brought evil into the Church. From the first century to our century, there has been a succession of falls, each greater than the last." Confrontation, 73, 74, E. G. White, Paraphrased.



#### 3A. A Lesson from History: Babylon of Old

Centuries before the fall of Babylon Isaiah announced:

"And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground." Isaiah 21:9.

"So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon." Jeremiah 51:60.

"And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant." Jeremiah 51:29.

Babylon was a country – a city – with inhabitants. But it was destroyed according to the Words of Prophecy and History!



#### 3B. Especially for the Last Days

"Read the book of Daniel. Call up, point by point, the history of the kingdoms there represented. Behold statesmen, councils, powerful armies, and see how God wrought to abase the pride of men, and lay human glory in the dust. God alone is represented as great. In the vision of the prophet He is seen casting down one mighty ruler, and setting up another.

He is revealed as the monarch of the universe, about to set up His everlasting kingdom—the Ancient of days, the living God, the Source of all wisdom, the Ruler of the present, the Revealer of the future. Read, and understand how poor, how frail, how short-lived, how erring, how guilty is man in lifting up his soul unto vanity." 4BC 1166.4

"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart." TM 114.3



### 3C. Tracing Babylon in History

"But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the <u>latter days</u>....Thou art this head of gold." Daniel 2: 28, 38.

Read Daniel 2:1-49

https://www.numbers1317.org/appendix.html

Roman Catholic Church – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Law Church and State – Pagan Roman Empire

Roman Catholic Church – 1<sup>st</sup> Supremacy Church and State – 1260 years Prophecy Daniel 7:25 – Holy Roman Empire



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#### 3D. Dual Representation

"The image revealed to Nebuchadnezzar, while representing the deterioration of the kingdoms of the earth in power and glory, also fitly represents the deterioration of religion and morality among the people of these kingdoms. As nations forget God, in like proportion they become weak morally.

- Babylon passed away because in her prosperity she forgot God, and ascribed the glory of her prosperity to human achievement.
- The Medo-Persian kingdom was visited by the wrath of heaven because in this kingdom God's law was trampled under foot. The fear of the Lord found no place in the hearts of the people. The prevailing influences in Medo-Persia were wickedness, blasphemy, and corruption.
- The kingdoms that followed [Greece and Pagan Rome] were even more base and corrupt. They deteriorated because they cast off their allegiance to God. As they forgot Him, they sank lower and still lower in the scale of moral value." The Youth's Instructor, September 22, 1903
- Iron and Clay Mingled Churchcraft and Statecraft Roman Catholic Church "We have come to a time when God's sacred work is represented by the feet of the image in which the iron was mixed with the miry clay. God has a people, a chosen people, whose discernment must be sanctified, who must not become unholy by laying upon the foundation wood, hay, and stubble." MS 63, 1899; 4BC 1168.4 8



## 4A. The 4 Beasts out of the sea – Daniel 7:1-8 – Historical Application

4A. The Four Beasts out of the sea – Daniel 7:1-8 – Image of Daniel 2 "Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great <u>sea</u>. And four great beasts came up from the <u>sea</u>, diverse one from another."

■ Sea – Water

"And he saith unto me, The waters [sea] which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are <u>peoples</u>, <u>and multitudes</u>, <u>and nations</u>, <u>and tongues</u>." Revelation 13:15.

■ 4 Beasts – 4 kings

"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings." Daniel 7:17.

"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it."

Daniel 7:4.

"And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." Daniel 7:5.

"After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.
Daniel 7:6.

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, <u>dreadful and terrible</u>, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." Daniel 7:7

"I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another <u>little horn</u>, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the <u>eyes of man</u>, and a <u>mouth</u> speaking great things." Daniel 7:8 – <u>Horns</u> – are <u>kings</u> – Daniel 7:24

#### 4B. Historical Beasts out of the sea – Daniel 7:4-7

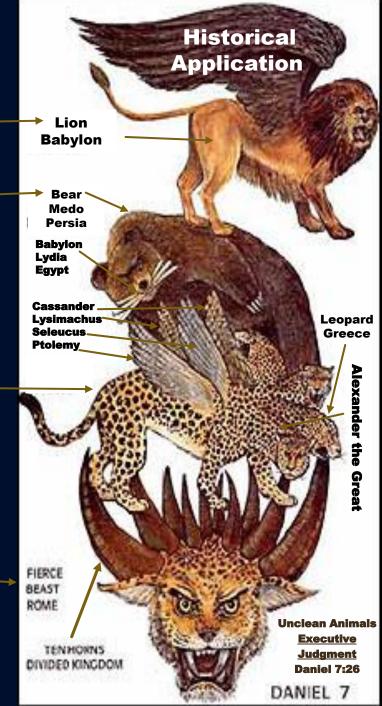
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- 4 Beasts 4 kings Out of the Earth Present Day Application
- 6. The 4<sup>th</sup> Beast with the 10 Horns 10 Kings Daniel 7:19
- 6. The Fourth Beast with the 10 Horns 10 Kings Daniel 7:19, 20, 23, 24 "Then I would know the truth of the <u>fourth beast</u>, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of <u>iron</u>, and his nails of <u>brass</u>; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the <u>ten horns</u> that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had <u>eyes</u>, and a <u>mouth</u> that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them....

Thus he said, The <u>fourth beast</u> shall be the <u>fourth kingdom</u> upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the <u>ten horns</u> out of this kingdom are <u>ten kings</u> that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be <u>diverse from</u> the first, and <u>he shall</u> subdue three kings."

• 4<sup>th</sup> Beast – 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom–40 Horns – 10 kings– Present Day Application

#### 5. The 4 Beasts out of the earth – Daniel 7:17 – 24

"And the <u>beast</u> which I saw was <u>like</u> unto a <u>leopard</u>, and his feet were as the <u>feet</u> of a <u>bear</u>, and his mouth as the <u>mouth of a lion</u>: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." Revelation 13:2

Holy Roman Empire 800 AD Today	1 <sup>st</sup> King Past 800 - 814	2 <sup>nd</sup> King Past 814 - 1798	3 <sup>rd</sup> King Past 1933 - 1945	4 <sup>th</sup> King Today
Lion - Mouth Rev. 13:2	Anglo Saxon	USA Britain	USA Britain	Eagle Wings USA Lion Britain (UK)
Bear - Feet Rev. 13:2	Khazaria (Russia)	Russian Empire	Soviet Union	Bear Russia
Leopard Beast Rev. 13:2	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlemagne 800 – 814	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Napoleon 1798 French Revolution	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hitler 1933 -1945 WW II	Leopard Germany Wings of Fowl France
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# 6. Fourth Beast – 1 Head – 10 Horns – 10 Kings – <u>Daniel</u> 7:17, 20, 24, 25

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"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Daniel 7:25.

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7. One Beast – 7 Heads – 10 Horns – 10 Crowns – Revelation 13:1; 17:9

"And I stood upon the sand of the <u>sea</u>, and saw <u>a</u> <u>beast</u> rise up out of the <u>sea</u>, having seven heads and <u>ten horns</u>, and <u>upon his horns ten crowns</u>, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." Revelation 13:1.

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Revelation 13:1. – Old World – Rome

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# 7B. One Beast – 7 Heads – 10 Horns – 10 Crowns – Revelation 17:4, 9-12

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a <u>scarlet</u> coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns." 17:4 – <u>New World</u> – <u>USA</u>

"And there are <u>seven kings</u>: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the <u>ten horns</u> which thou sawest are <u>ten kings</u>, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast." 17:10-12

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### 7B. Beast – 7 Kings – 5 Fallen – 1 is

"The <u>beast</u> that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the <u>beast</u> that <u>was</u>, and <u>is not</u>, and <u>yet is</u>." Revelation 17:8 – Dragon – Old Serpent

"And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Revelation 17:9 – Rome = 7 Mountains

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"And there are <u>seven kings</u>: <u>five are fallen</u>, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the <u>eighth</u>, and is <u>of the seven</u>, and goeth into perdition." Revelation 17:10, 11

"And I saw one of his <u>heads</u> as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the <u>beast</u>." Revelation 13:3. (538 -1798=1260 y.) – (Wound healed – 1929)

# 7C. One Beast – 7 Heads – 10 Horns – 10 Crowns – Revelation 17:4, 9, 12

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The Roman Catholic Popes of the past 100 years:

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## 7D. Beast – 7 Kings – 5 Fallen – 1 is

"The <u>beast</u> that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the <u>beast</u> that <u>was</u>, and <u>is not</u>, and <u>yet is</u>." Revelation 17:8.

"And the <u>ten horns</u> which thou sawest are <u>ten</u> <u>kings</u>, which have received <u>no kingdom</u> as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their <u>power</u> and strength unto the beast." Revelation 17:12, 13.

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"And the <u>kings of the earth</u>, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning," Revelation 18:9.

"The G10 member countries are Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States, Switzerland play a minor role"

## 8. Who is he that "shall think to change times and laws" Daniel 7:25

"And I beheld another <u>beast</u> coming up out of the <u>earth</u>; and he had <u>two horns</u> like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Revelation 13:11 New World – USA

"The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamblike horns shall cause "the earth and them which dwell therein" to worship the papacy—there symbolized by the beast "like unto a leopard." The beast with two horns is also to say "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast;" and, furthermore, it is to command all, "both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," to receive "the mark of the beast."

[Revelation 13:11-16.]

It has been shown that the <u>United States</u> is the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the <u>United States shall enforce Sunday observance</u>, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgment of her supremacy....



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....But in this homage to papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion, is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power. "I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast." [Revelation 13:3.] The infliction of the deadly wound points to the abolition of the papacy in 1798.

After this, says the prophet, "His deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast." Paul states plainly that the man of sin will continue until the second advent. [2 Thessalonians 2:8.] To the very close of time he will carry forward his work of deception. And the Revelator declares, also referring to the papacy, "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." [Revelation 13:8.] In both the Old and the New World, papacy will receive homage in the honor paid to the Sunday institution, that rests solely upon the authority of the Romish Church." The Great Controversy, 578.

#### 9. Connection between the 7 Crowns and the 10 Crowns

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7 Crowns = 7 Kings = 7 Kingdoms
Present Day Application – Primary Application

"The <u>G7</u>, or Group of Seven, is an international group comprising the governments of the world's largest economies: Germany, France, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. It was founded as the G6 in 1975 and became the G7 with the addition of Canada in <u>1976</u>. The Group is an informal bloc; it has no treaty or constitution and no permanent offices, staff or secretariat.

The leaders of the member states meet at annual summits to discuss issues of mutual concern and to coordinate actions to address them. The meeting location and the organization's presidency rotates among the members. The European Union is also a non-enumerated member, though it never assumes the rotating presidency."

https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/g7-group-of-seven

10 Crowns = 10 Kings = 10 Kingdoms Present Day Application – Primary Application

"The Group of Ten (G10) is one of five "group of" groups, not to be confused with the Groups of 7, 8, 20, or 24. Each of these consists of a group with similar economic interests. The G10 consists of eleven industrialized nations that meet on an annual basis or more frequently, as necessary, to consult each other, debate and cooperate on international financial matters. It was formed in 1962 [the same year Vatican II started].

The member countries are Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States, with Switzerland playing a minor role. The Group of Ten or <u>G10</u> is a group of 11 industrialized nations that have similar economic interests.

The <u>G10</u> was formed when the wealthiest members of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed to be part of the General Agreements to Borrow (GAB), so as to provide more funding for the IMF's usage." https://www.investopedia.com/terms/g/groupoften.asp



10A. What is the Connection between AD 325 and the Year 2025 "The Third Ecumenical Nicene Council 2025 is an ecumenical gathering proposed by Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew of the Orthodox Church, Myiting all Christians to send representatives to meet together in 2025, to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea [325 AD]....

"With the unpredictability of Pope Francis, some Catholics have wondered if he would call another council -- a Vatican III. It appears not. Something that big won't do for Francis. He's thinking even bigger: the church universal will be getting a Nicaea III."

https://conservapedia.com/Essay:\_Third\_Ecumenical\_Nicene\_Council\_2025

#### 10B. Create a different Roman Catholic Church – 1962-2022 – 60 Years Later

"There is no need to create another church, but to create a <u>different church</u>," Pope Francis said—quoting the words of Yves Congar O.P., one of the great theologians of the Second Vatican Council—in his talk to a gathering of more than 200 cardinals, bishops, clergy, religious and laity from all over the world.... This is Francis' fourth synod — but is perhaps the most important of all as he envisages it as the path to a profound renewal and transformation of the Catholic Church worldwide, through the participation of all the baptized." <a href="https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/10/09/pope-francis-synod-address-communion-participation-mission-241607">https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/10/09/pope-francis-synod-address-communion-participation-mission-241607</a>

"Pope Francis says with magisterial authority: the Vatican II liturgical reform is 'irreversible." Aug. 24, 2017 <a href="https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/08/24/pope-francis-says-magisterial-authority-vatican-ii-liturgical-reform-irreversible">https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/08/24/pope-francis-says-magisterial-authority-vatican-ii-liturgical-reform-irreversible</a>

Vatican II "was reconciliation. In keeping, they allowed for Catholics to pray with other Christian denominations, encouraged friendship with other non-Christian faiths, and opened the door for languages besides Latin to be used during Mass. Other new positions concerned education, the media and divine revelation.... Today, the council is credited with essentially shaping the modern Catholic Church. But some Catholics still look fondly on the old days, and others are concerned about the interpretation of the council's legacy. Pope Benedict, for one, is careful to emphasize that Vatican II was not a condemnation of the pre-council church." October 10, 2012. https://www.npr.org/2012/10/10/162573716/why-is-vatican-ii-so-important

"Second Vatican Council, also called Vatican II, (1962–65), 21<sup>st</sup> ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church, announced by Pope John XXIII on January 25, 1959, as a means of spiritual renewal for the church and as an occasion for Christians separated from Rome to join in a search for Christian unity." <a href="https://www.britannica.com/event/Second-Vatican-Council">https://www.britannica.com/event/Second-Vatican-Council</a> - Updated, October 4, 2021.

#### 10C. Create a different Roman Catholic Church – 2022

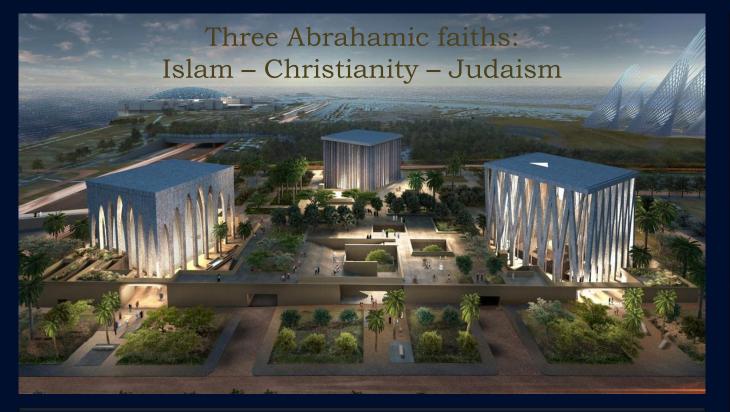
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Chrislam: Abrahamic Family House Is this Pope Francis' idea of a different Roman Catholic Church?

"The inter-faith complex is set to open in 2022

Abu Dhabi has revealed the names of its upcoming Abrahamic Family House, a multi-faith complex coming to Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi:

Islam Christianity Judaism



https://www.esquireme.com/news/53274-abu-dhabi-reveals-names-of-the-mosque-church-and-synagogue-in-its-abrahamic-family-house

"The names of the houses of worship have been announced as the Imam Al-Tayeb Mosque, St. Francis Church, and Moses ben Maimon Synagogue.

The Church naming is a direct reference to Pope Francis, who came to Abu Dhabi two years ago in a very significant visit."

#### 10D. Chrislam: Pope Francis' idea of a different Roman Catholic Church

"Chrislam refers to the assemblage of Islamic and Christian religious practices in Nigeria; in particular, the series of religious movements that merged Muslim and Christian religious practice during the 1970s in Lagos, Nigeria. The movement was pioneered by Yoruba peoples in south-west Nigeria." Its "blending" has been observed on numerous other fronts. According to The Washington Times, in June 2014, Pope Francis authorized Islamic prayers and readings from the Qu'ran at the Vatican; stated to be an attempt to usher in peace between Israelis and Palestinians. He has also taken some other rather questionable actions:

According to the Wall Street Journal, on November 29, 2014, Pope Francis prayed with the Grand Mufti Rahmi Taran facing east in a mosque in Istanbul. Muslims pray their five daily prayers towards the east, towards the city of Makkah; towards the Kaaba.... So, what advocates of Chrislam see as a similarity actually exposes a major difference. Islam believes that Jesus is not God (5:17). They reject the deity of Christ. The Qur'an emphatically states that the very idea that Jesus is God is blasphemy (5:17). Moreover, Muslims deny the death of Christ on the Cross (4:157-158).

Islam and Christianity radically differ. The teachings of Chrislam and Islam are not the Gospel "once delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). Christ alone mediates salvation (1 Timothy 2:5) and actually saves (John 3:36; 14:6). Acts 4:12 states, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." No other name includes Muhammad and Allah. Christ lived a perfect sinless life, died, and rose again (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). In Jesus' perfect works he fulfilled the entire law.

Christ alone paid the [ransom for men' sin] and makes them righteous before God the Father (2 Corinthians 5:21). Grace alone is the Gospel. While true Christianity includes good works, they are not the efficient cause of salvation; rather good works are a true result of it. Unlike the Qur'an, the Bible never even remotely suggests that good works are the ground of the believer's salvation, nor the instrument of the same."

https://thirdmill.org/answers/answer.asp/file/45586



# 11A. Mystery - Babylon: Signs of Paganism in Rome and Washington D.C.



"The word "Vatican" literally means "Divining Serpent," and is derived from Vatis = Diviner and Can = Serpent. Vatican City and St. Peter's Basilica were built on the ancient pagan site called in Latin "Vaticanus mons" or "Vaticanus collis", which means "hill or mountain" of prophecy." https://www.quora.com/Where-did-the-Vatican-get-itsname

"A foretelling, soothsaying, prophesying," "Vaticinari" "to foretell"." https://www.etvmonline.com/word/vatican



"While serving in 1793 as President George Washington's Secretary of State, Thomas Jefferson named Capitol Hill, invoking the famous Temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus on the "Capitoline Hill", one of the seven hills of Rome." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capitol\_Hill#

"The Temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus, also known as the Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus was the most important temple in Ancient Rome, located on the Capitoline Hill. Consecrated to Jupiter and dedicated to the founding year of the Republic of Rome – 509 BC – some say 507 BC." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple\_of\_Jupiter\_Optimus\_Maximus#:~:text=The%20Temple%

20of%20Jupiter%20Optimus.located%20on%20the%20Capitoline%20Hill

# 11B. Mystery - Babylon: Signs of Paganism in Rome and Washington D.C.







<u>Obelisk</u> – "The obelisks, represented the living deity, the vitality and immortality of the pharaoh, and the concept of duality and balance. No matter who or what else they commemorated.... they were raised and carefully positioned so that the first and last light of day would touch their peaks to honor the sun god." Rome has more than 12 obelisks. <a href="https://www.worldhistory.org/Egyptian\_Obelisk/">https://www.worldhistory.org/Egyptian\_Obelisk/</a>

<u>Dome</u> – "The plan for the dome of St. Peter's (1506) follows that of the Pantheon very closely."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St.\_Peter%27s\_Basilica#Dome:\_successive\_and\_final\_designs

<u>Pantheon</u> – "The name Pantheon comes from the Greek words pan and theon, which mean all and gods, respectively. The Pantheon... was actually built on the site of another Pantheon that served as a temple for all the Roman gods." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pantheon, Rome

<u>Obelisk</u> – "The obelisk was a popular public and political monument, not only because of its association with antiquity and <u>republicanism</u>....For the Egyptians, the obelisk was a reverential monument, commemorating the dead, representing their kings, and honoring their gods." <a href="https://heald.nga.gov/mediawiki/index.php/Obelisk">https://heald.nga.gov/mediawiki/index.php/Obelisk</a>

<u>Dome</u> – "The St. Peter's basilica inspired the dome of the Capitol building in Washington D.C." https://www.michelangelo.net/st-peters-basilica/

<u>Triangle</u> — "Pyramids [built in equilateral triangle] stand as a reminder of the ancient Egyptian glorification of life after death...the pyramids were built as monuments to house the tombs of the pharaohs. Death was seen as merely the beginning of a journey to the other world."

https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/pyramid/explore/age2.html

# 11C. Mystery - Babylon the Great: Signs of Paganism in Christianity and USA

"And upon her forehead was a name written, <u>MYSTERY</u>, <u>BABYLON THE GREAT</u>, <u>THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS</u> AND <u>ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH</u>. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns." Revelation 18:7-11.

"The mysteries were at once to accommodate the Christian worship and its forms to that of the heathen, and almost at one step to heathenize Christianity.... Of all the ceremonies of the heathen, the mysteries were the most sacred and most universally practiced....But whatever was the mystery that was celebrated, there was always in it as an essential part of it, the <u>elements of abomination</u> that characterized <u>sun worship</u> everywhere [Baal-Peor – Moloch], because <u>the mysteries were simply forms of the wide-spread and multiform worship of the sun</u>. Among the first of the perversions of the Christian worship was to give to its forms the title and air of the mysteries.

For says the record: -- Among the Greeks and the people of the East, nothing was held more sacred than what were called the <u>mysteries</u>. These circumstances led the Christians, in order to impart dignity to their religion, to say that they also had similar mysteries, or certain holy rites concealed from the vulgar and they not only applied the terms used in the pagan mysteries to Christian institutions." The Two Republics, 208.

<u>Fact</u>: The United States of America has followed in the steps of the apostate early Christians by adding the perversions of the title and air of pagan mysteries to their architecture, religious, political, and economic character in order to impart dignity to their country. In doing so, the USA has adapted false education, false worship of the sun, false calendar and festivals and is ready to abandon the principles of Republicanism and Protestantism and the unique Constitution which guarantees separation of Church and State, freedom of speech and religion. We are about to witness the consequences of this grave error!



# 12A. Which reign forms the last epoch in the history of the world?

#### Patriciate – Holy Roman Empire

"Patricianship, the quality of belonging to a <u>patriciate</u>, began in the ancient world, where cities such as <u>Ancient Rome</u> had a social class of patrician families, whose members were initially the only people allowed to exercise many political functions. In the rise of European towns in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century, the patriciate, a limited group of families with a special constitutional position, was the motive force.

In 19<sup>th</sup> century Central Europe, the term had become synonymous with the upper Bourgeoisie and cannot be interchanged with the medieval patriciate in Central Europe. In German-speaking parts of Europe as well as in the maritime republics of the Italian Peninsula, the patricians were as a matter of fact the ruling body of the medieval towns. Particularly in Italy, they were part of the nobility. Members of a patrician society entered into oaths of loyalty to one another and directly with respect to the Holy Roman Emperor."

....The Holy Roman Empire was located in western and central Europe and included parts of what is now France, Germany, and Italy....It was generally ruled by a German-speaking Emperor." <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrician\_(post-Roman\_Europe)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrician\_(post-Roman\_Europe)</a>

"Roman society was divided into two classes, the patricians and the plebeians; three if you count slaves, which you obviously should, although they were less active politically than the other two classes. The patricians were large landowners, in an era where the source of economic power was land. What's more, while much of Italy was in theory public land, in practice, patricians could farm those lands and keep the proceeds as if it was their own property. The fact that the patricians could rely on slave labor to farm this land made it even more profitable for them, even as it squeezed the plebeians out of the jobs they might have had farming. This fundamental equality between a landowning patrician class and the economically insecure plebeians is the most important thing to keep in mind about the history of the late Roman Republic."

https://theweek.com/articles/660915/america-now-looks-like-rome-before-fall-republic

#### 12B. Which reign forms the last epoch in the history of the world?

#### Patriciate – America now looks like Rome before the fall of the Roman Republic

....What about the political system? As it is well known, Rome was run by a Senate, but the Senate was actually made up of patricians....In the late second century BC — decades before Caesar actually rolled around — this crushing inequality gave birth to a political crisis. Two brothers, Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus, tried to implement various reforms to rebalance the inequality, including redistributing land and distributing grain to the Roman poor.... But they failed....

....Because those conflicts were so deeply entrenched, Rome kept lurching from social to political to constitutional crisis year after year, decade after decade, so that by the time a popular strongman came along, the Republic was like a ripe fruit waiting to be plucked....

....All of which bring us to our current situation in the USA. Have you noticed that millions have left the labor force? That people without college degrees are increasingly locked out of the economy? That the globalized, meritocratic system rewards a small elite while leaving everybody else behind?

The parallels are there, are they not? There may not be grain riots, or large landholds, but there is definitely a patrician class, and a plebeian class, and they are definitely at loggerheads. And the inability of the political and economic system to deliver an outcome that leaves both classes doing well, keeps intensifying the conflict...Let us hope we see some genuinely Gracchian reforms, and let us hope they work this time. Because if not, our children will one day see a Caesar cross the Potomac river and sit in Capitol Hill." <a href="https://theweek.com/articles/660915/america-now-looks-like-rome-before-fall-republic">https://theweek.com/articles/660915/america-now-looks-like-rome-before-fall-republic</a>

#### 12C. Which reign forms the last epoch in the history of the world?

#### America now looks like Rome before the fall of the Republic – Living Patriciates

- "The Rothschild family: wealthy Ashkenazi Jewish family originally from Frankfurt, was elevated to noble rank in the <u>Holy Roman Empire</u> and the United Kingdom." <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rothschild\_family">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rothschild\_family</a>
- "Bill Gates might be a tech billionaire but he and his wife Melinda French Gates, are also two of the <u>largest private farmland owners in the United States</u>." https://www.vox.com/recode/22528659/bill-gates-largest-farmland-owner-cascade-investments
- "The ancestral background of presidents of the United States has been relatively consistent throughout American history. With the exception of John F. Kennedy, Martin Van Buren, and perhaps Dwight D. Eisenhower, every president has ancestors from Great Britain and are related to king John." <a href="https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog/history/us-presidents-ancestry">https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog/history/us-presidents-ancestry</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancestral\_background\_of\_presidents\_of\_the\_United\_States#:~:text=The%20ancestral%20background%20of%20presidents,has%20ancestors%20from%20Great%20Britain</p>

#### Another kind of Patriciate: Elimination of the Middle Class - Socialism

"Socialism has little regard for the middle class. It is all about securing and maintaining power for the ruling class [patriciate]. Consider the People's Republic of China [PRC]. Mired in Maoist revolutionary rhetoric, it was one of the world's poorest countries for its first three decades. Then, Deng Xiaoping introduced "socialism with Chinese characteristics." Forty years later, the PRC boasts the world's second largest economy, but its citizens remain deprived of basic human rights and civil liberties. The Communist Party does not allow a free press or free speech, competitive elections, an independent judiciary, free travel or a representative parliament." https://www.heritage.org/progressivism/commentary/the-truth-about-socialism-it-doesnt-care-about-the-middle-class-its-about

# 12D. Mystery – Babylon the Great – The Two Republics – Rome and the USA A New World Order – Papal Supremacy II – Fourth Holy Roman Empire

The First Republic – [Papal Supremacy I] "The reign of <u>Constantine the Great</u> forms one of the epochs in the history of the world. It was the era of the dissolution of the Pagan Roman Empire:

- the commencement, or rather consolidation, of a kind of Eastern despotism – [Church and State]
- with a new capital [Rome]
- a new patriciate, [Holy Roman Empire I]
- a new constitution [Nicene Creed]
- a new financial system
- a new jurisprudence [Inquisition]
- and, finally, a new religion.[Roman Catholicism]

The epoch thus formed was the epoch of the papacy; and the new religion thus created was the PAPAL RELIGION."
The Two Republics, 400, A. T. Jones, edited

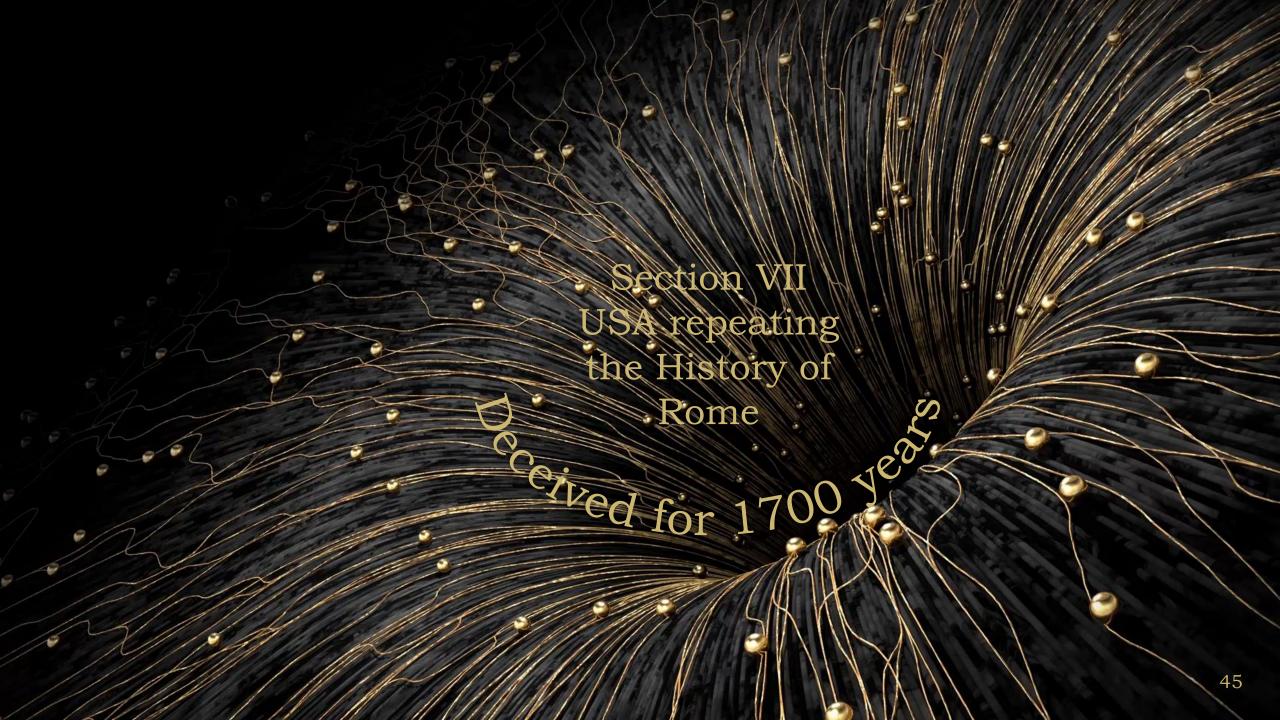
The Second Republic – Papal Supremacy II

The reign of \_\_\_\_\_ forms the last epoch in the history of the world.

It will be the era of the dissolution of the United States of America Constitution:

- the consolidation, of a kind of Western despotism – Church and State Government
- with a new capital Capitol Hill
- a new patriciate Holy Roman Empire IV
- a new constitution UN Rome Covenant
- a new financial system G10
- a new jurisprudence World Court The Hague, Netherlands
- and, finally, a new religion: Chrislam

The epoch thus formed will be the epoch of the Image to the papacy; and the new religion thus created will be the PAPAL RELIGION. The time of trouble such as never was! The Two Republics, 400, A. T. Jones, paraphrased



# Conclusion: USA Repeating the History of the Republic of Rome

"ROME, in its different phases, occupies the largest place of any national name in history. Rome, considered with reference to government, is interesting and important. Considered with reference to religion, it is yet more interesting and more important. But when considered with reference to the interrelationship of government and religion, it is most interesting and most important....

The principle of Rome in all its phases is that religion and government are inseparable. The principle of the government of the United States is that religion is essentially distinct and totally separate from civil government, and entirely exempt from its cognizance.

The principle of Rome is the abject slavery of the mind; the principle of the United States of America is the absolute freedom of the mind.

As it Christianity that first and always antagonized this governmental principle of Rome, and established the governmental principle of the United States of America, the fundamental idea, the one thread-thought, was to develop the principles of Christianity with reference to civil government, and to portray the mischievous results of the least departure from those principles....

.... It is said of the early Romans that "they possessed the faculty of self-government beyond any people of whom we have historical knowledge," with the sole exception of the Anglo-Saxons. And by virtue of this, in the very nature of the case they became the most powerful nation of all ancient times. But their extensive conquests filled Rome with gold. With wealth came luxury...and with luxury, vice." The Two Republics, Preface, 1, A. T. Jones.

#### Conclusion: Past and Present Day Application – Deceived for 1700 Years

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24.

"The enforcement of Sunday-keeping on the part of Protestant churches is an enforcement of the worship of the papacy—of the beast. Those who, understanding the claims of the fourth commandment, choose to observe the false instead of the true Sabbath; are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. But in the very act of enforcing a religious duty by secular power, the churches would themselves form an image to the beast; hence the enforcement of Sunday-keeping in the United States would be an enforcement of the worship of the beast and his image.

When Sunday observance shall be enforced by law, and the world shall be enlightened concerning the obligation of the true Sabbath, then whoever shall transgress the command of God, to obey a precept which has no higher authority than that of Rome, will thereby honor popery above God. He is paying homage to Rome, and to the power which enforces the institution ordained by Rome. He is worshiping the beast and his image. As men then reject the institution which God has declared to be the sign of his authority, and honor in its stead that which Rome has chosen as the token of her supremacy, they will thereby accept the sign of allegiance to Rome—"the mark of the beast." And it is not until the issue is thus plainly set before the people, and they are brought to choose between the commandments of God and the commandments of men, that those who continue in transgression will receive "the mark of the beast."

The Great Controversy, 449.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1-4