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### What The Bible Says About The Roman Catholic Church

These Bible verses reveal that God has been speaking about the Roman Catholic Church for 2,500 years, the first instance occurred when He spoke to Daniel about future kingdoms that would occur until the end of time.

If you're Catholic, these Bible truths are shared out of love for you, because you may not know what God has declared to you in His Holy Word.

Read through the list and see what the Bible reveals about the leaders of the Catholic Church.

You don't have to understand all of the prophecies and their fulfillment, just simply read through the study to see how the Bible specifically describes the Catholic Church.

# The Bible foretold that the antichrist beast would be are arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with precious stones.

"The woman (apostate church) was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication." Revelation 17:4



"The color for bishops and other prelates is purple, for cardinals scarlet... The pectoral cross should be made of gold and... decorated with gems..." (Source: Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia, 1991, p. 175, 178, 466)

### The Bible foretold that the Harlot (false Church) would assert power over ALL of the Earth.

"Then he said to me, 'The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.' " Revelation 17:15

"We define that the Holy Apostolic See and the Roman Pontiff (Pope) hold the primacy over the whole world." (Source: Laetentur Coeli, Council of Florence, 1439)

The Vatican has political relations with all of these countries.

The Roman Catholic Church has ecclesiastical power over 1.2 Billion people, who live in the nations of the world and speak different languages.

### The Roman Catholic Church is both a Church and a City, which kings of the Earth bow down to.

"And the woman (the harlot church) whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth." Revelation 17:18

Vatican City is a city-state, making it the smallest country in the world, that has political relations with almost every country.

Kings and President bow to the Pope when they visit Vatican City.

Daniel 2:41 describes them as the *Iron/Clay* feet of the statue, as they are a *Church/State.* 



"Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay."

The other parts of the statue in Daniel 2, the gold head of Babylon, the silver chest of Medo-Persia, the bronze waist of Greece and the iron legs of Rome, were only political empires.

The iron/clay feet represent the church/state of the Roman Catholic Church, which emerged after the Roman Empire was destroyed.

# The Roman Catholic Church rose to power after the Roman Empire split into 10 kingdoms, fulfilling Daniel 7:24.

"The ten horns (kingdoms) are ten kings Who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings."

Out of the ten kingdoms, the Catholic Church emerged, who was different because it was a church/state.

### The Roman Catholic Church is the *Little Horn of Daniel* fulfilling Daniel 7:8.

"I was considering the horns (kingdoms), and there was another horn (kingdom), a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots."

not bow down to them.

### The church has a single man (the Pope) acting and speaking for the whole body, fulfilling Daniel 7:8.

"And there, in this horn (kingdom), were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words."

Pope Pius IX said "*I alone... am the successor of the apostles, the vicar of Jesus Christ. I am the way, the truth, and the life...*" (Source: *History of the Christian Church*, by Henry Charles Sheldon, p. 59.)

Pope Boniface VIII said "We declare, say, define, and pronounce, that it is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff." (Source: Bull "Unam Sanctum," as cited in "Apostolic Digest, Book V: The Book of Obedience")

Current Pope Francis I said "*You cannot find Jesus outside the Church*." (Source: EWTN Global Catholic News, pronounced on April 23 in the Apostolic Palace's Pauline Chapel.)

In John 14:6, Jesus declared that salvation is through Him only and not through any man,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

### The Catholic Church changed the calendar and law, fulfilling Daniel 7:25.

"He shall intend to change times (calendar) and law."

At the First Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. they changed the calendar to be based on the Sun, not the moon as God ordained in the Bible.

At the Council of Laodicea in 363 A.D. they changed the last day of the week to Sunday, instead of Saturday as God ordained in the Bible.

In the Catechism, they removed God's 2nd Commandment, which forbids idol worship, as they have many idols such as Mary. They then divided the 10th Commandment into two parts, so there is 10 total.

### They claim that the Roman Catholic Church was built on Peter.

But Jesus said in Matt. 16:18, "you are Peter (Greek word "Petros" or little, movable stone), and on this rock (Greek is "Petra" or unmovable stone/rock, which is Jesus) I will build my church.

The two Greek words have very different meanings, one represents Peter as a little movable stone, but the Bible is telling us that Christ's Church is built on the bedrock of Jesus.

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone (Jesus), elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed" 1 Peter 2:5-8

"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, In whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, In whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22

### The Catholic Church claims that Peter was the head of God's church.

Paul says in Ephesians 5:23 that Christ Jesus is the head of the church.

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body".

### They claim that Peter has the keys of heaven and earth.

Jesus says in Revelation 3:7-8 that He has the key of David, and it is only He that opens and shuts.

'These things says He (Jesus) who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens".

### They deny that Jesus has come in the *flesh*, fulfilling John's definition of *Antichrist* in 1 John 4:3.

"and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world"

Popes have claimed that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was sinless, but Romans 3:23 says "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

"We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God... was preserved free from all stain of original sin." Encyclical On The Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX, 1849 By claiming that Mary was sinless from birth until she was taken up into heaven, they are saying that Jesus would not have inherited man's sinful *fleshly* nature.

Christ's perfect sinless life and His victory over sin is of no merit if He did not inherit man's fleshly nature.

They are not saying that Jesus did not live in a fleshly human body, but they are invalidating that He overcame man's sinful *fleshly* nature.

Hebrews 4:15 says "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

The Roman Catholic Church rose to power after the Roman Empire was removed, fulfilling 2 Thessalonians 2:7.

"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way."

Paul used the word 'he' because if he would have said 'until the Roman Empire is taken out of the way', it would have invited persecution against the Church, from the Romans who would not tolerate a claim that they will be destroyed..

### The Pope sits in the temple of God proclaiming to be God, fulfilling 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

"..the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, (not a physical temple, but Christ's Church. Eph. 2:19-22) showing himself that he is God."

Pope Innocent III said "We may according to the fullness of our power, dispose of the law and dispense above the law. Those whom the Pope of Rome doth separate, it is not a man that separates them but God. For the Pope holdeth place on earth, not simply of a man but of the true God." (Source: "Decretals of Greogory IX," Book 1, chapter 3.)

Saint Pope Pius V blasphemed, "The Pope and God are the same, so he has all power in Heaven and earth." (Source: Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, Cities Petrus Bertanous Chapter XXVII: 218.)

Pope Leo XIII declared, "We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty." (Source: Pope Leo XIII Encyclical Letter, June 20, 1894)

1 Timothy 2:5-6 declares, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all."

Many Popes have declared that salvation is only through the Catholic Church, which denies that salvation is through Jesus Christ.

Pope Innocent III declares, "With our hearts we believe and with our lips we confess but one Church,

not that of the heretics, but the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church, outside which we believe that no one is saved." (Source: Denzinger 423)

Pope Boniface VIII said, "We declare, say, define, and pronounce that it is absolutely necessary for the salvation of every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff." ((Source: Papal Bull Unam Sanctam A.D. 1302)

Pope Eugene IV declared, "No one, let his alms giving be as great as it may, no one, even if he pour out his blood for the Name of Jesus Christ, can be saved unless they abide within the bosom and unity of the Catholic Church." (Source: The Bull Cantate Domino, 1441)

Pope Pius IX said, "It must be held by faith that outside the Apostolic Roman Church, no one can be saved;" (Source: Denzinger 1647)

This is declaring that a Christian in any other church is not saved, and it effectively eliminates Jesus as the only way to salvation, which is *antichrist*.

Acts 4:12 confirms that salvation is only through Jesus. "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

### The Popes title of *Vicar of Christ* is the '*antichrist*' in John's epistles.

The word 'antichristos' is the Greek word for Antichrist. Translated into English it means *Vice-Christ* or *Vicar of Christ*, which the Pope has claimed as his title.

In 1303 A.D. Pope Boniface VIII said in his infamous Bull 'Unam Sanctam', "We declare, assert, define and pronounce to be subject to the Roman Pontiff is to every creature altogether necessary for salvation... I have the authority of the King of Kings. I am all in all, and above all, so that God Himself and I, the Vicar of Christ, have but one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do. What therefore, can you make of me but God?"

# The Roman Catholic Church ruled supreme for 1,260 years, fulfilling Revelation 13:5, which is speaking about the Antichrist beast.

"and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months."

42 months is 1,260 days. In prophecy, 1 day = 1 year, so it's 1,260 years.

In 538 A.D., the Roman Catholic Church gained religious and civil power when Emperor Justinian issued a decree making the Pope head of all churches.

In 1798 A.D., Napoleon's army marched into Rome and captured the Pope, ending the reign of the

The Pope was stripped of authority and taken into captivity, causing a *mortal wound,* fulfilling Revelation 13:3.

"And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast."

The Encyclopedia Britannica, 1990, Vol.26, p.938) says "The ultimate humiliation of the Church came when Pius VI was driven out of Rome by the French armies in 1798 and in the following year was taken captive by them and dragged back to France, where he died."

### They were restored to power in 1929, which healed the deadly head wound.

"Rome . . . was granted sovereign extraterritorial status in 1929 by the Lateran Treaty and Concordat." Encyclopedia Britannica, 1990 Edition

### Popes speak great things and blasphemies, fulfilling Revelation 13:5.

"And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for fortytwo months."

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Pope Clement VI declared "No man outside obedience to the Pope of Rome can ultimately be saved. All who have raised themselves against the faith of the Roman Church, and died in final impenitence have been damned, and gone down to Hell." (Source: Pope Clement VI, "Super Quibusdam," as cited in "Apostolic Digest, Book V: The Book of Obedience")

### They assert power over ALL of the Earth, fulfilling Revelation 13:7

"It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation."

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#### The Roman Catholic Church is the *beast* and the Pope is the *man* in Revelation 13:18.

"Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."

Vicar of Christ in Latin is 'Vicarius Filii Dei', which equates numerically to the number 666.

# The name *'Vatican'* means *'divining serpent'* from Latin *Vatis*=diviner, and *can*=serpent, fulfilling Revelation 13:2,

"The dragon (serpent) gave him (the Roman Catholic Church Pope) his power, his throne, and great authority."

#### Rome is seated upon *seven mountains*, fulfilling Revelation 17:9.

"Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman (harlot church of Rome) sits."

The seven hills (mountains) around Rome are named the Aventine, Caelian, Capitoline, Esquiline, Palatine, Quirinal and Viminal.

#### They are the Whore of Babylon who is drunk with the blood of the saints of Jesus, fulfilling Revelation 17:6.

History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe, Vol. 2 says "That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind will be questioned by no Protestant who has a complete knowledge of history." Some historians estimate that over 50 million lives (mostly Christians from Christ's true Church), were taken by this so-called "holy" Inquisition to which they have never apologized.

## Daniel 2:34 declares that the feet of iron and clay, the church and state of the Roman Catholic Church, will be destroyed by Christ in the end times.

"You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces."

# Revelation 18:21 is the fulfillment of Christ destroying the Roman Catholic Church, which is called Mystery Babylon.

"Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."

As you have clearly seen in the study, the Roman Catholic Church is the false church which opposes Christ. And the Lord has foretold that He will destroy her and all those in her.

## If you're in the Catholic Church, Jesus has lovingly called you to, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." Revelation 18:4

Come out of her and know true salvation, which is by faith in the atoning work of the Lamb of God, Christ Jesus.

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