

A Biblical View OF THE **END TIMES**

THE RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST, PART 7

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Review:

- Within this larger study series, “**A Biblical View of the End Times,**” we are presently in a section of lessons called “**Understanding the Rise of the Antichrist.**” In review...
 - The Bible says plainly in **2 Thessalonians Ch. 2** that true Christians won’t be around to see him debut on the world stage.
 - That’s because the Rapture happens first - and with that, the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit through the church is removed. The Bible is clear that only THEN can the antichrist can be revealed.
 - That means we cannot identify him **before** the Rapture. It’s OK to speculate....
 - (But) we are told a good deal about him, and the various circumstances around his arrival and his ascent.
 - One of those key issues is the post-Rapture onset of a false one-world religious system which – in its early phases – depends in some way upon the antichrist for its own rise.
 - The Bible also suggests in **Rev. Ch. 17** that the antichrist has some sort of co-dependent relationship with this false global religious system for a period.
 - This false religious system will wield enormous power and influence in the timeframe immediately following the Rapture, and leading up to the signing of the covenant between the antichrist and Israel.
 - Perhaps chiefly, this false one-world religion is known for how it will kill many people (particularly true Christians) who do not conform to it.
 - I believe there will be multiple dangers and problems in the world at that time as a direct result of the expansion and influence of this global false religion.
 - These things will concern Israel’s leadership greatly, and it’s something they want to address as they attend to the covenant terms of **Dan. 9:27**.
- We learned from **Rev. Ch. 17** that this false global religious system will be occultic and ancient in its origins. It will be positioned as something ‘**new**’ in the future, but its roots are actually very ‘**old**.’
- As **Eccl. 1:9** says, there is “*nothing new under the sun.*” This future world religious deception is nothing more than a redressing of false belief systems that go way back.
- I believe we have done a pretty good job at connecting some dots here the past few weeks.
- I’ve presented the case that this future false world religion is an extension or adaptation of the Roman Empire from old.

- We did the necessary history lesson – **twice!** – to validate that assumption. We learned the initial Roman Empire became the Holy Roman Empire. That eventually became the Holy Roman Catholic Church, which is now simply called the Catholic Church.
- We had an overview of the history of the Catholic Church, and two elements received some particular focus:
 1. The Catholic Church has always sought to control what the masses know and understand from the Bible. It's why at the height of the Catholic church's control, we had the "Dark Ages."
 2. (And) The Catholic Church has a long history of persecuting and killing true Christians who believe "*salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.*"
- We also looked at the statements and the globalist mindset of the current leadership of the Catholic Church, and we know from all the preponderous evidence that is out there that the highest leadership of the Catholic Church promotes three things:
 1. **The effort to unify all religions** – the effort to unify all religions is a MAJOR objective with the highest leadership of the Catholic Church. We even looked at their own statements in support of this.
 2. **The search for extra-terrestrial life** – Strange as it may seem, this is a big deal with the Catholic Church leadership, and it has been for some time. Within their own investments and internal politics, the Catholic Church is clearly signaling that they are planning for our world to be visited by "aliens," and they are planning to incorporate them into the Catholic 'faith.'
 3. **The push for the 'climate change' agenda** – It's no secret that the Vatican is doing everything it can to advance the deceptive climate change agenda. This issue amounts to nothing less than concerted efforts to control all populations and economies.

NOTE: It's here that I want to respond to several questions and comments I received since the last lesson (the last two lessons have been hard on some of you...).

- It seems to me that some of you are uncomfortable with my comments about 'climate change.'
 - For various reasons, some of you choose to believe in climate change - - to differing degrees. Some of you think it is 'science,' and Al Gore and AOC are right.
 - Some of you have told me that you're inclined to believe in limiting SUVs, in promoting carbon credits, and in getting rid of fossil fuels.
 - Some of you have challenged my comments that 'climate change' is a farse and is a key part of the globalist agenda.
 - I have learned that **"a man persuaded against his mind will generally remain of the same opinion."**
 - (But) I feel I should touch on this matter a little bit more before moving on.

All this climate change frenzy that we see today pivots around a single all-important truth: Global warming is at its core, a false belief system.

- There is a HUGE difference between ‘science’ and ‘political science.’ There is no science to prove flatulent cows, SUVs, and gas stoves are raising the earth’s temperature. What we have here is a political agenda of **control**.
 - Part of the reason I provided several examples of ‘scientists’ and media warning us up through the late 70’s that the world was headed into a new ice age was to show you how baseless and **unscientific** the premise of climate change really is.
 - It is a globalist agenda which is designed to bring down strong nations and to deliberately weaken their economies.
- Climate change hysteria is “eco-fundamentalism” - - and that is nothing less than a militant and rabid rejection of Almighty God.
- Climate change proponents are characterized by a passionate worship of a false “mother earth” instead of a true “Heavenly Father.”
- But the bigger issue I’m driving at here - is that we’re just seeing the very beginning of what is yet to come.
- It’s possible – it’s even very likely - that this future false one-world religious system will **heavily** emphasize the need to protect the earth and its climate. In fact, I believe this will be the case.
- As we’ve seen, this issue is **ALREADY** part of the messages that occultic leaders are receiving from dark spiritual forces.
- They are being told that “aliens” (AKA, fallen angels) will physically return to earth to help us restore a planet that’s been badly damaged, and which needs to ‘heal and return to balance.’ We saw all that in a prior lesson.

I want you to consider the following:

- Many of the earth’s inhabitants will have disappeared in the Rapture. That’s a big part of the world’s population.
- This depopulation agenda is a MAJOR goal of the globalists and the climate change folks. That is well known by this point (Georgia Stones: 500,000,000).
- Did you notice how many of them were openly applauding the millions of deaths from the ‘jab and its boosters?’
- I think a callous ‘depopulation agenda’ may also factor in as some additional motive for the murderous actions of this **‘GROWL.’**
- But there is also an ecological theme which courses its way through the Tribulation judgements and through those judgements leading up to it.
- We’ll study these judgements in much more detail later, but for now - - I’ll try to give you the big picture:
 - A total of 21 judgments are directed against humanity after the Rapture. These are arranged within three groups: the seal judgments, the trumpet judgments, and the bowl judgments.

- As I've already shared, it's my belief that **at least** the first five seal judgments occur in that unknown gap of time after the Rapture but before the start of the Tribulation - - - but think about this....
- About half of these judgments directly impact the earth and its environment. Between them, they....
 - ✓change the geography of the planet (**Rev. 6:14**);
 - ✓they burn up much of its vegetation (**Rev. 8:7**);
 - ✓they dim the sun, moon, and stars (**Rev. 8:12**);
 - ✓they render most of the world's water lethal to life (**Rev. 8:8-11; 16:3-7**);
 - ✓they plunge the world into darkness (**Rev. 8:12-13; 16:10**);
 - ✓they completely dry up great rivers (**Rev. 16:12**);
 - ✓they scorch the earth with intense heat (**Rev. 16:8-9**),
 - ✓and.... they pound the planet with 100-pound hailstones (**Rev. 16:21**).

I'm no atmospheric scientist – but that's real climate change!

That's also a pretty good clue that the climate change hysteria swirling around right now, and which will likely become an issue of universal obsession after the Rapture, is something God is going to address.

The 'climate change' agenda is nothing more than a facet of the larger ambitions of worldwide deception. It is part of an effort to take God out of the Creation picture entirely.

This is why the angel in **Rev. 14:7**, who declares the 'eternal Gospel' to 'those who live on the earth' during the Tribulation, instructs them to "*Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.*"

I believe the prevailing message from the fallen angels up to that point will have been that **they** created this earth and put humanity on it. God's angel in **Rev. 14:7** provides a message of contrast. He will loudly proclaim the truth instead.

But - as God's judgments destroy the planet and its environment, they also fulfill His divine plan to hold accountable everyone who persists in unbelief and who chooses deception.

God will show mankind once and for all that He's in charge of everything that happens with this world. **Isaiah 40:22** tells us that God "*sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers.*"

- It's God who designed plate tectonics and it's He who'll decide when they slip and slide (**Rev. 16:18**).
- It's God who flawlessly suspended the spinning earth from nothing (**Job 26:7**), and so only He can make it stagger about like a drunken person (**Is. 24:20**).
- It's God who said "Let there be light" (**Gen. 1:3**), and so only God is capable of taking that light away (**Rev. 16:10**).
- I could continue - - but you get the point.

One of the **most obvious and pre-eminent indications of humanity's sinful arrogance** is its belief that it can manipulate the globe and change its climate conditions.

1. It's my conviction that this arrogance – which is CORE to **all** far left stances, and to **all** socialist-globalist agendas - will become a key point of this future false one-world religious system.
2. **And so then**, let me ask those of you which may still be doubting my words – here's a rhetorical question:
 - If the climate change folks are the same ones who are passionate about killing unborn babies (and even right up to birth)...
 - If the climate change folks are all about depopulating the earth by any deceptive and murderous means possible...
 - If the climate change folks are often those who actively (and even violently) promote homosexuality, the fallacy of many gender types, transgenderism, the fallacy that 'men can get pregnant' (etc.)....
 - (And) if the climate change folks are showing so many godless tendencies NOW that will find full expression in the depravities of the Tribulation - -
 - Then why would anyone who calls themselves a true follower of Jesus Christ want to support an essential **core belief** of that crowd's delusions? (It makes no sense).

OK, LET'S MOVE ON...

Now, I ALSO know some of you are – **still!** - dealing with a bit of discomfort on another matter - - but you keep attending anyway. Thank you for that.

This other discomfort concerns the case I have been developing – through history and Scripture - that the Catholic Church will, in one way or another....

- form the shell of this future false global religious system,
- (that it will) then take over the world in the wake of the Rapture,
- (and that it will) persecute and kill the saints of God.

It's why I have taken the time, care, and systematic processes to present the history of the Roman Empire and how it all lines up with what Scripture says.

I have presented the case that I feel makes best sense. Where I am able to, I have supported this premise with what I believe the Bible teaches. I am not alone in these views; more prophecy and Bible scholars are coming to this very same conclusion.

But - all that said, each of you must come to your own conclusion.

- If you feel the Hara Krishnas will join with the Hindus and Buddhists and the Occupy Wall Street crowd --- and that they will take over the world while they beat drums, eat carrots, hand out flyers, and burn incense, that's fine!

- I only urge you to support your position by going to God's Word and seeking out what is said there. You **MUST** be as the "*Bereans*" (**Cf. Acts 17:11**). You **MUST** study for yourself, and you **MUST** do that responsibly.
- The same is true if you feel Islam will be the global false religious system we've been talking about. It won't be - - it will be largely destroyed by that point as we will learn.
- But no matter what you **CHOOSE** to believe, seek out the Scriptures. Line up your convictions with what the full counsel of God's Word says, and see if they are one and the same.

I firmly believe - if you take God's Word at face value – and if you engage in responsible hermeneutics – then you will find that the case for the Roman Catholic Church emerges as the strongest and most consistent position.

- It lines up best with the proper rules of Biblical interpretation,
- It conforms most fluidly to all the prophetic passages of Scripture, and....
- It is the most viable position when one considers history and current events.

So, all that said, I want to look at one more element concerning these same issues.

- I believe this element is also a matter of prophetic concern concerning the Roman Empire.
- It is an important element we need to consider as we look into this future period of time that follows the Rapture – and then "goes into" The Tribulation.

Please turn to **Rev. 2:18-29**. This is the letter to the church at Thyatira. It is one of the seven letters to seven churches that are found in **Rev. Chapters 2 and 3**.

A. First, let me make some high-altitude comments about these seven letters to seven churches:

1. The seven churches described here are seven literal churches at the time that John wrote Revelation. As we've learned from a previous lesson....
 - They were actual churches in an actual location. They were not all the Christian churches of that time; only seven were selected out of the many that existed.
 - That's why one letter is to the church at Smyrna, another to the church at Ephesus, and so on.
 - These were real cities in that time, and they had real congregations of believers in those locations.
 - So, one intent of these letters was to communicate with these literal churches and address their personal issues in the time of that day.
2. But there is also a spiritual and prophetic significance for all churches and believers today, and this comprises a second purpose for these letters.

- This purpose is to reveal seven different conditions of churches throughout church history, and to instruct all of them to receive God's truth as it relates to what they are each individually dealing with.
3. But perhaps most importantly – and as we’ve learned – these churches also show a historical pattern.
- They are divinely organized in the book of **Revelation** to represent the entire flow of the church age - - from its start, and to its end in **Ch. 4:1** where John is taken up to heaven in a picture of the Rapture.
 - The church of Thyatira is #4 in this sequence; there are three churches listed on each side of it. It is appropriate that this church in the middle of the seven should also prefigure the church of the Middle Ages.
 - The Thyatira period of church history is considered by many scholars to cover the period of papal supremacy after the Catholic church was elevated to political power. This would have begun around the 5th century.
 - This view is a compelling one, and it is not new. For example, Philip Mauro, a well-known evangelist, attorney, Christian writer and theologian with the Plymouth Brethren from the early 1900’s wrote, *"Our view is that in this letter to Thyatira we are given to see the inception of that masterpiece of satanic deception, that monstrous heresy, whose fullest development has been manifested in Romanism."*
 - The prominent Chinese church leader, Watchman Nee, explicitly taught that Thyatira represented the corrupt, institutionalized Roman Catholic Church of the Middle Ages. As I said, many scholars take this view.

B. So, let’s dig deeper into understanding this letter to the church at Thyatira (READ Rev. 2:18-29)

NOTE: A key point about this church was it was a church that had a false prophetess (I want you to specifically note that “female” element that is mentioned there).

NOTE: Some of you are familiar with Bill Salus, one of the best minds and scholars in Bible prophecy these days. He is a friend of mine, and I lean on him a good deal for what I will share with you today.

This issue with Thyatira is a specific issue that Bill Salus has researched and unpacked very well, and I’ve had conversations with him about it. I will summarize the things I feel he makes a good case for.

1. First, let’s focus on **vss. 20-23 (turn to it)**. This will be awkward, so bear with me.
2. I read them to you already. Now, I want to do so again, but WITH a certain emphasis.

3. On this second read – just listen to me. Let your mind take in other things we have learned to this point, other passages we have studied, and other well-known things that you already know for yourselves.

*“Nevertheless, I have this against you (**Roman Catholicism**): You tolerate that woman Jezebel (**the blessed mother**), who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants (**those who follow the Catholic faith**) into sexual immorality (**the many sexual perversions that have always plagued Catholicism**) and the eating of food (**sacraments which is a form of idolatry**) sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her (**the Harlot World Religion of Rev. Ch. 17**) on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her (**those who “have committed adultery with her, and the inhabitants of the earth who were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries”**) to suffer great tribulation (**in the second half of the Tribulation**), unless they repent of her ways. I will kill her children with death (**“...bring her to ruin and leave her naked; and they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire”**). Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.*

4. Now, as I read that I inserted various phrases from other parts of Scripture, and I included other elements from the history and traditions of Roman Catholicism.
 - I’m not trying to adjust Scripture in any way - - I would never do that.
 - I am merely trying to bring into the picture the relevant issues. I am trying to make a point based on things we’ve already learned.
5. I realize this is a view some of you may not have considered before, and so I want to go back and call out one particular issue that is mentioned here in this text:
 - God says He “*will kill her children with death*” (several translations) or “*strike her children dead*” or “*with plague*” (other translations).
 - Let’s pause and (soberly) consider what is happening here:
 - This passage says God will kill the children of one of these seven churches. Stop. Let that sink in.
 - This is a church! It is the **only one** of these seven churches that is facing this sort of calamitous, destructive, prescriptive event.
 - God further says in **vs. 22** He will do this during a time of “*great tribulation*” (most of the translations).
 - This seems to place these killings during the second half of the Tribulation-period.
 - ✓ That lines up – BTW – with what we have already studied.
 - ✓ It will be at the midpoint of the Tribulation that the antichrist will utterly destroy the false one world religious system. ***He eats her flesh, burns her with fire, etc. (Cf. Rev. 17:16).***

NOTE: As I’ve said already – it will be a violent overthrow. It may even have something to do with a strategic “*plague*” or “*pestilence*” as several translations suggest in **vs. 23**. Keep in

mind, in **vs. 22** several translations say the children of Thyatira will “*suffer on a bed of sickness.*”

But the bottom line here is this: this overthrow by the antichrist and his ten kings of this false one-world religion will be traumatic. There is nothing pretty or political about it.

- Some of you are familiar with John Gill and his Bible commentaries. John Gill lived 1697-1771, and he writes about **Rev. 17:16** all the way back then:

“And I will kill her children with death,... Her popes, cardinals, priests, Jesuits, monks, friars, and all that join in the Romish apostasy, they shall be killed with death; there shall be an utter extirpation of them in God's own time;...”

- Gill’s use of the phrase “God’s own time” emphasizes a similar concept as the “day of the Lord” or “day of my wrath” – AKA, “The Great Tribulation.” It’s the second half of those seven years.
- I would suggest that – all things considered – the phrase “*her children*” here in this letter about Thyatira are more than just the leaders.
- It’s likely a situation that is much like “the children of Israel”. That’s a reference to the Jewish people in general.
- I think that’s the same concept here: it’s followers of this false one-world religious system which finds its shell, its origin, and its basic behavioral patterns in the apostasies and agenda of Roman Catholicism.

NOTE: OK, deep breath. Let’s pause for a second – let’s evaluate **the main points** of what we are considering here from scholars like John Gill (from the 1700’s), Bill Salus (from our own time) and multiple others like them.

1. **First**, the obvious implication is the institution, the denomination, and the influence of Roman Catholicism, pictured in **Rev. Ch. 2** as Thyatira, will still exist on the earth **after the Rapture**.
 - At least most of them – by far – will be left behind. This is supported by the statement in **vs. 22** that her children will “*suffer great tribulation.*”
 - It is also supported by a study of **Rev. Ch. 17** (which we’ve done) where we find this “false, genocidal, one-world religion” thriving up to the midpoint of The Tribulation.
 - It is after that specific juncture where it is utterly burned and destroyed by the antichrist and his inner circle.
2. **Second** – and it is VERY IMPORTANT to see this in these seven letters to the seven churches - this idea that one church institution WILL go through the Tribulation is counter-balanced by another church being told it WON’T go through the Tribulation.

- The Church of Philadelphia, another one of these seven churches, is gone after the Rapture (**Cf. Rev. 3:10**)
- In this verse, Philadelphia is kept from experiencing the seven-year Tribulation. God says, *“I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.”*

NOTE: Putting all this another way, God’s Word says Thyatira’s children **will** “*suffer great tribulation,*” but it says true believers will **not** go through the Tribulation.

- So, we should not throw up any resistance to the notion that the Bible suggests Thyatira will go THROUGH the Tribulation when it’s also an accepted notion that Philadelphia WON’T.
- The Bible is simply saying there is a difference between those who have real faith and those who do not, and that truth is reinforced many times.

3. (here’s another main point to consider):

- There is the phrase *“I will kill her children with death....”* from **Rev. 2:23**. It seems a redundant statement in some of the translations, but there is an interesting wrinkle just under the surface here.
- The Greek word for “kill” here is “apokteino” (ah-pok-TAY-noh) and the one of “death” here is “thanatos” (THAH-nuh-toss).

NOTE: The most direct or literal translation here is “to kill or slay someone to the point of their physical death.”

- It’s VERY interesting to note that these two Greek words are the same two words used in **Rev. 6:8**.
- **Rev. 6:8** is the passage about the Fourth Seal which we already spent some time learning about - - and we will do more of that.
- This is the judgment that sees Death and Hades personified as riders; they have *authority over a fourth of the earth* - - - to do what? To KILL.

NOTE: The very same Greek words are used here. It says that Death (“thanatos,”) and Hades have authority over a fourth of the earth to kill, (“apokteino”).

- And one of the means they have to do this is *“plague or pestilence.”* But we see an intentional or power-based element here. May I suggest some sort of “plandemic 2.0” could be part of the total picture?
- And who does Death and Hades kill? We’ve asked ourselves this question before, and the answer is: the Fifth Seal martyred Saints of **Rev. 6:9-11**.

- This lines up perfectly with what we learned about this false one-world religion in **Rev. 17:6**. There it says the Harlot is “...*drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.*”

NOTE: It is precisely the way the martyred saints of the 5th Seal Judgment are described. **Rev. 6:9** says, “*When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.*”

- In other words, and as we have mentioned before in previous lessons, the Catholic inquisitions of the past are going to return once more. Maybe that’s why some people claim that hundreds of guillotines are already being staged around the world right now.
- Again, the focus of Death and Hades will be to kill those who stay true to REAL SAVING faith. That’s been the focus of the Catholic inquisitions before – multiple times.
- I remind you - **Ecclesiastes** says, “there is nothing new under the sun.”

Now, let’s take another (and different) look at this letter to the church in Thyatira, but now let’s look at **vs 24**. Something very poignant is said here....

“Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

A. **BIG QUESTION HERE:** “What are “the depths of Satan?” This is obviously not a good thing to have said about your church.

- You don’t want someone to ask, “What are you guys studying at your church?” - and you answer, “Oh, we are immersing ourselves in the depths of Satan.”

NOTE: But - - here we have a church, Thyatira (one of the seven churches), that we see is marinated in Satanic doctrine. Not things of God – but things of Satan!

1. To understand this better, we need to go back and look at what God’s main complaint about the church in Thyatira is. It’s “*that woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess*” (**back in vs. 20**).
 - As a church, Thyatira, has apparently permitted Satan to weave terrible false doctrines into their teachings.
 - And one of the key criteria about these horrible doctrines is how they pivot around a female figure who – from God’s point of view - has similarities to Jezebel in the Old Testament.
2. This narrows things down a lot.
 - The **only possible** female candidate who has endured throughout the whole Church age is the one that is known by various names: “Queen of

Heaven,” “the Blessed Mother,” “the Virgin Mary,” “Our Lady of Fatima,” and other names like these.

- This is likely why this final false one-world religion is pictured as a female in **Rev. Ch. 17**, and why she is associated with “Babylon the Great” from ancient times.
 - It is all female-focused, and occultic at its roots. It is also the **opposite** or counter-image of the Godly “Bride of Christ.”
3. So now – in this same passage to the church at Thyatira - we have a group of key words and phrases we need to look at collectively. We need to see them together - - as all talking about one main subject:
- These are “Jezebel,” “great tribulation,” “kill her children with death” and “depths of Satan.”
 - Again, they are all facets of one gemstone if you will. They all are giving a piece of a larger picture.
 - And now, lastly, there is one other word study we should briefly account for in this passage too. That is the Greek term: “*megas thlipsis*.”
 - It’s two words. They’re used in **Rev. 2:22**. Together it’s, “great tribulation.”
 - Here’s what’s VERY important to know about this term “*megas thlipsis*.”
 - The very first use in the Bible of these two words **together** is where they are stated by Jesus in **Matthew 24:21**. That reads as follows:

*“For at that time there will be great tribulation, unmatched from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be seen again.” (Great Tribulation – *megas thlipsis*)*

NOTE: Jesus uses this term to SPECIFICALLY identify the prophetic events that happen during the second half of Daniel’s 70th week - - - AKA, “The Great Tribulation.”

- This use of “*megas thlipsis*” in **Rev. 2:22** emphasizes that Thyatira apparently is poised to enter the 2nd half of the Tribulation, that part known as the Great Tribulation period.
- Again, this lines up precisely with what we learned in **Rev. 17:16**, because it’s at that point that the antichrist destroys this false one world religious system.
- It’s at the midpoint that he violently persecutes and kills its followers, and sets himself up to be worshipped instead.

NOTE: I’m going to conclude here, and we’re going to move on from this point next week to **other** matters concerning the rise of the antichrist. But in closing here, I want to point out the ways all the information we’ve learned together these last few lessons lines up perfectly; it’s all saying the same things:

1. First, there is the historical record we must consider:

- a. Rome as an empire never went away – it went from the Roman Empire of Jesus’ time to the Holy Roman Empire, then to the Holy Roman Catholic Church, then to the Roman Catholic Church, and today we simply know it as the Catholic Church.
 - b. It morphed, it changed, it relocated, and it took on new purposes and forms – but Rome never went away. It all can be traced back to the original empire.
 - c. It remains headquartered in Rome now as it once was back in Biblical times - the original city of seven hills.
2. Second, the highest leadership of the Catholic Church is pushing those ideas and views which tie directly into end time’s themes:
 - a. Socialism, globalism, climate change, gender confusion, unifying all religions into one, sexual depravities, open borders, anti-Israel, and searching for – and wanting and believing in the return of – “alien” life.
 - b. The last couple of Popes are on record stating and believing things that go against the clear teaching of the Bible.
 - c. Whatever the highest leadership of the Catholic church is saying specifically – and WHY they are choosing to say these things - know that they are positioning people to doubt the veracity of God’s Word, and to include all faiths under one banner.
3. Third, God’s Word suggests this post-Rapture one-world false religious system **will indeed** emerge from the teachings and presence of the Catholic church.
 - a. The Catholic church, it seems, will be left behind after the Rapture according to the Bible. It will quickly seek to suppress all Biblical truth.
 - b. That false religious system will arise from the foundations of Catholicism will persecute and kill Christians – AND Jews - as it has done many times before.
 - c. That false religious system will be overtly and patently steeped in occultism and counterfeit supernatural displays.
 - d. That false religious system will be destroyed by the antichrist at the midpoint of the Tribulation.
 - e. That religious system and its extreme genocidal passions will be what Israel will want to be INSULATED from as she seeks instead to have her own temple INSTITUTION instead.
 - f. This desire on Israel’s part will become a key component of the covenant which is confirmed by the antichrist, and which he unilaterally breaks terms with 3 ½ years later. This is very clear from **Dan. 9:27**.
 - g. It all fits together. If we accept what God’s Word has to say at each point, then a coherent storyline and a well-supported picture emerge.

NEXT WEEK: We begin to look at other things about the antichrist – who and what he is, where he comes from, his style of leadership, the deception and lies that surround his ascent, what his governing policies are like, and so on....



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The rules are simple. First, teach what IS there. Don't pretend the Bible is not saying what it is saying.

Second, don't teach what is NOT there. Don't force a passage to mean something it really doesn't.

And – number three, if the Bible states it plainly, we should too.

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