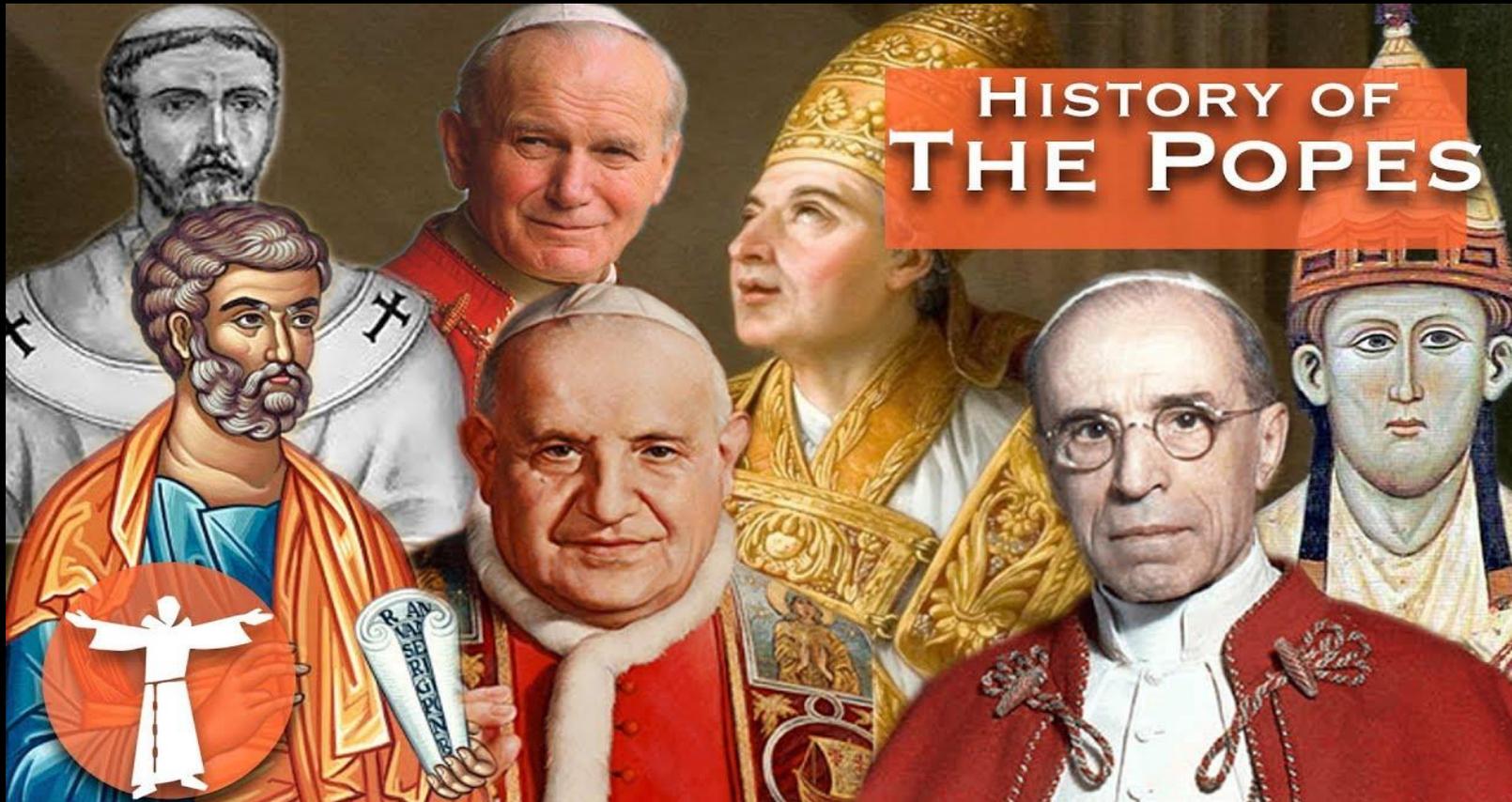


# ***Daniel Chapter 11 – Part 5*** ***The Papal Reign***



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make me a  
sanctuary;  
that I may dwell  
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

**Psalms 77:13**



# Health Snippet – Onions

## Health Benefits of Onions (Seek Medical Advise)

Here's a simple guide to understanding what onions in general constitute and what each type of onion has to offer

### Vitamins and minerals:

Onions contain good amounts of vitamins & minerals:

**Vitamin C:** An antioxidant, this vitamin is needed for immune function and maintenance of skin and hair.

**Folate (B9):** A water-soluble B vitamin, folate is essential for cell growth and metabolism and especially important for pregnant women.

**Vitamin B6:** Found in most foods, this vitamin is involved in the formation of red blood cells.

**Potassium:** This essential mineral can have blood pressure-lowering effects and is important for heart health.

\* They make us cry when we cut them, and they might cause a strong, pungent breath, but onions add a great, robust flavour to dishes. The awesome flavour they provide can really transform a plant-based dish, like when you caramelize them or use them to top soups and salads.

\* There are several types of onions, each adding their own, unique taste to dishes, whether raw or cooked. Let's look...

## USE THE RIGHT ONION

SWEET  
ONION



Best for  
frying

USE FOR:  
ONION  
RINGS  
GRATINGS  
ROASTED  
VEGETABLES

RED  
ONION



Best for  
eating raw

USE FOR:  
GUACAMOLE  
PICKLED  
ONIONS  
SALADS  
SANDWICHES

WHITE  
ONION



Crunchiest  
& sharpest zing

USE FOR:  
CHITNEYS  
SALSAS  
STIR  
FRYING

YELLOW  
ONION



Cooking  
onion

USE FOR:  
SOUPS  
STEW  
SAUCES

SHALLOT



Milder &  
more subtle

USE FOR:  
DRESSINGS  
SALADS  
GARNISHES



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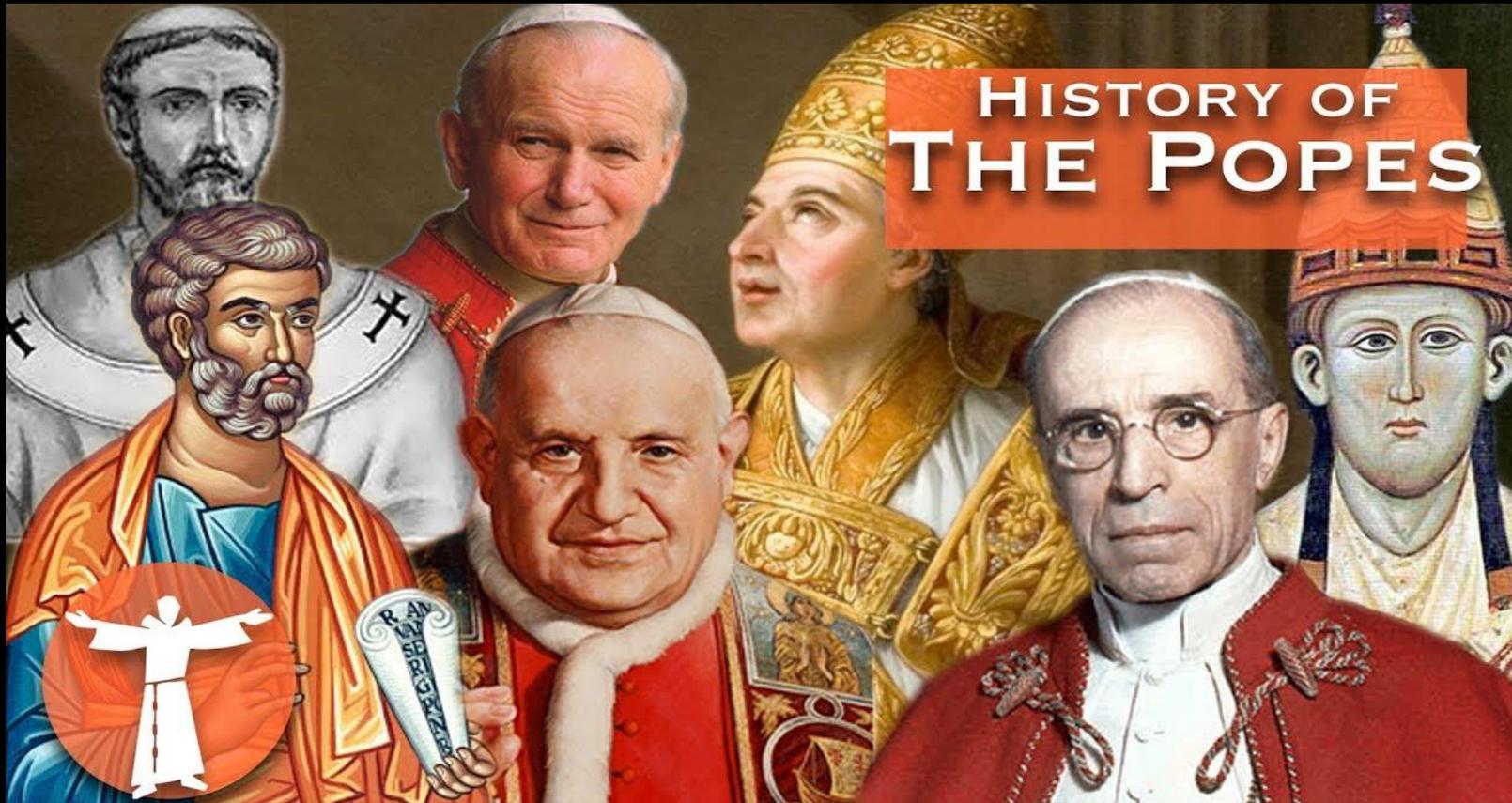
# Yes we Can!



1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. - Revelation 13



# ***Daniel Chapter 11 – Part 5*** ***The Papal Reign***



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# Introduction

**Daniel 7 identifies the Papacy as the Antichrist. Throughout history, others have also stated that papal Rome is the Antichrist.**

**The Apostle Paul said that the "mystery of iniquity" was already working in his day, and would grow to full revelation before the Second Coming of the Lord.**

**The great French reformer, John Calvin, identified the Antichrist:**

**Daniel and Paul had predicted that Antichrist would sit in the temple of God... we affirm him to be the Pope... Some persons think us too severe and censorious when we call the Roman pontiff Antichrist. But those who are of this opinion do not consider that they bring the same charge of presumption against Paul himself, after whom we speak. - L. Froom, Prophetic Faith of our Fathers Volume 2 p437.**

**I shall briefly show that (Paul's words in 2 Thessalonians 2) are not capable of any other interpretation than that which applies them to the Papacy. - John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion (1536).**



**John Calvin (1509-1564)**



# Introduction (cont'd)

Martin Luther also identified the Antichrist from his studies of Paul's epistle to the Thessalonians, and the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation. In 1520, Luther wrote this:

I am practically cornered, and can hardly doubt any more, that the Pope is really the Antichrist... because everything so exactly corresponds to the way of his life, actions, words and commandments. - Martin Luther, Schriften volume 21a, column 234

We here are of the conviction that the papacy is the seat of the true and real Antichrist... personally I declare that I owe the Pope no other obedience than that to Antichrist. - L. Froom, Prophetic Faith of our Fathers Volume 2 p121.

Already I feel greater liberty in my heart; for at last I know that the pope is antichrist, and that his throne is that of Satan himself. - Martin Luther, as quoted in D'Aubigné, book 6 chapter 9.

We are not the first who interpret the Papacy as the kingdom of Antichrist... He (John Purvey in 1390 AD) rightly and truly pronounces the Pope "Antichrist" as he is... a witness indeed, foreordained by God to confirm our doctrine. - Martin Luther, Commentarius in Apocalypsin



Martin Luther



# Introduction (cont'd)

A host of reformers identified the Antichrist as the Papacy, such as:

Thomas Cranmer - "Whereof it followeth Rome to be the seat of antichrist, and the pope to be very antichrist himself. I could prove the same by many other scriptures, old writers, and strong reasons" - Thomas Cranmer, *The Works of Thomas Cranmer* Volume 1: 6-7.

John Knox - "Hitherto the pope has been antichrist" - John Knox, *The Zurich Letters*: 199.

John Wesley - "He is in an emphatical sense, the Man of Sin, as he increases all manner of sin above measure. And he is, too, properly styled the Son of Perdition, as he has caused the death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers" - John Wesley, as quoted in Albert Close, *Antichrist and His Ten Kingdoms* p110.

John Wycliffe, John Huss, Jerome, and John Melanchthon all identified the Papacy as the Antichrist.

The same papal power will reveal itself again in the closing stages of this earth's history, we need to be grounded in Scripture so that we are not swept away by the subtle workings of this power.

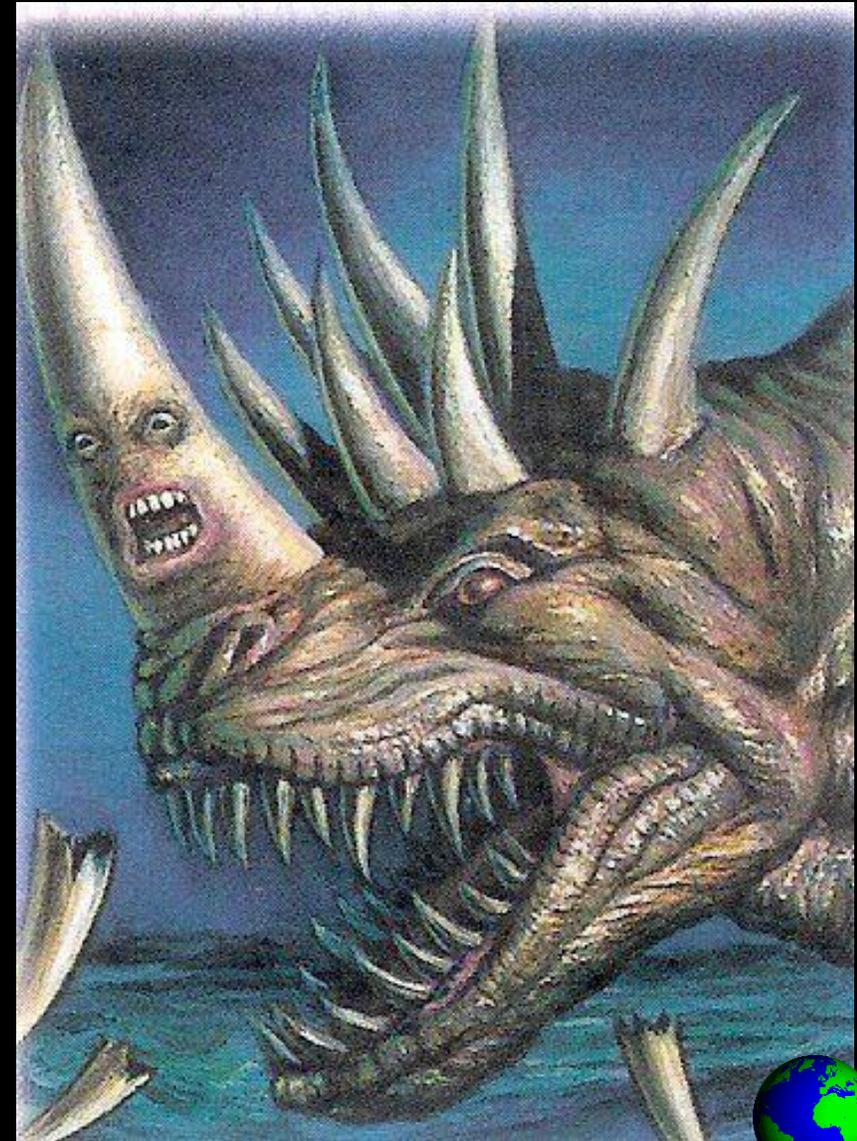


# **Introduction (cont'd)**

Daniel 7 gives us very precise identifying features of the horn, and every single one must apply in order to make an accurate identification possible.

The 13 features are as follows:

1. It arose out of the fourth beast.
2. It came up among the ten horns.
3. It came up after the ten horns had been established.
4. It was to uproot three horns.
5. It was to be greater than the others.
6. It was to be different than the others.
7. It was to have eyes like the eyes of a man and speak great words against God.
8. It was to make war on God's saints.
9. It would think to change times and laws.
10. The saints were to be handed over to it for a time and times and half a time.
11. It shall devour the whole earth.
12. It shall reign until the Ancient of Days comes.
13. Its dominion will be taken away.



# Introduction (cont'd)

By a quick comparison of the “fourth Beast” and its “little horn” from Daniel 7 with the “little horn” of Daniel 8, we see that they both represent the same power:

Daniel 7:

21 “make war with the saints”

8 “mouth speaking great things”

19 “exceeding dreadful”

11 “beast was slain... given to the burning”

Daniel 8:

24 “destroy the mighty and the holy people”

11 “magnified himself”

23 “king of fierce countenance”

25 “broken without hand”

This power, represented here in Daniel 8 as a blending of Pagan and Papal Rome, has throughout the course of its history fulfilled the prophecies in this chapter.

DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8
GOLD	BABYLON	LION	NONE
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA	BEAR	RAM WITH TWO HORNS
BRASS	GREECE	LEOPARD	THE GOAT
IRON	ROME	FIERCE BEAST	LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	TEN HORNS LITTLE HORN	LITTLE HORN GREAT WAXED
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT SCENE	CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT



# Introduction (cont'd)

The Antichrist power has to fulfill all of the characteristics given in the Bible. It cannot meet only some of them. Thirteen times in the above articles, we see how the papal system qualifies for all the identifying points of the little horn power of Daniel 7, as sad and shocking as it may seem. It is essential that we realize that the Bible is not dealing with individuals, but with a religious and political system that for more than 1500 years has claimed the power to control the planet's conscience. Moreover, for a set time, it had power to enforce its decrees and to persecute all who chose to obey God and His Word.

\* This can be seen clearly in the Sunday-Sabbath issue.

The Bible is dealing with a power that is misusing its position, and presuming to take the very place of God. Individuals are responsible to God for the light they live up to. In condemning the system, God is not condemning the individuals within the system who are living up to light they have and long to have a relationship with Him.

There is only one system that meets all the identifying features listed in Daniel 7, and this is the Papacy.



# Daniel 11:37 - Continuing on Papacy

**Daniel 11:37** Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

Neither shall he - **the king of the north (Papacy)**

Regard the God of his fathers - **the Creator of the Universe.**

**The Papacy is made up of men that worship Pagan gods while claiming to be a Christian church; hence they disregard the God of creation. The early church did worship the Lord, but the Papacy mixed that worship with Paganism and sufficiently disregarded the God of their fathers.**

**In context it is applied to the fact that he “magnifies” himself above all gods, including the God of heaven who he supposedly represents 2 Thessalonians 2:4. In the documents of the Catholic Church itself, they claim the prerogative to make laws and decrees that God himself is bound to obey. Thus placing themselves inclusively above all gods whatever and wherever. In Daniel 7:25 he thinks to change God’s immutable law. In doing this you are magnifying yourself above God and disregarded His desires.**



# ***Bishop to be husband of one wife***

**Nor the desire of women** - one central doctrine of Roman Catholic prelates is their "celibacy" doctrine. The priests openly disregard the Word where to commands all pastors/bishops to be the "husband of one wife":

**1 Timothy 3:1** - *This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.*

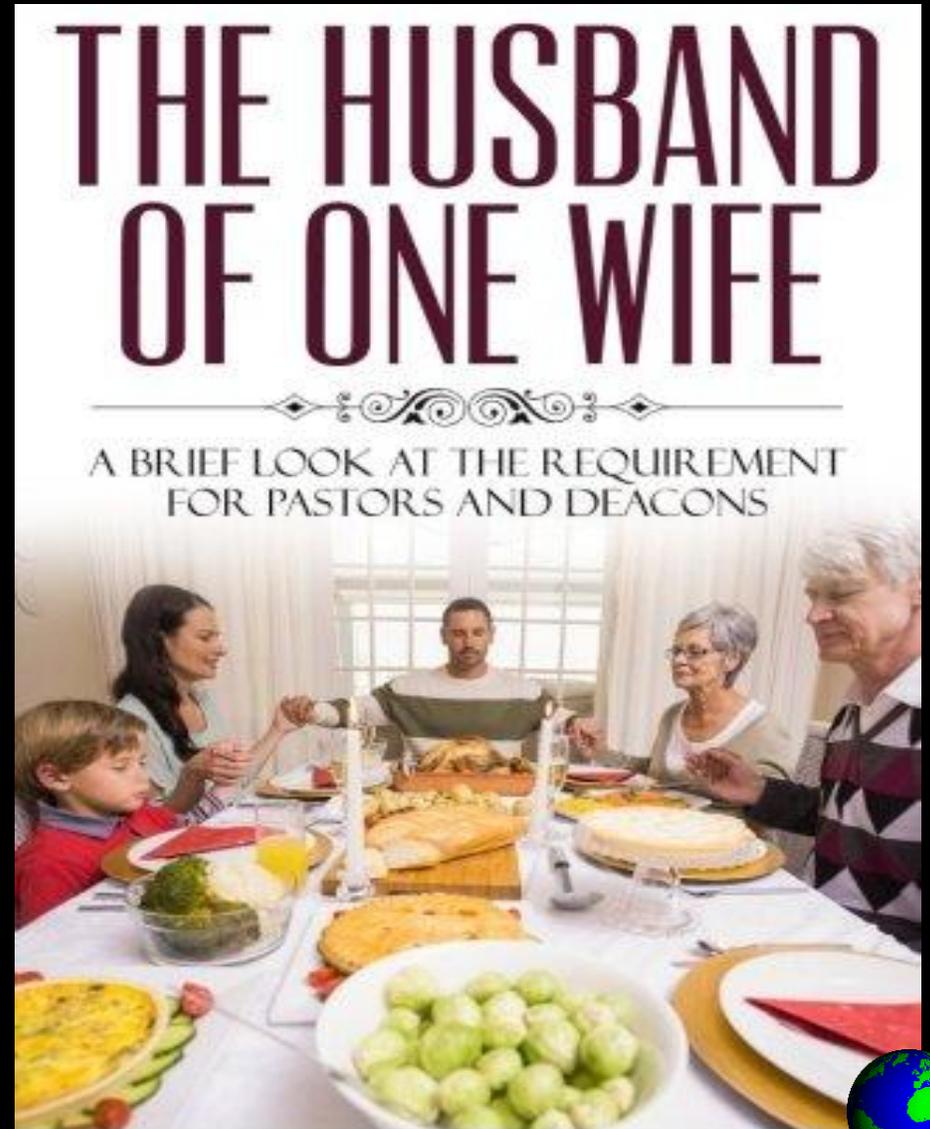
**2** *A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;*

**3** *Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;*

**4** *One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;*

**5** *For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?*

**6** *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.*



# Catholic Priests are forbidden to Marry

While at the same time they fulfill the prophecy wherein it states they will "forbid to marry.":

*1 Timothy 4:1 - Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

*2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

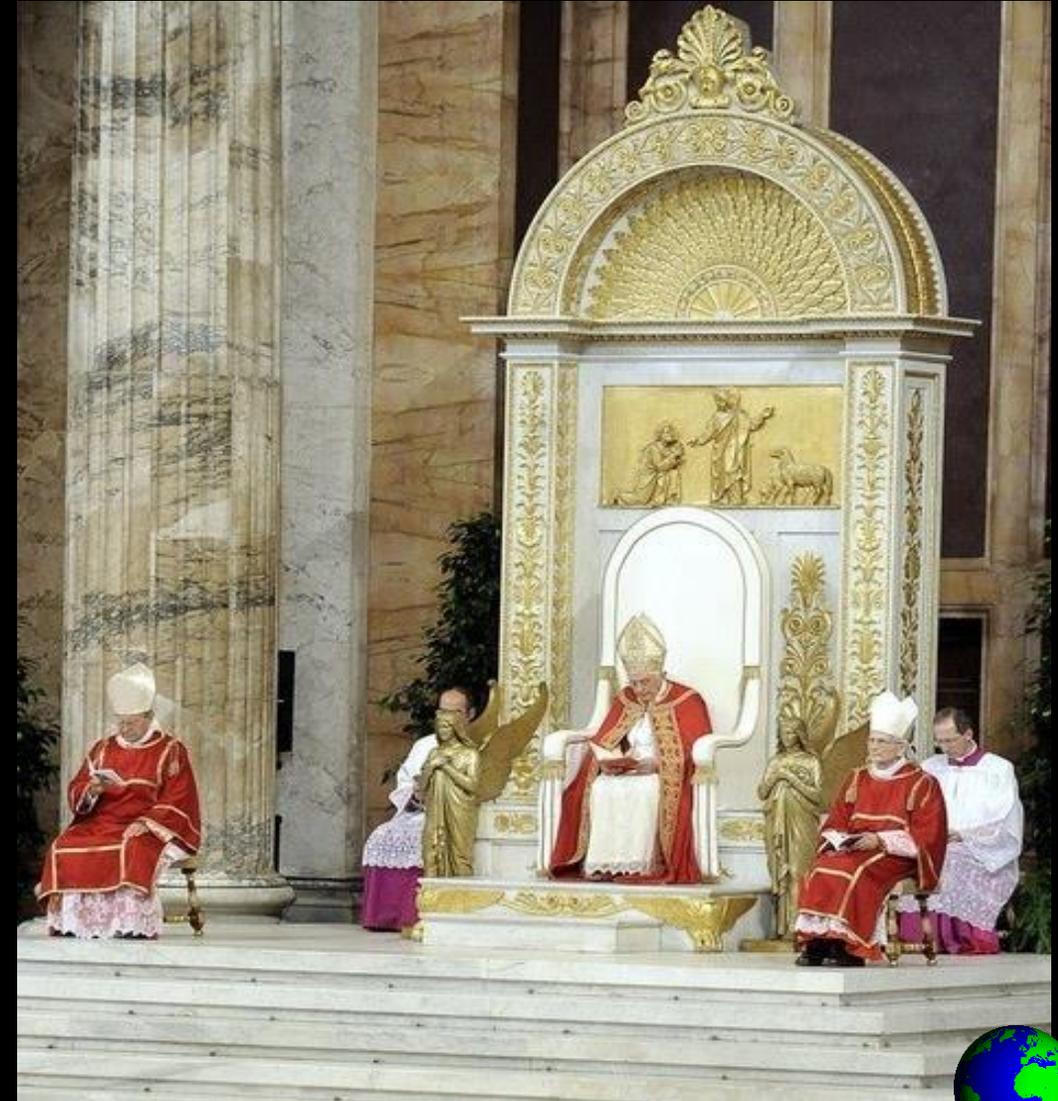
*3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

**Nor regard any god - truth is, when you look at how the Popes are set up as a "god on earth," they not only place themselves above the God of creation, they deny all other Pagan gods as well.**



# ***Popes as God on Earth***

He shall magnify himself above all - this is indeed the main fruit of Roman Catholic prelates. Like Caesar of Rome, the Pope's of Papal Rome declare themselves god of all. Their doctrine of "transubstantiation" wherein they claim power over even Jesus Christ Himself openly declares they "magnify" themselves above all just as prophecy predicted. They also claim to be able to change Scripture and make doctrines that even God Himself must obey. In Daniel 7:25 it states the Papacy will think to change God's Sabbath commandment. They have done just that in declaring the Pagan Sabbath of Sunday has replaced the seventh day Sabbath of the Creator God.



# ***Popes claimed to be Divine***

Throughout the centuries of Rome's existence, the popes have regularly claimed to be divine. As the supposed successor of Peter, the Pope claims infallibility, the position of God on Earth, and ability to judge and excommunicate angels.

Cardinal Sarto, who became Pope Pius X, said this:

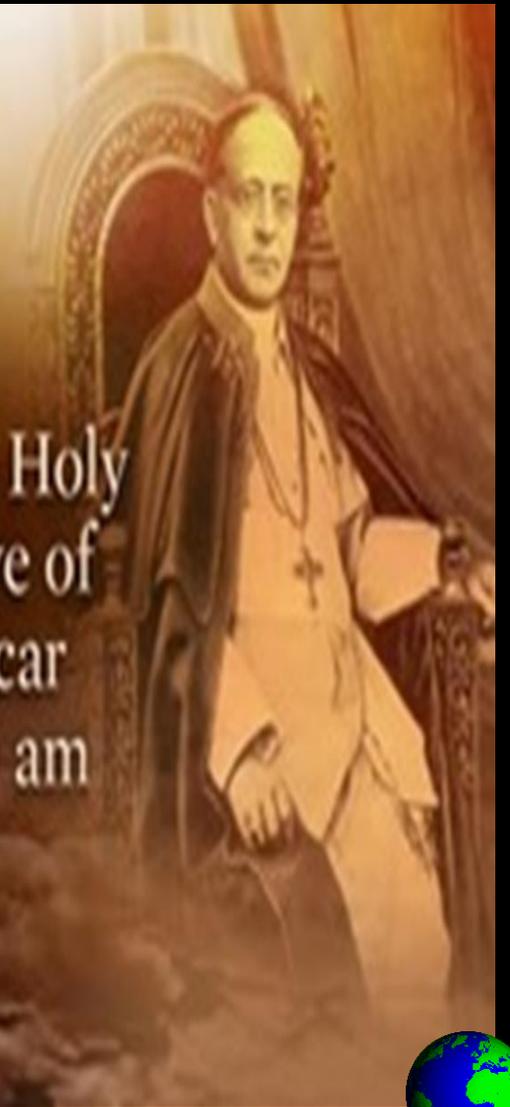
**The Pope represents Jesus Christ Himself...** - Cardinal Sarto, in Publications of the Catholic Truth Society Volume 29 p11.

**This belief has so assimilated into society's thinking that it is believed by many beyond Catholic circles. According to TIME, Pope John Paul II's assassination attempt prompted a young Jewish man to say, "shooting the Pope—It's like shooting God."**

- George J. Church et. al, "Hands of Terrorism," TIME (May 25, 1981).

On April 30, 1922  
Pope Pius XI said;

"You know that I am the Holy Father, the representative of God on the earth, the Vicar of Christ, which means I am God on the earth."



# ***Further Quotes from Vatican Documents show the Papacy's belief in Papal Infallibility:***

In 1512 Christopher Marcellus said this to Pope Julius II:

Take care that we lose not that salvation, that life and breath which thou hast given us, for thou art our shepherd, thou art our physician, thou art our governor, thou art our husbandman, thou art finally another God on earth. - Alexander Hislop, *The light of prophecy let in on the dark places of the papacy* p91

Just recently, in 2004, Bishop Patrick Dunn of Auckland said this:

**"It seems that Pope John Paul II now presides over the universal Church from his place upon Christ's cross. -**

**"Auckland Bishop Says Pope Presides From the Cross" (Zenit, September 20, 2004).**

The Gloss of Extravagantes of Pope John XXII says this:

**But to believe that our Lord God the Pope the establisher of said decretal, and of this, could not decree, as he did decree, should be accounted heretical. - The Gloss of Extravagantes of Pope John XXII, Cum. Inter, title 14, chapter 4**



# PAPAL INFALLIBILITY

A Protestant Evaluation  
of an Ecumenical Issue



# Words from the Popes themselves:

In 1302 Pope Boniface said this in a letter to the Catholic Church:

Furthermore, we declare, we proclaim, we define that it is absolutely necessary for salvation that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff. - Pope Boniface VIII, *Unam Sanctam* (Rome: 1302).

Pope Leo XIII said these things about the role of the Papacy and the Roman Church:

Our thoughts went out towards the immense multitude of those who are strangers to the gladness that filled all Catholic hearts: some because they lie in absolute ignorance of the Gospel; others because they dissent from the Catholic belief, though they bear the name of Christians.

This thought has been, and is, a source of deep concern to Us; for it is impossible to think of such a large portion of mankind deviating, as it were, from the right path, as they move away from Us, and not experience a sentiment of innermost grief. But since We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty... - Pope Leo XIII, *Praeclara Gratulationis Publicae—The Reunion of Christendom* (Rome: 1894).



Pope Leo XIII



# Words from the Popes themselves (cont'd)

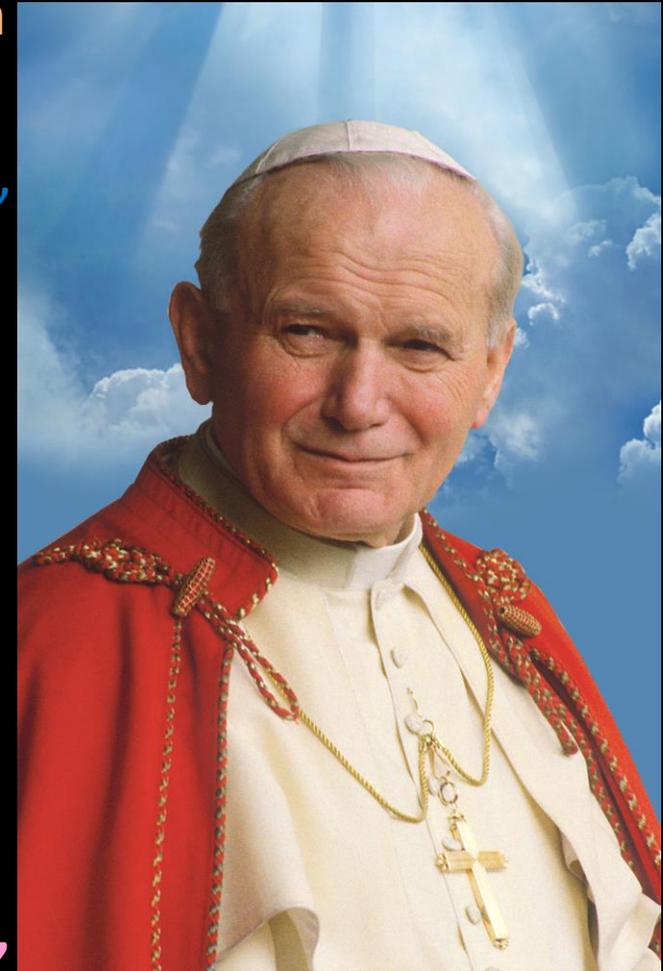
But the supreme teacher in the Church is the Roman Pontiff. Union of minds, therefore, requires, together with a perfect accord in the one faith, complete submission and obedience of will to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff, as to God Himself. - Pope Leo XIII, *Sapientiae Christianae: On Christians as Citizens* (January 10, 1890).

And more recently, Pope John Paul II wrote that names like "Holy Father" are applicable to the Pope, even though calling him that is counter to the Gospel:

Have no fear when people call me the "Vicar of Christ," when they say to me "Holy Father," or "Your Holiness," or use titles similar to these, which seem even inimical to the Gospel. - Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* (New York: Alfred A. Knoff, 1995): 6.

In 1996 he also gave his ascent to calling the Pope "Lord" and "Christ on earth":

We readily understand the devotion of Saint Francis of Assisi for "the Lord Pope", the daughterly outspokenness of Saint Catherine of Siena towards the one whom she called "sweet Christ on earth", the apostolic obedience and the *sentire cum Ecclesia* of Saint Ignatius Loyola, and the joyful profession of faith made by Saint Teresa of Avila: "I am a daughter of the Church". - Pope John Paul II, *Vita Consecrata* (March 25, 1996): [vatican.va](http://vatican.va).



Pope John Paul II



# The Doctrine of Papal Infallibility is Unbiblical

It is clear that "the Popes have never reproved or rejected this title" (António Pereira de Figueiredo, "Tentativa theologica: Episcopal rights and ultramontane usurpations" (J. Masters, 1847): 180.) of blasphemy and flattery, but the Bible does not support the belief of papal infallibility. It declares that "all of sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Roman 3:23).

This includes the Pope. These boasts of the Papal State fulfill the Bible's prediction of what the Antichrist power would do:

*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...(Daniel 7:25).*

*And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven (Revelation 13:5-6).*

## INFALLIBLE or NOT?

In which scenarios did the Pope exercise his infallibility?

A. Pope Piux XII declares Assumption of Mary as dogma (1950)

B. Pope Francis changes catechism on death penalty; death penalty is now inadmissible (2018)

C. Pope Paul V rejects Galileo's claim of a heliocentric solar system (1616)

D. Decisions of Popes regarding apparitions

E. Pope Francis shows support to same-sex civil unions during an interview (2020)



# Daniel 11:38 - The god of forces

**Daniel 11:38** *But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.*

But in his - **king of the north (Papacy)**

Shall he honor the God of forces - while being a political entity, the Papacy claimed to be a Christian church. Plus, Antichrist honours God in "lip service" when they claim to be Christians to the world, yet preach an error filled message. This is what is meant by the statement they "hold the truth in unrighteousness." (See **Romans 1:18**) **They speak the Word, yet embrace sin. They claim Christ Lord (honor Him) yet worship Mary (Pagan queen) instead.** Some claim the "God of forces" has to do with military, and the Papacy does in fact use the military in a big way even today. Others claim it has to do with the New Age "forces" of which the Papacy also embraces today in their ecumenical message. **Could this be the "God of forces" is in fact the true God here.** Not only do the translators capitalize the name "God" here, it appears verifiable by the next statement made by Daniel. **He says he will honor the God of forces AND a god his fathers never knew.** The Papacy does in fact "honour" the Christian God with lip service, while at the same time embrace gods the forefathers never knew. That of course being the Pagan gods of ancient Rome.

THE GEOMETRY OF SATAN: THE GOD OF FORCES



Video: Who Is the 'God of Forces' of Daniel 11:38-39?



# Sea Beast of Revelation 13 = Papacy

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

*2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*



Satan gives **Seat**, **Power** & **great Authority**

Sea beast is a amalgamation of the kingdoms: Babylon, Medo-persia, Greece



# Babylon – Tiamat (Sea goddess)



Tiamat - is identified as a sea serpent or dragon.

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiamat>



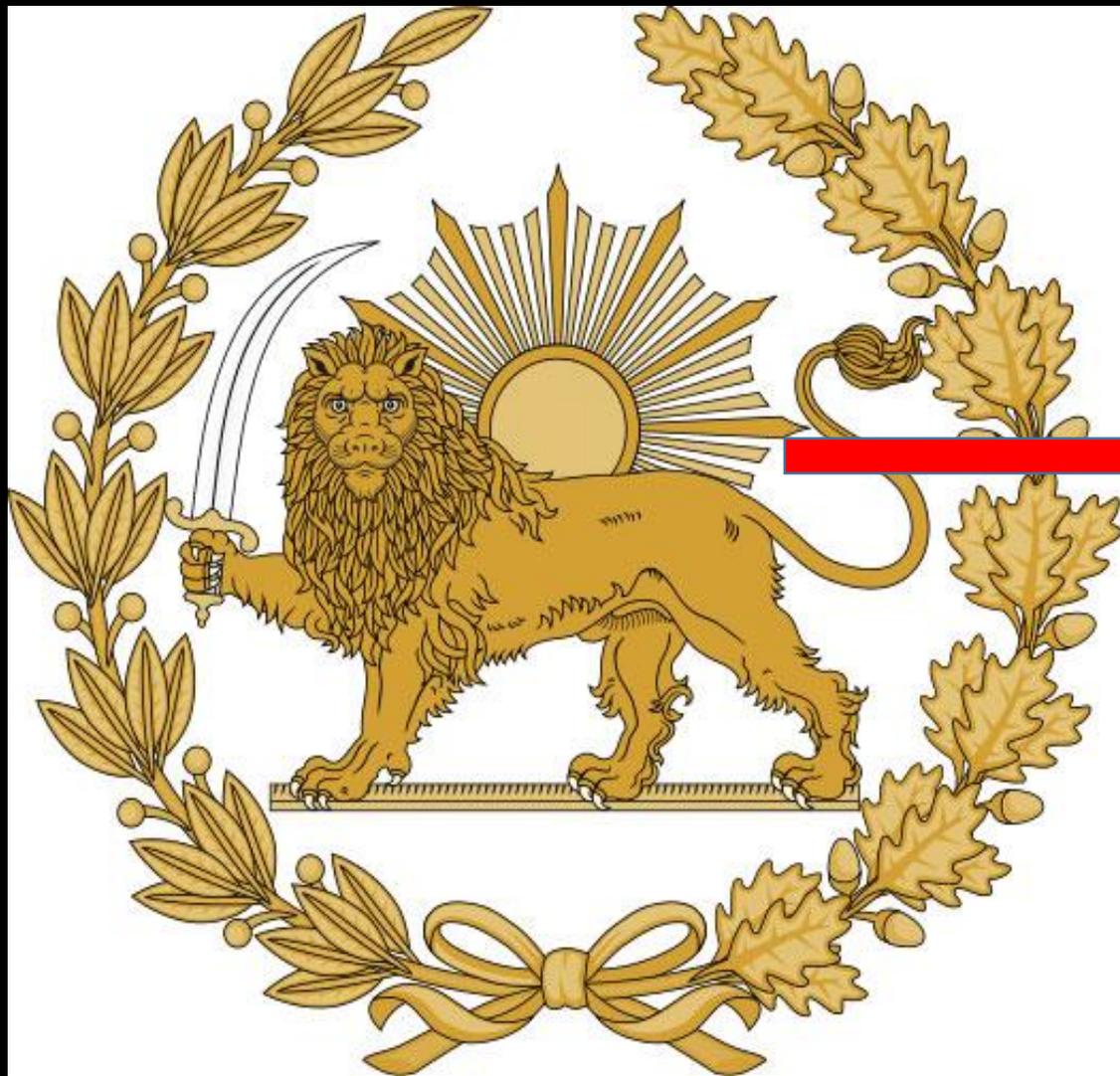
# Babylon - Sun Symbol



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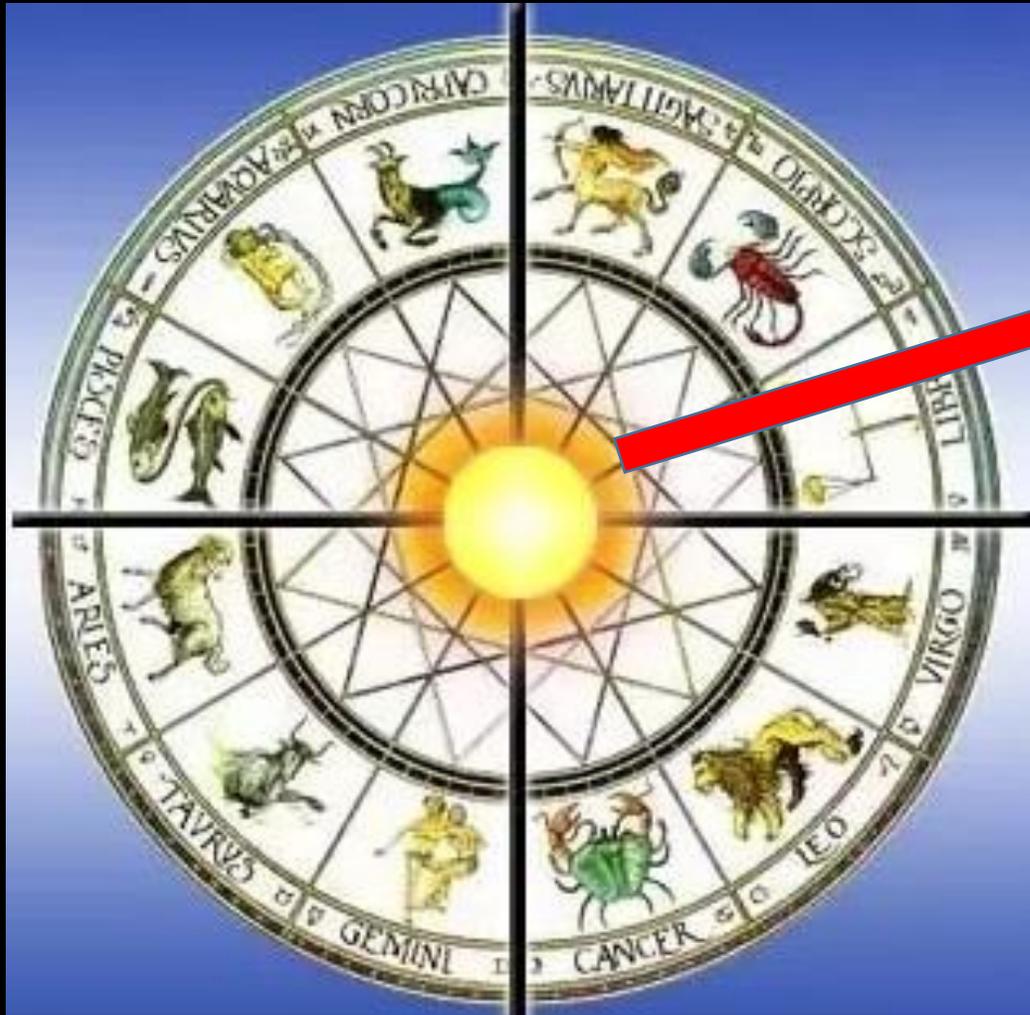
# *Persian - Sun Symbol*



**Papal Monstrance**



# **Greek - Sun Symbol**



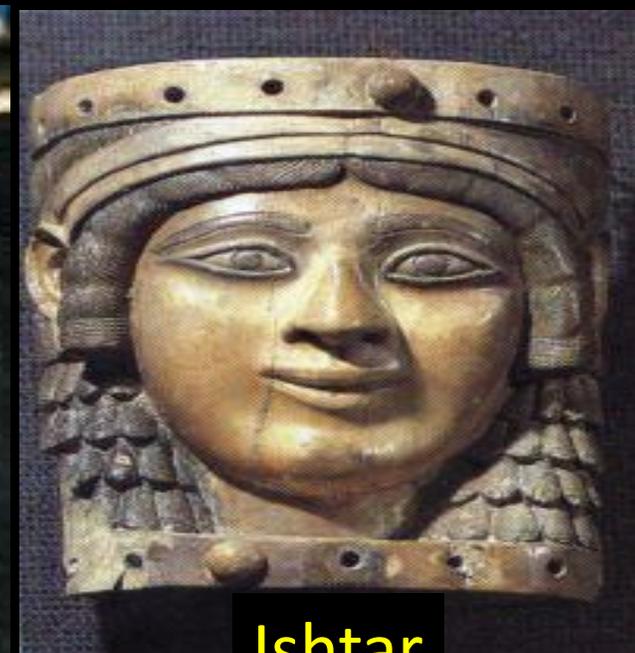
**Zodiac Signs**



**Papal Eucharist**



# PAGAN SYMBOLS



Ishtar



# Continuing on verse 38 - The god of forces

And a god - The word "and" is changing the subject and not adding to the original statement regarding the "God of forces." The fact that the "God of forces" is capitalized, and this second reference to "a god" is not capitalized suggests it is speaking of two different entities. Also, in V39 Daniel says he will have a strong hold with a "strange god" which again suggests two entities are being spoken of.

Whom his fathers knew not - as V37 declared, the "God of his fathers" was the Creator God. The Papacy mixed Christianity with Paganism. The Pagan gods were not "known" by the Christian forefathers as worthy of worship. Mary is a good example of this in that they call her "Queen of Heaven" as did the Pagans that provoked God to anger in Jeremiah 7:18; 44:17-19,25



# ***Egyptian Sun worship***



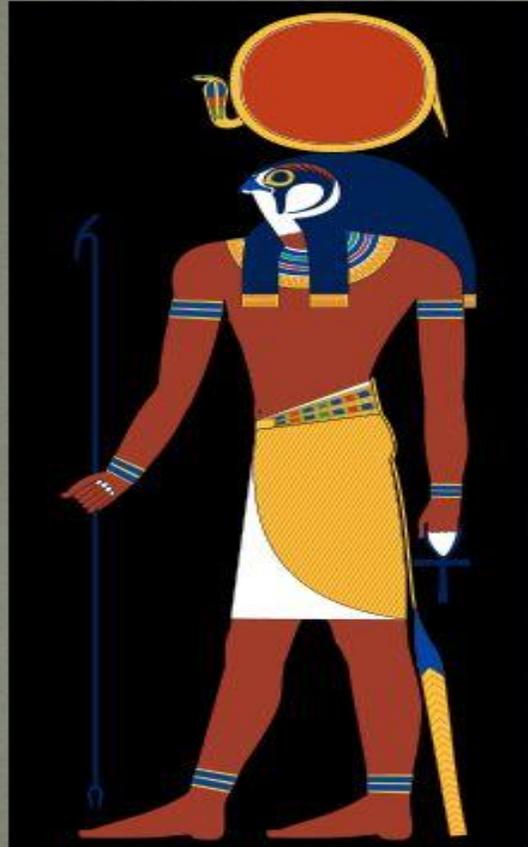
**Sun worship,**  
veneration of the sun or  
a representation of the  
sun as a deity, as in  
Atonism in [Egypt](#) in the  
14th century BC

– Encyclopaedia Britannica.



# Egyptian Sun Worship & Sun god

Ra



- Sun god and god of creation. It is believed life on Earth was created from his tears as he wept at the beauty of mankind.
- Cult center is Heliopolis where he is supreme judge.
- Ra is also known as the father of kings.
- One of the most important gods.
- Considered to be a living god during the day and a dead one at night, and is reborn the next day again.



# Sun Worship in God's Temple

5A

**“SON OF MAN,  
DO YOU  
SEE THIS?”**

SEE PARAGRAPHS 7-18

The four disgusting things that Ezekiel saw in the courtyard and the temple. (Ezek. 8:5-16)



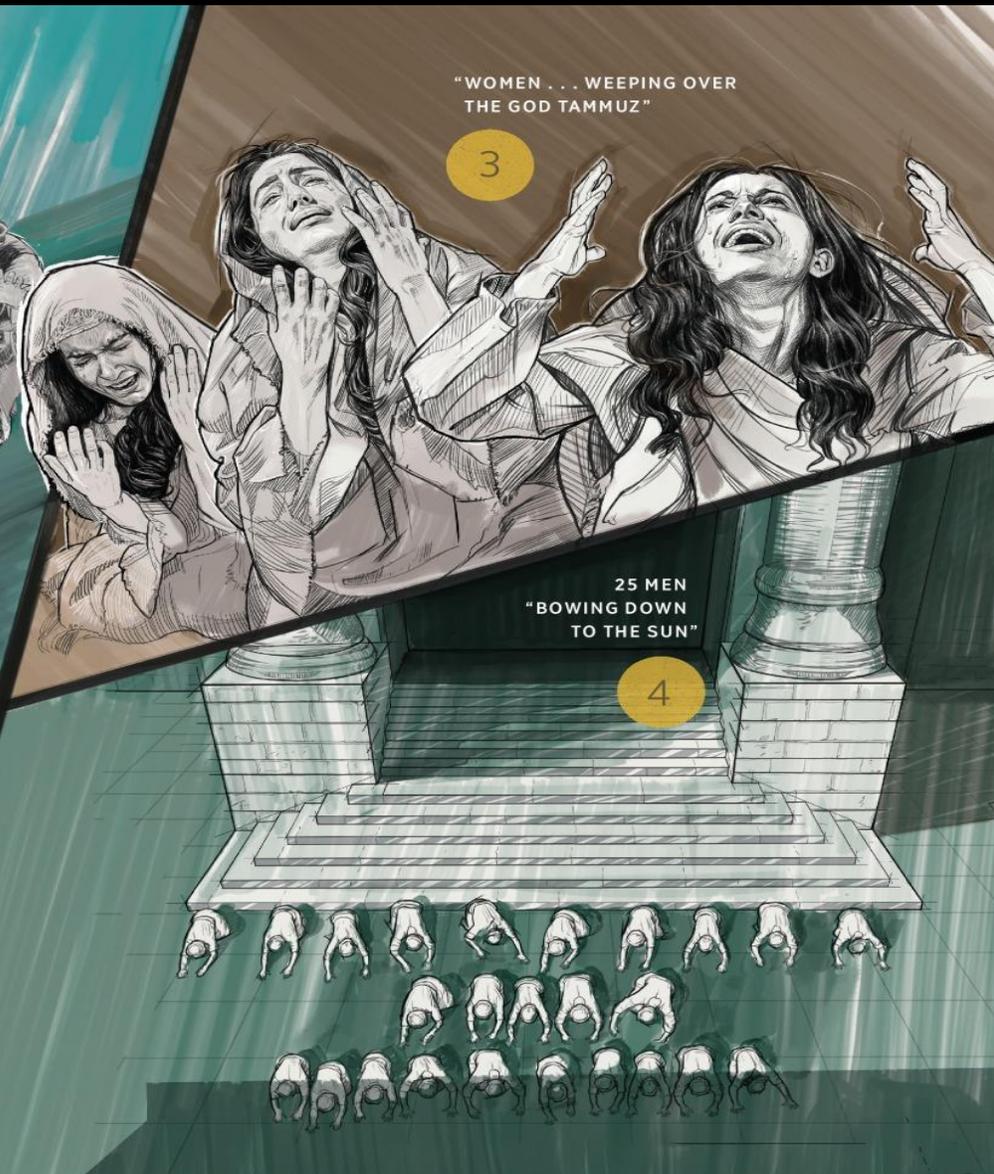
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IDOLATROUS  
SYMBOL OF  
JEALOUSY



2

70 ELDERS  
OFFERING INCENSE  
TO FALSE GODS



“WOMEN . . . WEEPING OVER  
THE GOD TAMMUZ”

3

25 MEN  
“BOWING DOWN  
TO THE SUN”

4



# Sun Worship



Probably there was a representative of each of the twenty-four courses of the priests plus the high priest (1 Chronicles 23)

*And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. - Ezekiel 8:16*



# *Babylonian Sun Worship*



**Shamash**, (Akkadian), Sumerian **Utu**, in [Mesopotamian religion](#), the god of the sun, who, with the [moon god](#), **Sin** (Sumerian: Nanna), and **Ishtar** (Sumerian: Inanna), the goddess of Venus, was part of an astral triad of divinities.

– Encyclopaedia Britannica.



# Persian Sun Worship



Mithra is the Persian god of the rising sun, contracts, covenants, and friendship. He also oversaw the orderly change of the seasons, maintained cosmic order.



# Grecian Sun Worship



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Helios, (Greek: “Sun”) in Greek religion, the sun god, sometimes called a Titan. He drove a chariot daily from east to west across the sky and sailed around the northerly stream of Ocean each night in a huge cup.  
– Encyclopaedia Britannica.



# Pagan Roman Sun Worship



## Sol Invictus

("Unconquered Sun") was the official sun god of the later Roman Empire and a patron of soldiers.



# Papal Roman Sun Worship



St. Peter's in Rome has one of the greatest collection of pagan symbols in the world. The main altar at St. Peter's, Bernini's Canopy, has the symbols of the serpent, sun and moon worship, and male and female forms of sun rays. **The altar has Pope Joane (the only female pope in history) depicted in pains of childbirth representing the birth of the sun god.**



# Papal Roman Sun Worship (cont'd)

Other symbols of sun worship found in Catholicism include the solar wheel dating back to the time of the Chaldeans. It is found on virtually all cathedrals today. The square of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome consists of the largest solar wheel in the world. The square is circular and the wheel has eight spokes.

Moreover, in St. Peter's Square, there is a wheel within a wheel, which is a counterfeit of the mobile throne of God, as described by the prophet Ezekiel. As a counterfeit, it represents the throne of the Dragon who gives the Beast his seat and great authority. In the centre of the square is an obelisk, a phallic symbol dedicated to the worship of the sun. The Vatican is built on the hill where the temple of Janus the sun god stood. Alongside St. John's Lateran, which is the church where the Pope is crowned and where he speaks infallibly, is the obelisk of Tutmoses III, which was dedicated to Reharakti, the sun god.



# Papal Roman Sun Worship (cont'd)

Many other symbols of sun worship are used in Catholicism, such as halos, pagan crosses, lightning bolts, hand-signals from sun worship cults, tridents, the fleur-de-lis, and sexagesimal triangles with the eye of Horus.

Coptic shells, which in paganism served as a symbol of the cosmos, were also used, along with astrological signs. Globes serve as symbols of rulership of the universe, and pagan gods carried the globe. **The largest globe in the world is on top of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.**

The Catholic Church also uses sacred heart symbols, sacred animal symbols, and fertility symbols such as pine cones. **Pagan deities wore the pine cone on their crosier just as the popes do today.** Catholics also use prayer beads for repetitive prayers, even though the Bible admonishes, *"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking"* (Matthew 6:7).



# Mother and child worship in History

The pagan system of sun worship had three main aspects: the father, mother, and the son. In ancient Chaldean times, these were the god Bel or Merodach, Ninus the son who was also worshiped as Tammuz, and the female goddess Rhea who was also worshiped as Ishtar, Astarte, or Beltis. She was also referred to as the “queen of heaven,” and the “wrath subduer.”

\* Mary has received these same names in Catholicism.

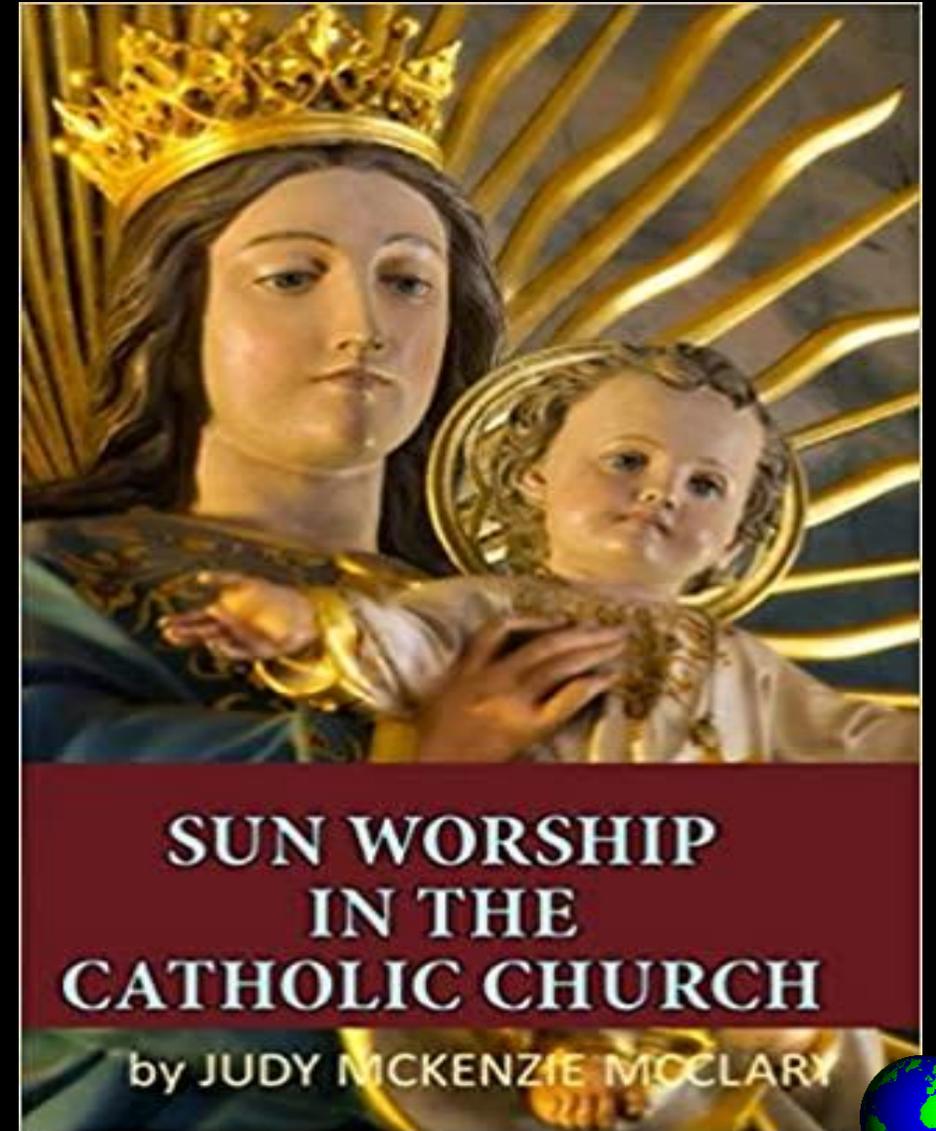
Mother and child worship was the basis of the ancient religions. In the various religions of the world, the same system of worship was perpetuated under different names. In Egypt, the mother and child were worshiped as Isis and Osiris or Horus, in India as Isi and Iswara, in China and Japan as the mother goddess Shing-moo with child, in Greece as Ceres or Irene and Plutus, in Rome as Fortuna and Jupiter-puer, or Venus and Adurnis, and in Scandinavia as Frigga and Balder. The mother and child were worshiped in Babylon as Ishtar and Tammuz, and in Phoenicia, as Ashtoreth and Baal. Moreover, the child was worshiped as both husband and son of the mother goddess.

The male component is a counterfeit of Jesus Christ. The Biblical names used for Jesus were also used for the child in ancient religions. Zoroaster was referred to as the seed, Mithra the Persian sun god was referred to as the Saviour, Dionysus as the sin-bearer, Bacchus as the branch, Vishna as the victim-man, and Osiris as the king of kings.



# Mother and child worship in Catholicism

The Catholic Church has elevated Mary to the level of mediator, advocate, and co-redeemer of humanity, in direct contradiction of the Scriptures. In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared Mary "immaculate," or sinless, thus giving her the position of mediator. Mary takes the place of Jesus in Catholic teaching. Instead of the faithful looking to Jesus as the Author and Finisher of their faith, they look to Mary. In Mary they find access to God. In her the Church is all holy and can learn obedience to God. "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." The Church rightly honours "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs." - "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin," Catechism of the Catholic Church (Vatican City: Liguori Publications, 1994): 253.



# **Mother and child worship in Catholicism (cont'd)**

The way to salvation is open to none otherwise than through Mary. The salvation of all depends on their being favoured and protected by Mary. He who is protected by Mary will be saved: he who is not will be lost. Our salvation depends on thee. God will not save us without the intercession of Mary. - David Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast* (Harvest House, 1994): 438.

Mary takes the place of God and she herself is treated like a goddess, a teaching to which the Catholic Church is not averse if we study even her modern statements on this issue.

But while in the most Blessed Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle, the faithful still strive to conquer sin and increase in holiness. And so they turn their eyes to Mary: in her, the Church is already the "all-holy." - "The Church is Holy," *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Vatican City: Liguori Publications, 1994): 220.



# **Mother and child worship in Catholicism (cont'd)**

Here are some of the names Mary is given, from the book [by Ten Flynn, Thunder of Justice](#):

**Prophetess Of These Last Times**, The Immaculate Conception, **Mother Of The Church**, **Mary As The New Eve**, **Queen Of Heaven and Earth/Queen of Peace**, **The Assumption**, **Queen of the Holy Rosary**, **Queen and Mother of Families**, **Mary as Co-Redemptrix**, **Mediatrrix**, **Advocate**, **Our Lady of all Nations**, **Ark of the New Covenant**, **Mother of the Second Advent**.

The titles **Co-Redemptrix**, **Mediatrrix**, and **Advocate** in particular raise serious concerns, as they contradict the plainest teachings of Scripture.

**The Bible clearly teaches that there is but one Redeemer, Mediator, and Advocate, and that is Christ Jesus.**

*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus - [1 Timothy 2:5](#).*

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people - [Luke 1:68](#).*

*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous - [1 John 2:1](#).*



# Mary the Mother goddess

As we have already seen, Catholic customs stem from ancient pagan practices and beliefs. Pagan priests were celibate, tonsured, and received the power of sacrificing for the living and the dead. The same power is given to Roman Catholic priests. Pagan celibate priests are dedicated to the mother goddess, and Catholic priests to Mary the mediatrix.

In 1854, the Papacy declared Mary sinless, and in 1951, they declared that she had ascended unto heaven, where she was crowned as the "Queen of heaven." This was called the Assumption of Mary. Since then, the complete system of Babylonian worship, with Mary taking the role of the mediatrix, has thus been established within Catholicism.

The goddess in ancient religions was worshiped as the life giver and nurturer and, as such, this religion was full of sexual undertones. Phallic symbols, as well as symbols of femininity and divine intercourse, were common in ancient temples, as they are in modern temples, particularly in India. These symbols are equally common in Roman Catholic cathedrals.



# Mary the Mother goddess (cont'd)

The breasts of the goddess formed a prominent part of the goddess cult, goddesses often being depicted with many breasts to nurture the world. Even the sun god was depicted nurturing at the goddess' breast.

Catholicism carries the same mythology. Take for example the Magharet Sitti Mariam, or "Milk Grotto" as it is commonly known, where Catholic tradition has it that Mary spilt milk from her breast while feeding Jesus. This milk supposedly squirted onto the walls of the cave and formed white markings. The grotto has become a shrine, revered today as a place of pilgrimage for healing and fertility.

The sinner that ventures directly to Christ may come with dread and apprehension of his wrath; but let him only employ the mediation of the Virgin with her Son and she has only to show that Son the breasts that gave him suck and his wrath will immediately be appeased. - Catholic Layman, July 1856.



Milk Grotto - Bethlehem –  
Pilgrim Centre of Hope



# ***Paganism and Catholicism: Mass***

In the Roman Catholic mass, the Eucharist or “host” (the round wafer) is a symbol of the sun. It is normally placed during ceremonial masses on a monstrance with a crescent moon, symbolizing the plunging of the sun into the womb of the goddess.

Some monstrances bear the letters “SFS,” which represents 666, as S was the sixth letter in the ancient Greek alphabet and F is the sixth letter in English alphabet.

The round disc in the crescent moon was a symbol of ancient Babylon, and is found in all the ancient religions. In Catholic cathedrals, these symbols are very prominent, often depicting a round form of mother and child within the crescent moon.

## The Eucharist



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# **Paganism and Catholicism: Mass (cont'd)**

The rebirth of the sun god was celebrated by the eating of round bread in Babylonian times, and was common in Mithraism and Osiris worship.

Historian Alexander Hislop says this:

And here, in a so-called Christian Church, a brilliant plate of silver, "in the form of the SUN," is so placed on the altar, that everyone who adores at the altar must bow in lowly reverence before that image of the "SUN." Whence, I ask, could that have come, than from the ancient SUN-worship, or the worship of Baal? And when the wafer is placed so that the silver "SUN" is fronting the "round" wafer, whose "roundness" is so important an element in the Romish Mystery, is only another symbol of Baal, or the sun, what can be the meaning of it, but to show to those who have eyes to see that the "Wafer" itself is only another symbol of Baal. -

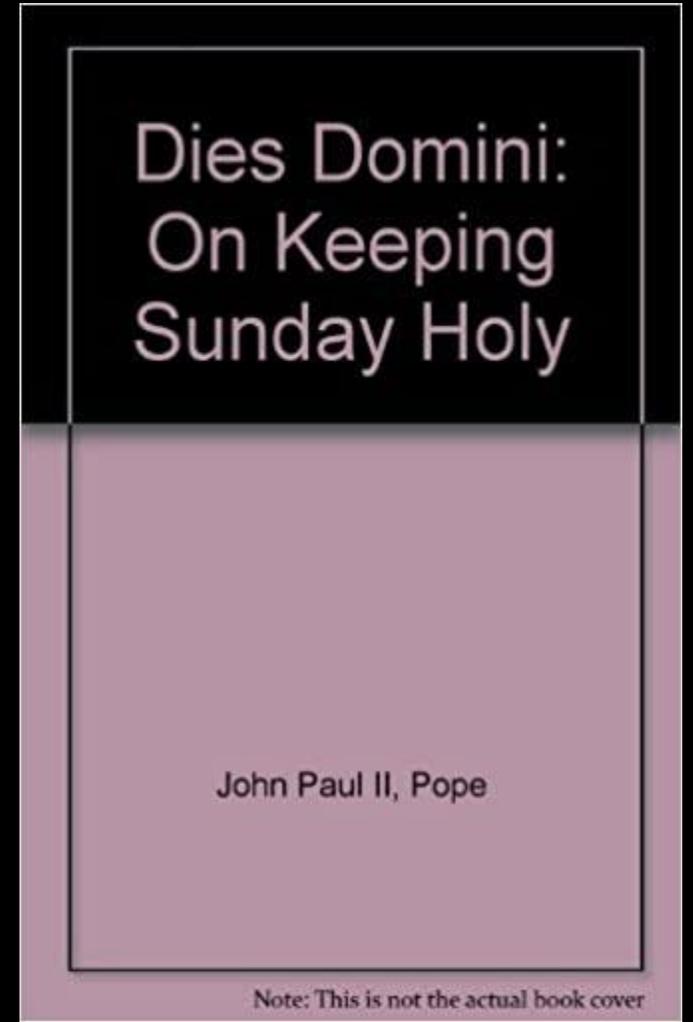
Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (New Jersey: Loizeauz Brothers, 1959): 120-121.



# **Paganism and Catholicism: Mass (cont'd)**

Pope John Paul wrote in 1998 that mass also includes an element of Mary veneration, which, as we have seen, is also a pagan practice:

Significantly, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life" ... As they listen to the word proclaimed in the Sunday assembly, the faithful look to the Virgin Mary, learning from her to keep it and ponder it in their hearts (see [Luke 2:19](#)). With Mary, they learn to stand at the foot of the Cross, offering to the Father the sacrifice of Christ and joining to it the offering of their own lives. With Mary, they experience the joy of the Resurrection, making their own the words of the Magnificat which extol the inexhaustible gift of divine mercy in the inexorable flow of time: "*His mercy is from age to age upon those who fear him*" ([Luke 1:50](#)). From Sunday to Sunday, the pilgrim people follow in the footsteps of Mary, and her maternal intercession gives special power and fervour to the prayer which rises from the Church to the Most Holy Trinity. - John Paul II, *Dies Domini* (July 5, 1998).



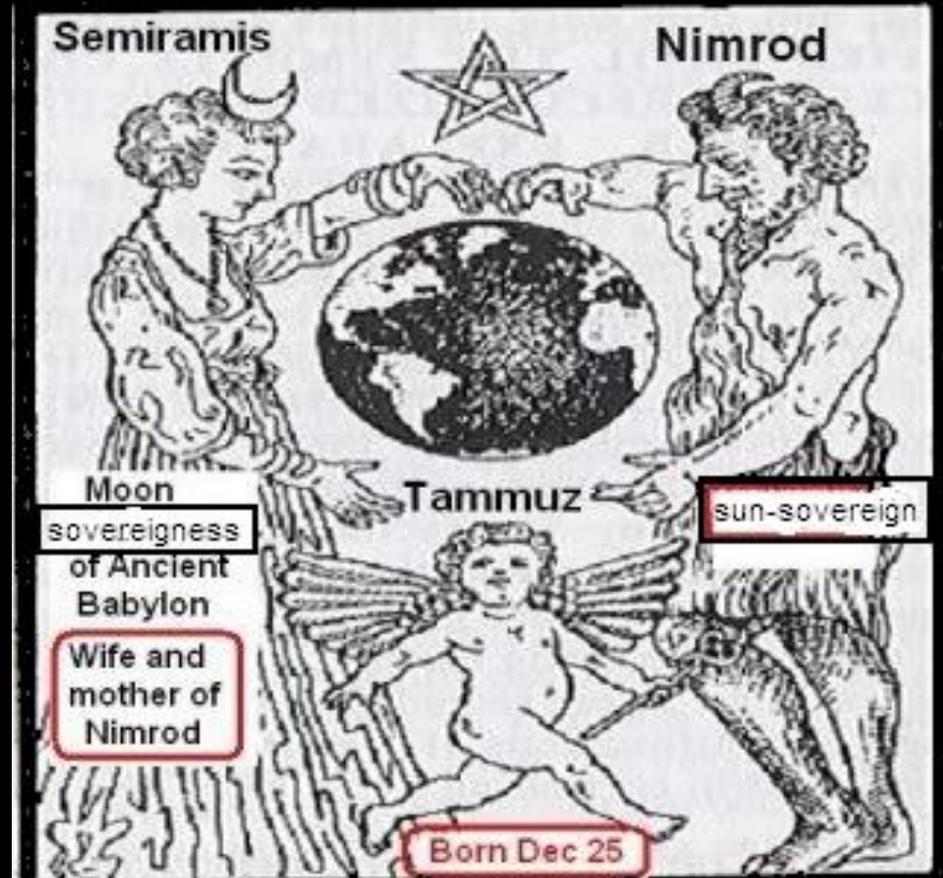
# The Legend of Nimrod

The system of worship has its origin in the legend of Nimrod and his wife Semiramis. **Nimrod (the great-grandson of Noah)** rebelled against God, like his father **Cush**. **Eventually Nimrod was put to death for his evil deeds, and according to the ancient patriarchal system, parts of his body were sent to various cities as a warning.**

His wife Semiramis fled, but spread the rumour that he had ascended to heaven, where he had become one with the sun. **When Semiramis later gave birth to a son, she claimed that it was the reincarnation of her deified husband, and that he had returned to save the human race.**

She was later deified as the mother of the sun god, and it was supposed she had ascended into heaven as the queen of heaven.

**In the various cultures throughout history and around the world, the same basic deities have been worshipped under different names.**



The entire earth is filled with religious ideas that originally started with the Babylonian leaders Nimrod, Tammuz and Semiramis.





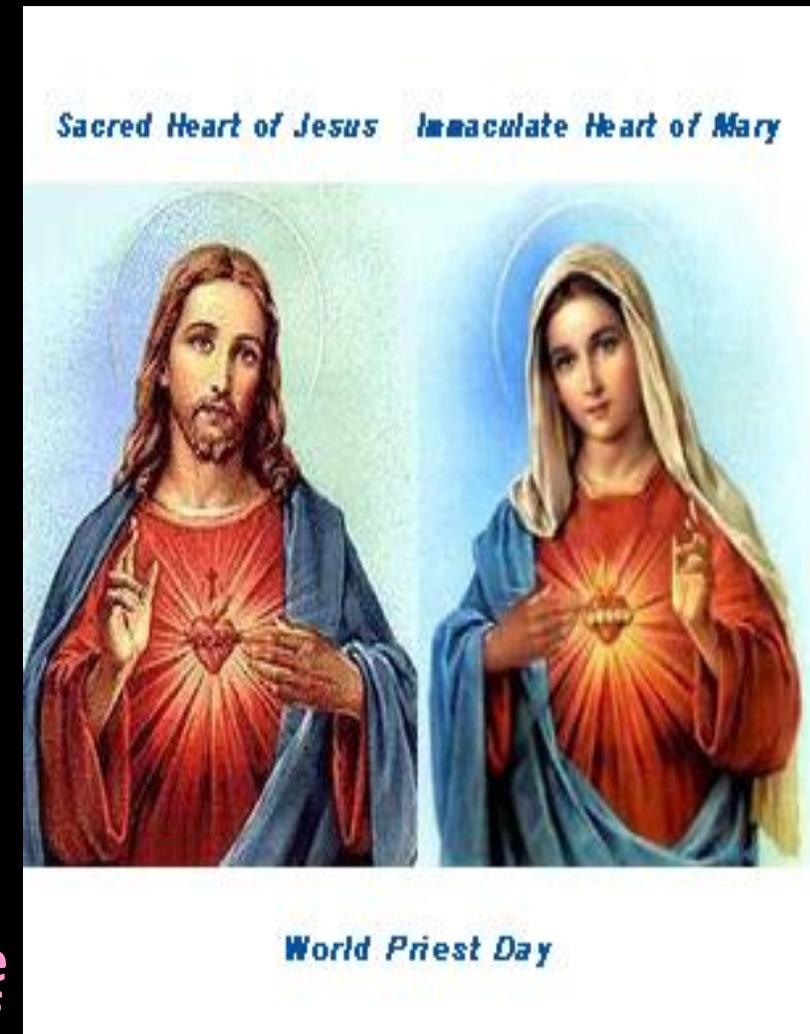
# Finishing verse 38 - Paganism in Catholicism

Shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things - The Vatican and all its churches is a perfect fulfilment of this passage in that they are literally drenched in Gold, silver, precious stones, and pleasant things" that are all dedicated to 365 Pagan gods as well as the Pagan Queen of Heaven. Yes, some of these riches also appear to be dedicated to Jesus Christ as well. **But as Paul wrote, this is "another Jesus" in the Roman churches.**

*2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

*4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

In spite of all these verses, the Catholic Church is willing to accept Mary in the place of Jesus Christ, depriving Him of His mediatory role. **Even more surprising is the willingness of the Catholic Church to acknowledge Mary as goddess and part of the Godhead. This teaching is already covertly in place and is, in effect, nothing other than pagan goddess worship.**



# Conclusion

Pope John Paul II believed that Mary intercedes for the faithful who honor her during mass:

**As they listen to the word proclaimed in the Sunday assembly, the faithful look to the Virgin Mary...** From Sunday to Sunday, the pilgrim people follow in the footsteps of Mary, and her maternal intercession gives special power and fervour to the prayer which rises from the Church to the Most Holy Trinity. - John Paul II, Dies Domini (July 5, 1998).

**“The sign, or seal, of God is revealed in the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the Lord’s memorial of creation. [Exodus 31:12, 13 quoted.] Here the Sabbath is clearly designated as a sign between God and His people. “The mark of the beast is the opposite of this—the observance of the first day of the week. This mark distinguishes those who acknowledge the supremacy of the papal authority from those who acknowledge the authority of God.” - Testimonies, vol. 8, 117.**

## Seal of God

- ▼ True Worship
- ▼ Adoration to the Creator
- ▼ Commandment of God
- ▼ Protection signal
- ▼ Placed on the forehead



**Sabbath**

Revelation 12:17 & 14:12

## Mark of the Beast

- ▼ False Worship
- ▼ Adoration to the Beast
- ▼ Commandment of man
- ▼ Sign of condemnation
- ▼ On the forehead & in the hand



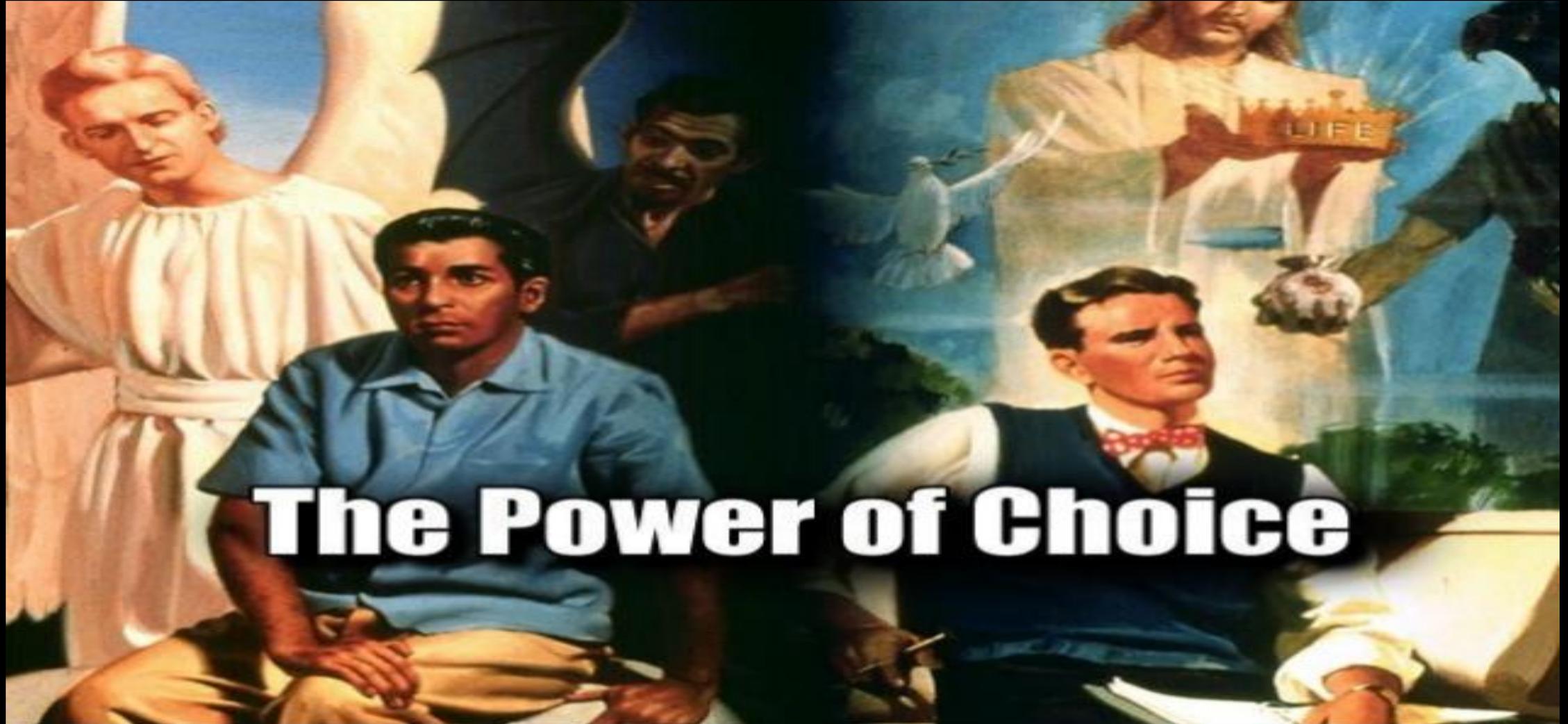
**Sunday**

Revelation 13:16

When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).

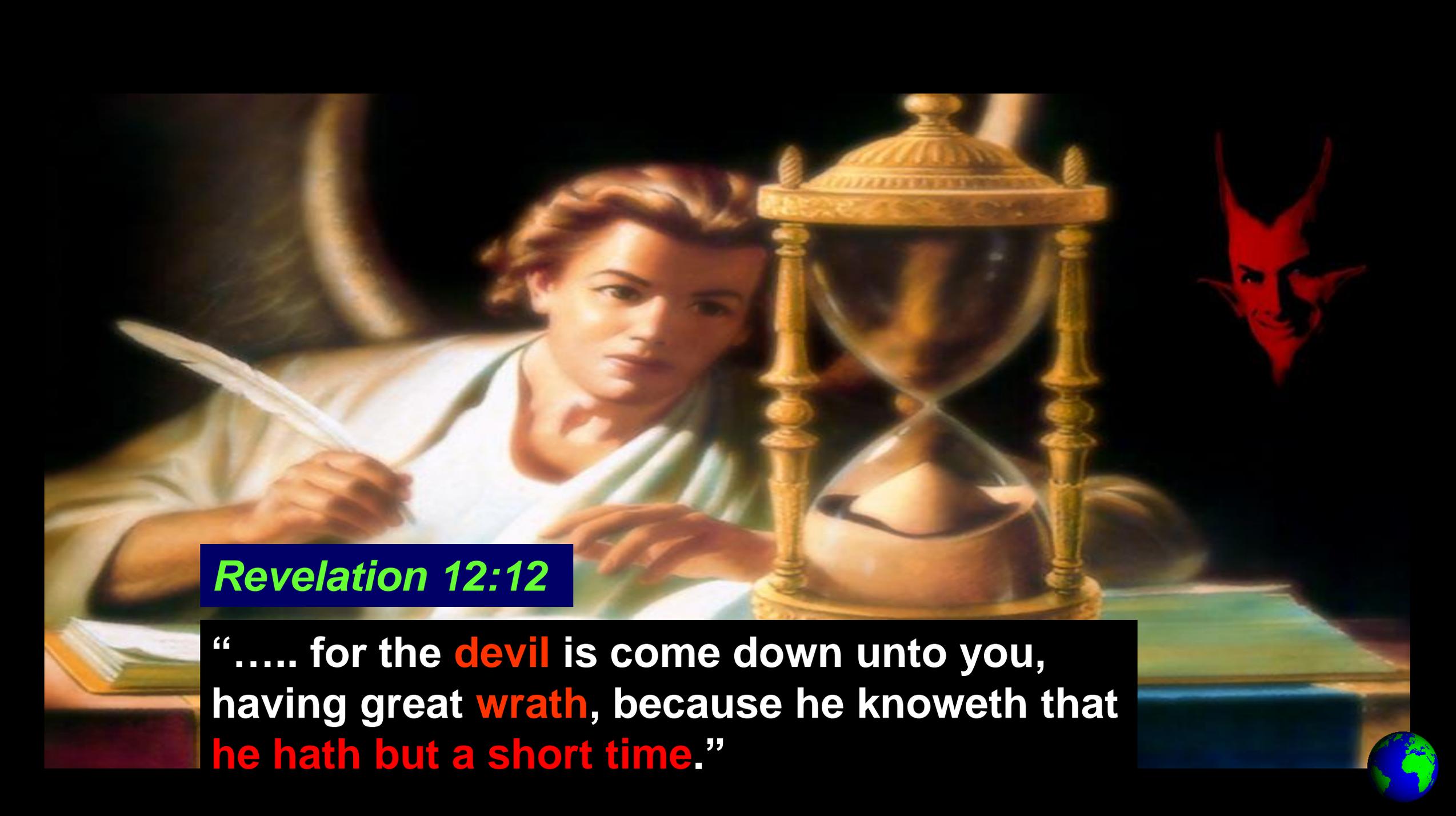


*God has given all:*



**The Power of Choice**



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

*Revelation 12:12*

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



# Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



**Psalms 77:13**

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –  
Revelation 3:20





**THE END**



**ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?**