

End Time Events Series
4-Antichrist
Bible Sermon Notes
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Pope Francis Shares his Vision for Covid-19 Aftermath, Gerard O'Connell April 17, 2020

"Pope Francis has presented "a plan for the rising up again" of humanity in the midst of a global crisis that has brought the world's peoples and the economy to their knees.

Pope Francis says our experience today mirrors in many ways that of the disciples of Jesus after his death and burial in the tomb. Like them, 'we live surrounded by an atmosphere of pain and uncertainty,' and we ask, 'Who will roll away the stone [from the tomb]?'

Indeed, today, 'frontiers fall, walls crumble, and all the discourse of the fundamentalists [integristas] dissolve in the face of an imperceptible presence which shows the fragility of which we are made.'

Fundamentalists:

"Upholds belief in the strict, literal interpretation of scripture." - Oxford Dictionary

In unprecedented times like these, where does your faith rest?

Does your faith rest in...

"Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" – Isaiah 9:6?

2 Samuel 22:2-3

- 2 "The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
- 3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence."

Jesus came the first time as our Messiah to save us from sin and adopt us into His eternal family. When Jesus comes the second time He will reward His faithful and obedient with everlasting life. Those who rejected His gift of mercy will be destroyed.

Jesus says,

Revelation 22:12

- 12 **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

Romans 2:6-11

- 6 Who will render to **every man according to his deeds:**
- 7 To them who **by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:**
- 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

- 9 Tribulation and anguish, **upon every soul of man that doeth evil**, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;
- 10 But **glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good**, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:
- 11 For there is **no respect of persons with God**.

Jesus has already given proof of His existence as our Creator and Savior. We have NO excuse not to believe in Him with our all our heart.

Romans 1:20-22, 25

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

The Bible warns us especially in the last days about the Antichrist. Who is the main anti-Christ in Bible prophecy?

1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

The Greek meaning for “antichrist” is an opponent or adversary of the Messiah, according to Strong’s & Thayer’s dictionaries. The blasphemous character of Papal Rome and its Mass is clearly against the truth of Jesus. They are an adversary or enemy of Christ.

Bible prophecy confirms that Papal Rome, the beast, is the main anti-Christ that has many anti-Christ followers. Remember that Papal Rome is the mother of Babylon that has many apostate daughters that follow her blasphemous and rebellious ways.

Revelation 17:5-6

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

The Papacy is the main anti-Christ and leader of Babylon who is the mother of the image of the beast, apostate churches. This anti-Christ partnership are abominations unto God.

What has the Papacy done in the past and will do to the true people of God at the very end of time?

War with the saints

Daniel 7:21

21 I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints**, and prevailed against them;

Revelation 13:7

7 And it was given unto him to **make war with the saints**, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

In the past during Papal Rome's power from 538 to 1798 (1260 years) they had all out war against the true saints of God for standing up and giving the truth of God's Word. In Revelation 13:7 this war against the saints of God will be repeated at the end of time during the Papacy's worldwide rulership. It says that the power over all kindreds, tongues, and nations. This is the entire world!

Daniel 7:25

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and **shall wear out the saints of the most High....**

Daniel 8:24

24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and **he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.**

Revelation 17:6

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Papacy's persecution of the saints will get very intense during the mark of the beast crisis. They will shed so much blood of God's people they are described as being DRUNK.

What does historical record testify of how Papal Roman persecuted God's people in the past during the 1260 years of their monarch?

History records that the Papal Roman Empire thought it was their ecclesiastical and governmental right to penalize, imprison, torture, or kill anyone who defied their beliefs, laws, and traditions.

Papal Rome outlawed the Bible because it exposed their greed, abominations, and errors. Papal Rome hated all forms of protest against its authority. They thought it had the right to force the consciences of people that were under its rule. As a result, throughout the history of the Papal Roman Empire millions of God's faithful people who held on to the truths of God's Word were persecuted and killed. Those who protested against the laws, actions, and beliefs of Papal Rome that conflicted with the Bible were known as "Protestants."

Historical quotes that confirm that the Papal Roman Empire persecuted and killed millions of God's faithful people:

The British historian, William Edward Lecky wrote: "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 competent knowledge of history."- The History of the Rise of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe, Vol. 2, p. 32

"For professing faith contrary to the teachings of the Church of Rome history records the martyrdom of more than one hundred million people. A million Waldenses and Albigenses [Swiss and French Protestants] perished during a crusade proclaimed by Pope Innocent III in 1208. **Beginning from**

the establishment of the Jesuits in 1540 to 1580, nine hundred thousand were destroyed. One hundred and fifty thousand perished by the Inquisition in thirty years. Within the space of thirty-eight years after the edict of Charles V against the Protestants, fifty thousand persons were hanged, beheaded, or burned alive for heresy. Eighteen thousand more perished during the administration of the Duke of Alva in five and a half years." - Brief Bible Readings, p. 16

Historical quotes from Roman Catholic publications that admit and try to "justify" Papal Roman's persecution of millions of Christians:

"The Catholic has some reason on his side when he calls for the temporal punishment of heretics, for he claims the true title of Christian for himself exclusively, and professes to be taught by the never-failing presence of the Spirit of God...it is not more 'morally' wrong to put a man to death for heresy than for murder,... [and] in many cases persecution for religious opinions is not only permissible, but highly advisable and necessary." - The Lawfulness of Persecution, in The Rambler, 4, June, 1849, pp. 119, 126

"The [Catholic] Church has persecuted. **Only a tyro [novice] in church history will deny that... Protestants were persecuted in France and Spain with the full approval of the [Catholic] Church authorities...When she thinks it good to use physical force the Church will use it.**" - Western Watchmen December 24, 1908

Deception and force is the spirit of the anti-Christ. Jesus the Christ is gives the truth has a the light in a cold and dark world. He offers his gift of the everlasting covenant freely. The does not force anyone to accept His gift.

All those who worship God in spirit and in truth are sons and daughters of King of kings. The father of the anti-Christ is the dragon, Satan. All who reject the everlasting covenant Satan servants. Not only do they worship Him, but they also worship the beast and his image.

Revelation 13:3-4

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they **worshipped the dragon** which gave power unto the beast: and they **worshipped the beast**, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Who do you worship?

Revelation 14:7

7 ... worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Who you worship will determine your future of eternal life or death?

Moreover, all people who ignore or reject God's truth have the spirit of Satan and are the sons and daughters of perdition.

John 8:44, 45

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.”

Decision time is fast coming to an end.... Have you fully committed to Jesus? We are living in unprecedented times. Can you hear Jesus calling calling calling you? Do you hear his call?

Things are coming to an end rapidly. This is it. Get your house in order! The time is coming soon that there will be not more appeals. They will all come to an end. If you have NOT made your calling and election sure, NOW is the time.