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WILL POPE FRANCIS BE THE LAST?

News Headline: “Boehner Invites Pope Francis to Address Congress”

“WASHINGTON---House speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, extended a formal and open invitation Thursday [March 13, 2014] to Pope Francis to address a joint meeting of Congress.

If the pontiff accepts, it would be unprecedented. [another “first” again!]. No pope or religious leader that serves as a head of state [mixture of civil and religious power!] has ever addressed Congress, according to the U.S. House Historian’s office.

‘His address as a visiting head of state before a joint meeting of the House and Senate would honor our nation in keeping with the best traditions of our democratic institutions,’ Boehner said in a statement. *‘It would also offer an excellent opportunity for the American people as well as the nations of the world to hear his message in full.’*

“Boehner, who is Catholic, said Pope Francis has inspired millions of Americans with his ‘pastoral manner and servant leadership’ to reflect on matters of human dignity, freedom, and social justice.

‘These principles are among the fundamentals of the American idea,’ Boehner said, ‘and though our nation sometimes fails to live up to these principles, at our best, we give them *new life* as we seek the *common good* [emphasis mine].

“House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California, also is a Catholic, said she joined welcoming Pope Francis to address Congress. Pelosi attended his inauguration at the Vatican and praised him as a ‘*moral force*’ [emphasis mine].

“Thursday marks one year since the papal conclave elected Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, after the [sudden and mysterious] resignation of Pope Benedict.

“Francis marked the occasion on his @Pontifex Twitter account with a simple message to his 3.7 million followers: ‘Please pray for me.’” – (end of news quote).

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A lawyer-director for a major religious liberty association remarked of this historic invitation, saying: “Another interesting development, indeed. Even historical. From my history books I believe this is the *first time* Congress has made such an invitation and IF the Pope accepts *it would be the first time a Pontiff has addressed [U.S.] Congress directly*. This Pope is turning out to be very surprising to such a degree that even *Congress can be bipartisan* over asking him.” (emphasis added).

Many view this historic invitation as yet another step in the development of fulfilling of the prophecies of Revelation 13 which focuses on the activities of two beasts: (1) the composite “leopard-like beast” introduced in the chapter and the (2) “beast with lamb-like horns” which transforms into one “speaking like a dragon” when it forms “an image to or of the beast.”

As we carefully considered in prior studies, the “leopard-like beast” is the Papacy and the “beast with lamb-like horns” is the United States of America. A nation “speaks” through its law-making branch of government. The transition of the lamb-like United States into “one speaking like a dragon” according to this prophecy only happens when the law-making body of the nation, Congress, legislates *religion*—specifically Sunday, the first day of the week as the official day of *worship*—permanently reneging on its original God-appointed role as the only nation in the New World, in fact in the *whole world* that was given the opportunity and power to champion the cause and guarantee religious liberty—the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, and civil liberties. Only then does Sunday become the prophesied “mark of the beast.”

When thus finally legislated, this mark of the beast’s blasphemous self-proclaimed authority to “to speak great words (pompous) *against* the Most High, and shall *wear out* (persecute) the saints of the Most High, and *think to change times and laws*” (Dan. 7: 25, K.J.V.), that is, regarding God’s own law and mark of authority as Creator and Redeemer, quickly spreads globally and becomes a universal law, reaching its climax with the final global death decree. Rev. 13: 15.

“Think” here is the Chaldean *sebar*, meaning, “bear in mind; hope.” The beast “bears in mind,” or literally plans and schemes to change God’s law, particularly the 4th commandment which, alone of the Ten, identifies clearly *who* God is and *how* He created the heavens, the earth, and man who was created in His own moral image, in six literal days. He “hopes” to succeed in deceiving the whole world, and will appear such *until* in righteous judgment, as in the Flood, the merciful yet just God takes over and pours out the seven last plagues on all who rebelliously and deliberately reject the third angel’s message of Revelation 14: 6-12, and choose to worship the beast and its image by receiving the mark of authority of the former against God and His own chosen standard, memorial, and mark or seal of His authority as Creator and Redeemer—the seventh day Sabbath.

God through John gave the unmistakable identifying features of the image of the beast and the beast power working as main agents of Satan—the master deceiver and miracle-working prince of darkness in these closing hours of earth’s probation: Rev. 13: 14-18:

14 And [Satan] deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should *both speak* and *cause* that as many as would not worship [obedience, or obey] the image of the beast *should be killed*.

16 And he (image of the beast) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads;

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding *count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred and threescore and six.*” Rev. 13: 16-18, K.J.V. by its the mark, name, and number of this beast of prophecy summed up in the number “666.” Revelation 13: 18.

Utilizing the Gematria of the Rabins which gives the numerical equivalent of the letters of the alphabet in three major languages —Latin, Hebrew, and Greek,—the numerical

summary of the name or title of the pope as Vicarius Fili Dei, meaning “vicar of Christ,” is the same—666.

As prophesied, the final game-changing politico-religious decisions leading to national legislation, turning America into the world’s staging ground for the prophesied return of the papacy to global power status in the final revocation of religious liberty, the inalienable right to *worship* one’s God according to *dictates of the conscience*--not the mandate of the Church nor the state, has been progressively developing and should be nearing its grand and awful climax that will come as an overwhelming surprise to the vast majority of Christians—but not to the diligent students of the books of Daniel and Revelation.

Back in 1884 Ellen G. White wrote in what many consider the textbook for the last days, *The Great Controversy*, p. 410 the following as what we should expect and be prepared for, intellectually and spiritually (emphasis added):

“The dignitaries of Church and State will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied with oppressive enactments. *Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth, and in order to secure public favor, legislators will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost this nation so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected.* In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet’s words: ‘And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her [Church’s] seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.’ Rev. 12: 17.

“*Our land is in jeopardy.* The time is drawing on when its *legislators* shall so abjure the principles of Protestantism as to give countenance to Romish apostasy. The people whom God has so marvelously wrought, strengthening them to throw off the galling yoke of popery, will by a national act give vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, and thus arouse the tyranny which only waits for a touch to start again its cruelty and despotism. With rapid steps are we already approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall seek the support of the secular power, thus following the example of that apostate church [the Roman Church], for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will there be a *national apostasy* [of America] which will end only in *national ruin*.”- Vol. 4 Spirit of Prophecy, *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*, 1884 edition, Pacific Press: Oakland, CA, Review & Herald: Battle Creek, Michigan, p. 410.

Thus we clearly see that *national apostasy takes place first*, followed by *national ruin*. Some commentators have it the other way around. If they don’t correct this misconception they will also fall and be deceived now or later—when it is too late to escape the snare.

One very significant development on the loss of American civil rights through the invasion of personal privacy, which we have to take notice of in our continuing broadened study of the subject at hand, is the American NSA Spying saga. The high-profile people involved are Edward Snowden, the ultimate whistleblower and Glenn Greenwald, the initial reporter. Greenwald is an American political journalist, lawyer, columnist, blogger, author and multi-awardee for his works. He became widely-known after the British *Guardian*—where he formerly worked for--published June 13 the first of his series of reports detailing U.S. and British global surveillance programs, based on a trove of classified documents disclosed by Edward Snowden.

Wikipedia says: “Edward Snowden is an American computer specialist, former employee of the CIA and former contractor of the NSA. He became an international sensation when he disclosed thousands of classified documents to several media outlets. The documents revealed operational details of global surveillance programs run by the NSA and the other FIVE EYES GOVERNMENTS of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, with the cooperation of a number of businesses and European governments.

“The release of classified materials was called ‘the most significant leak in U.S. history’ by Pentagon papers leaker Ellsberg

“A subject of controversy, Snowden has been variously called a hero, a whistleblower, a dissident, a traitor, and a patriot.

“Snowden’s ‘sole motive’ for leaking the documents was, in his words, ‘to inform the public as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them.’ The disclosures have fuelled debates over mass surveillance, government secrecy, and the balance between national security and information privacy. Two court rulings since the initial leaks have split on the constitutionality of the NSA’s bulk collection of telephone metadata.

“Snowden is considered a fugitive by American authorities who in June 2013 charged him with espionage and theft of government property. In early 2014, some media outlets and politicians called for leniency in the form of clemency, amnesty or pardon, while others called for him to be imprisoned or killed. He lives in an undisclosed location in Russia, and is seeking asylum in the European Union. Snowden currently serves as Rector of the University of Glasgow, a three-year post, and serves on the Freedom of the Press Foundation board of directors.” (end of Wikipedia quote).

Benjamin Franklin’s sagely and prophetic contribution to the Conference of February 17, 1775 (a Friday), and motto of the *Historical Review of Pennsylvania* was: “He who would trade their freedom for some temporary security deserve neither”—meaning, loses the rights to both. The grave concerns expressed by various political, technical, and legal experts on this tax-funded NSA spying apparatus interviewed on public media are both “stunning and damning,” suggesting that “perhaps America has become a full-blown surveillance state where its democratic government has decided to violate the fundamental right to privacy of its citizens.”

The right of privacy is guaranteed in the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It was first introduced in 1789 by James Madison, then, on March 1, 1792, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson announced the adoption of the amendment. The Fourth Amendment prohibits *the unreasonable searches and seizures and requires any warrant to be judicially sanctioned and supported by probable cause.* (see Wikipedia)

Merriam Webster Dictionary defines Civil Liberty as “freedom from arbitrary governmental interference (as with the right of free speech) specifically by denial of governmental power and in the U.S. especially guaranteed by the Bill of Rights—usually used in the plural [civil liberties].”

The prophet John described America as “another beast that cometh out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them that dwell therein to *worship* the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” Rev. 13: 11, 12, K.J.V.

The “first beast” described at the beginning of the chapter is the Papacy. The “deadly wound” inflicted upon the Papacy, the antichristian power that for over a thousand years utilized the state’s civil and military powers first inherited as “the seat, great power and authority” (Rev. 13: 3) from pagan Roman emperors (beginning in 508 A.D. when Clovis, king of France, the last of the pagan European kings converted to Roman Catholicism. The actual ascension to full state and religious power combined took place 30 year later in 538 A.D, when Roman Catholicism became the official and enforced religion throughout the civilized world with the “uprooting” of the last of the three Arian kingdom/nations resisting the Bishop of Rome and Catholicism. Henceforth she enforced *her* religious decrees and sustained her institutions with state and civil power, bringing about the Dark Ages (1,260 years) referred to by Jesus in Matthew 24: 21, 22 as the “*great tribulation.*”

Futurism counterfeits the Biblical “great tribulation” by making it yet *future* in its Pre-tribulation and Rapture doctrines. A recent example is that of Family Radio Network founder and announcer Harold Camping, who used his sizeable Christian radio network (started in 1959 and grew to more than 200 stations by 2009) to repeatedly predict the “silent and invisible Rapture to heaven of Christians.” He drew the greatest attention and criticism as well for predicting the world would end in May, then moved it to October 2011. He died on Dec. 16, 2013 at the age of 92. Camping is by no means alone in this eschatological time-setting interpretation. A large class of mainstream Christianity believe that the Rapture commences the seven literal years of the Tribulation on earth after which all the raptured Christians visibly return with Jesus to begin a 1,000 year reign (their own interpretation of the “thousand years” or millennium) of peace and the preaching and converting the world and a literal number of 144,000 ethnic Jews.

The “deadly wound” inflicted on the Papacy took place when General Berthier, commander of the French Republican army, under orders from Napoleon entered Rome February 10, 1798 and proclaimed it a republic, abolished the papal states on the 15th of that month, and took Pope Pius VI, who occupied the papal throne for 28 years, as captive to France where he died the next year prompting many both in religious and secular realms to conclude that the papacy permanently died by this act. How sadly mistaken they were, not being astute students of God’s word, particularly the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

Before we proceed to quote updates from almost daily published articles on the web—quite evidently under the direction of the papal apologists orchestrating the powerful Vatican Press on the activities and movements of Pope Francis and his impact on both the Roman Catholic Church, its perceived changing public stance on former hard-line doctrinal issues, etc., we need to include the following interesting information:

St. Malachy’s Prophecy

Source: GlobalBalita, “The Siege on the Vatican, Feb. 20, 2013/Opinion, Perryscope by Perry Diaz. globalbalita.com/2013/02/20/the-siege-on-the-vatican. Perry Diaz wrote:

“In 1139, then Archbishop Malachy O’ More of Ireland went to Rome to give an account of his diocese to Pope Innocent II. While in Rome, he received the strange vision of the future wherein was unfolded before his mind the long list of illustrious pontiffs who were to rule the Church until the end of time. The last on that list was the **268th pope**. *And if St. Malachy’s prophecy were true, then the next Pope would be the last.* But that is an easy way to interpret the prophecy. Could there be another interpretation? Yes, there is The next Pope could indeed be the ‘Last Pope’ as we

know him. But he could also be the ‘First Pope’ after the Catholic Church’s reformation to bring it to the realities of the 21st century and conform to the norms of society today.”
–(end of quote from Perryscope)

COMMENT: Catholic Answers says *Benedict is the 265th pope*. And so do Wikipedia, Discovery News, CNS (Vatican City), etc. Benedict suddenly resigned—and our past issues told us the real reasons why and they certainly were not because of “failing health.” Francis was elected, making him the **266th pope** in the alleged “unbroken apostolic succession from St. Peter” (ignoring the fact that in the “Great Western Schism” there were *three rival popes who were all claiming to be real pope!*). As Perryscope suggested above “the next pope would be the last.” But if Malachy’s prophecy were correct and that the **268th pope** would be the last pope before the end of the world,” then we are still apparently “one pope away” from the last or the 268th pope. Who will he be?

“Malachy’s Prophecies- The Last 10 Popes Known to Catholics as St. Malachy (1094-1148)

Source: www.bibleprobe.com/last10popes.html

“Born 1094 A.D. at Armagh, Ireland, Saint Malachy is also known as Maolmhaodhog ua Morgair; Maol Maedoc; and Malachy O’Molgair. He died as he himself predicted, on November 2, 1148 at Clairvaux, France. Malachy was canonized the first Irish Saint in the Catholic Church by Pope Clement III in 1190 A.D.

“The correspondence between the prophecies of Saint Malachy and the Mayan Calendar (whose ‘long count’ ends in 2012) are alarming, to put it mildly. Why did the ancient Mayan or pre-Maya choose December 21st, 2012 A.D., as the end of the Long Count Calendar?

“Saint Malachy was a 12th century Irish monk, who, while on a visit to Rome had a vision of all the popes who would ever reign. Malachy ‘saw’—and committed to paper—a series of Latin phrases describing the popes to come. He catalogued each one with an epigrammatic verse, such as ‘the tears of the sun.’ Malachy made the prophecy in 1139. Reportedly it was entrusted to Pope Innocent II in 1140. But for some reason it was ‘lost’ in the Vatican for 400 years, only to be ‘discovered’ in 1595 A.D. Malachy’s predictions reputedly were made in 1139 while he was on a pilgrimage to the Vatican, where he was appointed papal legate for Ireland. On his last trek to the Holy See in Rome, in 1148, Malachy accurately predicted the place and time of his death: Clairvaux, France, on All Souls Day, November 2, of that same year.

“The Malachy Prophecies were first published in 1595, by a Benedictine monk & historian named Arnold de Wyon, who found them 5 years earlier in the Vatican archives. Arnold recorded them in his book, entitled ‘Lignum Vitae.’ Hereunder are the “last ten popes” according to Malachy’s prophecy

“1 The Burning Fire. Pius z. 1903-1914. This Pope showed a burning passion for spiritual renewal of the Church.

“2 Religion Laid Waste (Religio Depopulata). BENEDICT XV. 1914-1922. Unfortunately, this was true. During the Pope’s reign saw Communism move into Russia where religious life was laid waste, and World War I with the death of millions of Christians who were carnaged in Flanders Field and elsewhere.

“3 Unshaken Faith. PIUS III. 1922-1939. This Pope faced tremendous pressure from Fascist and sinister powers in Germany and Italy, but he was an outspoken critic of Communism and Fascism which enraged Hitler.

“4 An Angelic Shepherd. PIUS XII. 1929-1958. This Pope had an affinity for the spiritual world and received visions which have not been made public [why? what are they? When will they be revealed?]. Peter Bander says Pius II ‘has emerged as one of the great Popes of all time,’ and he ‘was in the truest sense of the word an Angelic Pastor to the flock...”

“5 Pastor and Mariner. JOHN XXII. 1958-1963. ‘Pastor et Nauta’ or ‘Pastor and Sailor.’ John was a pastor to the world, much beloved, and the Patriarch of Venice. The connection to ‘mariner’ is thus remarkable. According to Peter Bander in the Prophecies of Malachy (TAN Books and Publisher, 1969) during the conclave which was to elect John XXIII in 1958, a certain Cardinal from the United States (Cardinal Spellman of New York) evidently having taken Malachy’s forecast that the next pope would be ‘pastor and mariner’ literally, rented a boat, filled it with sheep and sailed up and down the Tiber.

“6 Flower of Flowers. ‘Flos Florum’ PAUL VI. Paul’s coat-of-arms depicts three fleurs-de-lis, corresponding to Malachy’s prophecy. His coat of arms included three fleurs-de-lis (iris blossoms). All the popular and controversial sites of Garabandal in Spain, a seer named Conchita Gonzales once note: ‘The Blessed Virgin said in 1962 that there will be only two more popes after Paul VI.’

“7 Of the Half Moon. ‘De Medietate Lanae,’ or from the half moon. JOHN PAUL I. 1978-1978. John Paul I was elected Pope on August 26, 1978 when there was a half moon. He reigned 33 days, that is, about one month, when he died, although many think he was murdered. He was the 109th Pope—is ‘De Mediaetate Lunae’ (Of the Half Moon). The corresponding pope was John Paul I (1978-78), who was born in the diocese of Belluno (beautiful moon) and was baptized Albino Luciani which means ‘white light’, such as that given off by the half-moon in Malachy’s prophecy.

“8 The Labor of the Sun. ‘Medietate Lunae’ JOHN PAUL II. 1978-2005. Amazingly, Pope John Paul II was the only pope who was both on the day of an eclipse of the sun, and entombed the day the sun was eclipsed.

“One of Malachy’s strangest predictions concerned the pope who would follow ‘Se Medietate Lunae.’ He is designated as ‘De Labore Solis,’ or ‘from the toil of the sun’. Applied to John Paul II, this phrase reveals nothing less than a *double prophecy*. John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla), *the first non-Italian* elected in 456 years, was a native of Krakow, Poland. Krakow is the city where, in the 15th and 16th centuries, **Copernicus** ‘toiled’ for years to prove his *heretical* theory that the earth revolved around the sun. Many of Malachy’s interpreters also suggested that the ‘sun’ reference indicated a young pope. Fifty-eight years old at the time of his election, John Paul II was the youngest pope in over a century.

“Like the sun which never ceases to labor and provide light daily, this Pope has been incessant. John Paul compared abortion to the Holocaust and denounced gay marriages [how about pedophilia?] as part of the ‘new ideology of evil.’ He argued that same-sex marriages threaten society by undermining the *traditional* family.”

“John Paul II was born on May 18, 1920. On that date in the morning there was near total eclipse of the *sun* over Europe. Prophecy—the **110th Pope** is ‘De Labore Solis’ (Of the Solar Eclipse, or, From the Toil of the Sun). . The corresponding pope is John Paul II (1978-2005). Karol Wojtyla (John Paul II) was born on May 18, 1920 during an eclipse of the sun. *Like the sun he came out of the East* (Poland). *Like the sun* he has visited countries all around the globe while doing his work. Karol was the first non-Italian pope in 456 years. He was ordained in November 1, 1946 and earned a doctorate in ethics at the Angelicum University in Rome. He was made auxiliary bishop in 1958 and Archbishop in 1964 of Krakow and Cardinal in 1967. He was elected the first Polish Pope on October 1978. He spoke eight languages and he traveled more than any other pope in history. *John Paul II died at the Vatican on Saturday, April 2, 2005, the same day as a partial eclipse, visible in the Americas.*

“John Paul II may also be connected to the revelation of Saint Faustina Kowalska of Poland (quoting Jesus) *‘I bear a special love for Poland and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming.’* (Diary ‘Divine Mercy in My Soul”).

“Disturbing about Pope John Paul II is that no other Pope in history has ever called for a ‘New World Order’, and this pope waited until he had sat on the Throne of Peter for over 25 years! Why would Pope John Paul II wait for 25 long years before announcing his affinity for the New World Order? A ‘New World Order’ is known in the esoteric realm as ‘the kingdom of Christ’—but thought by many in the Bible as an Antichrist (or Antichrist system). Was it because John Paul was senile or carried away with his own desire for ecumenicalism/friendship?

“Other things which John Paul II did while very old were: he also kissed the pagan Qu’ran and said that *Islam and Christians had the same God*. Would the God of the Bible agree to tell the lies about Jesus that Islam does? Islam lies that Jesus never even died on the cross, and Islam also says that Jesus is not divine.

“9 The Glory of the Olive. The order of St. Benedict has said this Pope will come from their order. It is interesting that Jesus gave His apocalyptic prophecy about the end of time from the Mount of Olives. This pope will reign during the beginning of the tribulation Jesus spoke of [In fact, Jesus was referring to the 1260 years of Papal Dark Ages!] The 111th prophecy is ‘Gloria Olivae’ (The Glory of the Olive). The Order of Saint Benedict has claimed that this pope will come from their ranks. Saint Benedict himself prophesied that before the end of the world his Order, known as the Olivetans, will triumphantly lead the Catholic Church in its fight against evil [what “evil”?] Traditionally, the olive branch has been associated with peace, but in both the Old and New Testaments it also serves as an emblem for the Jews [??] Putting the two together, some commentators believe that the reign of this pope will [be?] highly placed in the Catholic Church now. And, it is noteworthy that the previous Benedict (XV) was a pope obsessed with peace. Some others say, he will lead all faithful followers of the Lord Jesus to martyrdom and *others say that he will tear down the walls of the Vatican, auctioning off all the objects within, in order to feed and enlighten those in the 3rdWorld who have not yet heard of the Gospel of Christ.* [Instead, he suddenly “resigns”!].

“Bible Probe Comment: The **Order of Saint Benedict has claimed** that this pope will come from its ranks. Saint Benedict himself prophesied that before the end of the world his Order, known also as the Olivetans, will triumphantly lead the Catholic Church in its fight against evil.

“LOOK at the above again. The next pope **will have something to do with OLIVE**—not necessarily or even a Benedictine.

“**Malachy did NOT prophesize** [prophesy] **it would be a Benedictine!** Someone in the Benedictine Order said they think the next pope will come from the Benedictines. GET THAT STRAIGHT!

“Also, St. Benedict prophesized: **before the end of the world his Order, known also as the Olivetans, will triumphantly lead the Catholic Church in its fight against evil.** NOTHING was mentioned as leading as a pope!

“Pope Benedict XVI (16th) was **not** a Benedictine priest, yet he chose the name Benedict, the founder of the Order of Saint Benedict, which also is known as the Olivetans. Benedict XVI also said he also selected the name Benedict in part as an homage to Pope Benedict XV (15th), who guided the Church through World War I, and within days of being named pope—decrying what he saw as ‘Cafeteria Catholicism’---in which churchgoers obey only the parts of the Church canon they find appealing.

“**10 PETER THE ROMAN-** The 112th prophecy states: ‘In the final persecution of the Holy Roman Church there will reign Petrus Romanus, who will feed his flock amid many tribulations; after which the seven-hilled city [Rome] will be destroyed and the dreadful Judge will judge the people. The End.’ The last pope may just cut Catholics loose from the unity and the papacy, causing total disruption and confusion. See Saint Francis of Assissi’s 13th century prophecy below. It is believed that the next pope will....?’

“Will ‘The Glory of the Olive’ be the Last Pope?

“The problem with the prophecies as listed in *The Prophecies of Saint Malachy*, published by the Thomas A. Nelson, a Catholic Publishing House, is that Malachy’s original works listed only 111 Popes, not 112, as given in the TAN version of the prophecies. Sometime between the first and subsequent printings the 112th, *Petrus Romanus*, was *added* to Malachy’s prophecy. It was added after the 1820 publication of the prophecies.

“On April 19th, 2005 Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected Pope Benedict XVI, the 265th Pope. The name Benedict means ‘blessing.’ Does this name automatically fulfill this prophecy?

“April 21, 2005 – Mary Jo Anderson, a Catholic scholar and writer, says the Pope’s choice of his name is not related to the prophecy of St. Malachy. Instead, she thinks the new pope chose his moniker as a reference to the sixth-century St. Benedict and his quest to protect Rome from invading German pagans....claiming the pontiff hopes to protect the modern-day Church from the destructive philosophies that originated in Germany [Luther’s Protestant Reformation?].” Source: WorldNetDaily.”

“Of note: Benedict XV—who resigned from 1914 to 1922—was a moderate following Pius X, who had implemented a *sharp crackdown against doctrinal ‘modernism.’*”

“Will the papacy of this 78-year old pope be short lived? *Is this the beginning of the Tribulation?* Will the next pope [Francis!] be the last pope? Will the next pope be a Roman and choose the name Peter? *The Or, will Tribulation begin AFTER the Anti-Christ has shown himself as a person of peace* and already made peace with Israel’s enemies for seven years? Can we read anything into **Putin’s** recent visit to Israel?” (end of quote from www.bibleprobe.com.html)

This website suggests that the “King of the North” is Putin instead of the Papacy!

The so-called “destructive philosophies that originated from Germany” must certainly refer to Martin Luther’s 95 Theses that he nailed on the door of the Castle church in

Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517—widely regarded as the catalyst of the Protestant Reformation. It questions, thus exposing the monstrosity of the Roman Church’s Doctrine of Indulgence—of purchasing forgiveness of sins and crimes from the Church—not from God---even before they were committed. The “Doctrinal modernism” doubtless refers to the prophesied awakening of Europe to the freedom offered by the Bible and the expose of the Roman Church’s false doctrines regarding salvation as taught in the Bible perpetrated for centuries since the earliest beginnings of the “falling away and the revelation of the man of sin and the mystery of iniquity” predicted by Apostle Paul in **2 Thessalonians chapter 2**. The questions raised towards the end of this article clearly reveal that it based on the widely accepted Futuristic and Dispensationalist eschatology—the counterfeit of the real one. **The antichrist is not a person; it is a system.** The term “Holy See” refers to the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church.

While certain quarters are excitedly concluding (again) that this *first Jesuit* and *266th pope* is the last pope and that the Sunday Law will be enacted and enforced in America by the Obama administration during Francis’ papacy (it is also being bandied around that Obama himself is “secretly a Jesuit”) we would do well to include in our calculations the wise thoughts of Elder James White. In carefully-crafted words he cautioned in 1877 regarding the crises of interpretation among both Adventist and non-Adventist Christian commentators as to who the “king of north” of Daniel 11: 40: 45 is or was. Some concluded it was atheistical France during the French Revolution, 1793-1796. While Uriah Smith, respected Bible scholar, editor of the Review & Herald, and author, was positive it was Turkey of the Ottoman Empire. Hindsight is 20/20. They made honest mistakes of eschatological interpretation mainly because they allowed current events to interpret prophecy instead of the other way around! And yet how many are still making the same terrible mistake today, strangely forgetting that the antichrist’s career has been marked by skillful manufacturing of counterfeit scenarios and interpretations based on the two major counterfeit prophetic methods of prophetic interpretation—Preterism and Futurism, both brainchilds of two Spanish **Jesuit** priests, Alcazar and Ribera, respectfully--to counteract the Protestant Reformers’ Biblical teachings pointing to the papacy as the antichrist of prophecy. Likewise, the Pioneer View of Adventism concluded the king of the north of Daniel 11 is the *revived papacy* as each of the 4 parallel lines of prophecy spanned in the book of Daniel attests to. The same ground is passed over in chapters **2, 7, 8, 11-12**, all ending *with the Roman or papal element in greater detail*. Babylon is left out in chapters 8 and 11-12. Revelation 13 makes this prophetic conclusion inevitable, and current events render it irrefutable.

James White wrote:

“Fulfilled prophecy may be understood by the Bible student. Prophecy is history in advance. He can compare history with prophecy and find a complete fit as the glove to the hand, it having been made for it. But in exposition of unfulfilled prophecy, where the history is not written [in the Bible], *the student should put forth his propositions with not too much positiveness, lest he find himself straying in the field of fancy* Positions taken upon the Eastern question are based upon prophecies which have not yet their fulfillment. Here we should tread lightly, and take positions carefully, lest we be found moving the landmarks fully established in the advent movement.”---*Review and Herald*, Nov. 29, 1877.”- “Report on the Eleventh Chapter of Daniel with Particular Reference to Verses 36-39” from the *Ministry Magazine*, March 1954, pp. 22-27; Daniel 11 Supplement, p. 370, An Exhaustive E. G. White Commentary on Daniel, Vol. 1, p. 370.

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