

Prophecy in Perspective

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The Prophetic Word, the Only Sure Light in these Dark and Confusing Times

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. (2 Peter 2:1-3)

In this prophetic verse from the Apostle Peter, we see that we, who live in the latter days, need to be discerning as we approach the time of the coming of the Lord for His Bride, the church. We are certainly hearing many voices these days and people feel like they have to make a decision about where they stand in relation to a man or a movement. In deciding what is true from what is false these days, remember that there are going to be an increasing number of men and women in the days leading up to the coming of Jesus Christ that will sound true, but there will be so many voices pointing in different directions, that it will amount to a lot of noise that is much like the sound of Babel from Genesis 11. There are many religious movements and preachers that are basing their teachings on what is popular to our increasingly corrupt culture. In the political realm, the pro-choice, anti-Christian movement grow in their support of the false teachings of false religions, evolution, and even Socialism. Growing numbers of Conservative/Evangelical leaders in America are being rapidly infiltrated with the "new tone" element in their denominations and ministries which affirm openness to homosexuality and the LGBT agenda.

Recently, Pope Francis was presented with a copy of the Islamic Koran which he promptly kissed. He has done this a number of times publically. The following article explains some of Francis's abhorrent beliefs. It comes from the *Civic Tribune*:



Pope Francis At White House: "Koran And Holy Bible Are The Same"

On Wednesday the Bishop Of Rome addressed 11,000 ticketed guests on the South Lawn of the White House, during which he pontificated on the dire importance of exhibiting religious tolerance. During his hour-long speech, a smiling Pope Francis was quoted telling the White House guests that the Koran, and the spiritual teachings contained therein, are just as valid as the Holy Bible, and should therefore be respected as such.

“Jesus Christ, Jehovah, Allah. These are all names employed to describe an entity that is distinctly the same across the world. For centuries, blood has been needlessly shed because of the desire to segregate our faiths. This, however, should be the very concept which unites us as people, as nations, and as a world bound by faith. Together, we can bring about an unprecedented age of peace, all we need to achieve such a state is respect each others beliefs, for we are all children of God regardless of the name we choose to address him by. We can accomplish miraculous things in the world by merging our faiths, and the time for such a movement is now. No longer shall we slaughter our neighbors over differences in reference to their God.”

The pontiff drew harsh criticism last December after photos of the 78-year-old Catholic leader was released depicting Pope Francis kissing a Koran. The Muslim Holy Book was given to Francis during a meeting with Muslim leaders after a lengthy Muslim prayer held at the Vatican.

St. John Paul II has courted several controversies since being elected as Pope Benedicto XVI’s replacement in 2013. Francis has gone on record to say that homosexuals are not to be judged, Proselytism is a fallacy and has endorsed the usage of contraceptive by Catholics. (From the Civic Tribune, By Chudasi Delhi - Published: 09/23/2015 - Section: Religion, World)

Revelation 17 warns about the arising of a global church in the last days. The preparations for this world church are already well under way. John names this church in Revelation 17:5,

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

All serious students of prophecy should get familiar with this key section of Scripture. Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, describe the latter days form of Babylon: the city, as well as its global religious and political system. I believe Babylon will be re-built as a literal city upon its ancient site in present day Iraq. This will be the future headquarters of the Antichrist as well as world government and religion.

Whether he realizes it or not, Pope Francis (as well as many others) is pushing for the development of this final formation of the global church of Babylon. The Antichrist will be involved in the development of this final form of apostate Christianity as you will see as you read Revelation 17. Many want to believe that the Catholic Church alone is Babylon, but it is actually only a part of it. Growing representatives of several Christian groups agree with what Pope Francis is both saying and trying to do. The liberal and emergent churches of Protestantism are moving in this direction as well. Many of these leaders call themselves Evangelicals. They are from among Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, Reformed, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Non-denominational, etc. We might as well face the reality that we are living in a day of growing church apostasy.

Notice Pope Francis' belief, that the god of Islam, and of all religions is the same as the God of the Bible. Notice also his belief that we can bring about world peace, essentially through our own efforts. Here, there is no thought or concern for the Bible's clear teaching of the return of Jesus Christ to bring this peace. To Pope Francis, world peace will be accomplished by the people of different religions *"merging our faiths"* and not *"slaughter(ing) our neighbors over differences in reference to their God."* This is truly the same as Nimrod's effort at the tower of Babel, to build a tower to heaven and gather all people to it as the one and only world city, religion, and government. This was the beginning of Babylon. It was a city of confusion, as that is what the word "babel" means. The world is headed back to Babylon today. In Genesis, in about 2200 B.C., under the false teacher and leader, Nimrod, the city of Babylon was first built, at least to a point: ***"And they said, Go to,***



let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (Genesis 11:4). God cursed this effort and confused the languages of man so that they would scatter over the earth. So, the tower was never completed. This effort to rebuild the city of Babylon will resume, perhaps in the near future.

All of this effort to bring about a one world church through the efforts of man is based on satanic doctrine! In the garden, Satan tried to convince Adam and Eve of essentially the same thing. He wanted them to achieve knowledge of "good and evil," by their own efforts and in rebellion against God, by eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Far from approving of this, God banished them from the Garden of Eden and from the Tree of Life (pictured at left).

There is no greater offense to the One true God of the Bible than to put Him along side of the false and immoral so-called gods of religions that deny that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again. In the words of Isaiah:

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. (Isaiah 44:6)

The Bible never calls for believers to "*merge our faiths!*" While this might offend many to say...It is obvious, based upon the clear teachings of the Bible, that Pope Francis is a false teacher! If any wish to refute this then let him or her use the Bible to do so! Further, the idea that "proselytism is a fallacy," meaning that we should not endeavor to win people of other faiths to our own, is an absolute denial of Jesus' own command in Matthew 28:19 and elsewhere:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The current ecumenical efforts of many in Catholicism and Protestantism to bring about a new world order is a flat denial of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ as well as of the Bible! All of this illustrates how close we are getting to the time of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to rapture His true and witnessing Church to heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Local Bible believing churches and ministries should return to giving altar calls and invitations, if they have followed present day trends to get rid of these important practices. We must not give up preaching the truth that Jesus is the only way to heaven! Most of the world's population is lost and on their way to an eternal hell. We must not become men pleasers. We must continue believing and preaching the wonderful and exclusive truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Time is short and there is no time to waste! Jesus is coming soon!

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For

the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

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