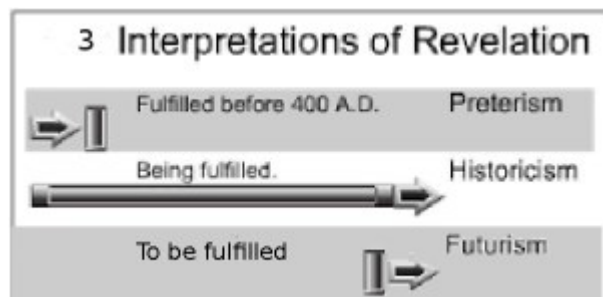


Protestant Historicism – The Key to Daniel and Revelation



A Presentation Ministry of the Great Protestant Historical Interpretation of the Visions of Daniel and the Book of Revelation.

Teaching the 70 Weeks of Daniel Prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 to Young People at a Church



I was allowed by a church pastor to teach the true interpretation of the 70 Weeks of Daniel prophecy to his flock!

Chuck Baldwin's Jesuit Preterism Debunked



Chuck Baldwin abandoned the Protestant Historicist interpretation of the book of Revelation for the Jesuit based preterist view which aids and abets Rome!

[The Final Revelation to Men by Jesus Christ: The Apocalypse](#)



The Revelation is a book written in signs and so that God could reveal the future to His own children and yet not disclose to His enemies His over-ruling providence in the world.

[Our Position Today in the Divine Program as Revealed in Prophecy](#)



This is the continuation of the series, **Antichrist And His Ten Kingdoms** – By Albert Close and the previous post, [The Great Harlot's Daughters](#).

God has never in any age sent a messenger or preacher to cross, contradict or make void an interpretation of Holy Scripture revealed to an earlier generation; as for example in the case of the Reformers at the Reformation.

The early Christians believed that Christ's Second Coming was surely to take place in their own days. The Thessalonians even sold their goods and gave up their secular callings and sat down to wait for the return of our Lord.

St. Paul in 2 Thess. 2:1-12 reproves them for being carried away by mistaken teachers. He tells them that the Second Coming could not take place until there came a falling away from the faith of Christ, and the Antichrist, or Man of Sin, should arise. He then describes the character of the coming Antichrist and his monstrous claims and blasphemous pretensions, which have all been perfectly fulfilled by the Popes of Rome. The Pope today claims to be the Vicar of Christ on earth!

In 2 Thess. 2:3-9 St. Paul thus describes the twelve hundred years of falling away during the Dark Ages, and the character of Antichrist during the Dark Ages and since.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the MYSTERY OF INIQUITY doth already work: only he who now letteth (hinders) will let (hinder), UNTIL HE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON VERSES.

From Irenaeus (A.D. 115-190), the disciple of Polycarp, the contemporary of St. John, we first hear that the hindrance to the full development of Antichrist, mentioned by St. Paul,

A. Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Beyond question refers to the drying up of the Turkish Empire, which originated in its infancy as a Mohammedan religious Power at Mecca in 622 A.D. and in 1063 as a Religious Political power at Baghdad, which passed the Euphrates and invaded Asia Minor, Eastern Europe and North Africa. In 1924 the Caliphate or dynasty of Sultans ended and Turkey became a very small Republic. Gibbon says: "The Turks from Baghdad passed over the Euphrates in 1063, and inundated Asia Minor and Eastern Europe." Gibbon-X. p. 352. Note that Gibbon uses the word "inundated"; then read carefully Rev. 8:9, Rev. 16.

B. Revelation 16:13 And I saw *three unclean spirits* like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

This evidently refers to the rise of the *Papal, Fascist and Nazi* Movements of today. These are three outstanding evil movements in the world. These are active, not only in the area of the old Roman earth, but all over the world. The text clearly differentiates between "the earth" and "the whole world." "The Earth" clearly refers to the area of Papal Europe and Mohammedan Eastern Europe, which once formed the Eastern and Western Roman Empires, the area ruled over by the Popes and Sultans. The West is still *secretly* dominated by the Papacy. Mussolini's chief adviser on behalf of the Pope is Father Pietro Tachi-Venturi, a Jesuit, *Daily Express*, 2/9/35.

C. Revelation 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Verse 15 contains a sharp clear warning shot, like a flash of lightning into the middle of the text at this time. When we see the three evil spirits at work gathering the nations of the world to battle, we should keep a very sharp look-out for the Coming of Christ, lest we be surprised and put to shame.

D. Revelation 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. This verse reads in the Revised Version "and they gathered them together," not "he gathered them." *Were not these three evil movements in Germany, Italy and Vatican gathering all nations together in the War of Armageddon? We cannot interpret until all has been fulfilled, whether Armageddon is a period of great conflicts, or, a single great battle which will center around the Valley of Armageddon. Armageddon Valley in Palestine

is only about 25 miles in length. The Battle of France in May and June 1940 extended over 600 miles in length. As Armageddon is to be the greatest Battle of all history, we must wait until it has been fought before we can interpret this verse unerringly.

* On this false translation has been built up the interpretation of a future Military Antichrist.

THE JESUITS, RIBERA AND BELLARMINE, MIX THE INTERPRETATION OF PROPHECY, 1581–1603.A.D.

In 1576, Gregory XIII. appointed the Jesuit Cardinal Bellarmine to lecture on controversial theology in the new Roman College. He was a man of great learning, and the most powerful controversialist the Roman Church has ever produced. He and Ribera the Jesuit of Salamanca were the leaders in the Movement in the Church of Rome to change the interpretation of Prophecy. At the same time that Ribera published his Futurist commentary on the Apocalypse, Bellarmine published his three volumes of his lectures in the Roman College in the years 1581, 1582, and the third in 1593. Ribera published the three editions of his commentary in 1591, 1592 and 1603. These are now in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

These works called forth a multitude of replies from the Protestant side, including that of Brightman, in England, in 1601.

WHAT RIBERA THE JESUIT WROTE 1591–1603 A.D

Revelation xiv., xvii. and xviii.

“Babylon whose fall is here predicted, Babylon the purpled Harlot, Babylon the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth, she that has made all nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, this is indeed Rome; but not Rome Christian, not Rome obedient to the Pope, not Rome retaining and preserving within herself the See of the Apostle Peter . . . it is Rome the author and preserver of superstitions, the head of idolatry, the sink of all iniquity, the most bitter enemy of the Christian name, the murderer and slaughterer of the saints . . . such as she will be in the end of the world, after she has fallen away from the Pope.” “Apocalypsin, cap. xiv. Ribera Num. 39. Bodleian Library, Oxford.

Bellarmino powerfully supported Ribera, as will be seen by the following extract from his “Disputations and Controversy.” The Year Day theory then rising into general notice was first attacked by Bellarmine.

He admits that Rome and her Ten Kingdoms is meant by Babylon in Rev. 17, but denies that it refers to Rome and the Popes, but to a Rome future, not Rome of the present, Here is what Cardinal Bellarmine, S.J., wrote 1586–96, A.D.

The Ten Kings who will share among them the Roman Empire, and in whose reign Antichrist will come, –these will hate the purple-bearing harlot, that is, Rome, and will make her desolate, and burn her with fire. How, therefore, can she be the seat of Antichrist, if at that very time she is to be overthrown

and burnt?

Bellarmino continues: "By God's wonderful Providence when the Roman Empire failed in the West, which was one of the legs of Daniel's statue, it remained safe in the East, which was the other leg. But because the Eastern Empire was to be destroyed by the Turks, as we have seen, God once more set up in the West, the first leg, that is, the Western Empire, by Charlemagne; and this Empire still exists."



Jesuit Robert Bellermino, taken from a Catholic website.

Here, therefore is proof positive of the origin of the Futurist Interpretation of Daniel and Revelation. It is not mere hearsay evidence. This was part of the great Jesuit conspiracy of 1551 to destroy the Church of England by mixing the doctrines. The following is a copy of the Secret Instructions issued to the Jesuits of Paris, from the Council of Trent in 1551 A.D.

JESUITS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIXING DOCTRINES AND INTERPRETATIONS.

The following secret Instructions were sent in 1551 A.D. from the Council of Trent to the Jesuits in Paris.

"Ye are not to preach all after one method, but observe the place wherein you come. In England preach any that are contrary to the Holy See of St. Peter, by which your function will not be suspected, and yet you may still act on the interest of the Mother Church; there being, as the Council are agreed on, no better way to demolish that Church (the Church of England) of heresy than by mixtures of doctrines, and by adding of ceremonies more than be at present permitted. Some of you who undertook to be of this sort of heretical episcopal society, bring it as near to the Mother Church as you can, and be a means to reduce all in time to the Mother Church."

The late Father Hugh Benson, son of an Archbishop of Canterbury, confessed before a vast audience in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, in October, 1907, that whilst a Mirfield monk in the Church of England:—

Father Hugh Benson:—"On every point except the supremacy of the Pope we believed the teaching of the (Roman) Catholic Church, and taught most of her doctrines, as thousands of Anglican clergymen are doing today."

Father Ronald Knox, son of Bishop Knox, followed Benson into the Church of Rome in 1917.

Father Woodlock, the Jesuit, stated that in 1924, that out of 1,345 converts at Westminster, 1,147 were from the High Church of England, and 144 from other Churches.—"Catholic Times," 1/4/27

Father Buggy, of Halifax, states 15 out of 20 converts afterwards leave the Church of Rome.—"Daily Telegraph," 21/10/29. Disillusioned!

Dean Goode, late Dean of Ripon, in "Rome's Tactics," shows that part of Rome's tactics is to send disguised Roman priests to officiate as Church of England clergymen, and gradually introduce her ritual and doctrines.

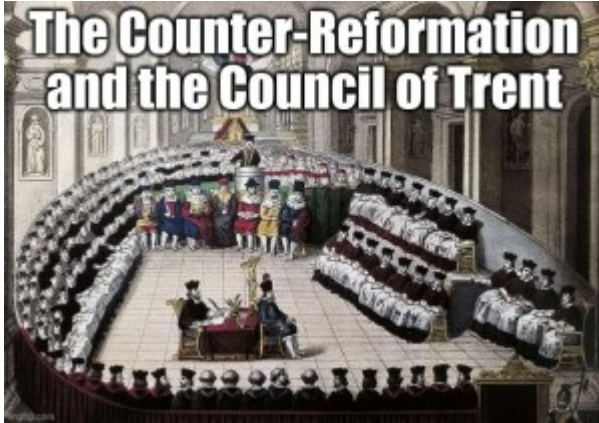
About 9,000 out of the 12,000 Church of England Clergy are Anglo-Romanists who follow Romish practices and ritual today.

(Continued in [The Scholars Behind the Promotion of the False Interpretations of the Books of Daniel and Revelation.](#))

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The History of the Counter-Reformation in a Nutshell



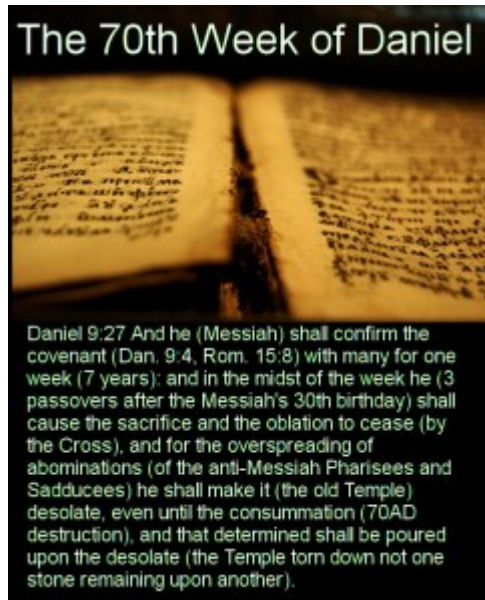
True Protestantism is Bible based Christianity. The Jesuit Counter-Reformation is the effort to eliminate Protestantism and Bible based doctrines entirely.

Gog and Magog identified: Turkey, NOT Russia!



The erroneous belief that Russia is Magog can be traced back to a small group of 18th and 19th century theologians who wrote long before the primary evidence from the ancient Assyrian records was discovered, translated and made available to the public.

Comparison of the top 7 Popular Bible translations of Daniel 9 verses 4 and 27 to the KJV



This article lists the 8 top selling Bible translations in the USA. The KJV is ranked number 2. Do they all teach the same things about the prophecy of the 70th Week of Daniel? I consider the correct translation of Daniel 9:27 to be of utmost importance. Why? It's because most contemporary Protestant evangelicals believe the "he" of Daniel 9:27 is the Antichrist, a secular humanist who makes an Endtime treaty with the Jews who reconstruct a third temple of Solomon which the Antichrist defiles by placing the abomination of desolation. Does the King James version teach that?

King James Version (KJV)

4 and I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping **the covenant** and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

27 And he shall **confirm the covenant** with many for one week:

The wording of "the covenant" in verse 4 and verse 27 are identical. The King James translators believed the covenant of verse 4 is the same covenant of verse 27, i.e., God's covenant of grace to Abraham and those like Abraham who believe in the Word of God by faith. The "he" of verse 27 was interpreted by the early Protestants to be *Jesus Christ* who *confirmed*, not made, the Abrahamic covenant, God's covenant of grace to His people.

New International Version (NIV)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:
“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps **his covenant** of love
with those who love him and keep his commandments,

27 He will confirm **a covenant** with many for one ‘seven.

Notice the difference? “A covenant” and “his covenant” are not necessarily the same thing according to the literal meaning of this translation.

New Living Translation (NLT)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

“O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill **your covenant** and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands.

27 The ruler will **make a treaty** with the people for a period of one set of seven.

NLT doesn’t even use the word covenant! “Make a treaty” and “confirm the covenant” are two different things.

New King James Version (NKJV)

4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said,
“O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps **His covenant** and mercy
with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

27 Then he shall confirm **a covenant** with many for one week;

NKJV does not use the definite article “the” before covenant.

English Standard Version (ESV)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord,
the great and awesome God, who **keeps covenant** and steadfast love
with those who love him and keep his commandments,

27 And he shall **make a strong covenant** with many for one week,

Make is not the same thing as confirm.

Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

Ah, Lord—the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps **His gracious covenant** with those who love Him and keep His commands—

27 He will **make** a firm covenant[a]
with many for one week,

[A] Or will enforce a covenant

Even the footnotes are wrong on the HCSB

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, “Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps **His covenant** and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

27 And he will **make a firm covenant** with the many for one week,

Common English Bible (CEB)

4 As I prayed to the Lord my God, I made this confession:

Please, my Lord—you are the great and awesome God, the one who keeps **the covenant**, and truly faithful to all who love him and keep his commands:

27 For one week, he will **make a** strong covenant with many people.

I hope you see clearly that a good Bible translation is important! Do you have a problem with the KJV being authorized by a British monarch you don't like? If so, read the Geneva Bible of 1599! It gets Daniel 9:27 correct.

1599 Geneva Bible (GNV)

4 And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, saying, Oh Lord God which art great and fearful, and keepest covenant and mercy toward them which love thee, and toward them that keep thy commandments,

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:

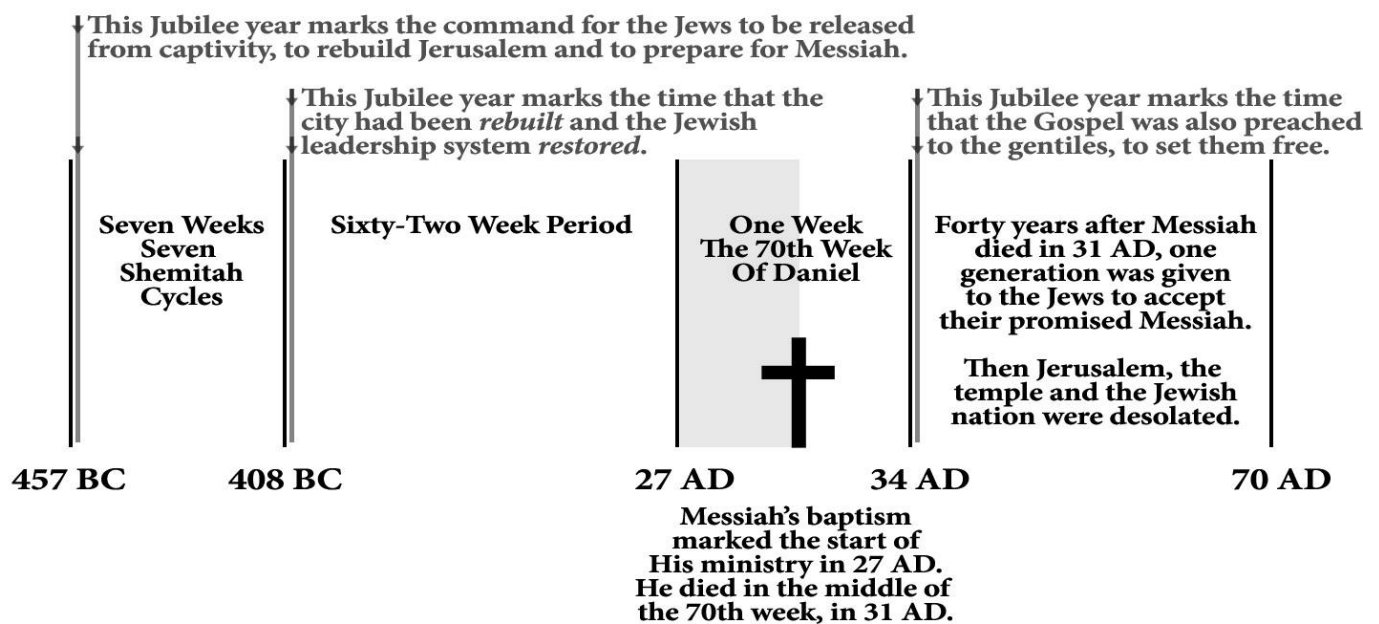
But unfortunately the Geneva Bible doesn't put the definite article before “covenant” in verse 4. This confirms in my mind that the KJV is superior to the GNV.

The false teaching of a future Endtime Antichrist making a covenant with the Jews to create a third temple of Solomon was cooked up around 1580 by a Jesuit priest named Francesco Ribera. He was commissioned by the Vatican to figure out a way to get Protestants' eyes off of the papacy as being the

Antichrist. In order for this to work, the Devil had to distort Bible translations to say “make” rather than “confirm” and use different wording for covenant so nobody would associate the covenant with the one written in verse 4.

The Timeline of Daniel 9:24-27 Illustrated

Ten Shemitah cycles of forty-nine years, make up the 490-year prophecy. It starts with the Jewish captives being released from captivity, and it ends with the gentiles being released from their spiritual captivity.



This meme is courtesy of David Nikao Wilcoxson 70thweekofdaniel.com

[Have You Been Duped by Dispensationalism?](#)



You may not have heard of the theological term, “Dispensationalism,” or even

if you have, you may not know how to define it. But even so, if you are a Bible believer and a follower of Jesus Christ, the chances are high that your views of the Endtime have been tainted by Dispensational doctrines.

What is Dispensationalism?

Dispensationalism is a method of Bible interpretation that was devised by John Nelson Darby (1800-1882), and later formulated by Cyrus I. Scofield (1843-1921), and is also known as Pre-millennial Dispensationalism. Although Darby was not the first person to suggest such a theory, he was, however, the first to develop it as a system of Bible interpretation and is, therefore, regarded as the Father of Dispensationalism.

Dispensationalism was promoted through the publication of the Scofield Reference Bible, which was published in 1909. Scofield's Bible contributed to the spread of Dispensationalism because it included study notes written from a distinctively dispensationalist perspective.

The founding of Dallas Theological Seminary in 1924 by Lewis Sperry Chafer provided an academic institution for the training of pastors and missionaries in the dispensationalist tradition. The influence of the prestigious Dallas Theological Seminary together with the Scofield Reference Bible is the reason why American evangelicals were corrupted with the false doctrines of Dispensationalism!

The origin of Dispensational theory can be traced to **three Jesuit priests**.

(1) Francisco **Ribera** (1537-1591). He's the guy that cooked up the doctrine of Futurism, namely that there is a gap of unknown time between the 69th and 70th Week of Daniel, and the 70th Week of Daniel is the final 7 years of the Endtime when the Antichrist makes a covenant or treaty with Israel, rebuilds their temple, breaks the covenant halfway into the 7 years, and persecutes everybody who doesn't obey and follow him.

(2) Cardinal Robert **Bellarmino** (1542-1621) one of the best-known Jesuit apologists, who promoted similar theories to Ribera in his published work between 1581 and 1593 entitled *Polemic Lectures Concerning the Disputed Points of the Christian Belief Against the Heretics of This Time*. The "heretics" are Protestants, Baptists, and all Bible believers and followers of Jesus Christ who are not members of the Roman Catholic Church! Bellarmine was arguing against all basic Bible doctrines such as salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone.

(3) Manuel **Lacunza** (1731-1801). The writings of Ribera and Bellarmine, which contain the precedence upon which the theory of Dispensationalism is founded, were originally written to counteract the Protestant reformers' interpretation of the Book of the Revelation which, according to the reformers, **exposed the Pope as Antichrist and the Roman Catholic Church as the whore of Babylon**.

What are the doctrines of Dispensationalism?

- A distinction between the Church and Israel.
- A distinction between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God.
- Support for the State of Israel.
- The world will be led by a one-world government and a one-world leader called "the Antichrist" who will promote a one-world religion.
- The Antichrist **will probably be a Jew**.
- The Antichrist makes a 7-year peace pact with the Jews which allows them to rebuild the Temple of Solomon.
- The Church will disappear in the "secret rapture" where all Christian believers vanish from the planet and that this rapture is "imminent."
- The Rapture is then followed by a 7-year period called the "Great Tribulation." A variation of this is the Great Tribulation will begin in the middle of the 7-year period.

All so called "Christian-Zionists" are Dispensationalists. Famous Dispensationalists include Billy Graham, Franklin Graham, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, James Dobson, John Hagee, and Paula White. Just think what an influence these people have had on Christianity in America! Is it a good influence based on pure Bible doctrine? John Hagee tells us:

"As Christians, we are commanded by God to support Israel. We believe in the promise of Genesis 12:3 regarding the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. We believe Christians should bless and comfort Israel and the Jewish people. Believers have a Bible mandate to combat anti-Semitism and to speak out in defense of Israel and the chosen people." – John Hagee

Hagee's statement is based on Dispensationalism. The Bible tells me:

*2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and **abideth not in the doctrine of Christ**, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

*11 For **he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.***

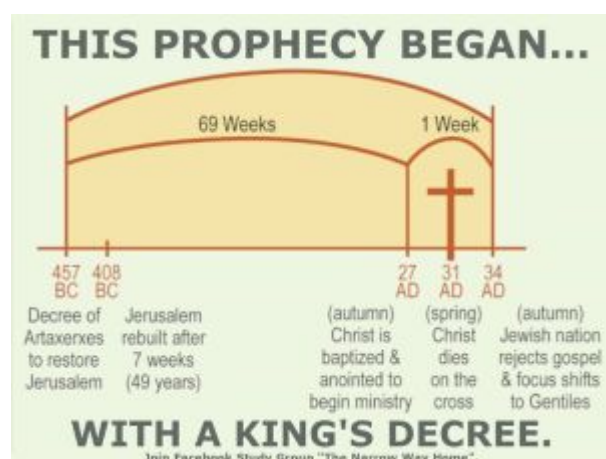
The words, "God speed" in the King James Bible is a synonym for blessing someone. The Word of God tells us not to bless those who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ. If we do, we are partakers of their evil deeds. Does the modern state of Israel abide in the doctrine of Christ? Absolutely not. And yet, John Hagee is telling us to bless the ones who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ. Not only do they not abide in the doctrine of Christ, they curse Jesus Christ and reject Him!

Ask yourself, is God blessing America today? The liberals, atheists, and leftists are blaming America's extreme weather, the current heat wave, destruction of houses by tornados, fires, and floods on "Climate Change." I

believe it's much more to do with God's judgments on America for her sins. One of those sins is America's support for Israel due to dispensational theology.

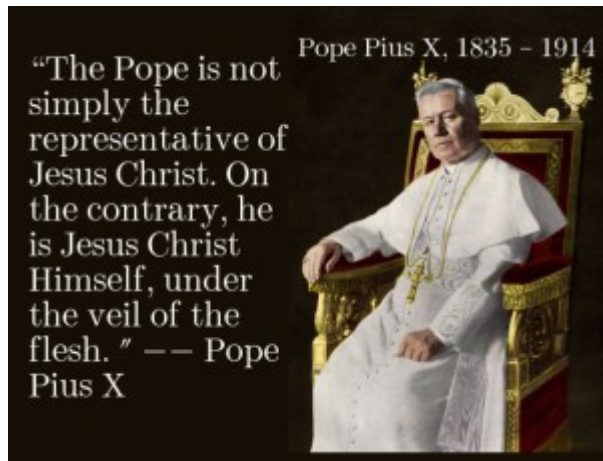
Dispensationalists accuse Christians who do not support the modern state of Israel of holding the doctrine of "Replacement Theology." This is a misnomer. The Church has not replaced Israel, [the Church is the continuation of Israel!](#)

[The 70th Week of Daniel is all about Christ, not the Antichrist!](#)



Jesus was crucified in the middle of the 70th Week when 33 years old in 31 AD. The rest of the 70th Week is the Apostles ministry to the Jews up till the persecution began in 34 AD.

[The Thesis of the Jesuit Francisco Ribera](#)



This is chapter 8 of The Effect of [the Jesuit Eschatologies on America Today](#) – by Dr. Ronald Cooke

Ribera wrote his commentary on the book of Revelation in 1590. In it he repudiated the idea that Antichrist was the Papacy. He set forth Antichrist as a man who would not appear until the very end of the age.

In the decade of the 1820's two professors, S. R Maitland of Oxford University and James Todd of Dublin University, resurrected Ribera's thesis and both men put out a series of books supporting The Jesuit and repudiating the Protestant Reformers.

Ribera's thesis had laid dormant for almost 250 years. It lay in Oxford University, "a time bomb waiting to explode" as Colin Standish said.

Well, Maitland and Todd saw to it that the bomb went off just as the Tractarians were beginning to launch their attack upon the Anglican Church. The works of Maitland and Todd certainly aided the cause of the Oxford Romanizers. And when they detonated their bomb, it caused a fall out of such magnitude as to completely neutralize the teaching of the Protestant Reformers on Antichrist in Bible-believing circles to this day.

Maitland was the librarian of the Archbishop of Canterbury, so he had some power and prestige to help spread his writings throughout Anglicanism and the English speaking world. His chief works on Antichrist consisted of, *An Inquiry into the Grounds of the Prophetic Period in Daniel and St. John* (1826), and *A Second Inquiry* (1829), He also wrote, *An Attempt to Elucidate the Prophecies Concerning Anti Christ* (1830).

James Todd, was born in Dublin Ireland in 1805. He became a librarian at the University of Dublin. He also wrote several works on the Antichrist. His main works were, *Discourses on the Prophecies Relating to Antichrist in the Writings of Daniel and St. Paul*, and, *Six Discourses on the Prophecies Relating to Antichrist in the Apocalypse of St. John*. These works all repudiated the Protestant position and promoted the Jesuit position on the identity of the Antichrist. They directed their readers AWAY from the Papacy to an unknown secular man. They surely could not have hoped for a more favorable reception than they received. It was almost total. And surely their view helped John Henty Newman, as he himself testified that he had held the

Reformed Protestant view of Antichrist since he was fifteen years old. And this was the first Protestant teaching which he came to reject in his long journey to Rome.

EMANUEL LACUNZA, ANOTHER JESUIT in that "WONDERFUL" REVIVAL OF JESUIT TEACHINGS IN THE EARLY 19th CENTURY.

It is remarkable to note how the various tentacles of Rome were at work to strangle Protest England at the beginning of the 19th century. It is even more remarkable to note that the same forces were at work to, strangle Protestantism in the United States in the 20th century. The Jesuits, are nothing, if not hard workers. Lacunza sought to get his book into England under the guise of a converted Jewish Rabbi, Ben Ezra. And many people were at first deceived on this point. But his book was received just as_ favorably, even after it became known he was a Jesuit and not a Jewish convert.

At the same time as the Tractarian Movement was taking off in the Anglican Church, Emanuel Lacunza, another Jesuit, was publishing his work, *The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty*. Edward Irving, translated the Spanish Edition of Rabbi Ben Ezra's work into English and published it in 1827. Irving was not deceived into thinking Lacunza was really a converted Jewish Rabbi called Ben Ezra. For in the preface of his translation, Irving brought out the details about the real author, Emanuel Lacunza, the Spanish Jesuit. This information was revealed to Irving by the sponsors of the Spanish edition printed in London in 1810.

The work of Emanuel Lacunza, the Spanish Jesuit, helped to corroborate and revitalize Ribera's teaching of a future-only Antichrist. Lacunza's work was another powerful force in that "wonderful" revival of Jesuit teachings among Protestants, that Clarence Larkin alluded to in his work on Dispensationalism.

Truly, the era between 1820 and 1880 was a time of Jesuit triumphs in England. in fact, it was the beginning of the end of Protestantism in the Anglican Church. Bishop J. C. Ryle, Dean Farrar, William Goode, and some others sought to stem the tide. But these men passed from the scene as Anglicanism entered the twentieth century, and it has been all downhill ever since.

The issue of the identity of the Man of Sin is much more important than many people now realize. For obviously, no Christian wants to unite with the Man of Sin. So if Roman Catholicism is the home of the Papal Man of Sin, no Protestant on earth would want to unite with such evil. So the identifying of the Papacy as the Man of Sin was the first item that had to be dealt with if Ecumenism was to become a reality and the Roman Catholic Communion was to be recognized as Christian. The Man of Sin was put off into a future time zone so as to clear the Roman Catholic Church of the stigma that the Protestant Reformers had placed upon her. The Jesuits cleared the way for Ecumenism to proceed. And proceed it did. For ECT (Evangelicals and Catholics Together) I and ECT II were both triumphs for the Jesuits. For the first time in history since the Protestant Reformation, Bible-believers joined forces with Roman

Catholics to further the cause of Ecumenism.

Obviously no one, in his right mind, could think of uniting with the Man of Sin. So if some kind of union was to take place between the two communions, both communions would have to be regarded as "Christian." So for Protestants to unite with Roman Catholicism, they would of necessity have to regard the Roman Catholic System as another Christian Communion, so they would have to drop their teaching that the Papacy of Rome was the Man of Sin and the Antichrist of Scripture.

The view of Protestants was, and still is, set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ: nor can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ, and all that is called God.¹

This was basically the position of the Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists, and Baptists up until about the year 1820. In fact the Baptist Confession of Philadelphia practically quotes the statement from the Westminster Confession. Adam Clarke, the Methodist commentator, went into great detail to teach that the wild Beast of the Apocalypse was the Papal Kingdom, and some modern Evangelical Lutherans also still regard the Papal kingdom as Antichrist.

So for about three hundred years after the Reformation, the denominations that were formed in Protestant circles all followed the Reformers teaching on Antichrist. Now there are scarcely any Protestant denominations that do so. Is that not remarkable?

In once Protestant academic institutions the impact of the Jesuits theologically and philosophically, is almost total. The magnitude of the Jesuit triumphs escapes millions of Bible-believers today. Prior to 1820 (using an arbitrary date) the majority of Protestant Denominations identified the Antichrist with the Papal Man of Sin. After the efforts of the Jesuits, and the Tractarians, this was no longer so.

The Man of Sin was removed from the present and put back into the first century or put off into the end times. He was no longer in any way, identified with the papacy. This was the start of the long road of Protestantism back to Rome. The Protestant Ecumenical Movement began officially in 1948 with the establishment of the World Council of Churches. It was not long until dialogue and co-operation with Roman Catholicism was being promoted.

Then the New Evangelicals, starting at the same time, also opened up dialogue with Roman Catholicism. Then the New Evangelicals began calling for a co-belligerency with Roman Catholicism to fight secular humanism. Then the Pope of Rome, after he died, was praised by Billy Graham in this way:

When future historians took back on the most influential personalities

of the 20th century, the name of Pope John Paul II will unquestionably loom large in their accounts. Few individuals have had a greater impact—not just religiously but socially and morally on the modern world. He will stand as the most influential MORAL VOICE of our time. (Emphasis added)²

Accompanying all this fulsome praise of the Pope there was the cry, of UNIVERSAL PRIMATE OF THE CHURCH, also going up all over the world. So from being regarded as the Papal Man of Sin, by almost all Protestants, the Popes of Rome have now ascended to the throne of the Universal Primate of the “church.” Surely, even the Jesuits could not have foreseen such success for their efforts.

Nor could they have hoped for a better reception from the leaders of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches. The magnitude of the Jesuit accomplishments is overwhelming. While millions of Bible-believers put Antichrist back into the first century of the Church, and millions of other Bible-believers put Antichrist off into a future time capsule, the present Antichrist is for all intents and purposes looked upon as the Head of the Ecumenical Church.

Could the blindness of modern self-confessed Bible-believers be greater? Could the ignorance of modern self-confessed Bible-believers be more widespread? Could the acceptance of the Papal Man of Sin be more overwhelming? The Reformed Protestant testimony is all but gone. My how the mighty have fallen and the weapons of warfare perished! Only a tiny minority are still at war with the Papal Man of Sin; the rest have fallen theologically, philosophically, ecclesiastically, politically, educationally, culturally, and eschatologically into his welcoming arms.

So by putting Antichrist out of the PRESENT whatever is happening now, has nothing to do with the Papacy or the Jesuits. It is some other evil secular conspiracy energized by secular men. It is not in any way RELIGIOUS, nor does it concern the “church.” The Bible, however, does not agree.

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (1 Corinthians 11:13-15).

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