

Daniel



Lesson 23-Popery, the Crusades, and the Real Faith of Christ **Focus: Daniel 11:36-40**

❖ What corrupt Power do the verses of Daniel 11:36-40 explain? (see v.36-37)

- **(v.36,37)** This “king” does whatever he wants “according to his [own] will...” “...**he shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods...**” “...he prospers **until** the indignation be accomplished” **(v.36)**. Perhaps that “indignation” mentioned in v.30.—**until the 1260 years come to their end./// “...he shall magnify himself above all” (v.37)** [not regarding the God of his fathers]
- **Do the other chapters of Daniel shed any light on this passage?** “[the Little Horn of Daniel 7]...has eyes like the eyes of a man, **and a mouth speaking great things” (Daniel 7:8)**. “...[he had] **a mouth that spoke very great things**, whose look was more stout than his fellows [more imposing, NIV]” **(Dan.7:20)**. “**And he shall speak great things against the Most High** and shall wear out the saints of the most High...” **(7:25)**. “he magnified himself...” (Dan. 8:11). “...he **shall magnify himself in his heart” (Dan. 8:25)**. He will “prosper...” **(Dan. 8:12,24,25)**.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 also describes this Roman Church power boasting himself to be as God.** “...sitting himself in the Temple of God [or the church], showing himself that he is God...” He also attacks God’s Law...he is the Lawless power (v.7,8 of 2 Thes. 2). **Revelation 13:4-8 describe this very same wicked and influential Religious/Political power...** “...a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies [for 42 months/1260days]” “he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God...” (v.5,6).
- **Does not regard “...the desire of women” (v.37)**. Celibacy of the Priesthood within the Roman Catholic Church. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 refers to this apostasy within the corrupted church as well, “...forbidding to marry.” **Paul’s instruction to Timothy**, a young minister in the early Christian church was that a “Bishop” (or Pastor) should be “...the husband of one wife...one who rules well his own household, having his children...” (1 Timothy 3:2-5)

❖ How did the Papal church speak “...great words against the Most High” [even claiming themselves to be as God]? (notice the historical quotes and references below)

- In 1895 an article from the *Catholic National* said this: “**The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh.**” [*Catholic National* (July 1895).]
- “**He [the Pope] can pronounce sentences and judgments in contradiction to the rights of nations, to the law of God and man...He can free himself from the commands of the apostles, he being their superior, and from the rules of the Old Testament...The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.**” [*Decretal de Translat. Episcop. Cap.*] [sounds exactly like Dan.7:25]
- “... **the Pope holdeth place on earth, not simply of a man but of the true God...**dissolves, not by human but rather by divine authority...**I am in all and above all**, so that God Himself and I, **the vicar of God**, hath both one consistory, and **I am able to do almost all that God can do...** I then being above all prelates, seem by this reason to be **above all gods** (emphasis added).” [*Decretales Domini Gregori IX Translatione Episcoporum*, (“On the Transference of Bishops”), title 7, chapter 3; *Corpus Juris Canonice* (2nd Leipzig ed., 1881), Column 99; (Paris, 1612).]
“**The Pope takes the place of Jesus Christ on earth... the judge of all, being judged by no one, God himself on earth** (emphasis added).” [Quoted in the *New York Catechism*]
- **Pope Pius V said this:** “The Pope and God are the same, so he has all power in Heaven and earth.” [Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, *Cities Petrus Bertanous* Chapter XXVII: 218.]
- **Pope Leo XIII said this about the role of the Pope:** “**We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.**” [[Pope Leo XIII, Praeclara Gratulationis Publicae—The Reunion of Christendom \(Rome: 1894\).](#)]

- ❖ **Honoring the “God of forces” instead of the God of his fathers (v.37,38)** He takes “arms” (**Dan. 11:31**) “...to stand on his part...” This corrupt little religious power uses military and political means to enforce his evil ways and to do as he pleases. The Vatican led the Crusades in Europe and the Inquisition to torture, persecute, and kill “heretics” and infidels [unbelievers] using a “convert or die” policy. Historians estimate over 50,000,000 people were put to death by the Roman church during the middle ages. **Jesus, the “God of our Fathers,” is nothing like that! Notice the words of Jesus (See John 16:2-4; Luke 9:52-56)** “...whoever will...let him” (Rev.22:17)/// Their god was **honored with all kinds of gold and riches** (these are the riches of “Babylon” described in Revelation 17 and 18; the Vatican’s great wealth throughout the world over— Rev. 17:4; 18:12,16,19).
- ❖ **“Dividing the land for gain...” (v.39)** This was the practice of Simony within the Roman church. People were buying and selling lands for personal gain.
- ❖ **“At the time of the end...” (1798 AD) “the king of the South shall push at him...” (v.40)**
 - **From the South** is was the government of **Sicily** [on the southern part of the Italian peninsula who pushed against the Papal states held by Rome.] **From the North:** Napoleon’s General Berthier came into the Vatican, storming down the Peninsula like a “whirlwind”. **Soldiers on horses** came down with great armies to overtake Italy (from 1796) and especially Rome (in 1798). He lost his unbroken 1260 year reign at that point (later some powers were restored and then taken away again). Pope Pius VI died in captivity back in France. Napoleon continued his wars. In that very same year (1798), he sent “**many ships**” down below Italy, taking Malta, and heading on to pursue Egypt! (the remaining part of verse 40 should begin talking about the “he” who was attacked by the northern and southern powers—the “king” of v.36. v.41 and following will explain more final activities of the corrupted power, we believe)
- ❖ **The Book of Revelation describes this power as a Corrupt Woman (Revelation 17:1-6, 9)**
 - **(v.1)**This is the “great whore” (a huge church that was unfaithful to God’s word) who “sits on many waters” (or peoples).
 - **(v.2)** Governments or “kings” of the earth have gotten in bed with this woman (church). By this activity she created the “wine” of her fornication that made the whole earth drunk. **Can drunk people think clearly? Or, are they confused?**_____ (This woman has spiritually confused multitudes of people around the earth by her false teachings about Jesus Christ).
 - **(v.3)** The woman sits on a _____. What is a Beast again? _____ (Dan. 7:17). People master animals (like horses) and use them to their advantage. So, this church uses the governments of the world to accomplish what she wants to. (this particular Beast is the ten horned—4th Beast—Rome)
 - **(v.4)** This woman’s colors are Purple and Scarlet. She is a very rich church “decked with gold” and all sorts of precious stones. Only the church of Rome bears such wealth and uses such colors for her leaders to wear.
 - **(v.5) “Babylon the Great.”** Like the ancient tower of “Babel” (Genesis 11:9) which means “confusion,” this corrupt church has confused the world about what true Christianity is. They have confused people about the true teachings of the Bible.
 - **(v.6)** This woman (church) is drunk with the blood of the Martyrs because she has persecuted the true saints of God. (*her crime of 50 million souls is listed above*)
 - **(v.9)** Rome is known as the ancient city of Seven hills—there is no doubt who the corrupt woman (church) is that sets its headquarters directly upon the old city of Rome.
- ❖ **Is God clearly calling His people out of this corrupt religious system? _____ (Rev. 18:1-4)** Realize also, she is the “**Mother of Harlots**” (**Rev. 17:5**). She has many unfaithful daughters who have maintained the Law breaking Sunday tradition of Rome. Sabbath breaking was one of the sins for which God had called the Old Testament church an unfaithful harlot (See Ezekiel 23:1-4, 36-38). **Jesus prayed for His people to be united upon the truth of His word (John 17:20,21; 10:16).** Jesus wants us to be part of the faithful woman (Rev.12:17).

Question (s) for the Heart:

Is it your desire to follow Jesus Christ, and to stay clear of the corrupt religious system of Babylon? ____

There are many loving Christian people involved with this system unknowingly. Jesus wants us to know better so that we all can be free from the errors and falsehoods of men. Will you follow Jesus? ____