

# THE KING OF THE NORTH

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**"I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end...A king will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue...He will destroy mighty men and the holy people" (Daniel 8:19-23).** After hearing of this proph-

ecy, Daniel commented, **"I, Daniel, was exhausted and lay ill for several days...I was appalled by the vision; it was beyond understanding" (Daniel 8:27).**

The prophecies regarding this King are expanded upon within the eleventh chapter of Daniel. His reign begins in verse 21 and ends at verse 45. He is referred to as the "King of the North". His identity is synonymous with the "anti-Christ" and "666". Pope John Paul II matches a specific profile generated within the prophetic records of Daniel and Revelation, and the "Time of Trouble such as never was" (also known as the Great Tribulation) shall commence shortly after the time of his death, for it is written; **"He shall come to his end, and none shall help him...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" (See Daniel 11:45 to Daniel 12:1).**

Pope John Paul II is the Methuselah of the last days. Methuselah was the grandfather of Noah. His name meant - *When he dies, Judgment shall come* - And in the very year of Methuselah's death, the great flood occurred, destroying all of mankind with the exception of Noah and his family. And so likewise, Bible prophecy declares that the death of the King of the North coincides with the coming of the "Time of Trouble", a catastrophe far worse than that of Noah's flood!

But before I point out a few of the prophecies that connect Pope John Paul II to the King of the North, I want to present a unique admonition which came from the greatest prophet of all; Jesus Christ. Our Lord issued a special warning as he looked far beyond the beginning of his newly founded church saying, **"Who is a faithful, sensible servant, to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his household and feeding his family" (Matthew 24:45)?** Jesus knew that it was God's plan that He return to heaven. He left his flock in care of His trusted servant (the church), which over the years, became the Roman Catholic Church.

**"If the servant is evil and...begins oppressing the other servants, partying, and getting drunk-- the master will return unannounced and unexpected. He will tear the servant apart and banish him...In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:49-51).**

God compares those who maintain an everlasting relationship with Him not only as his servants, He sees them as His beautiful bride. Like a noble queen, His church promised to be faithful and to care for His family until the day they shall be reunited. **"And I John saw...new Jerusalem, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2).** Notice the heartfelt connection God has with his chosen people. **"I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman" (Jeremiah 6:2).**

But instead of a wife awaiting the joyful reunion of her husband, the prophet was allowed to view a shameful scene. A married woman who becomes a prostitute while her husband is away! Although she enjoys her prestigious connection with the King of Heaven, she is not anxious for His return, **"With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries" (Revelation 17:2).**

She is clueless as to the reality of her marital condition, for she thinks her Divine partner holds her in high esteem. **"In her heart she boasts, 'I sit as queen; I am not a widow' (Revelation 18:7).** Instead of a name denoting an honorable relationship between a man and wife, God, in His rage, places a name upon the whore, **"MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (Revelation 17:5). "Come forth, flee from the land of the north... that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon" (Zechariah 2:6).**

Symbolically, the land of the North represents Babylon and Babylon represents Rome! God predicted where the whore conducts her seductive business, **"The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits" (Revelation 17:9).** "It is within the city of Rome, called the city of seven hills, that the entire area of Vatican State proper is now confined" (The Catholic Encyclopedia, Thomas Nelson, 1976).

Saint Peter, when writing to believers from Rome, did not hesitate to declare that Babylon represented Rome. **The church that is at Babylon...saluteth you" (1 Peter 5:13).** Although the Papacy can rightly boast that her lineage can be traced back to Saint Peter, history validates that she played the part of an unfaithful servant. While her divine husband was away on business, she said in her heart, "My Lord delays his coming" and began to corrupt herself while oppressing those of her household. **"I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus" (Revelation 17:6).**

For centuries, warnings had been given to her. Yet this only made her angry. In her wrath she shed more blood than any other Kingdom in history. Finally, like the evil servant who was torn and banished, the Papal head was severed from Europe. In 1798, the French empire entered Rome and ordered that the Pope should be taken captive and he died in exile. Since that time, the Papacy has been unable to hold any spiritual authority over her highly treasured European domain. **"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity (Revelation 13:10).**

For over 200 years, Europe has survived without one of its heads -The spiritual guardianship of the Vatican! - But after years of isolation, God has allowed the wounded church to reemerge from the dark place of her captivity. **"One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast" (Revelation 13:3).** The process of healing began in 1929 when the Vatican was set up as an independent nation. The nations of earth recognize her as "The Holy See" and she is steadily gaining back her power today.

Prophecy foretells that her power would be completely restored during the reign of the sixth king, **"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come" (Revelation 17:10).** Five Popes have completed their reign in the 75 years since sovereignty has been returned to the Papacy. Pope John Paul II is the sixth to rise to power. This is significant, for it is the sixth King that shall become the great persecutor of last days.

Daniel was shown that the "man of sin" would take the place of a ruler destroyed after being in power for only a few days. **"Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle" (Daniel 11:20).** This ruler matches the profile of Pope John Paul I. After setting forth to make sweeping changes to correct financial corruption within the Papacy, he was only able to hold his position for 34 days. John Paul I died in a shroud of mystery that persists to this day.

**"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen" (Revelation 14:8).** Babylon (the Papal Church) has fallen once in her past. Prophecy predicts she will fall again through the leadership of John Paul II. Today, God has a very clear course for you to follow, **"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Revelation 14:10).**

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