

"But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians [shall be] at his steps." Dan 11:43

Our prior lesson concluded with the *King of the North*, the papacy, "stretching forth its hand upon [all] the countries and the land of Egypt". Employing the principles of prophetic interpretation learned to date, this speaks of the papacy's conquest of the entire world by way of an accomplice, the *False Prophet*, Protestant America. The overthrow of the United States followed by the rest of the world, involves an ideological conquest. The pope will be identified as the *supreme moral authority* on earth, while the spurious Sabbath, Sunday, will be globally recognized and enforced by a Sunday Law. Few would argue that political, civil, and even military power would be effective were they not tied to economic power. The Bible forecasts control of the nations' finances as the papacy's booty for world conquest.

The economic recession of 2008 originated in the United States and caused tsunami-like effects across global economies. It was the direct result of deceptive practices in the U.S. housing market, predatory lending and fraud in the banking sector, and risky gambling of assets and market manipulation across the financial services sector. The results of these corrupt, unmonitored business practices sent the global economy into a tailspin, spurring the economic collapse of several countries including Greece, Spain, Ireland, and Italy. This global recession, similar to the severe famine foretold in Pharaoh's dream during the

time of Joseph (Gen 41:6, 23, 24), came exactly seven years after another financial collapse; caused by the blowing *East Wind*, namely, radical Islam's attack on September 11, 2001 upon the U.S.'s symbols of economic strength, the World Trade Centers. The event in turn, spurred a **global war on terror**. The two financial collapses exposed modern wealth polarization seen in two classes; the extremely wealthy, branded the "1%", which controls the global resources at the loss of the "99%". Protests among the 99% in the U.S. erupted with the *Bail-out of Wall Street*, where banks and corporations deemed "Too Big to Fail", and their well-off leadership were given handsome government loans and debt write-offs. Meanwhile, "Main Street", the common person among the 99%, was left to languish with mounting unemployment, debt, and recent retractions of government benefits, brazenly labeled "*entitlement reform*". The protests often ended by forceful suppression, where groups were disbanded by militarized police that infringed upon U.S. citizens' rights to freedom of assembly and speech. Europe, united under a common currency, emerged from the global crisis with Germany as frontrunner, and France a distant second, brokers of wealth over the other debtor nations of the European Union. Since world monetary systems, including oil resources under OPEC, are presently valued by the U.S. dollar, the United States maintains its dollar dominance. However, the U.S.'s involvement in global wars, its lack of industry for the masses, and its inability to repay its financial debts makes it in essence, a debtor nation also.

The events of 2001 and 2008 triggered a host of domestic and foreign changes for the U.S. that includes:

- The Patriot Act of 2002, limiting civil liberties and overthrowing the U.S. Constitution and Republicanism
- Wars on two fronts showing the U.S.'s willingness to exercise greater military force preemptively
- Increasing involvement in Middle Eastern conflicts
- New and broad definitions of terrorism that have escalated anger, fear, and mistrust in society

These and other changes are shaping the future of this nation and the world. The two worldwide economic crises demonstrated the volatility and vulnerability across borders due to **globalism**, the multinational, interdependent network of services and resources marking our time. These perilous factors all set the stage for the arrival of one, having global presence and popularity, whose claims to restore trust, ensure equity for the masses, foster global unity, and advocate world peace will be universally welcomed.

At the height of the global economic recession, Pope Benedict XVI on July 7, 2009 issued the encyclical [Caritas in Veritate](#) calling for a "world political authority" to manage the global economy. He stated that such an authority would have to be "*regulated by law*"; "*would need to be universally recognized and to be vested with the effective power to ensure security for all, regard for justice, and respect for rights*" {emphasis added}. Such a worldwide power, granted oversight and enforcement of domestic and international measures, while authorized to administer compliance

globally, would supersede national sovereignty of nations. The encyclical also spoke strongly to popular progress, developments on human rights and duties, the environment, and economic development and civil society. The messaging was in alignment with the church's doctrine of **Liberation Theology**. This theory speaks to the redistribution of wealth, social development, and other ideals it claims stems from the teachings of Christ, but have strong evidences of Marxism. The papal encyclical, the Roman Church's second highest-ranking document on ethics and doctrines, was the papacy's [charter](#) and [blueprint](#) to world leaders for future world governance and finances. The world political authority spoken in the encyclical would be empowered by a universally accepted law and governing body to enforce its rules. The governing body in turn would take its cues from a trusted *higher moral authority* that would bless and specify its aims, most naturally, the pope of Rome.

As if by clockwork, the **Lisbon Treaty** went into effect on December 1, 2009 establishing a European Union of 27 States under a centralized government and constitution. Based in Brussels, the Union's articles of ratification are kept by the Italian government in Rome. Whether by coincidence or not, this organization moved the world one significant step closer to achieving the vision of the papal encyclical. Any further efforts to bring life to the encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI however, were thwarted by an overwhelming number of global charges against the church for willful negligence, and criminally concealing thousands of cases of

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[Based on Daniel 11:43; Revelation 17:12-14]



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child molestation by its priests. With the emergence of the **Vatileaks**, the Vatican Leak Scandal of 2012, the church again was placed in the spotlight. Dark corruptions of embezzlements, money laundering within the Vatican Bank, immoral debauchery among high-ranking bishops and other graft were exposed. These highly visible blights upon the church's image, coupled by Benedict's detached personality, led to his unprecedented resignation in early 2013.

The election of Pope Francis later in 2013 marked several milestones in rebuilding the image of the Church of Rome and helping to establish its credibility on a global scale. Marketed as the *People's Pope*, Francis has shaken-off much of the frock of formalism and distance exhibited by former popes. By mingling openly with his followers, kissing and washing the feet of elderly and disabled parishioners, advocating *charismatic* worship styles, and weighing in on contemporary issues through social media, Francis has endeared himself to both old and young. Feigning the death of the *Papal Monarchy*, an institution that once hypocritically called for the redistribution of global wealth while living in opulence, Francis has forsaken the regal papal apartments of the Vatican for 'humbler' quarters. Early during his papal reign, Francis moved quickly to address the most visible challenges to the church's image. By removing the head of the Vatican Bank, under whose administration the Vatileaks corruptions were exposed, calling for an overhaul of Vatican finances, and calling for more transparency and charitableness, Francis gives the appearance of a reformer.

Most recently, his excommunication of individuals involved in organized crime has earned him the distinction of a zero-tolerance pope. Yet, when asked a question on a matter of ethics and morality that has for years been an albatross around the neck of the church's popularity, Francis spurned Biblical truth, and even traditional Catholic doctrine, deftly sidestepped the issue and responded, "*Who am I to judge*"; drawing the applause of those bound to the moral vice in question. All of his apparent reforms, works of inclusion, and commanding superstar popularity, shown over a few months gained Pope Francis the title, *Person of the Year in 2013* for the news magazine **Time**. Despite the projection of being a humble, ordinary man of God, neither Francis nor the Church has ever rescinded the claim of papal infallibility or the pope to be the *Vicar of Christ* on earth. Francis has done much, and will most likely continue to do all that is required to place the Church of Rome in the position to serve as caretaker of the *global financial trust*.

Q: *What role will world leaders play in establishing the global authority mentioned in the papal encyclical?* Read Dan 2:41, 42, 6:7, 13; Rev 17:12-14, 17; Ps 83:1-8, 94:20, 21; Esther 9:12

A: Paralleling the image of the prophecy of Daniel chapter 2, having ten toes of iron and clay mixed, the Revelation foretells a 10-fold confederacy of world leaders that will yield their power to the papacy to rule the earth. This confederacy will wage war against Jesus and His faithful followers for a short time. That the toes of the image of Daniel 2 are made of iron and clay, may suggest that some

parts of the 10-fold union will be strong in power while others weak. We also have learnt that iron prophetically is a symbol of statecraft, whereas clay represents church-craft; therefore, the 10-fold union may also be an amalgamation of church and State powers. The particulars of this portion of the prophecy are yet to be revealed. However, we can be assured of their soon fulfillment.

Q: *Who are the Ethiopians and Libyans that will be at the steps of the papacy and its global financial system?* Read Genesis 2:8-14; Job 28:12-19; Isaiah 45:14; Jeremiah 46:9

A: The land of Ethiopia is first mentioned in the Bible as a lush land, bordering the Garden of Eden. Job and the prophet Isaiah also mention Ethiopia's wealth, merchandise and precious stones. Ethiopia is also mentioned for its strong army for which the Children of Israel sought aid against the Assyrians. In contrast, Libya may represent the less affluent and poor. That both the Ethiopians and Libyans will be at the steps of the papacy suggests all nations, rich and poor will be held in the papacy's sway.

As the United States, the False Prophet, continues to *speak as a dragon*, it will join forces with other world leaders in establishing the "*throne of iniquity*", the seat of the papacy. By way of a law, this confederacy will control global financial resources and enforce global Sunday observance, causing men to receive the **Mark of the Beast** (Ps 94:20, 21). God has foretold the forces that would gather the world to war against Him and His people until the day of His vengeance.