



WHAT IS THE SEA-BEAST DOING TODAY? (REV. 13)

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Selected Messages, Vol. 2, p. 109

- ◎ “All that God has in prophetic history specified to be fulfilled in the past has been, and all that is yet to come in its order will be. Daniel, God’s prophet, stands in his place. John stands in his place. In the Revelation the Lion of the tribe of Judah has opened to the students of prophecy the book of Daniel, and thus is Daniel standing in his place. He bears his testimony, that which the Lord revealed to him in vision of the great and solemn events which we must know as we stand on the very threshold of their fulfillment.”

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- “In history and prophecy the Word of God portrays the long continued conflict between truth and error. That conflict is yet in progress. Those things which have been, will be repeated. Old controversies will be revived, and new theories will be continually arising.

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- But God's people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, know where they stand. They have an experience that is more precious than fine gold. They are to stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end."

Funeral of Pope John Paul II





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Ms 63, 1899, pp. 12, 13

- ⦿ “The mingling of church craft and state craft is represented by the iron and the clay. This union is weakening all the power of the churches. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy.”

Revelation 13:1-4

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Prophecy of Daniel 2

Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided...so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.
Daniel 2:41,42



Ten Kingdoms

- Daniel 2:41 = feet with toes (10)
- Daniel 7:24 = fourth beast has ten horns
- Rev. 17:12-14 = beast with seven heads and ten horns
- Rev. 13:1-2 = beast with seven heads and ten horns





Martin Luther

The two beasts = "the papal empire and the imperial papacy": "The papacy," he declares, "brings the secular sword under its control."

Winfried Vogel, "The Eschatological Theology of Martin Luther, Part II: Luther's Exposition of Daniel and Revelation," *AUSS* 25 (1987) , p. 193; cf. *WA-DB* 7:414, lines 2-8.



Ulrich Zwingli



Melancthon



John Calvin



John Knox



Thomas Cranmer

Great Controversy, p. 439

- In chapter 13 is described another beast, “like unto a leopard,” to which the dragon gave “his power, and his seat, and great authority.” This symbol, as most Protestants have believed, represents the papacy, which succeeded to the power and seat and authority once held by the ancient Roman empire.

Daniel 8:9-11

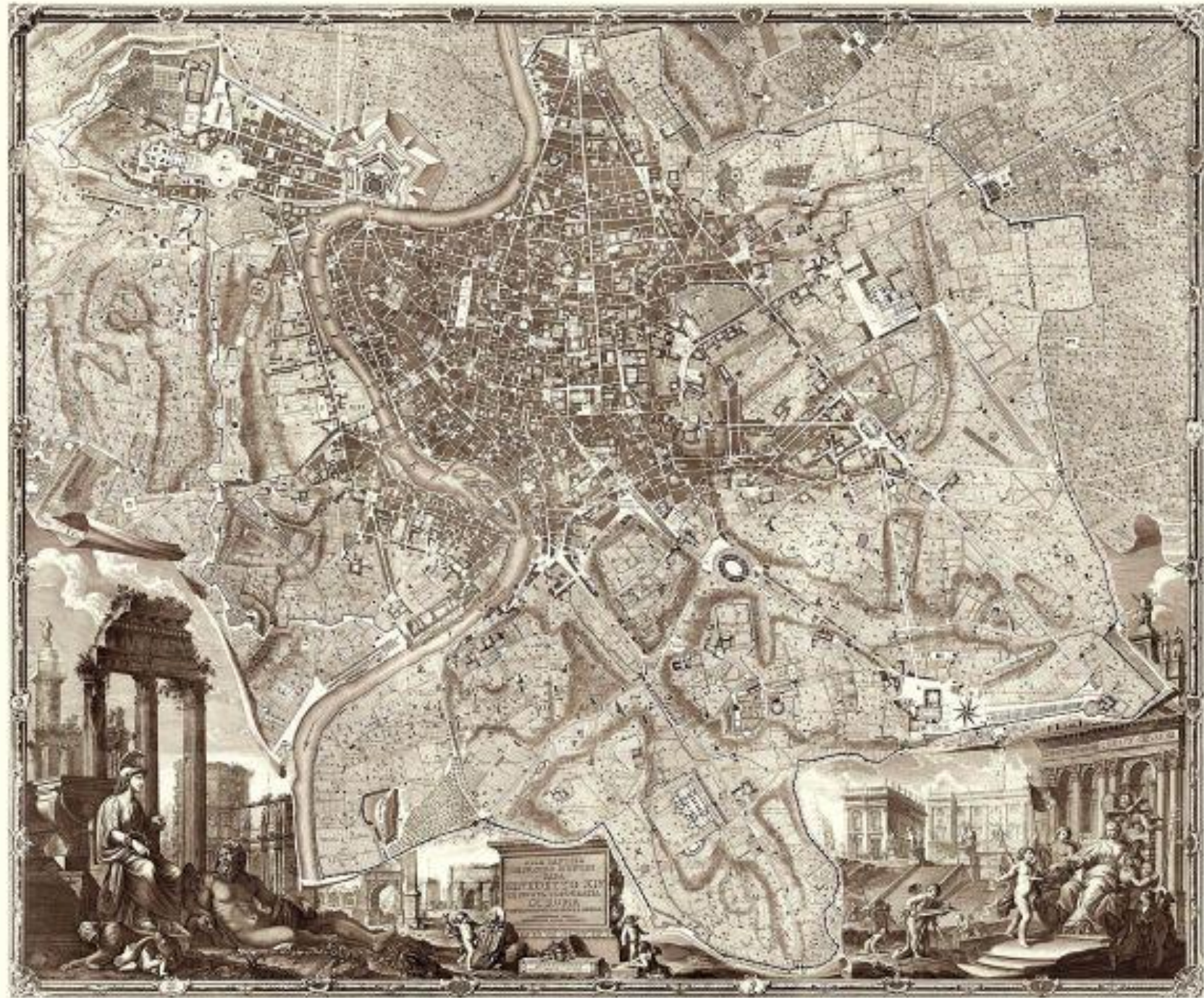
- And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.



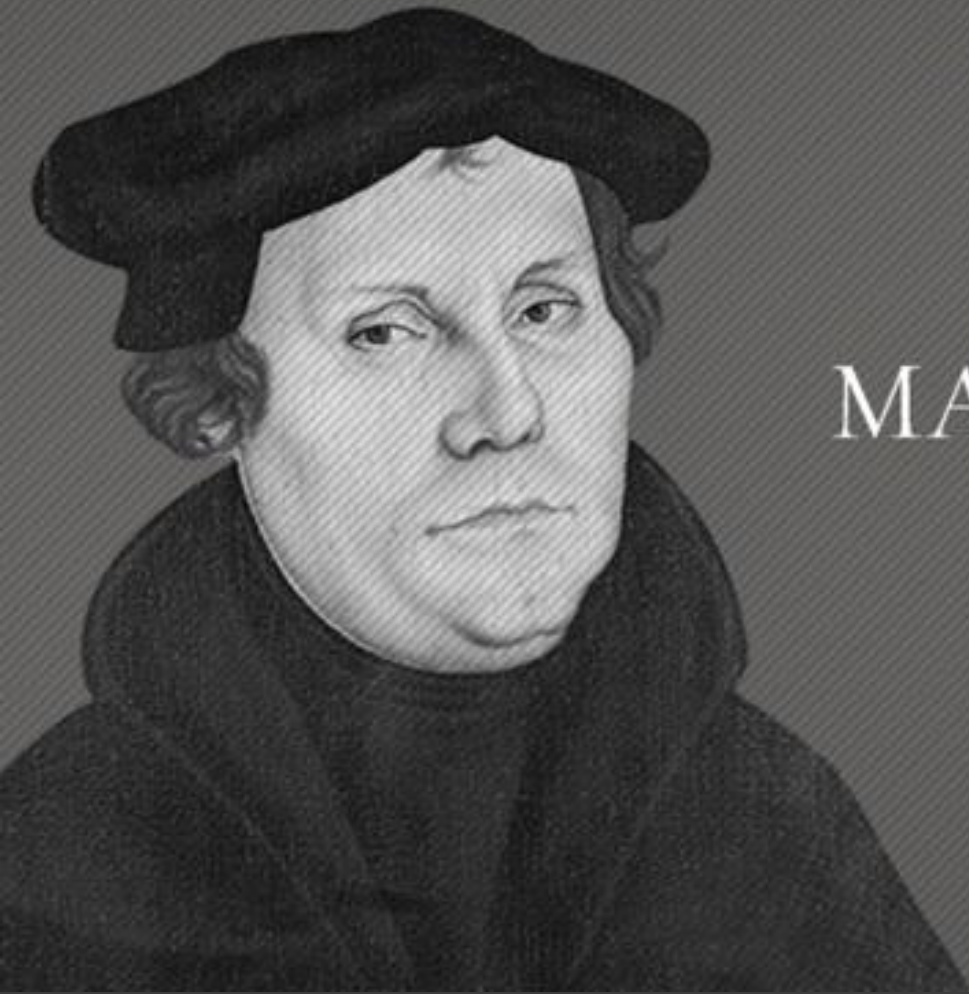
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MARTIN LUTHER
1483–1546

Reasons for Identification

- ⦿ “He has deposed all of Scripture and set up his own laws” *LW*, 52:81; 8:312; 24:355; 52:21; 27:89; *WML*, 4:77; 5:116.
- ⦿ “The false church is always the persecutor of the true church, not only spiritually . . . but also physically, by means of the sword and tyranny”
They will “kill those who cling to the Word.”
LW 24:308; 2:34, 101, 214, 316; 22:61; *WML*, 5:26.
- ⦿ The Pope had set up his own clergy, claiming that he was “imprinting on their souls an indelible character,” when in actuality he was imprinting them with “the mark of the beast in Revelation.”

LW 36:201.

Reasons for Identification

- ⦿ The papacy also negated Christ's sacrifice by proclaiming the Mass to be "a sacrifice for the living and the dead," obtaining "forgiveness of sins. . . . It is as though Christ had not done this very thing on the cross, as though his sacrifice had no validity and were of no value." *LW 97:297.*
- ⦿ "God preserve us from having any other priest but Christ." *LW 13:330.*
- ⦿ "The invocation of the saints is . . . one of the abuses of the Antichrist." *LW 30:287.*

Passional Christi und

Die Wucherer Christus austreibt vom Tempel sein —



Er hat funden im Tempel Verkäufer, Schaf, Ochsen und Tauben und Wechsler sitzen, und hat gleich ein Geißel gemacht von Stricken, alle Schaf, Ochsen, Tauben und Wechsler aus dem Tempel trieben, das Geld verschütt, die Zahlbrett umbfahret und zu den, die Tauben vorfausten, gesprochen: Setzt euch hin mit diesen, aus meins Vatern Haus sollte ihr nicht ein Kaufhaus machen,

Antichristi.

Mit Bullen, Bannbriefen zwingt sy der Papst wied — hinein.



Sie sitzt der Antichrist im Tempel Gottes, und erzeigt sich als Gott, wie Paulus verkündet 2. Thessal. 2. (V. 4), vorändert alle göttlich Ordnung, wie Daniel sagt, und unterdrückt die heilig Schrift, verkauft Dispensation, Ablass, Pallia, Bischof, Lehen, erhebt die Schatz der Erden, löst auf die Ehe, beschwert die Gewissen mit seinen Gesetzen, macht Recht, und um Geld zureißt er das. Erhebt Zeilichen benedeiet und maledieit ins vierte Ges

Passional Christi

Der HErr ihre Fuess' den Juengern wusch—



und Antichristi.

Dem Papst sein' Fuess' man kuessen muss.



Passional Christi vnd

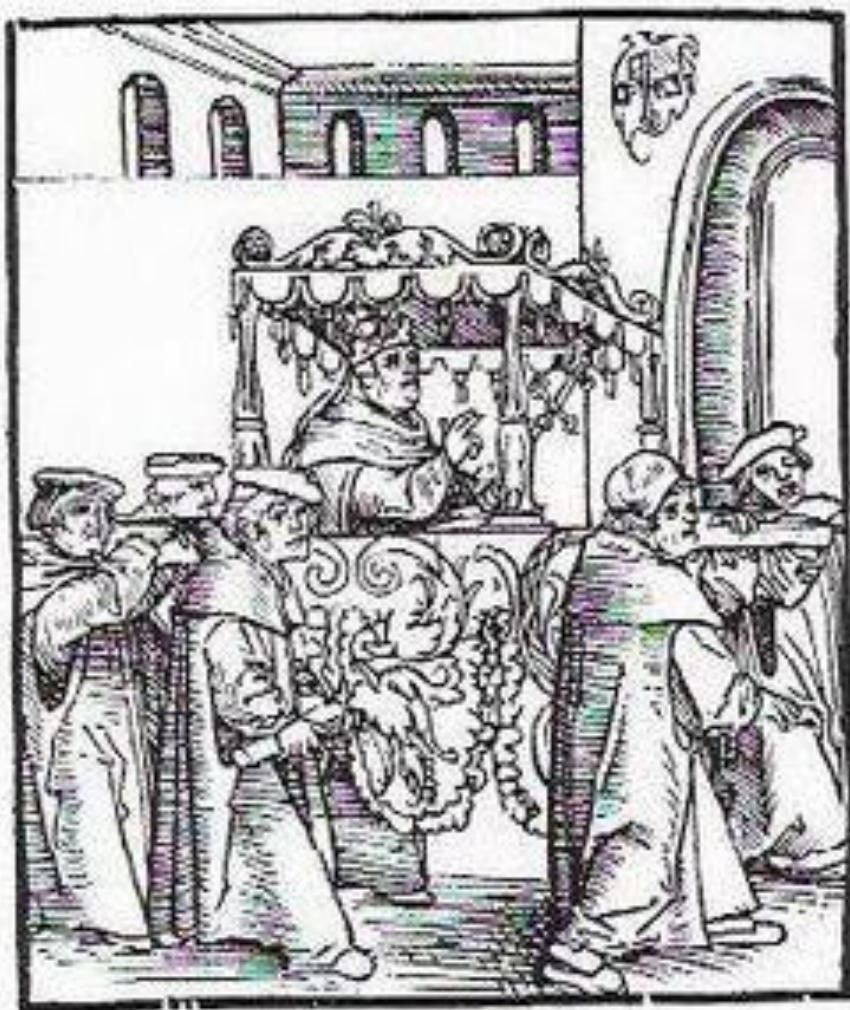


Christus.

Als Ihesus ist ein weytter weeg gangen / ist er müd worden.
Johan. 4. Der mir nachfolget / der nem seyn Crauz vff
sich vnd folget mir. Mathei 16.

Er hat ym seyn Crauz selbst getragen vnd ist zu der stell die
Salz in meyn müd / Mathei 16.

Antichristi.



Antichristus.

Das capittel Si quis suadente vñ der gleichen treyge ynug a
wie ganz der Papsst das Crauz der weydwartigkeit duldet /
er alle die ihnen / die hande an die psaffen an legē vormaldey
vñ den tauffel gibe Vnd also auch treget der Papsst das Crauz

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Pope Francis





POPE FRANCIS

PERSON OF THE YEAR

POPE FOR A NEW WORLD

POPE FRANCIS
BY HOWARD CHUA-EOAN AND TIME CONTRIBUTORS



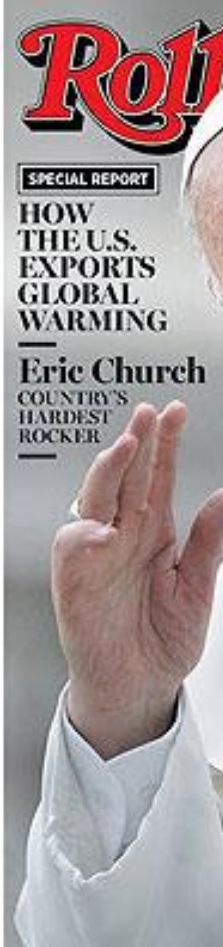
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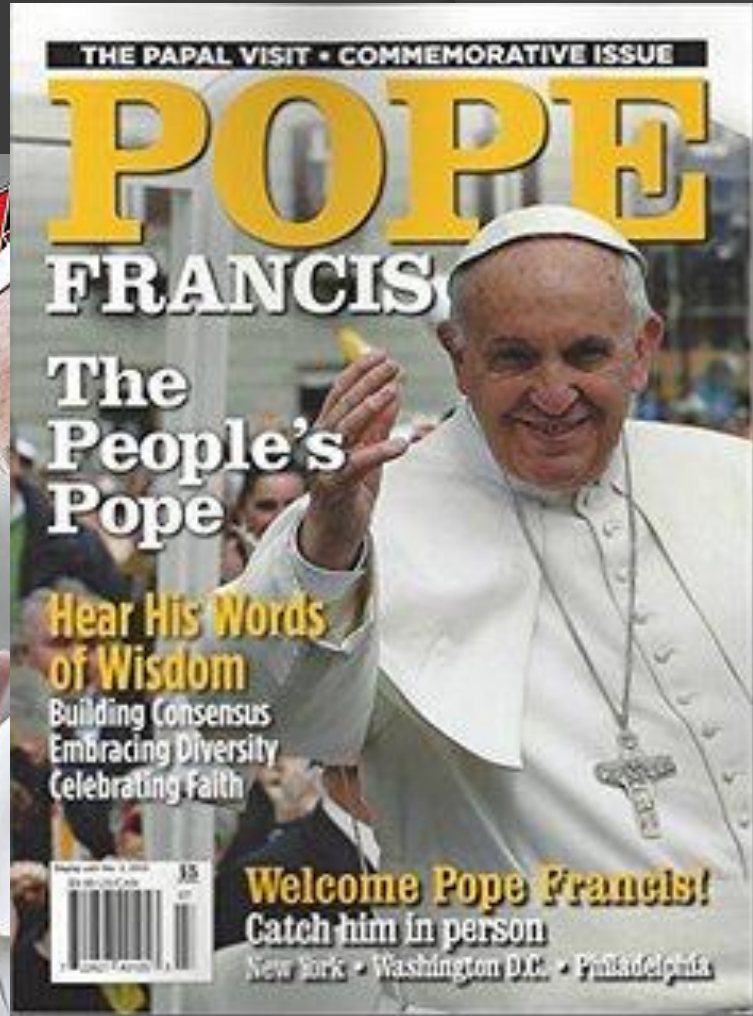


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Eric Church
COUNTRY'S HARDEST ROCKER



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THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

Great Controversy, p. 571

- ◎ It is not without reason that the claim has been put forth in Protestant countries that Catholicism differs less widely from Protestantism than in former times. There has been a change; but the change is not in the papacy. Catholicism indeed resembles much of the Protestantism that now exists, because Protestantism has so greatly degenerated since the days of the Reformers.

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POPE FRANCIS IN AMERICA



THE POPE'S VISIT: BY THE NUMBERS

1st

Visit to the United States

Unlike his six predecessors, Jorge Bergoglio did not visit the United States before becoming Pope.

2nd

Country on the trip

After facilitating negotiations between Cuba and the USA, he will visit both countries on the same trip.

3

US cities on the visit

He will visit Washington, DC (9/23-9/24) New York (9/24-9/26) and Philadelphia (9/26 - 9/27)

4th

pope to visit the United States

But it will be the 10th papal visit to the country. John Paul II visited the US 7 times.

5th

time a pope will address the United Nations

Paul VI addressed the UN on October 4th, 1965
John Paul II in 1979 and 1995 and Benedict XVI in 2008



48.5 Million
US Catholics



81.6 Million
US Catholics



25 Million
Former US Catholics

US Priests

1965: 58,632
2015: 37,578



US Nuns

1965: 179,954
2015: 48,546



The Catholic Church
MILLIONS SERVED

1.2 Billion
Catholics
worldwide

87.9 Million
people served
by US Catholic
hospitals in 2014

8.5 Million
served in 2014
by US Catholic
charities

2.7 Million
students in US
Catholic schools
and universities

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House Speaker John Boehner

- "To a kid who grew up as an altar boy, having the pope here was a big deal," Boehner said in an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday. He tried to get each of the three popes who has served during his 20-plus years in Congress to address lawmakers, but only succeeded this year.
- The day after the address at congress Boehner announced his resignation



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

2015 Philadelphia

Great Controversy, p. 571

- ◎ The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. She possesses the same pride and arrogant assumption that lorded it over kings and princes, and claimed the prerogatives of God. Her spirit is no less cruel and despotic now than when she crushed out human liberty and slew the saints of the Most High.

Great Controversy, p. 571

- It is a part of her policy to assume the character which will best accomplish her purpose; but beneath the variable appearance of the chameleon she conceals the invariable venom of the serpent.

Executive and Legislative Branches





Supreme Court Facts

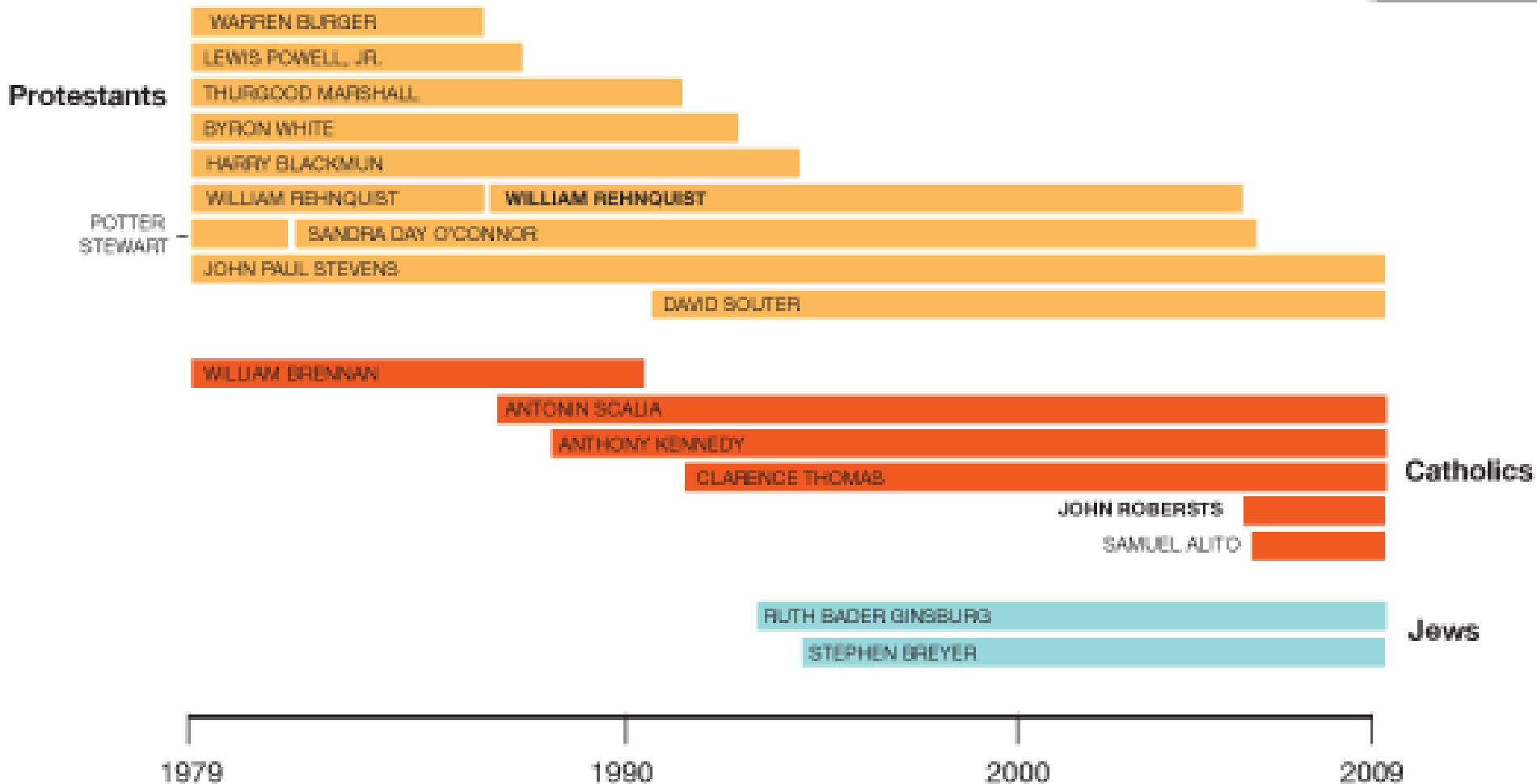
- 212 Justices in American History
- 13 have been Catholic, 6%
- 1994 the Court had a Protestant majority
- In 2005 a second Catholic was appointed
- In 2009 the court shifted to 2/3 majority Catholic 6-3, only one Protestant
- In 2010 with the retirement of John Paul Stevens not a single Protestant serves on the Supreme Court; 5 Catholic, 3 Jewish

Law Professor Jeffrey Rosen

- “It's a fascinating truth that we've allowed religion to drop out of consideration on the Supreme Court, and right now, we have a Supreme Court that religiously at least, by no means looks like America”

Rosen, Jeffrey. *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries That Defined America*. Times Books, 2007.

Supreme Court Statistics



Pope Pius X

- ⦿ “That the State must be separated from the Church is a thesis absolutely false, a most pernicious error. . . . Hence the Roman Pontiffs have never ceased, as circumstances required, to refute and condemn the doctrine of the separation of Church and State.”

Vehementer Nos §3.

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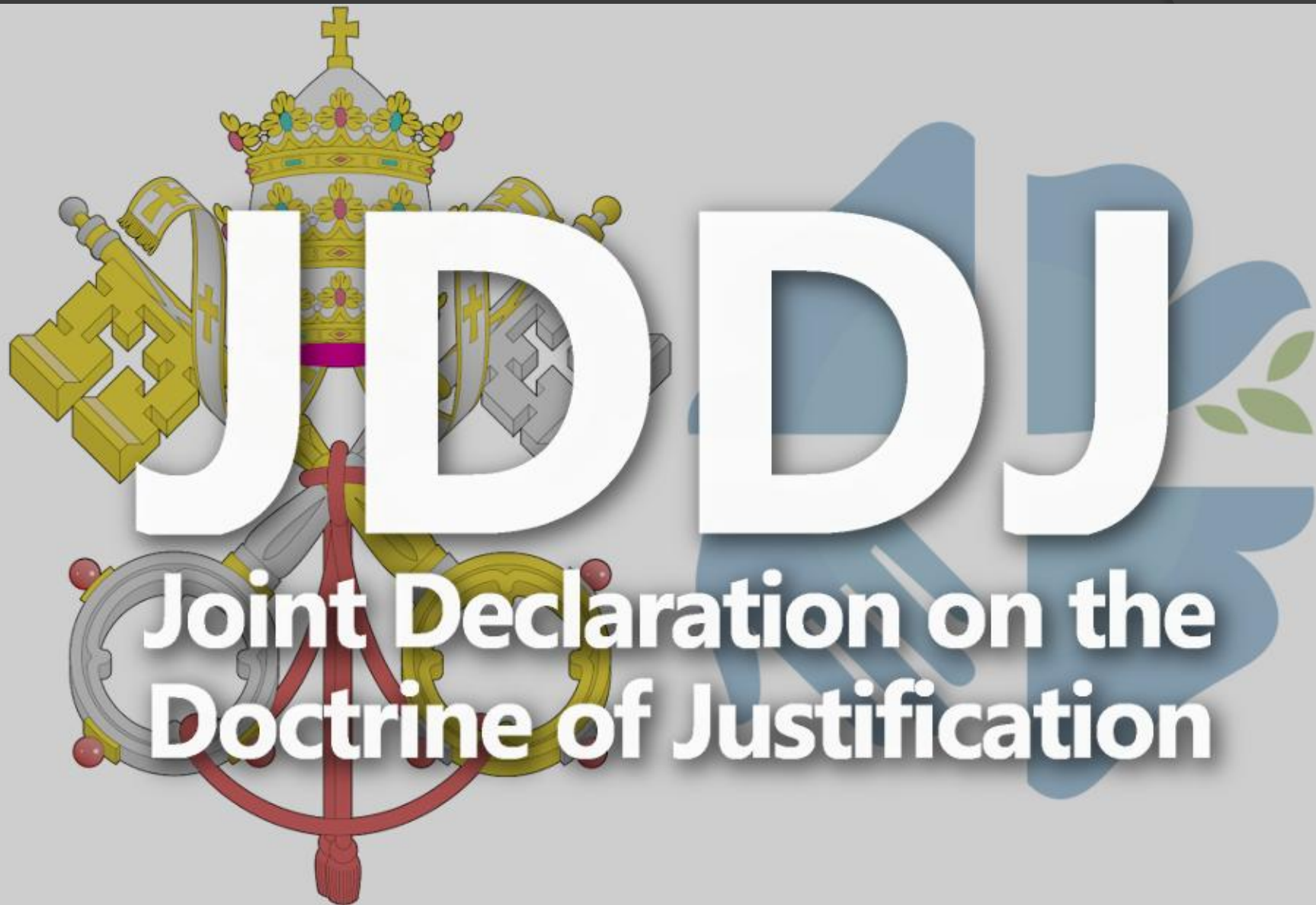
THE NEW ROMAN EMPIRE

THE GLOBAL REACH
OF POPE FRANCIS

By Elizabeth Dias







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**Joint Declaration on the
Doctrine of Justification**

Joint Declaration

- ◎ "By appropriating insights of recent biblical studies and drawing on modern investigations of the history of theology and dogma, the post-Vatican II ecumenical dialogue has led to a notable convergence concerning justification, with the result that this Joint Declaration is able to formulate a consensus on basic truths concerning the doctrine of justification. In light of this consensus, the corresponding doctrinal condemnations of the sixteenth century do not apply to today's partner." (JD 2.13)

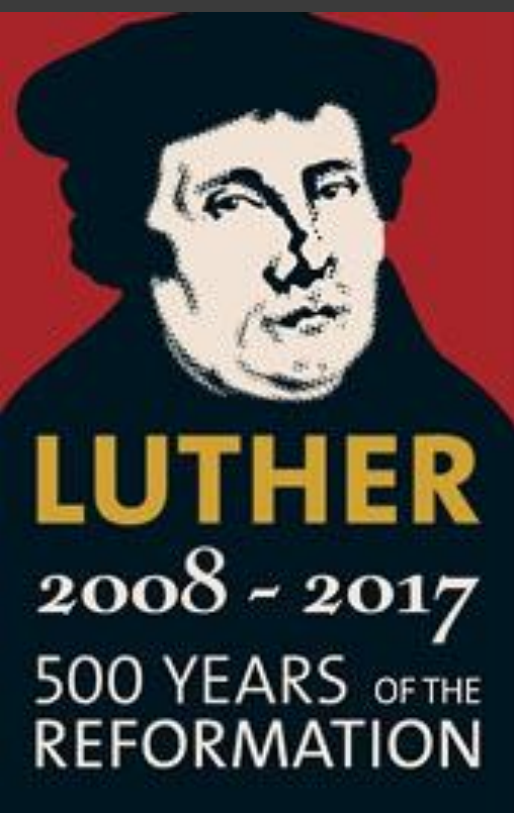


LUTHER

2008 - 2017

500 YEARS OF THE
REFORMATION





“The Catholic Church as Martin Luther knew it, did not display much tolerance. However, Luther was convinced of God's mercy and wanted to reflect this conviction in his faith. The aspiration of the Evangelical Church today is to achieve an ecumenical community with no national or confessional borders. How tolerant evangelical faith really is and to what extent the Reformation contributed to freedom of religion and expression, was explored and debated in numerous events.”



Jubilees for 2017

- ⦿ Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, 2015-16
- ⦿ Protestant Reformation Jubilee - 500
- ⦿ Jubilee Dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics for 50 years on this topic, since 1967
- ⦿ Jubilee for the charismatic movement in 2017 – 50 years since it began in 1967

The Charismatic Movement

- “Pope Francis invited the crowd, which included charismatics from 55 countries, to come to St. Peter's Square for Pentecost in 2017 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the movement. The Catholic charismatic movement traces its origins to a retreat held in 1967 with students and staff from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.”
- "I expect all of you, charismatics from around the world, to celebrate your great jubilee with the pope at Pentecost 2017 in St. Peter's Square," the pope said.

<http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2014/pope-at-charismatic-rally-in-stadium-invites-them-to-vatican-in-2017.cfm>

Jubilee is for Reconciliation

- It is a year of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, "...and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters."

http://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/docs/documents/ju_documents_17-feb-1997_history_en.html

Service of Reconciliation

- ⦿ “A service of reconciliation prompted and requested by the Protestant and Catholic Churches in Germany will be held in Hildesheim on March 11, 2017, the eve of the second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere), as the nucleus of a “process of healing of memory”. Regional Bishop Dr. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Chairman of the EKD Council, and Reinhard Cardinal Marx, President of the German Bishops’ Conference, will officiate over this worship service. *It will combine elements of repentance and prayers for forgiveness with acts of reconciliation intended to bolster the future of ecumenism.*”

Evangelical Lutheran Church signs “Declaration on the Way” August 10, 2016

- “Nearly 500 years after Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Castle Church door, the largest Lutheran denomination in the U.S. has approved a declaration recognizing “there are no longer church-dividing issues” on many points with the Roman Catholic Church. The declaration comes as the Lutheran and Catholic churches prepare to kick off a year of celebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.”

The Great Schism of 1054



February 12, 2016 Havana, Cuba



East and West Meet (Lesbos, Greece)

April 16, 2016



Joint Declaration

- “For our part, in obedience to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, we firmly and wholeheartedly resolve to intensify our efforts to promote the full unity of all Christians. We reaffirm our conviction that «reconciliation [among Christians] involves promoting social justice within and among all peoples... Together we will do our part towards giving migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers a humane reception in Europe (Charta Oecumenica, 2001). By defending the fundamental human rights of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants, and the many marginalized people in our societies, we aim to fulfil the Churches’ mission of service to the world.”

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/04/16/pope_francis_signs_joint_declaration/1223313

Crete: June 19-26, 2016



Education, p. 228

- ⦿ “At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defense of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution--all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France.”



Great Controversy, p. 595

- ⦿ “But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all reforms. The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority—not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain “Thus saith the Lord” in its support.”

