THE MAN OF SIN

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In 2 Thessalonians 2, the apostle Paul speaks of the rise of a "man of sin" who would sit in the "temple of God" showing himself to be like God, and exalting himself into the place of Christ Jesus on earth. This man of sin was already revealed hundreds of years ago during the great Protestant reformation. But because of blindness to the truth and the deceptions of Satan, the mainstream Christian churches have all pretty much rejected the great truths that God revealed during the reformation. So here, we reveal them again for those who have eyes to see.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 ...'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; 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, showing himself that he is God.'

Now what does it mean to sit in the temple of God, showing himself to be like God? Well, we know from Hebrews 8:4-5 and Hebrews 9:24 that the earthly temple (tabernacle), which God instructed Moses to make in the Old Testament was a COPY of the original temple in heaven where Jehovah resides. So let's find out from the temple sanctuary that Moses made what God's throne is like.

Exodus 25:17-19 ...'And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And thou shalt make **two cherubims of gold**, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.'

This is the description of the articles in the most holy place of the sanctuary. We have the mercy seat, which represents the throne of God. And either side of God's throne are **two golden cherubim**. And remember, this is a COPY of the actual throne of God in heaven. So in heaven, God has two living cherubim either side of His throne. And Ezekiel 28:12-17 confirms that Lucifer (Satan) used to be one of those "covering cherubs".

Psalm 99:1 ...'The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: <u>he sitteth between the cherubims</u>; let the earth be moved.'

Revelation 20:11 ...'And I saw <u>a great white throne</u>, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.'

What is the "temple" today?

Acts 7:48 ...'Howbeit the most High <u>dwelleth not in temples made with hands</u>; as saith the prophet.'

1 Corinthians 3:16 ... 'Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?'

2 Corinthians 6:16 ...'And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.'

1 Peter 2:5 ...'Ye also, as lively stones, <u>are built up a spiritual house</u>, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.'

This simple truth is overlooked by so many today. When we look for that man of sin, we should not be looking for someone to be sitting in a rebuilt temple in Israel. No, the temple of God today, as Paul and Peter confirmed, is **THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. So the man of sin we are looking for is someone <u>SITTING IN THE 'PROFESSED' CHRISTIAN CHURCH</u>, showing himself that he is "like God" and exalting himself to a position where he should not be.

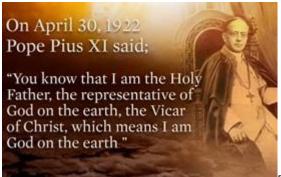
So we are looking for someone WITHIN the Professed Church, sitting on a throne, acting like he is "as God"





Screen captures from Vatican TV (link)

Above are pictures of the last two Roman Catholic Popes, Francis and Benedict, sitting on a "great white throne", **BETWEEN TWO GOLDEN CHERUBIM**, being called **HOLY FATHER**, which is reserved for God alone, putting themselves in place of God on earth and exalting themselves to a position where they should never be.



The word "anti" in antichrist also means "IN

PLACE OF" Christ. Now look at the following quote from John Paul II:

"The leader of the Catholic church is defined by the faith as the Vicar of Jesus Christ (and is accepted as such by believers). The Pope is considered the man on earth who **TAKES THE PLACE** of the Second Person of the omnipotent God of the Trinity." (John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 3, 1994).

NO ONE can take the place of our Blessed Saviour, no one! But the man of sin 'tries' to take His place!

<u>POPE FRANCIS OFFERS 'ABSOLUTION OF SIN' FOR WOMEN WHO ABORT</u> - Absolution of sin is something that God <u>alone</u> can do. But the pope tries to take the place of God on earth!

So many people are looking in the wrong place for antichrist. We need to look in the professed Christian church. We need to be looking at a religious system that has put itself IN PLACE OF Christ on earth. This is antichrist.

Now what else does Paul say about this man of sin? He calls him the "son of perdition". Did you know there is only one other person in the Bible with that name? **JUDAS!** (John 17:12). Yes, that DECEIVER FROM WITHIN THE CHURCH! God is letting us know that the man of sin would be just like Judas. Someone who is counted as "one of us", but works for Satan.

Now are we saying that Popes Francis and Benedict are the man of sin? Yes, but it is not JUST THEM. It involves all previous and future Popes who have exalted themselves into this same position and also the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church. The man of sin involves the whole SYSTEM of the Papacy. Just take a look at some of these quotes from the Papal Church ...

"The Pope is not simply the representative of Jesus Christ. On the contrary, **he is Jesus** Christ Himself, under the veil of the flesh." (Evangelical Christendom, January 1, 1895, pg. 15, published in London by J. S. Phillips)

"The Pope is of so great dignity, and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God and the vicar of God." (Ferraris Ecclesiastical dictionary)

"The Pope and God are the same, so he has all power in Heaven and earth." (Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, Chapter XXVII, p. 218, Cities Petrus Bertanous)

"The Saviour Himself is the door of the sheepfold: 'I am the door of the sheep.' Into this fold of Jesus Christ, no man may enter unless he be led by the Sovereign Pontiff; and only if they be united to him can men be saved, for the Roman Pontiff is the Vicar of Christ and His personal representative on earth." (Pope John XXIII in his homily to the Bishops and faithful assisting at his coronation on November 4, 1958)

For more pompous and blasphemous quotes from the Roman Church, see this page.

Jesus Christ told us to call no man on earth our "Father" (Spiritual Father) for we have only ONE Father who is in heaven (Matthew 23:9). The Papacy says, call the Pope HOLY FATHER!

Jesus Christ says that salvation is ONLY found through Himself (Acts 4:12). The Papacy says that salvation is ONLY found through the Roman Catholic Church!

Jesus Christ told us through Jeremiah not to make offerings to or worship the "Queen of Heaven". The Papacy ENCOURAGES it's followers to make prayers, offerings and worship to the Queen of Heaven (The Roman Catholic Mary).

The Roman Catholic Church is so clearly an apostate church.

Friends, the Bible reveals the clear truth about who the antichrist is. All of the Protestant reformers knew the truth about the man of sin and the Bible antichrist. Yes, this is an unpopular teaching, but it's the TRUTH. And if we decide to turn away from truth just because it will make us unpopular, then we are in effect turning away from Christ Jesus.

See THIS SHOCKING LIST of Vatican crimes against children!

Satan is setting up a major deception for the last days, and he is using the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church to implement it. Please seek the truth and live by it. We are living in perilous times.