ROME:

WHY SHE DOES WHAT SHE DOES, AND WHY SHE THINKS THE WAY SHE DOES!! (The Anti-matter Israelites!)

We have seen the oaths that the Jesuits make. Is it possible for us to take a look at why they make those oaths? Is there any way we can see justification for them? Is there a way where we can actually go into their minds and see something of their reasoning and philosophies behind what they do? We are going to attempt to do that here.

And we start by first stating that Rome has already told us that she has persecuted because the Israelites also did the same. Is that true? To a certain extent that was true, yet there are some very notable differences between the Israelites and the Vatican. It is true that the Israelites slaughtered many people who didn't accept their beliefs. This is somewhat different from the Vatican in that the Vatican takes delight in torturing her enemies. From these two examples you can state whether or not the Israelites truly "persecuted." The Israelites merely slaughtered them, taking no delight in torturing them. There was no logical reason for the Israelites to torture.

Joshua 11:11 And they

smote all the souls that

were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, AS MOSES THE SERVANT OF THE LORD COMMANDED.

Remember that King Saul lost his kingdom because he did not obey the command of the Lord to destroy utterly the Amalekites—not only even women and children, but even their livestock! Remember also these instructions given to the Children of Israel by Moses:

Deuteronomy 7:1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; THOU SHALT SMITE THEM, AND UTTERLY DESTROY THEM; THOU SHALT MAKE NO COVENANT WITH THEM, NOR SHOW MERCY UNTO THEM:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Oh, so you thought that the Lord was not a respecter of persons, huh? Actually, we know that He is not, but God does make a distinction between those who follow Him and those who do not. Yet why did the Israelites do such, what appears to be, unconscionable things today? Remember that even babies and animals had to be slaughtered. You are therefore getting some understanding of why the Jesuits do not care who they kill or what they have to do to accomplish their purposes.

Remember again the interview that I had earlier posted with George, the Southern California police officer, and Steven Quayle? Well take a look at the following quotation given by President Abraham Lincoln just before his death. President Lincoln was saying regarding the Civil War:

THIS WAR WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SINISTER INFLUENCE OF THE JESUITS. We owe it to popery that we now see our land reddened with the blood of her noblest sons. Though there were great differences of opinion between the South and the North on the question of slavery, neither Jeff Davis nor any of the leading men of the Confederacy would have dared to attack the North, had they not relied on the promises of the Jesuits, that, UNDER THE MASK OF DEMOCRACY, the arms of France, were at their disposal, if they would attack us. I pity the priests, the bishops and the monks of Rome in the United States, when the people realize that they are, in great part, responsible for the tears and the blood shed in this war. I conceal what I know, for if the people knew the whole truth, this war would turn into a religious war, and at once take on a tenfold more savage and bloody character. It would become merciless as all religious wars are. It would become a war of extermination on both sides.

The Protestants of both the North and the South would surely unite to exterminate the priests and the Jesuits if they could hear what Professor Morse has said to me of the plots made in the very city of Rome to destroy this republic, and if they could learn how the priests, the nuns, and the monks, which daily land on our shores under the pretext of preaching their religion, instructing the people in their schools, taking care of the sick in the hospitals, are nothing else but the emissaries of the pope, of Napoleon, and the other despots of Europe, to undermine our institutions, alienate the hearts of our people from our Constitution, and our laws, destroy our schools, and prepare a reign of anarchy here as they have done in Ireland, in Mexico, in Spain, and wherever there are any people who want to be free, etc." -- President Abraham Lincoln, *Fifty Years in the Church of Rome*, p. 296, 297.

*This quotation by Abraham Lincoln about most every Roman Catholic being a determined enemy of liberty and the United States was more likely true in Lincoln's day. It is not true today in the United States today. American culture has deeply affected the Catholic Church in America. The late ex-jesuit priest Dr. Alberto Rivera, during a taped interview told us, "Most Catholics do not know what is about to take place."

Notice that Abraham Lincoln was describing the CONSISTENT tactics and modus operandi of the militia of the Vatican. They undermine the institutions of free countries, alienate the hearts of people against the laws of a free nation, destroy its schools, AND THEN CAUSE CALAMITIES AND REDUCE THOSE FREE COUNTRIES INTO ANARCHY. Notice that this gives credence to what the interview was saying about the mass carnage being planned against humanity. Notice the credence given to those who are ridiculed by the militia of the Vatican for daring to declare their honest views that they believe that a conspiracy is afoot.

Notice again the Protestantism of yesteryear. Notice what Abraham Lincoln stated would happen if the American

Protestants-the Christians-understood that such a plot was taking place. He stated that they would do all in their power to exterminate the Jesuits. It is different now, for the Jesuits, infiltrated everywhere, have trained Christians today to declare that anyone who would do that lacks "tact." They do this not realizing that those Christians of yesteryear would do what they can to exterminate the Jesuits under the conditions stated knowing full well what would happen if they didn't. Not doing that would allow an infinitely more vicious holocaust to take place under the command of the Jesuits, and the bible would be forbidden. Nothing would be left but tyranny and degradation. IT WAS THEREFORE NOT "TACTFUL" PEOPLE WHO WON THE LIBERTIES THAT WE PRESENTLY ENJOY. If they knew what we would have done with something that cost them so much, they probably would never have even tried to bless us! Many of us are supremely ignorant because we don't read. All should read Foxe's Book of Martyrs so that they can notice the "tact" of the perishing Christians.

Yet, back to the question of why the Israelites slaughtered many. They did that for a number of reasons, one of which was that their doctrines were the truth. The other nations were violating the commandments of the Lord, and crime and corruption was spreading everywhere. GOD ALSO PROMISED THE ISRAELITES LAND, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF THE WHOLE EARTH. We then quickly realize that the Vatican works by the same principles. In her eyes she is the Children of Israel, and we are the heathen and pagan Gentiles. She still believes she has the truth above all else. If you hear different, you are being lied to. She believes that the whole earth rightfully belongs to her. She believes that all property and even the souls of men rightfully belongs under her control and to her. She has a doctrine called "temporal power" which mandates that the Pope control all the property and lives of everyone on the earth.

<u>Therefore what comes to mind is the common ecumenical</u> <u>tactics of going to the other churches and telling them that</u> <u>Adventists think that they are superior and the only Christians</u> <u>in the world.</u> This is a typical ecumenical tactic. It is filled with deceit, but, tis to be expected from people who accept a globalist gospel. Adventists refuse to unite under the Pope. If we don't submit to the uniting churches, this will be one form of persecution: evil people are telling us that we must unite with the other churches, or they are going to go to the other churches and raise their prejudice by telling them that

Adventists think that they are superior and that everyone else is damned. You will then see how much they think about differing opinions and the rights of those who disagree then, if you are too ignorant to see it now.

Here you see that the general tactic of Satan throughout the ENTIRE Great Controversy is to mimick the people of God and His work as closely as possible. Even their garments of purple and scarlet which their priestly officials wear is mimicking God's priests of the ancient sanctuary in times past. They are presently mimicking God's people by infiltrating their organizations, by praising God and by encouraging emphasis upon Christ with a determination that His special instruction be neglected and destroyed. The Vatican is the Anti-matter Israelites, the Anti-matter Christians—the ANTICHRIST!

But yet you might say that the Israelites didn't use deception to accomplish their aims but were always honest and noble. A good example of this was the experience with Joshua when some men of the Gibeonites, fearful for their lives after viewing what the Children of Israel did to Og of Bashan and other nations that were around, pretended that they were travelers from a far country and tricked the Israelites into making a league with them so that they would not be killed (Joshua 9:3-27). Notice that the Israelites were on the offensive, and were conquering their neighbors. This was also what Communist nations do, and communism has been created by the Vatican and is Vatican political philosophy. The atheism vested in Communism was placed there to hide the scent which links it to the Vatican. The Vatican also, like Communism and Nazism, does not rest until the world is under her foot. They don't rest till they attack and subjugate peaceful neighbors, for it is a mandate that they take over the world. We can see that the Israelites were essentially doing the same thing.

After the Israelites discovered that they were tricked, because of the word they gave, they could not destroy the Gibeonites, but instead made them slaves. We therefore see that honesty was a prime characteristic of the Israelites of the Old Testament when God was by her side. We know that the Vatican was and is quite different in this regard. One of the more famous examples of this was when John Huss was given a safe conduct guarantee for him to appear for trial for heresy, after which he was arrested and martyred.

Yet, there was an example coming directly from the actions of the Israelites which baffled me for a long time. That example was the story of Ehud (Judges 3:14-30). The Children of Israel had to serve Eglon the King of Moab because they had sinned against the Lord. After they cried unto the Lord for eighteen years, the Lord finally raised up Ehud to deliver them.

The Children of Israel gave Ehud a present from them to King Eglon, no doubt a tributary gift. Before Ehud went to present the gift, he constructed a dagger and placed it by his right thigh. After presenting the gift, Ehud sent those that accompanied him with the gift away and went back to King Eglon and told him that he had something private to tell him. After the King sent his servants out of his chamber so that he and Ehud could be alone, Ehud thrust his dagger into the King's belly, left quietly and locked the doors behind him. King Eglon's servants later discovered the king dead a while because they had thought that the king locked the doors of his chambers because he wanted privacy. Ehud then encouraged the Israelites to battle with Moab, and by that means the Israelites defeated Moab and won their freedom. I therefore wondered, is it true that God's people actually work like the Vatican militia? Was Ehud considered a holy man??

Another character to consider in the history of the Israelites is Rahab the harlot. Rahab became biblically famous by hiding the spies sent by the Children of Israel. Rahab saw and noticed Who was the true God. She therefore did not side with her nation and their loyalties. Yet, in our terms this is called HIGH TREASON. She betrayed her entire nation, even to the actual means of their mass deaths, but received no condemnation from the God of heaven, but quite the opposite.

Do you somehow therefore see something when it was explained to you the mass carnage being planned for the world and especially America? What do you therefore think of when you see the little children play in the playgrounds? What do you think of when you see lovers in scenic places taking a look at nature? You can therefore understand why the enemies of the Gospel are not affected by the fact that they are traitors the depth of which cannot be described by words. We therefore see that, as the oaths of the Jesuits reveal, they believe that Protestants [in other words ---> YOU] are damned. As had been revealed throughout history, the Protestants believed that the Jesuits are damned. Is there therefore a solution or reliable method to reveal which one is telling the truth here? There seems to be confusion here.

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WHY SHE DOES WHAT SHE DOES, AND WHY SHE THINKS THE WAY SHE DOES !! Part II (Her Comparison to the Lord and Israel!!)

It is now time to examine the situation in the dealings of the Israelites in comparison with the Vatican. Is the Vatican really the favored power as Israel was? Are her actions really justifiable even when compared to the actions of the Israelites? We are talking in terms of a deep level of understanding—deep enough to challenge the inner beliefs of even our Jesuits here. Let's see what we can find first from the Old Testament.

Remember that we have shown that the Israelites slaughtered many people in their campaign for world domination under a mandate given them by The Most High Himself. We have shown at least one case where the Israelites were commanded to destroy utterly those nations that were marked for death. In the process, they were to destroy old and young, rich and poor, male and female. The question is why would our loving Lord command something like this?

Through the stories of the bible, and the biblical commentary given by Patriarchs and Prophets, our eyes were opened to one main reason why the Lord commanded the destruction of these several nations. That reason we need to focus on is "HARD-HEADEDNESS" or stubbornness: we mean a total turning away from undeniable evidence. The Lord does not destroy a nation without that nation first markedly disregarding undeniable evidence, which would ultimately point out the awesome responsibility that brings forth their destruction. Here is what we mean.

All the other nations worshipped other gods. In order to justly render judgment to those nations, the Lord must first give them undeniable evidence that a true God exists. The first set of miracles that took place in behalf of the Children of Israel was their liberation from Egypt. Plague after plague fell upon Egypt, and none of those plagues were affected by Egyptian prayers to their other gods. The Egyptians saw no evidence that their gods ever even existed. The fame of the God of Israel spread throughout all the world, but did that change the allegiance of the other nations from their gods to the true God?

Another example of a severe denial of evidence surfaces when considering the awesome power of Samson. The true God gave Samson such awesome power, that one would be hard pressed to understand why the Philistines did not know that there was only one true God. There was the time when Samson dislodged the gates of the city of Gaza (Judges 16) and unearthed the bar and all and took them to Hebron, which is supposed to be some 40 miles away and uphill. I would estimate that Samson climbed a 4,500 feet elevation to ultimately arrive at Hebron with the gates, the bar and all on his shoulders. Evidence shows that he did it in a relatively short time, from about midnight till daybreak. One observer of the issue gave an analysis of this amazing feat of strength.

Those gates were known to be gates of defense. That means that those gates were both very tall and very thick. In that post, the writer estimated that if the gates were made of wood, they may well have weighed some 16 tons. If they were made of iron, they probably weighed well over a hundred tons. In comparison, it is safe to say that if Goliath the giant went up against Samson, he would have been infinitely humiliated. Samson would probably have body-slammed him silly. The strongest man of the Philistines next to Samson, was an infinite number of times weaker than he. So great was the strength of Samson, that even the entire Philistine army was afraid to fight that one man. Did the Philistines then understand that there was truly only one and true God?

The conquests of the Children of Israel where whole nations were destroyed while yet praying to their gods for deliverance, and the corresponding occupation of those nations without a word of objection from their gods reveals that there was only one true God, but did the nations understand this? The fact that the Children of Israel even defeated nations of giants that were thought to be unconquerable—as a matter of fact, it was because of the Israelites that there are no races of giants today. The Lord wiped the races of giants off the globe, for they, understanding their advantage, were among the most haughty and proud. What about when the Philistines took the ark of God away from the Israelites (1 Sam. 4). When they took the ark, they placed it beside the statue of their god Dagon. Again and again when they arrived the next day where the ark was, they noticed that the statue of Dagon had been damaged. Soon the Lord placed plagues upon the Philistines till the time came when they desired to send the ark away. After placing cattle to carry the ark away, the Philistines reasoned within themselves that if the cattle automatically took the ark back to the Israelites, they would understand that it was the God of the Israelites Who had afflicted them. They therefore did so and the cattle took the ark directly back to the Israelites in their presence. Did the Philistines from thence then worship the true God? NO! They went back to worshipping Dagon.

We therefore see and understand that God was just in His dealings with those heathen nations when He destroyed them. This was the same test given to the Children of Israel themselves when they questioned the authority of Moses and murmured against God notwithstanding the clear evidence they had received that Moses was indeed a man of God. God just does not condemn nor destroy nations without giving signs to them to appeal to their consciences. After they, in their diversity, choose to ignore those signs, God destroyed them.

We therefore now have to examine the Vatican and her opponent, Protestantism, in order to see if one of these opposing entities also suffers from HARD-HEADEDNESS. We want to see which one of these two entities suffers from the same problem the heathen and pagan nations, which the Lord destroyed, suffered from.

First however, let's make a fair comparison between the Lord Jesus, and His professed spouse, the Vatican, in one particular effective comparison. See both of them were faced with a problem. In the beginning, the Lord had to face Lucifer. Lucifer, after realizing that he could not get what he wanted in heaven, started a rebellion. It was decided that Lucifer could no more remain in heaven. Before Lucifer was expelled however, he laid a number of charges against the character and government of God. He was then summarily dismissed. In the midst of the charges laid against God, Lucifer stated that God was unjust and was tyrannical, that he only wanted worship from His creatures in order to serve Himself and would make no sacrifices for any other being or for the well being of His creatures.

When expounding upon this situation, many religionists present to the world a very good reason why Lucifer exists to this day as Satan. They had to answer the question of why the Lord did not destroy Lucifer, but instead allowed sin, suffering and sorrow to come. Why didn't the Lord destroy him?! We were able to answer by asking the question: "What would have happened in light of the charges Lucifer laid against God if the Lord wiped out Lucifer immediately?" Everyone would be fearful and would serve the Lord out of fear rather than out of love.

A problem now develops when we consider the example of the Vatican. After a while in her reign, Protestantism rose up. WHEN PROTESTANTISM ROSE UP, SHE ALSO LAID CHARGES AT THE FEET OF THE VATICAN. According to the Vatican, Protestantism is supposed to represent Satan. In light of the charges that were made against the Vatican by the Protestants, what was her practice in dealing with it in comparison to the Lord's? What did she do after being charged with being tyrannical?

We see that from the beginning, Rome sought to swiftly crush out the lives of those who were saying that she was harsh and tyrannical. She showed no mercy to anyone who opposed her authority, and she also regularly utilized the most horrible methods of torture in doing all she could to terrorize people into accepting her rule. Protestantism gave us the freedom to state that we believe that Christianity is to be successful in her mission solely through the beauty of her principles and actions and not by any compulsory factor. People should not be forced to go to heaven: people should see its beauty from afar and willingly decide to go there. The Vatican obviously did not order herself by these principles. Neither does she operate like that today.

What we are trying to say here is that in the example of Lucifer, the Lord allowed Lucifer to work out his plans according to the "vision" he had received of how God's universe should be run. By demonstrating Lucifer's plans to the whole world, the Lord would be vindicated. Was that the way the situation was with Rome? Can Rome afford to allow the Protestants to show the working out of their principles? We saw through history and we see through current events that Rome could not afford to allow the Protestants to work out their ideas so that all can see and judge for themselves and therefore vindicate Rome. We quickly saw why Rome could not afford to allow the Protestant plans to be demonstrated. We learned the answer because ultimately the Lord gave the Protestants liberty: they literally had to force control of the world out of the hands of Rome, and they were able to construct a nation under their principles to be compared with the nations that maintained themselves under Vatican principles. Of herself, the Vatican would never allow the Protestants freedom to work out their principles. The Lord therefore wrenched power away from her.

From those earlier days of this nation as it was growing into prominence, it was ONLY the papists who were not convinced that Protestantism has shown itself to be true and trustworthy. Remember that all throughout the Dark Ages, Rome was impressing upon monarchs that it was absolutely necessary to destroy the Protestants, for they were portrayed to be unmindful of authority and that the authority of the several monarchs would be in jeopardy if Protestantism was allowed to exist. Rome also made it plain and clear that the system itself would topple society in anarchy, for Protestantism stressed respect for individual conscience. Rome therefore stressed that without a singular authoritarian figure to order society there would be nothing but chaos and confusion due to diverse interpretations of moral law. Rome therefore did all she could to convince monarchs to destroy the Protestants. Were these assertions by Rome true? It was proved that they were false.

We have the American system which has proved itself to be invincible previously! The American system is invincible so long as it adheres to the principles the Lord left for her and so long as it allows nothing to confuse her off of them. If it appears to be falling today, you have to be sure that many within it are calling out for CHANGE while implementing those changes automatically through infiltration and deception.

The Seventh-day Adventist system is invincible also so long as she adheres to the principles the Lord left for her and she allows nothing to confuse her off of them. 200 years of continual external and internal attack by Rome leaves America still standing to this day. Again we can see that Rome was totally uninterested in proving anything. She knew all along that finding truth would always be detrimental to her cause. That's why to this day she has stationed her agents all throughout this land in church and state and is the cause for the chaos and confusion which now dominates our society. She was not interested in people finding the truth.

Is it true that the success of Protestantism will only guarantee the collapse of society? We are well aware that society is headed for collapse today. We do however understand the part Rome has played in this. Why was she here? Why couldn't she stay away like the Lord did and allow the Protestants to condemn themselves by their own cause? Does she know what would happen if she stayed away? Ladies and gentlemen, Rome knows very well what would have happened had she not interfered with our free system. She knows that it would last practically forever. Why then did she lie? From the earliest days when people fled the Old World to come to the New in order to secure religious freedom, Catholics also made it a high priority to come here based on their stated desire for, believe it or not, religious freedom. We have seen that there were far more reasons why they have come here.

Interestingly enough, in the Chapter of the Great Controversy dealing with the French Revolution, there is documentation of some of the actual wording submitted by Rome to the King of France in order to urge him to destroy the Protestants. With the idea therefore that Protestantism was dangerous to the order of society, FRANCE OBEYED ROME TO THE TEE! No other nation listened to and obeyed the directives of Rome more painstakingly than France. After that happened, can you guess what followed right after? Yes, you've got it! THE FRENCH **REVOLUTION.** What was the result? Thousands upon thousands of people PERISHED! After listening to Rome perfectly, society more than fell into the very disarray and calamity that Rome told monarchs would take place with the success of Protestantism. Is Rome therefore convinced? Have the two systems been tried? Or is she "HARD-HEADED" like the other heathen nations were consistently.

Soon after coming into the New World, under Protestantism, the United States of America was formed and has developed into a country which could never be rivaled by any Catholic dominated country. It is interesting to note that EVERY nation which turned Communist was consistently a CATHOLIC NATION. NEVER did a Protestant nation become communist. Is Rome therefore convinced as over and over again history has been revealing what the truth is?

The comparison is clear: Rome vs. Protestantism. One of these is Christian and the other is heathen under the mask of Christian. The one which is the heathen is the one which is hard-headed. Is Protestantism hard-headed?

Consider the Israelites in comparison with the heathen nations around her. The Lord said the following:

Deut. 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; FOR THIS IS YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THE SIGHT OF THE NATIONS, WHICH SHALL HEAR ALL THESE STATUTES, AND SAY, SURELY THIS GREAT NATION IS A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE.

If the Israelites kept the commandments of God, her blessings would be made visible to the nations as a witness. The nations would see that her system was superior.

Is Protestantism therefore guilty like the heathen nations around the Israelites were? Protestantism has borne murder and attempted genocide for ages. She found the bible and decided to live by it. She has since looked to see the advantages of Rome's policies, and what did she see? What did she see when she looked at Catholic-dominated nations compared to hers? Did she not even witness that intellectual progress had been stifled for ages and Dark Ages under the policies of Rome? Did not the whole world see it? The whole world saw it, but did Rome see it? Is Protestantism therefore condemned as the heathen nations were? Is there really a witness against her? We don't think so!

Yet now the Lord, as is consistent with history, is going to use another nation to punish His people for turning away from Him. Rome has been chosen to be the battle axe for this. We allow strange people among us to teach us what to do and what not to do while we allow them to do what they want and violate the very principles they regularly teach? We witness this and yet reprove and oppose those who endeavor to expose these agents of the Vatican among us as they practice things they tell us we have no right to practice? Are we now "HARD-HEADED" as those heathen nations were? Are we drunk?

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BINDING & LOOSING!!

Who is right??

The following article relates to one of the central debates between Catholicism and Protestantism. At a time when it is considered right to reveal the weaknesses and errors of different church systems to instil into all a need for a One World Religion, we the people need to ask ourselves who, what, or which will rule and guide all the other "unified" religions. Since the prospect is great that the Catholic Church will as it is even told proudly in her own literature, can it be entertained not only that the Catholic Church itself has errors or inconsistencies, but might have more than any Protestant Church in existence? The following article reveals one major inconsistency that hits right at the core of the power of Rome:

BINDING AND LOOSING: WHO IS RIGHT?

One of the central debates between Catholicism and Protestantism centers around that famous piece of scripture where Christ told Peter, after Peter affirmed that Christ was the son of God, the following words:

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. – Matt. 16:18, 19.

As we have witnessed throughout the struggles during the period of the Protestant Reformation, to this day, and yet to the end of time, the struggle continues as we can see what is claimed to be the single greatest testifier to the power of the Roman Catholic Church. This is the scripture used probably most often to justify the actions of the Roman Catholic Church in claiming the homage, wealth, allegiance and property of the entire globe. This is used to justify the decisions made which sent millions of people who determined to guide their lives by the Sacred Word into horrible deaths. This is used to justify Catholicism to claim the power to rewrite the principles of the Christian faith, and it is now being used to justify what is now going on behind the scenes as our free society is being methodically and secretly taken apart brick by brick in order to establish a new government which we are told even by Catholic sources, will be a close replica of that form of government which existed before the Protestant Reformation: The Holy Roman Empire.

We therefore ask, What are the issues behind the power Rome claims to herself? Is Catholicism correct in claiming unprecedented power based upon this one scripture? Are Protestants correct therefore in leaving the bosom of the Catholic Church, completely disregarding what this scripture apparently teaches? Let's find out.

First we must establish the fact that Roman Catholics all too often read this scripture at face value. Jesus plainly said, "Thou art Peter." He then stated immediately after, "And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

There appears to be an obvious meaning at face value here. Why did Christ even refer to Peter's name after Peter stated that Jesus was indeed the Son of God? Stating Peter's name appeared totally irrelevant. Yet after saying, "Thou art Peter," Christ proceeded to state that upon "THIS" rock He (Christ) will build His church. It therefore appears obvious that Peter was that Rock which Christ referred to. What other rock could He mean? After all, the very name Peter means rock. After all, if Christ was to build His church, it is likely in the custom of English language that He (Christ) the speaker would wind up building His church upon something other than Himself. The person who does the building will more than likely build that building upon something else, because he is too busy building. We do however know and realize that if Christ was going to build His church upon Peter, Christ's church should be called, "Peter's church," and in fact should not be called, "Christians," but "Peterans" or "Petrians."

On the other hand, the Protestants argue that the "rock" that Christ was talking about was not Peter at all, but the very statement Peter made just earlier which sparked the comment Christ made. They argue that the word for Peter's name was "Petros" in the Greek, which actually meant a moveable stone, something resembling a pebble. They claim that Jesus used the word "Petra" for Rock, which meant an immovable stone resembling a boulder. They therefore conclude that the "Rock" upon which Christ said He would build His church is really the truth, which Peters spoke when he said that Christ was the Son of the Living God, and indeed the Saviour of the world (John 4:42). The Christian Church was therefore built upon Christ, and not Peter. Jesus asked His disciples in verse 13 of Matt. 16:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

The Apostles responded with the following:

"And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." – verse 14

Jesus then replied:

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?" - verse 15

Here then is where Peter made that famous quotation after which Jesus told the world upon what He will build His church:

"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." – verse 16

Here is where the resulting, and apparently confusing Scripture proceeded:

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Yet this scripture in the mouths of the papist is what now justifies even decisions being made by the Catholic Church which clearly contradict the testimony of the Scriptures. This includes all the horrible murders which took place throughout the centuries, which actually places the Catholic Church at the top of the list of organizations which are guilty of shedding blood. It is however, deep in Catholic doctrine that if there ever arises a time when the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church contradicts the scriptures, the teaching of the church is to be believed above and beyond what the Scriptures teach, no matter how plain that biblical teaching may be. Is this assumption, which has had such earth-shattering results, a valid assumption? It is quite obvious that Catholicism and Protestantism have two complete contradictory interpretations. One of them is therefore obviously in error. Which?

Well there is a way to find out the truth about this matter. One way to find out is by examining the Lord's awesome ability to predict the future.

We would remember that the Lord predicted before it happened that a King named "Josiah" would be born after Jeroboam, who would make straight the paths of the Lord (I Kings 13:2).

We would remember that the Lord prophesied the birth of King Cyrus, who was given dominion over the whole and entire globe in his day. When King Cyrus actually saw the writings which predicted his birth, and the words which were spoken by the Lord concerning him before he was born, he was so profoundly moved that he immediately commanded and did everything God's people wanted for the restoration of their estate (2 Chronicles 36).

We would remember the prophecies of Christ in Matthew 24 concerning the destruction of the city of Jerusalem which actually took place in A.D. 70. The city and temple was so well fortified and magnificent in Christ's day that Christ's disciples found it hard to believe what Christ was telling them. Christ's disciples replied to the description of the destruction of Jerusalem Christ had just predicted before them:

"See what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" – Mark 13:1.

But Christ's words were nonetheless unchanged and emphatic as He replied:

"Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." – Matt. 24:2

When the time actually arrived, so completely was the city and temple destroyed that indeed there was not a stone left upon another.

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When summed up, it becomes crystal clear that the Lord has an absolutely uncanny ability to be able to tell the future: to tell the end from the beginning:

Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Isa 46:9, 10 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Here now is where a terrible problem exists. In the fifth chapter of Matthew, Jesus made these unmistakable and very emphatic words:

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." – Matt. 5:17-19

Do not miss the point here that Christ, through His great ability to foresee into the future, has declared plainly in this particular scripture passage that not one single tittle of the law will pass away. He is stating that it will stand "till heaven and earth pass." He is declaring that's the way it will always be till the end of all things.

Take a look now at a very startling quotation, which we find in a key piece of Catholic authoritative literature:

"The pope is of so great authority and power that he can modify, explain or interpret even divine laws. . . . The pope can modify divine law, since his power is not of man, but of God, and he acts as vicegerent of God upon earth." – "Lucius Ferraris, Prompta Bibliotheca, "Papa," art. 2, translated.

Here we therefore see that Rome claims the ability to change the divine law after Christ specifically told us that no change whatsoever would ever take place. The Catholic Church also has claimed the responsibility of changing the fourth commandment regarding the Sabbath of the divine law.

To make the issue even more emphatic, look at this statement from Christ Himself:

17 it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail. -- Luke 16

How much more emphatic can we get? Here we see that it is easier to destroy all creation (because it can be recreated) than to destroy the laws that guarantee its order and happiness, but yet the Vatican claims the ability to do just that: change the divine law.

The Catholic Church also has claimed the responsibility of changing the fourth commandment regarding the Sabbath of the divine law.

Here are more of her emphatic statements of her ability to do what Christ said He could not do:

"O. Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?

A. Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionist agree with her; --she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority." – Rev. Stephen Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism, "On the Obedience Due to the Church," chap. 2, p. 174. (Imprimatur, John Cardinal McCloskey, archbishop of New York).

That is one main reason why so many Protestant denominations interpret the Anti-Christ as the Papacy. In the very prophecy depicting the "little horn" of Daniel 7, three main characteristics that were mentioned concerning this "little horn" was that it would:

Dan 7:25 "... speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, AND THINK TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

Every object in the preceding scripture mentioned pertained to the Lord: "great words against the Most High," "wear out the saints of the Most High," "Think to change times and laws." Obviously there's nothing wrong with states or countries changing the times they honor certain holidays or special days, EXCEPT if it is a divinely appointed holiday, holy day, or special day. The quote therefore refers to, in being consistent with the structure of the words, time and laws pertaining to the Most High: He "shall THINK to change times and laws" OF THE MOST HIGH. And all this power to do such things is claimed by Rome out of that one scripture in Matthew 16, the results of which have caused the deaths of millions upon millions—fitting right in line with what the scripture stated when it declared that a certain power would, "wear out the saints of the Most High."

Why therefore would Christ give Rome the ability to alter the divine law, after He has already stated through His awesome ability to see the end from the beginning, that such changes just absolutely WILL NOT HAPPEN!! That is a question all Christians need to ponder very seriously.

Why should Christ give Rome the power to bind and loose, when Christ Himself could foresee that she would use such power to change something which He Himself has already stated would never change till heaven and earth are passed? and yet then persecute to enforce her decrees? Are the heavens still here folks? Is earth still here? You can therefore see why Protestants absolutely could not buy the arguments put forth by Rome wherewhich she claimed control and/or ownership of the world.

Rome's argument is that the Church made the Bible, and not the Bible the Church. The world is therefore supposed to listen to the "spouse of Christ" else be considered a heathen or publican.

In actuality the expression, "The church made the bible, not the bible the church.," is not true. The truth is that the PROPHETS wrote the bible, NOT THE CHURCH!

At that statement many would probably be scratching their heads, actually thinking that I must be nuts. No, the statement is correct. The church did not create the bible: the prophets, as far as human instruments are concerned, did.

We can understand more clearly what is meant by this expression through observing one simple scripture most every Christian should be familiar with. It is Matthew 5:11, 12, which states:

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

After therefore considering that it was the prophets who wrote the bible, consider first that the prophets were persecuted. Consider secondly WHO IT CONSISTENTLY WAS THAT PERSECUTED THEM. Was it heathen dignitaries or heathen kings or rulers? Who was it that persecuted Elijah, Jeremiah, Micaiah, Isaiah, Zechariah, and others?

The awesome fact is that it was THE CHURCH—God's people, which persecuted these prophets, and their lives were often spent SINGULARLY and through much opposition defending the purposes of God.

Time and time again and in almost every case, the purposes of God was being challenged by a bureaucracy. It is strange that, after Christ Himself was suffering so much from a bureaucracy in the person of the Jewish Church, that He would, without precedent, confer absolute authority upon what He already foresaw would become the most awesome bureaucracy the planet earth has ever seen.

In the scheme of things we see, nothing has really changed. The truth often pressed itself in obscurity in the past through the Old Testament. We actually today see nothing new at all during the Dark Ages, and most certainly nothing new in the entire New Testament.

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