

[4.] THE  
MAN OF SIN,  
THE SON OF  
PERDITION



**Appreciating God's prophetic word**

(parotrúno), arouse, incite, encourage

(parousia, as, é), presence, coming, advent

(paropsis, idos, é), side-dish, dish (vessel)



# Apostasy

NEXT EXIT



**“falling away” ~ ‘defection’ or ‘apostasy’ (2 Thess 2:3)**

**In classical Greek, used for a ‘revolt’ or ‘defection’ staged by a military commander**

**“perdition” ~ ‘destroying’,  
‘utter destruction’, ‘ruin’**

**The use of personification: Perdition is the  
father and the Man of Sin is the son (2 Thess 2:3)**

**Born out of spiritual ruin and  
destruction will be his end!**

# **A few key characteristics related to the “Man of Sin”**

- A great apostasy to develop from early church (2:3)**
- It existed at time of Paul’s writing (v7)**
- Will exist in the earth until the return of Christ (v8)**

**“... are ye not children  
of transgression, a  
seed of falsehood”  
(Isaiah 57:4)**



**or “sons of perdition”**

**The flying roll is 20 x 10 cubits (v2):**

- the size of the Holy Place in the Tabernacle (Exodus 26)**
- the size of the Temple porch where the Law was read (1 Kings 6:3)**

**It curses those that have been “cut off” (v2) or ‘been declared innocent’ (RSV)**

**God's house would  
be "consumed"**

**See Leviticus 14:45**



**"... taken to an unclean place"**

**“Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves” (Mark 11:17)**

**“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate” (Matthew 23:38)**

**“There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (Matthew 24:2)**

“... build it and  
in the land  
Shinar” (Zec

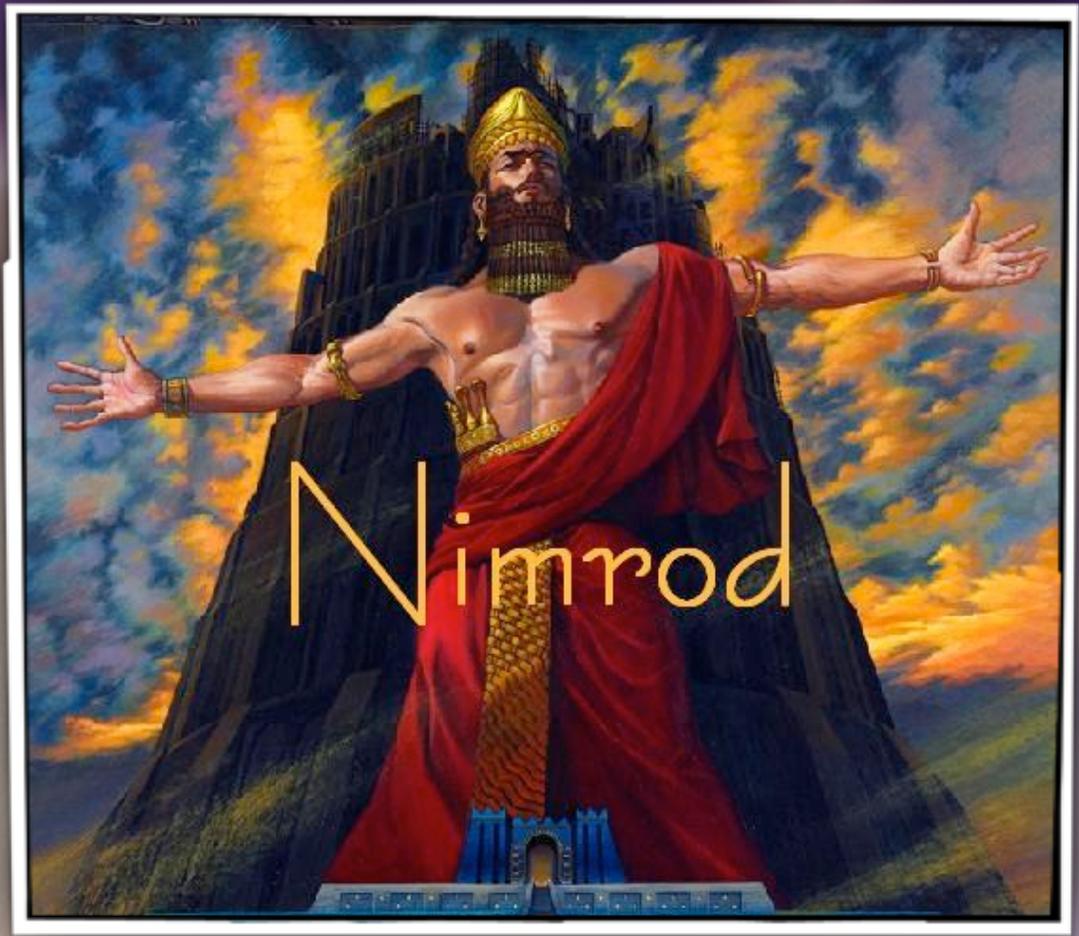
“let us **build** us a  
city ...” & “let us **make**  
us a name ...” (Gen 11:4)

Gen 10:8-10: Babel  
was **in Shinar**, in the  
kingdom of Nimrod

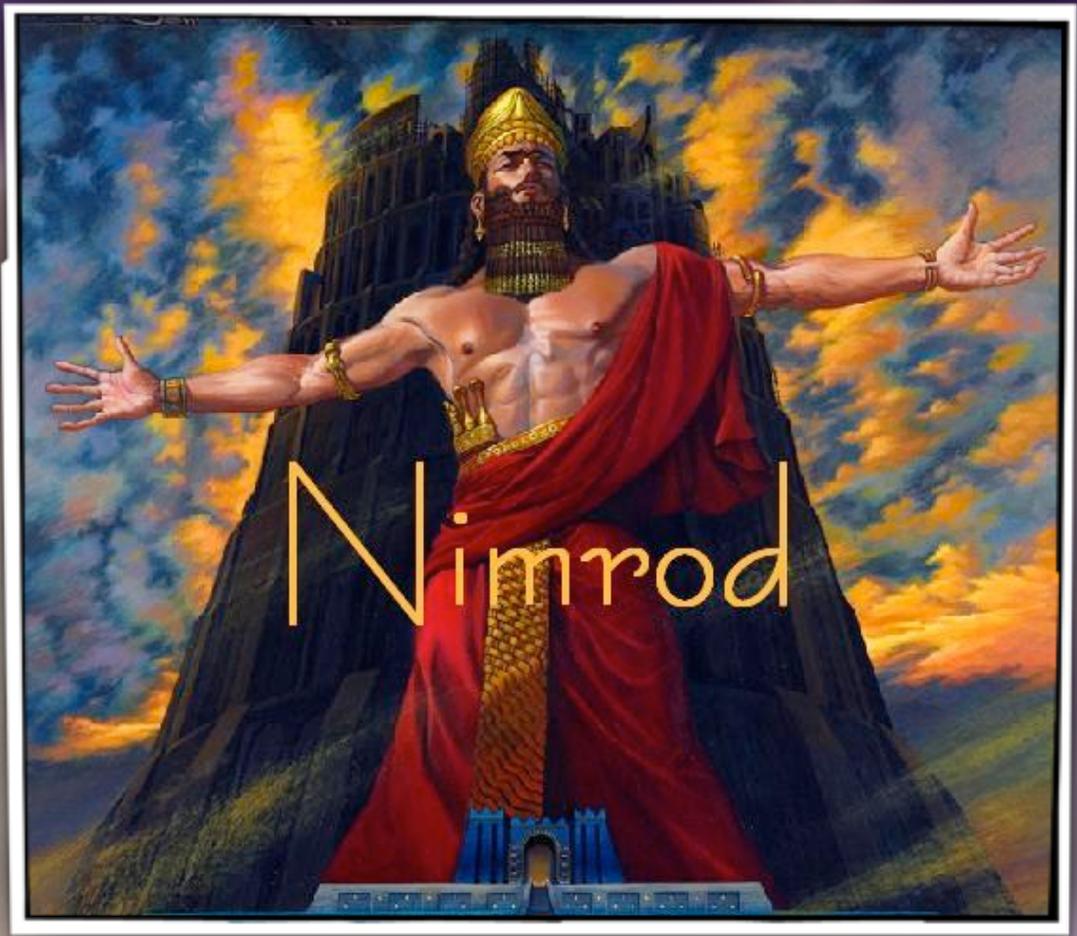
Gen 11:1-4: The Tower  
of Babel was built **in**  
**the Land of Shinar**

“For he looked for  
a city which hath  
foundations  
whose **builder**  
and **maker** is  
God” (Heb 11:10)

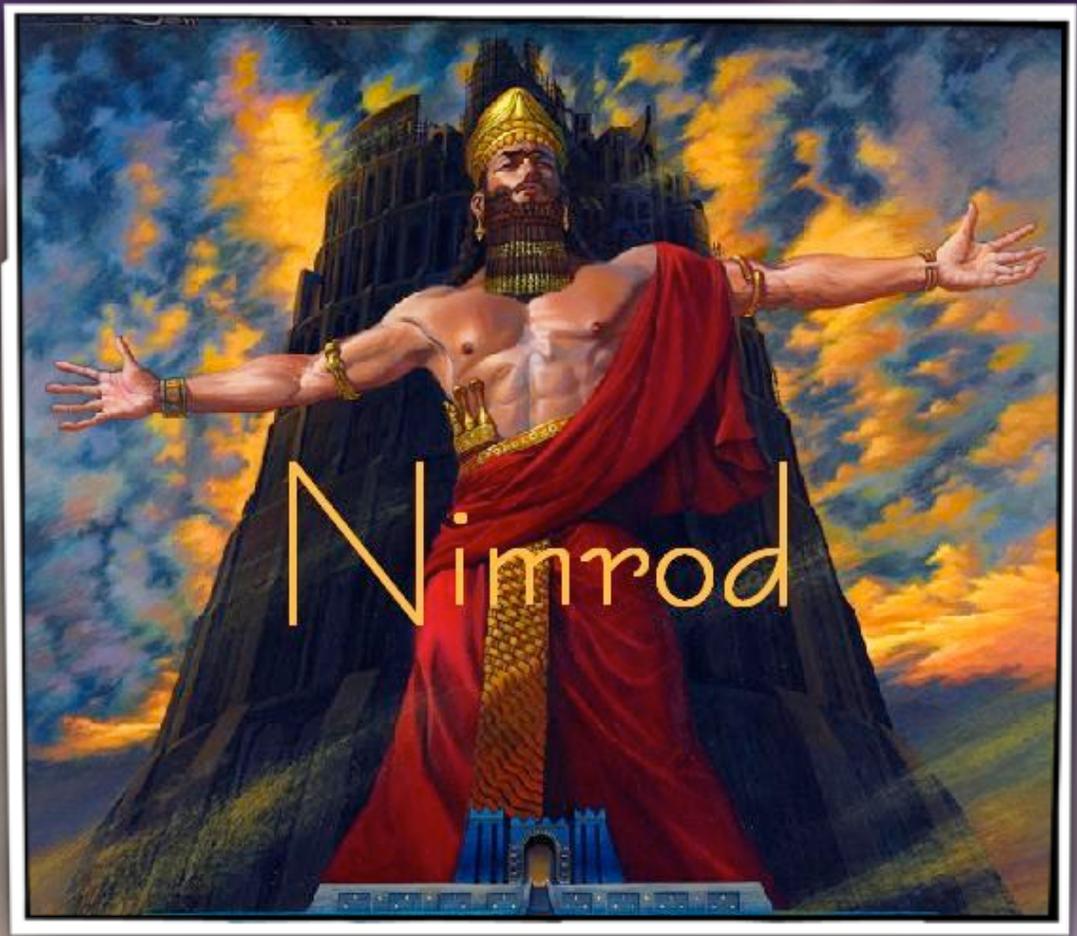




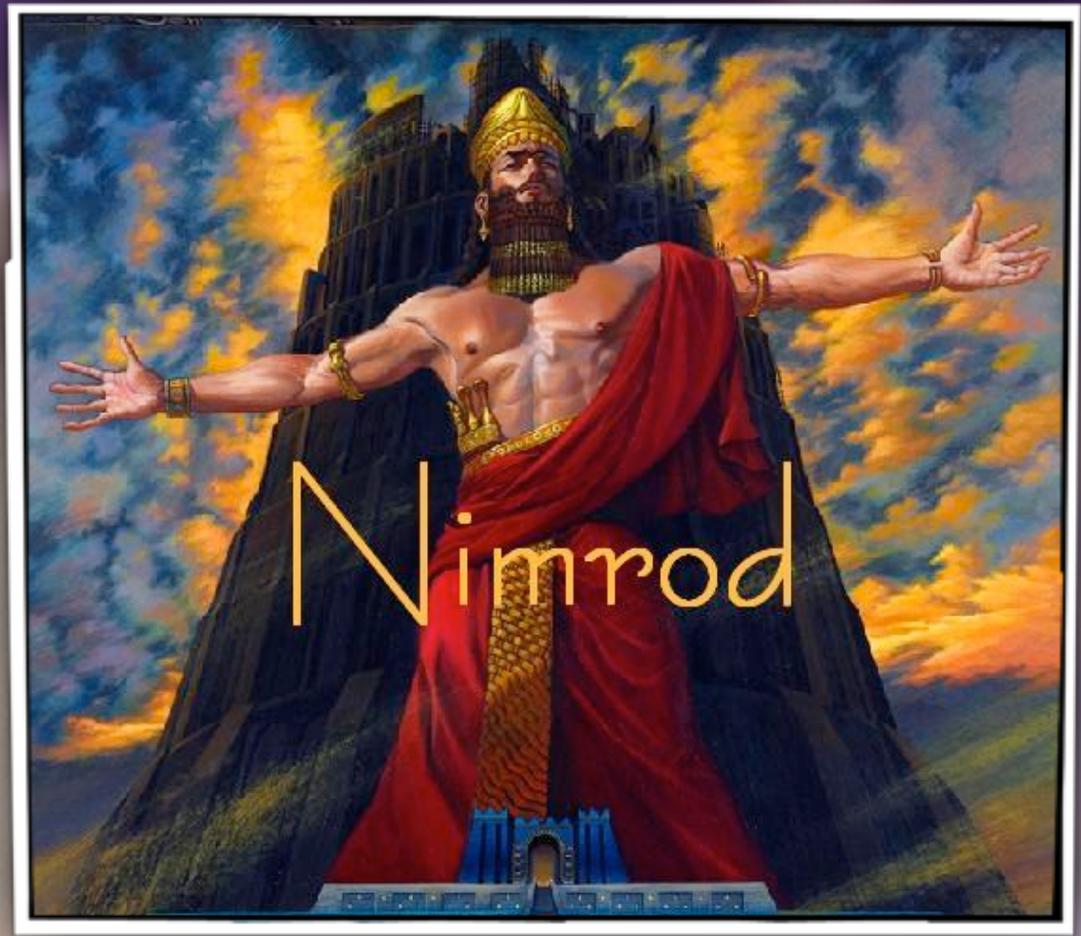
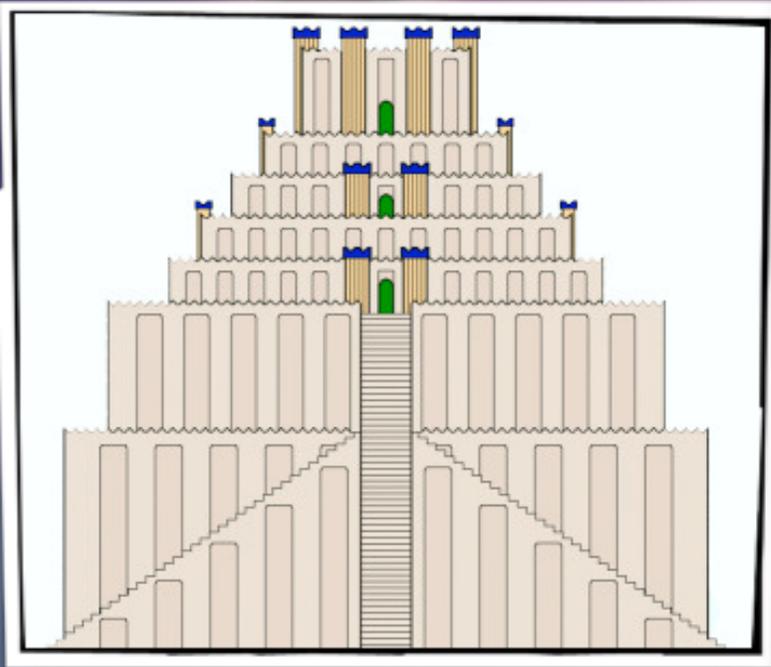
- **Nimrod [Marad]: ‘to rebel’**
- **He was a “mighty one”: ‘a hero’ (10:8)**



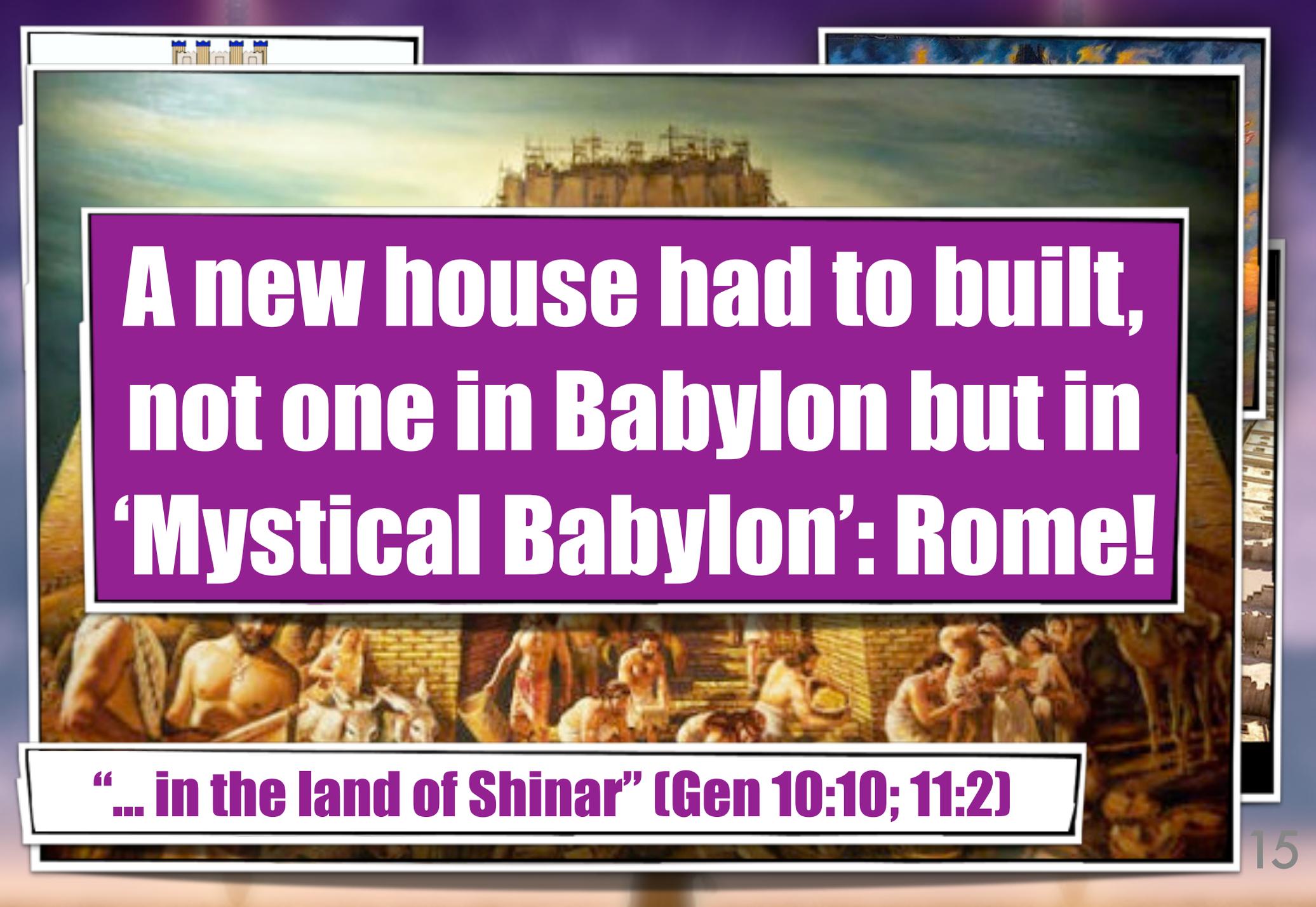
- “before” (10:9) can mean ‘face, presence, against’
- In this context, ‘in defiance of’ (see use in 6:11)



- **“tower” [migdal] (11:4)**
- **From root gadal – ‘to magnify, grow, promote’**
- **To elevate themselves above God!**



- “Babel”: ‘Gate of God’ (Akkadian bab (‘gate’) –ilu (‘god’))
- Ziggurats: ‘rising building’ (Akkadian zaq ru ‘to rise high’)



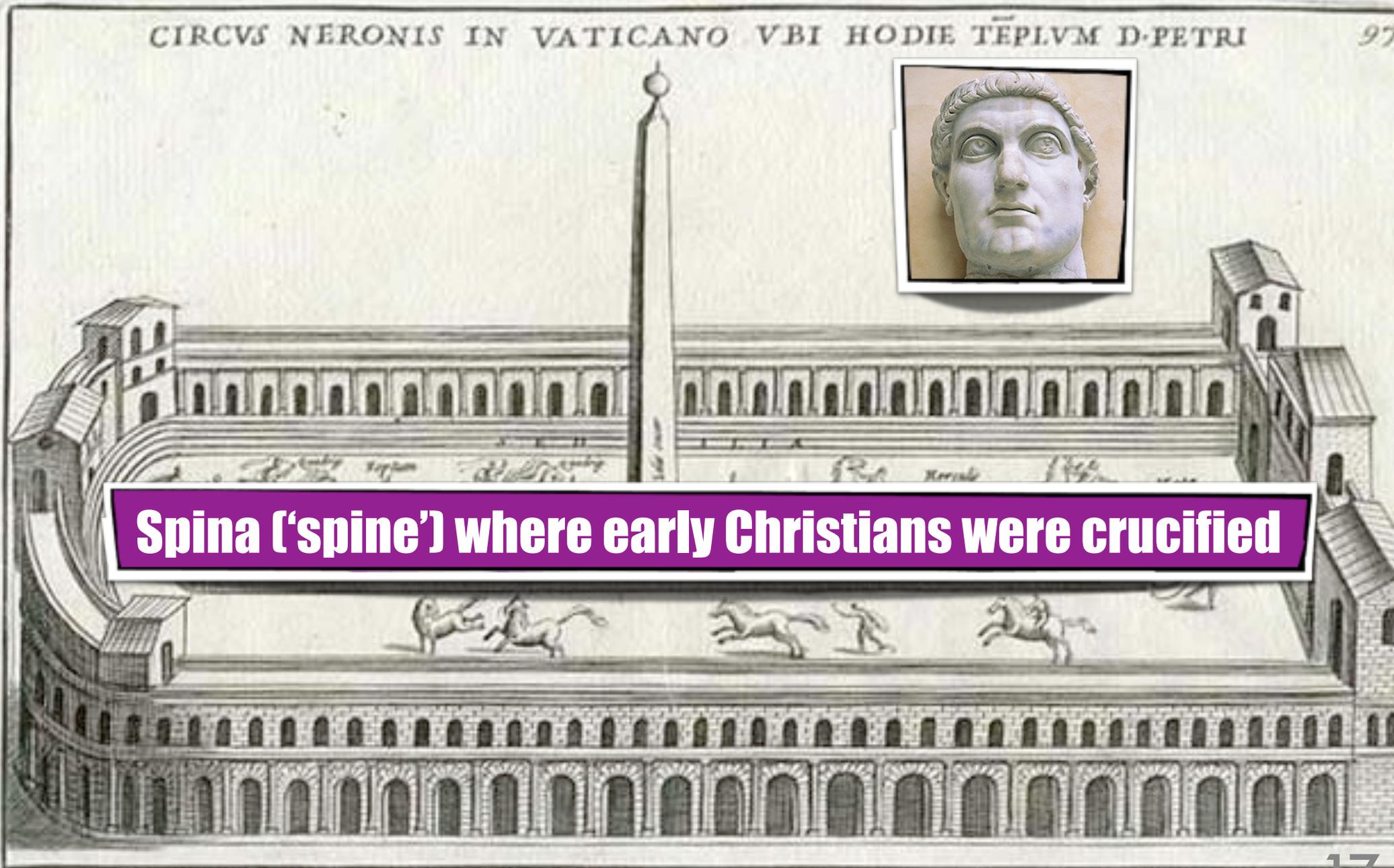
**A new house had to be built,  
not one in Babylon but in  
'Mystical Babylon': Rome!**

**“... in the land of Shinar” (Gen 10:10; 11:2)**





**Spina ('spine') where early Christians were crucified**

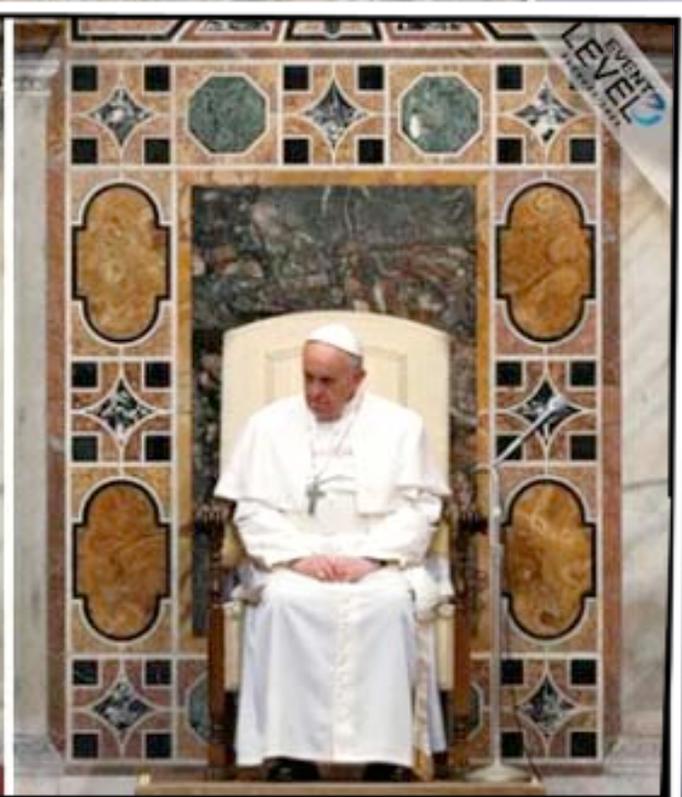


Hunc Circum, sive septu Tacito autore lib. 15 annal. Nero sibi conchidit in Vaticano ad viam triumphalem iuxta hortos, quos ad supplicium xpianor. tribnerat, ad equos de mandatis exercitus ubi et ipse sub aurea habitu circenses ludos celebravit videtur autē circus iste excurrere a templo D. Petri usq. ad templū S. Michaelis Archā. quia legitur Bonifacii PP. in summo orbe de S. Michaeli dedicasse. In hoc circo etiam obolucit ille ex unius aspectu Augusti Caesaris Alex. andria Roman. unrector huiusmodi fuisse, in archid. J. de qua meminit B. in acunione p.



**St John Lateran, the  
Cathedral Church of  
the Diocese of Rome**

# The throne



**This is where Francis officially 'sits' as the Pope and it is called 'the house of God'**



**Most Holy, Lateran Church, of all  
the churches in the city and the  
world, the mother and head**



**Scala Sancta  
(‘holy stairs’)**



**Sancta  
Sanctorum  
(‘Holy of Holies’)**



**Above the altar it  
reads (in Latin):  
'There is no holier  
place in all the world'**

# Summary so far ...

- Nimrod built a “tower” to magnify himself above God, so does the Man of Sin**
- Just as Nimrod was a ‘rebel’ and a ‘hero’ amongst the people, so is the Man of Sin**
- Nimrod and the Man of Sin defy God**
- Just as Babel is called ‘the gate of God’, so the Man of Sin holds the keys to heaven**

# Summary so far ...

Just as the Temple in Shinar was called 'The House between heaven and earth', so is St John Lateran, 'Dormus Dei', 'the house of God'

And just as the Tower of Shinar had stairways running up to the Temple on top, and within it the Holy of Holies, so with St John's Lateran, with a staircase that leads to the Pope's personal Holy of Holies

- “This is their **iniquity** in all the land” (Zech 5:6, RSV)

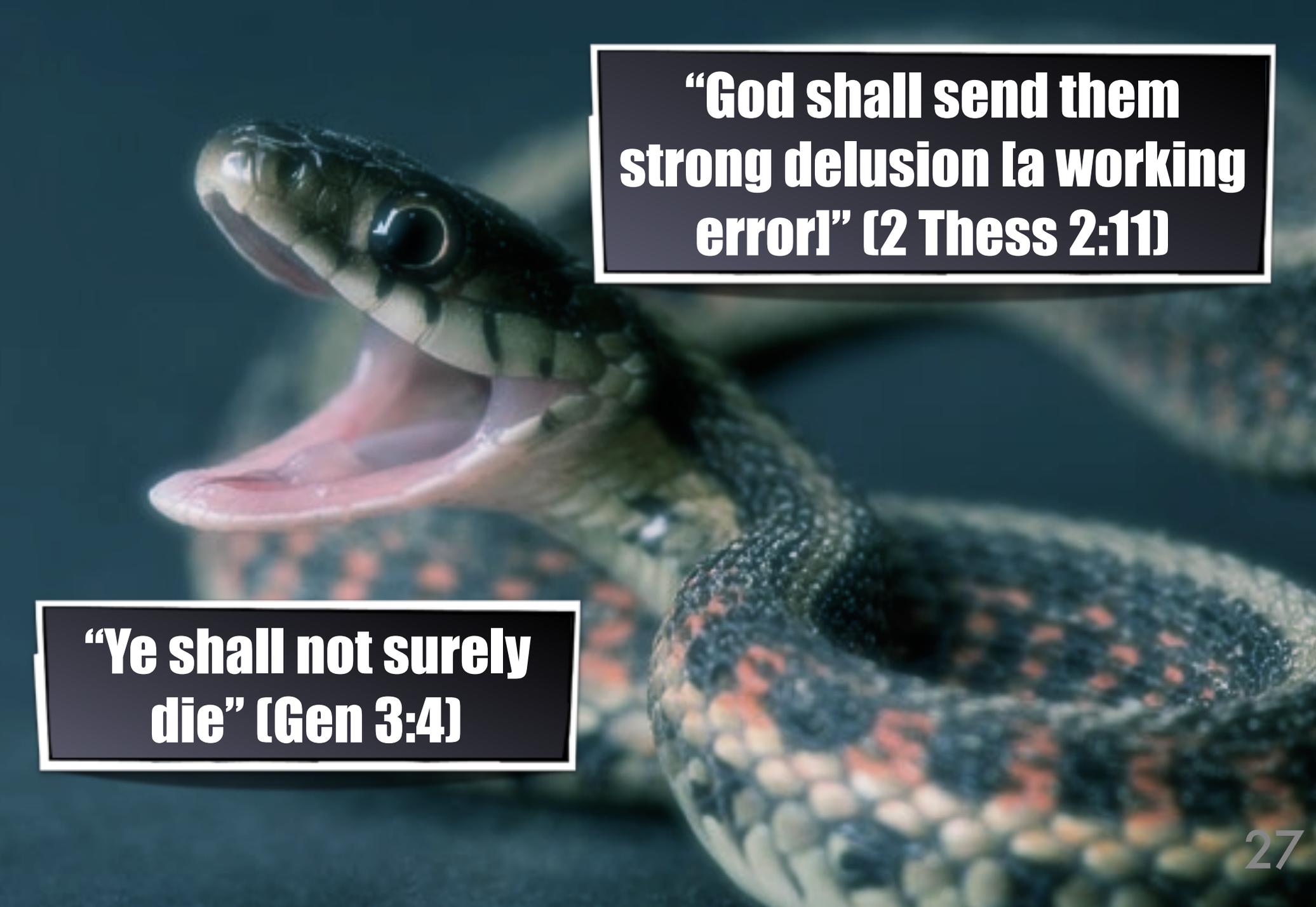
- “the mystery of **iniquity** doth already work” (2 Thess 2:7)

- “a woman that **sitteth** in the midst of the ephah” (Zech 5:6)

- “**sitteth** in the temple of God” (2 Thess 2:8)

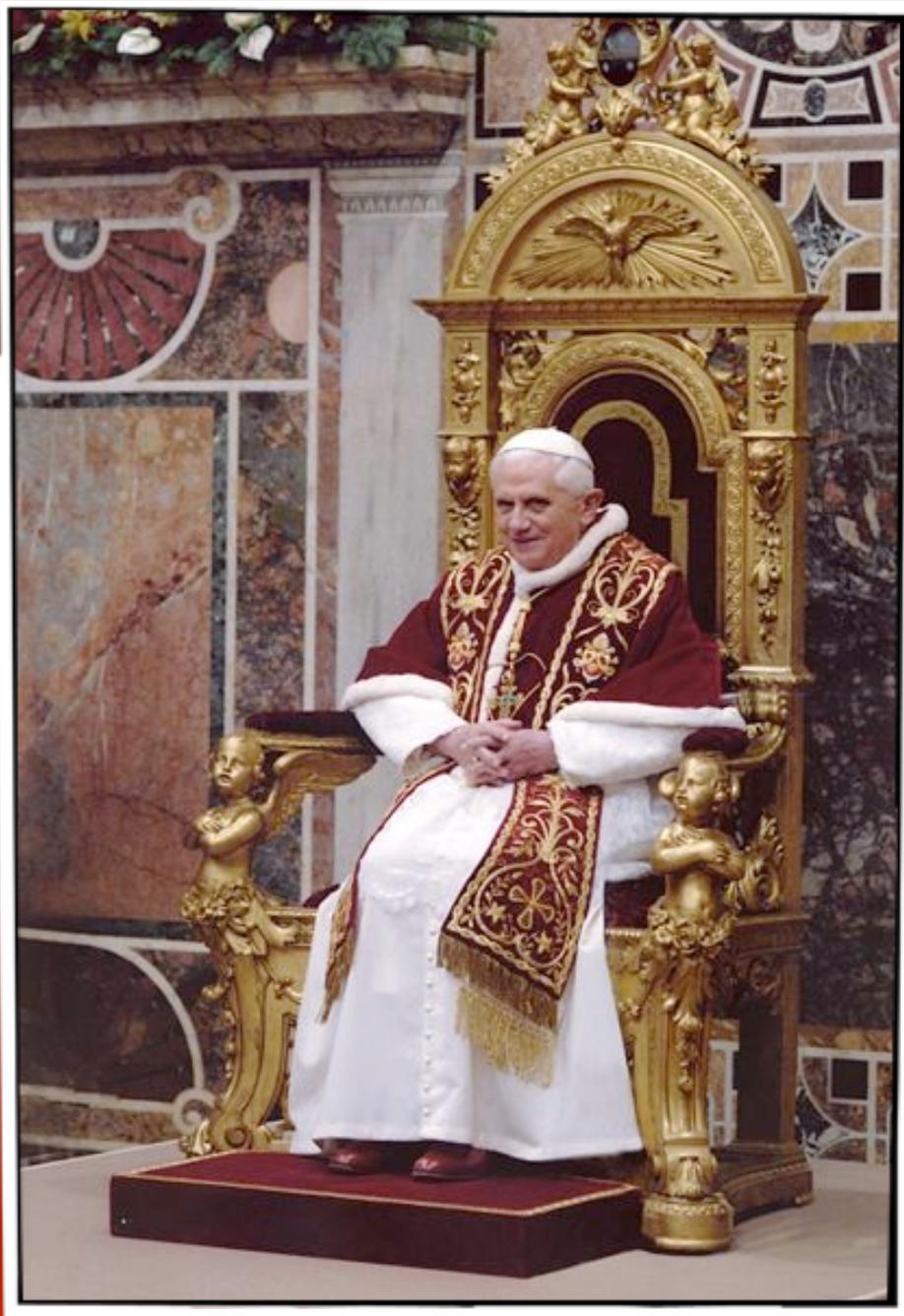
- “this is **wickedness**” (Zech 5:8)

- “then shall that **Wicked** be revealed” (2 Thess 2:8)



**“God shall send them  
strong delusion (a working  
error)” (2 Thess 2:11)**

**“Ye shall not surely  
die” (Gen 3:4)**

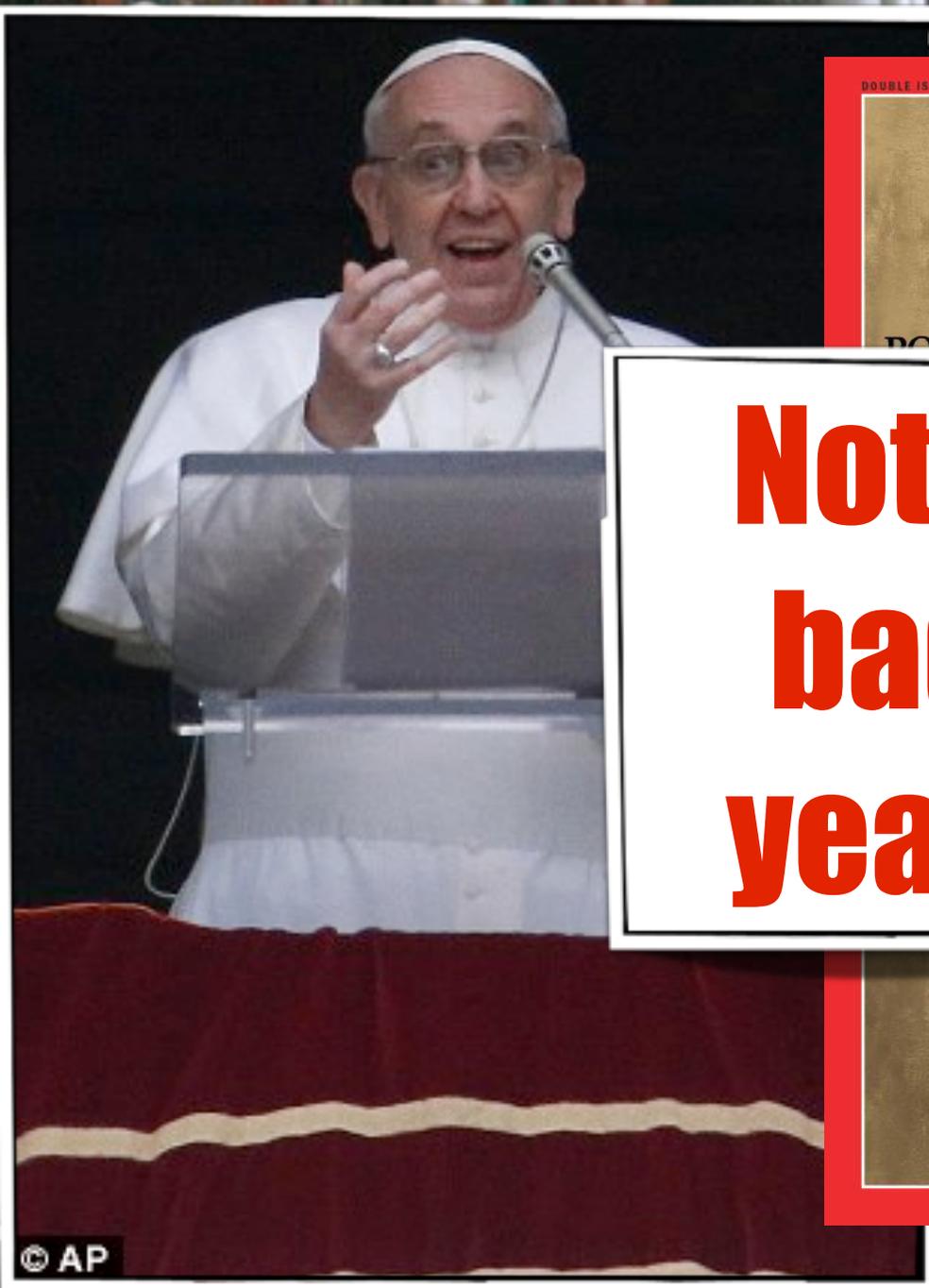


**The Man of sin  
“sitteth” in the  
temple of God  
(2 Thess 2:4)**

**“sitteth” (v4) ~  
‘sojourn’, ‘settle down’**



**On April 14 2013 Pope Francis celebrated Mass for the first time. Note that Francis was seated on a great white throne (Revelation 20:11) between the golden cherubim (Isaiah 37:16)**



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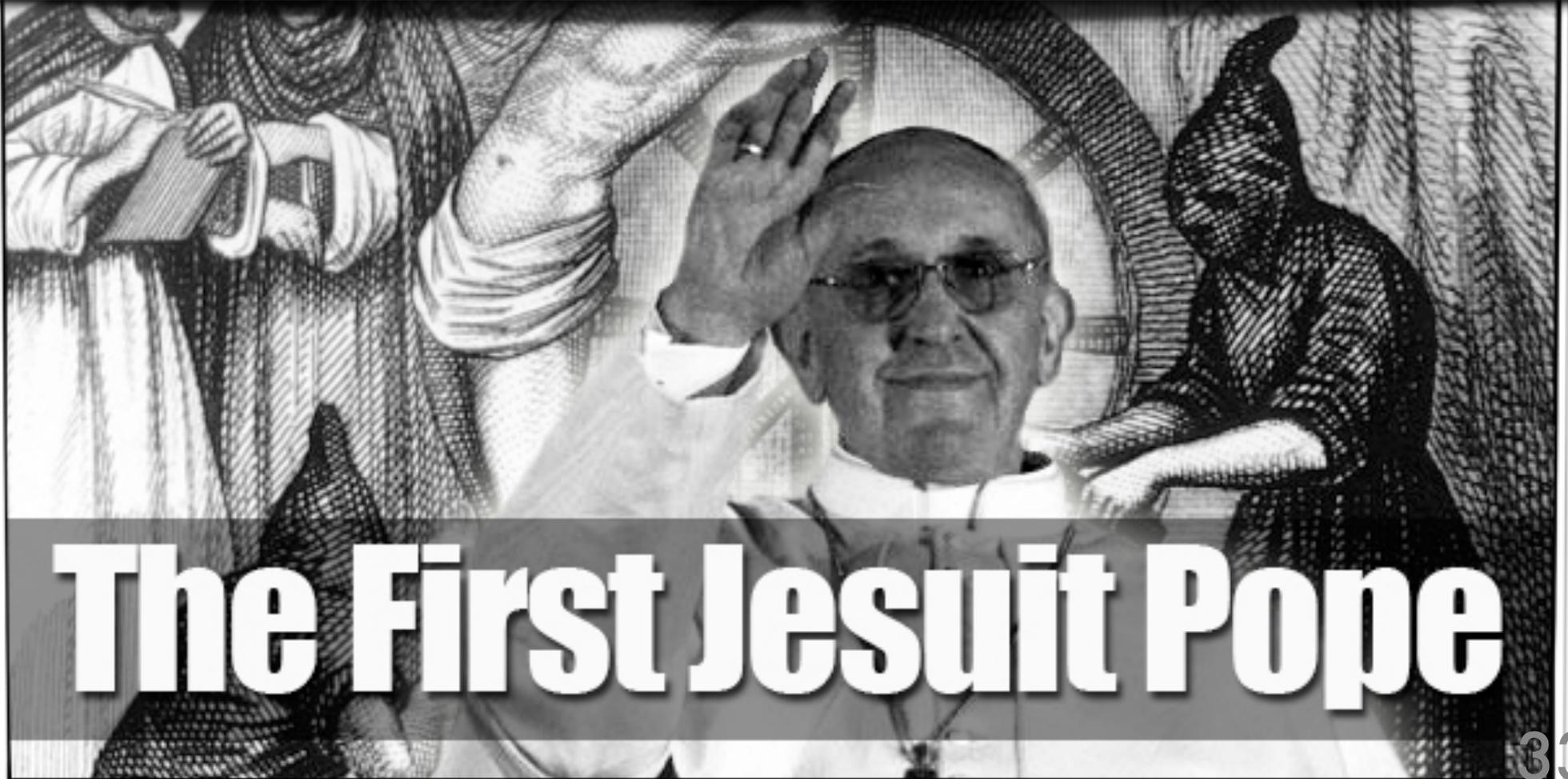
**Not a  
bad  
year!**



Lightning  
strikes  
Vatican hours  
after Pope's  
resignation



Ignatius of Loyola founded the Jesuits: **“Whoever desires to serve as a soldier of God”**. Jesuits are called **‘God’s soldiers’** or **‘God’s Marines’**



**The First Jesuit Pope**

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ARE A-CHANGIN'



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# Eastern Orthodox Church

Antoni Sevruk, rector of the Russian Orthodox Church in Rome, said that Bergoglio “often visited Orthodox services in the Russian Orthodox Annunciation Cathedral in Buenos Aires” and is known as an advocate on behalf the Orthodox Church in dealing with Argentina's government.

**A case study of Argentina**



## Evangelism & Protestantism

Evangelical leader Argentine Luis Palau describes Bergoglio's approach to relationships with Evangelicals and Protestants as one of “building bridges and showing respect ...”

Juan Pablo Bongarrá, president of the Argentine Bible Society, recounts that Bergoglio not only met with Evangelicals, and prayed with them—but he also asked them to pray for him. Additionally, Bongarrá tells the story of a weekly worship meeting of charismatic pastors in Buenos Aires, which Bergoglio attended: “He mounted the platform and called for pastors to pray for him. He knelt in front of nearly 6,000 people, and [the Protestant leaders] laid hands and prayed.”

# Judaism

Bergoglio has close ties to the Jewish community of Argentina, and attended Rosh Hashanah (Jewish new year) services in 2007 at a synagogue in Buenos Aires.

Bergoglio told the Jewish congregation during his visit that he went to the synagogue to examine his heart, “like a pilgrim, together with you, my elder brothers.”







**In Revelation, the woman is sat upon a Roman beast: when the corrupt Church reigns over Europe**

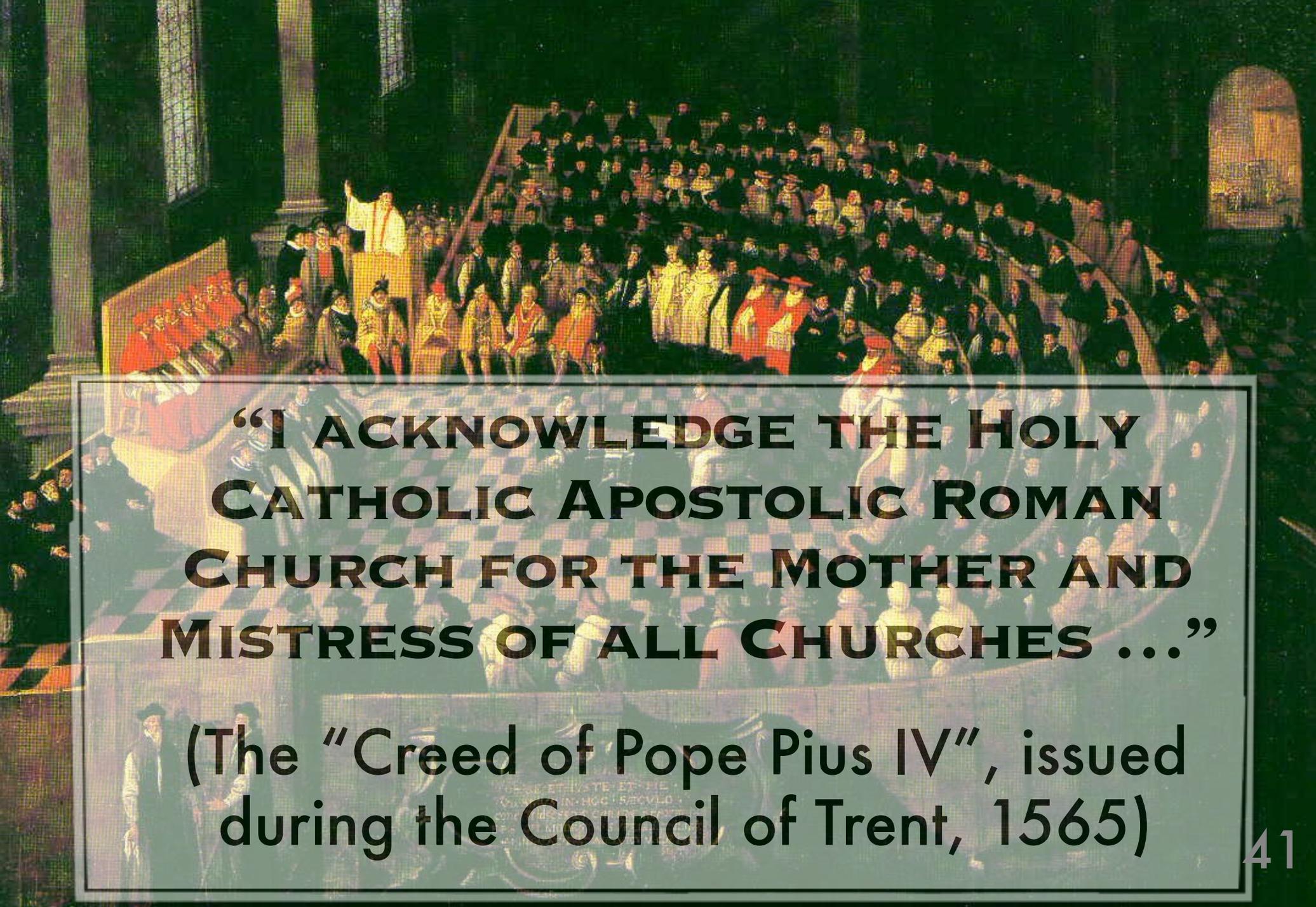
**5 characteristics**



# [1] She's called, "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (v. 5)

"I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns..."



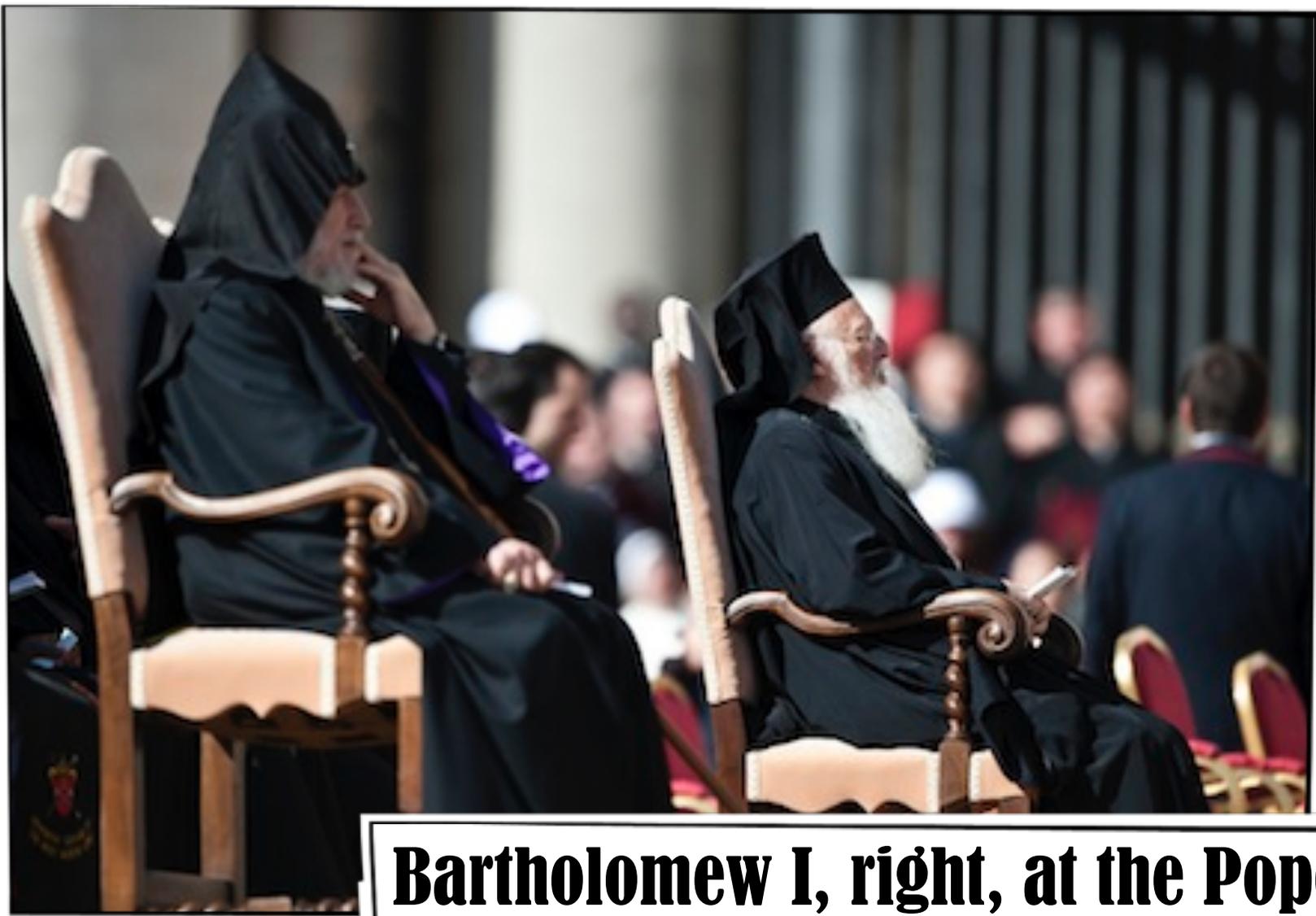


**“I ACKNOWLEDGE THE HOLY  
CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC ROMAN  
CHURCH FOR THE MOTHER AND  
MISTRESS OF ALL CHURCHES ...”**

**(The “Creed of Pope Pius IV”, issued  
during the Council of Trent, 1565)**



**No longer does  
the child  
belong to 'the  
Christian  
community' (i.e  
. the local  
church) but  
now 'the  
Church of God'**



**Bartholomew I, right, at the Pope's inauguration Mass (March 2013)**

Moscow, March 15, 2013

To His Holiness Francis, Pope of Rome

Your Holiness:



I congratulate you on your election to the eminent and responsible position of being the First Hierarch of the Roman Catholic Church.

Under your predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, **the relationships between our churches received a new momentum** and were characterized by a positive dynamism. I sincerely hope that Your Holiness would promote **co-operation between our two churches** in the spirit of brotherly love and mutual understanding.

This same mission is now a priority for the Russian Orthodox Church, opening the possibility for **co-operation and interaction with the Roman Catholic Church.**

Orthodox and Catholics should be determined to combine their efforts ... We need to **labour together** for the affirmation of traditional moral values in modern secular societies.

Please accept, Your Holiness, my best wishes for peace, spiritual strength and physical vigour, so that the generous support of God would come to you in the carrying out of your responsible ministry.

With fraternal affection in the Lord,

+ KIRILL

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia



When Pope Francis introduced the patriarch, he called him **“my brother Andrew”** underscoring the blood ties between the two apostles patrons of the two Churches, Andrew of Constantinople and Peter of Rome

20 March 2013

**“Evangelical Christians, orthodox Christians, Catholic Christians, but why divided? We must try to bring about unity ... But we Catholics must pray with each other and other Christians. Pray that the Lord gift us (with) unity! ... Seek unity, unity builds the Church and comes from Jesus Christ. He sends us the Holy Spirit to build unity!”**



**Reuters 19 June 2013**



**Toward big  
hearted  
Ecumenism!**

Reuters 21 Oct 2013

**“Catholics and Lutherans can ask forgiveness for the harm they have caused one another and for their offences committed in the sight of God. Together we can rejoice in the longing for unity which the Lord has awakened in our hearts, and which makes us look with hope to the future.”<sup>48</sup>**





# Prayer for the new Pope

Almighty God, **Francis**  
shepherd of souls,  
we pray for Francis chosen to be Pope:  
Guide him by your Spirit,  
give him grace to lead people in prayer and  
zeal  
and to follow in the footsteps  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
Amen.

# [2] She's called, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT" (v.5)

"I saw a woman sit upon a  
scarlet coloured beast, full of  
names of blasphemy, having  
seven heads and ten horns..."



# *“Mysterium fidei”*



# *“Mystery”*



# The religion of the Babylonians was adopted by the Romans



**“In the third century her  
worship had attained  
immense popularity [with the  
Romans] ... At the end of the  
fourth century, the Great  
Mother and Mithra [her son]  
were ... worshipped ...”**

**(G.H. Box, “Early Christianity  
and its Rituals”)**

# Mariolatry: The worship of Mary



Mother of God,  
Queen of the Apostles,  
Queen of Heaven,  
Queen of all Creation,  
Mother of the Church,  
The Door of Paradise,  
The Gate of Heaven  
Mother of Mercy



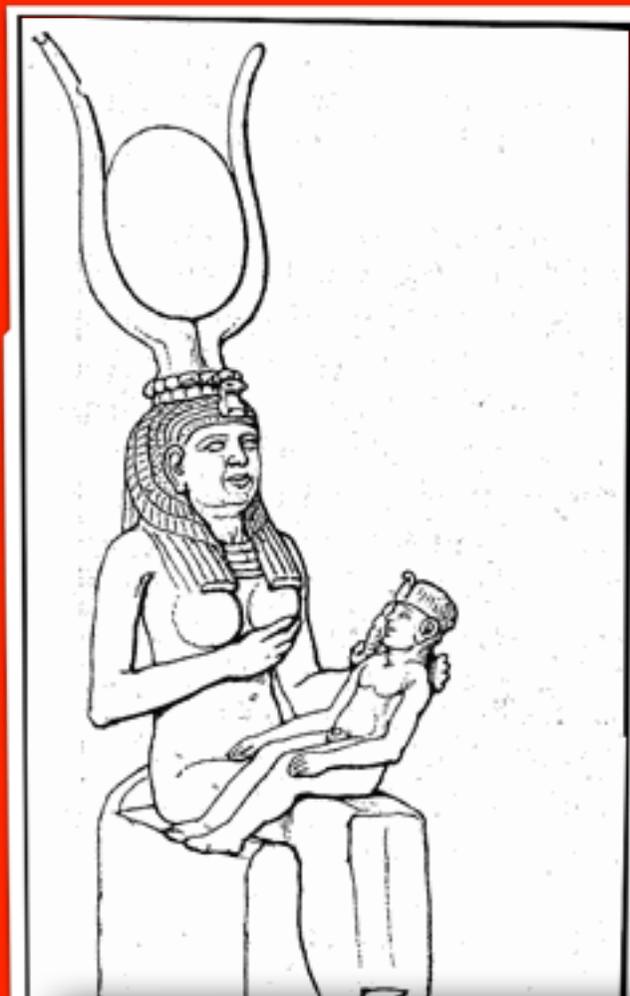
# MARY AND THE POPE

# Pope Francis' worship of Mary



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AGENDO

the virgin Mary

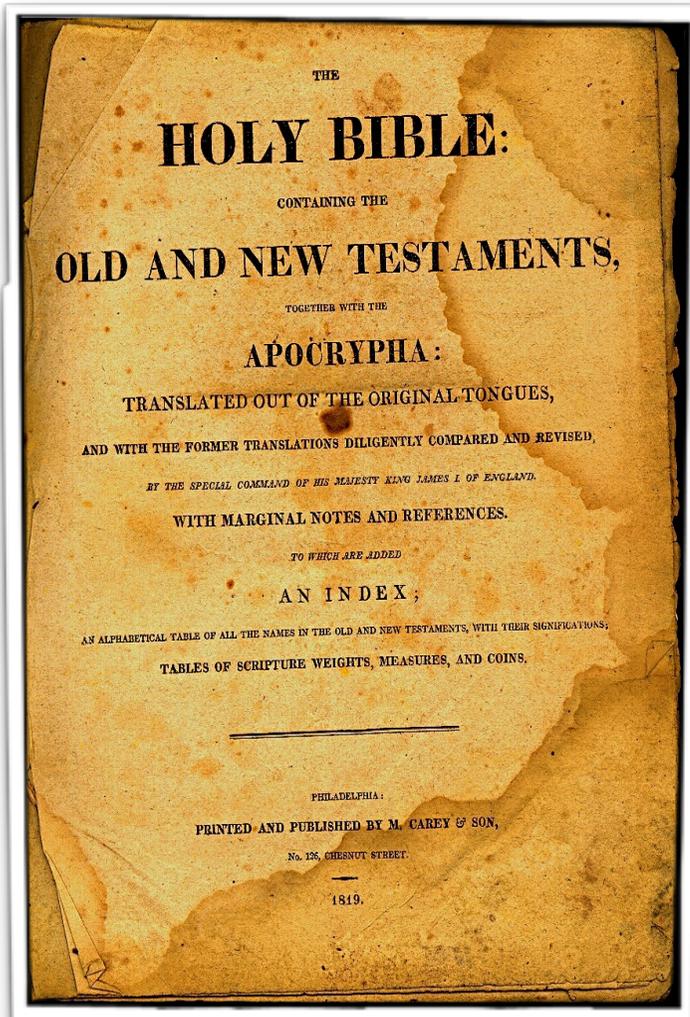


**The worship  
of the sun  
traces back  
to Egypt and  
Babylon**

# **Isis and Horus**



# Genesis 3:15 has been corrupted in the Catholic Bible

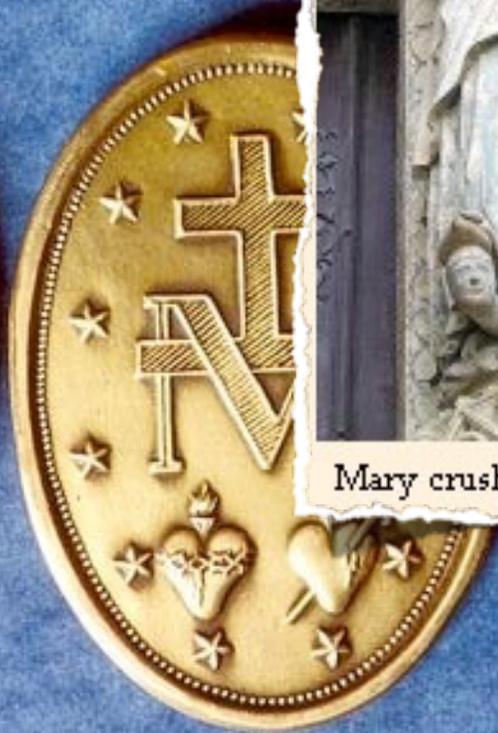


**“I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: **she** shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for **her** heel.”**

**(Genesis 3:15;  
Vulgate Catholic Bible)**



Mary crushing the Serpent



# [3] She's "drunken with the blood of the saints" (v.6)

"I saw a woman sit upon a  
scarlet coloured beast, full of  
names of blasphemy, having  
seven heads and ten horns..."



# The Spanish Inquisition



**Ferdinand and Isabella and the proclamation instigating the Spanish Inquisition 1478-1834**

# IN GOD'S NAME...

## Loyal Martyrs; or, THE Bloody Inquisitor.

A full Account of the Mercenary and Inhuman Barbarities transfus'd in the Inquisition of Spain, shewing How a Gentleman being accus'd, a young Lady in distress, and a young man, they agreed to travel together for the Space of five Years, to foreign Parts, that as they came to Spain, intending to take a View of the place, they were both seiz'd by Order of the Inquisition. Also how they were miserably examin'd and punish'd with Crimes that they were innocent of. How they were confin'd in a Dungeon, in order to get on a Confession from them. Likewise, how they were try'd by their Court of Hell, and condemn'd as heinous criminals. The manner of their Execution at the Stake of Cordova, where they were burnt alive, and how they enjoy'd, being with them, contained a dreadful scene of Thunders and Lightning, attended with a most terrible Storm.

How a Gentleman and his Lady travel'd to Spain, and what Adventures they had there.  
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## THE INQUISITION



“...by their fruits ye shall know them.”  
 Matthew 7:20

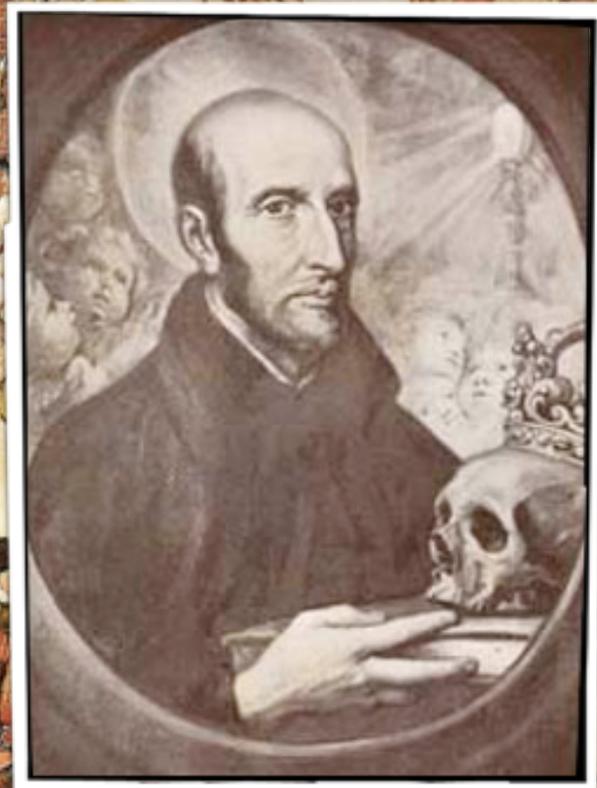


## PERSECUTION



**DOUBLE THUMBSCREW**  
 Although a simple device and easy to apply, the thumbscrew was one of the most painful and feared instruments of torture. One thumb at a time must have been held enough, but this double thumbscrew was seldom used to extract a confession.  
 From The Royal Castle of Nuremberg.

The Double  
 Thumb-  
 screw

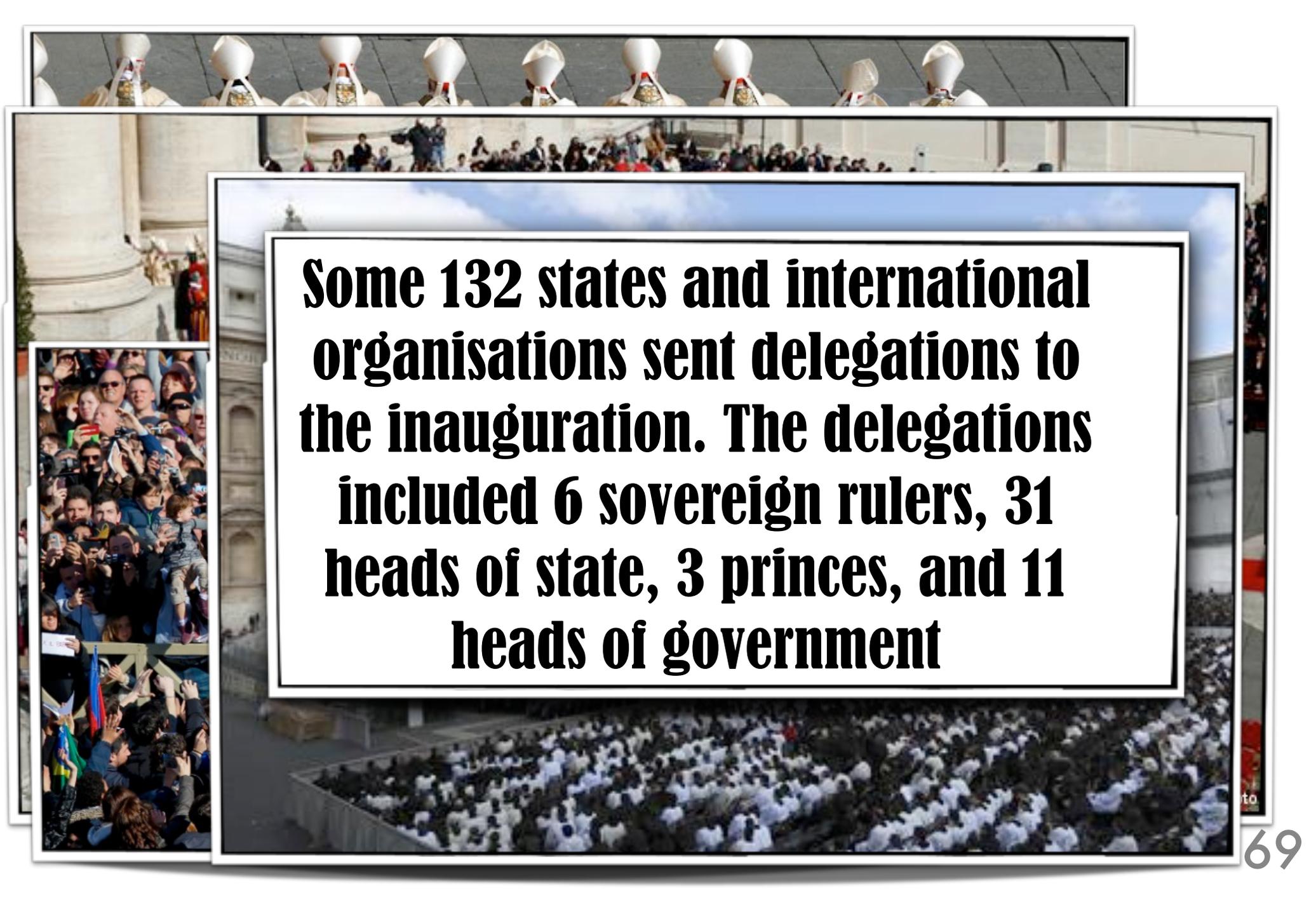


# [4] She reigns “over the kings of the earth” (v.18)

“I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns...”







**Some 132 states and international organisations sent delegations to the inauguration. The delegations included 6 sovereign rulers, 31 heads of state, 3 princes, and 11 heads of government**





# Pope Francis will not meet with Netanyahu

A “diplomatic embarrassment” has arisen following the refusal of Pope Francis I to meet with Israel's prime minister at short notice. Benjamin Netanyahu's office had already announced that a meeting would take place during his visit to Italy.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met the Pope during his recent visit to Rome where he received a pen as a gift, with the wish that he will use it to sign a peace agreement with Israel.

Reuters 21 October 2013





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The  
**Origins of the Inquisition**  
in Fifteenth Century Spain

SECOND EDITION



B. Netanyahu

**“To his Holiness Pope  
Franciscus, a great shepherd  
of our common heritage.”**

# **Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew to worship together in Israel in May 2014**



# Vatican pushing for official seat in the 'upper room' on Mount Zion



The meeting took place Tuesday in the office of Attorney Amnon Merhav, the director-general of the Jerusalem municipality.

Arutz Sheva, Israel National News, 19 Feb 2014

During the meeting, representatives of Christian groups in the capital pushed Jerusalem leaders to give the Catholic Church control over the Mount Zion area that includes the “Hall of the Last Supper.” **There have been reports that Israel’s government is planning to turn the building in question over to the Vatican prior to the Pope’s expected visit in May.** Pope Francis is expected to visit Israel and to lead a service in the Hall of the Last Supper.

**[5] They “have one  
mind” and  
“agree” (v.13, 17)**

“I saw a woman sit upon a  
scarlet coloured beast, full of  
names of blasphemy, having  
seven heads and ten horns...”



# Europe will have “one mind” and “agree” to be united



“These have **one mind**, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”

(Revelation 17:13)

“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to **agree**, and give their kingdom unto the beast ...”

(verse 17)





18 May 2013

A photograph showing Angela Merkel and Pope Francis. Angela Merkel is on the left, wearing a dark blue jacket, looking towards Pope Francis. Pope Francis is on the right, wearing his white papal attire and zucchetto, looking down and smiling. They are in a room with bookshelves in the background.

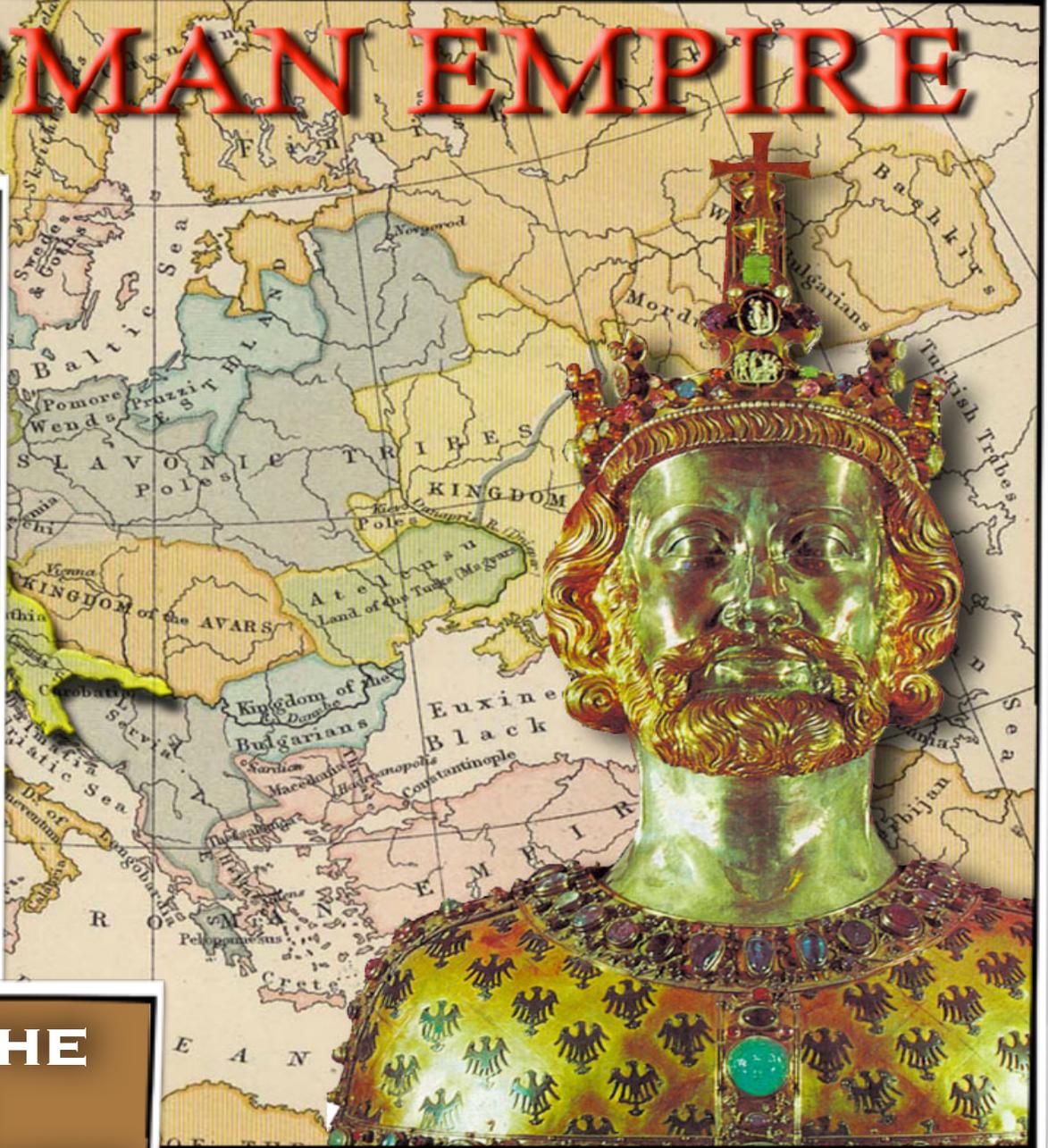
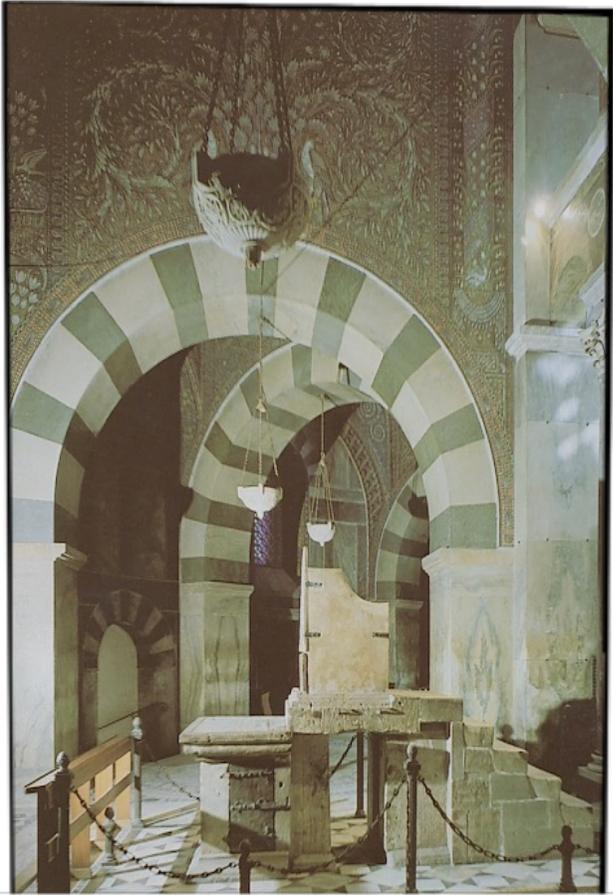
**“Francis made it clear that we need a strong, fair Europe and I found the message very encouraging.”**

**Pope Francis gets Merkel’s ear on financial reforms:  
After meeting with Pope Francis, Angela Merkel  
called for stronger market regulation**

# HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

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**THE THRONE OF THE  
HOLY ROMAN  
EMPERORS IN AACHEN**



**“The Lord will keep you”  
or ‘guard you’ (RV)**

*If God  
be for us,  
who can be against us.  
Romans 8:31*



**“BLESSED IS HE THAT READETH,  
AND THEY THAT HEAR THE  
WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY”**

REVELATION 7

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**“The tower, the eternal house I have completed its magnificence ... **The most ancient monument of Babylon**; I built it and finished it ... I made it the wonder of the people of the world, **I raised its top to heaven**, made doors for the gates, and covered it with bitumen and bricks.”**

**The Etemenanki  
(‘The House of  
the Platform  
between heaven  
and earth’)**

