

The Anti-Messiah's Temple

We have already seen how Catholicism and Islam are two “legs” of the same Babylonian beast. We have also seen how both Catholicism and Islam fulfill certain prophecies over the anti-Messiah, and how they are conspiring to build a temple together, in which an anti-messiah (substitute messiah) will serve. This will undoubtedly be the temple we saw in the last chapter, whose outer courtyard will be trampled by the gentiles for 42 months (Revelation 11:2).

The pope already sits on a throne in Rome, which some say fulfills 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

Thessaloniqim Bet (2 Thessalonians) 2:3-4

3 Do not let anyone deceive you in any way, because that Day will not come unless first comes the falling away, and the Man of Sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 the one opposing and exalting himself over everything being called Elohim, or object of worship, so as for him to sit in the temple of Elohim as Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.

However, while the pope's throne in the Vatican might be a minor fulfillment, it seems likely that we will also see a major fulfillment. This will likely take place after a nuclear exchange at seal 6, which will cause Jerusalem to be turned into an “international city” under control of the papacy. The papacy will then build a temple in which all of the world's religions can worship together. This will perfectly fulfill Revelation 11:2, and other passages.

Revelation 11:2
2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

Luke 21:24
24 “And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

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Pope John Paul II put the papal throne away from 1978 to 2006 (along with the claim to “papal infallibility”). The purpose of this was to help build relationships with those of other religious beliefs, which is an important

aspect of establishing the United Religions Initiative (URI). However, the present pope has re-introduced the papal throne, as well as the claim to infallibility when he sits on his throne.



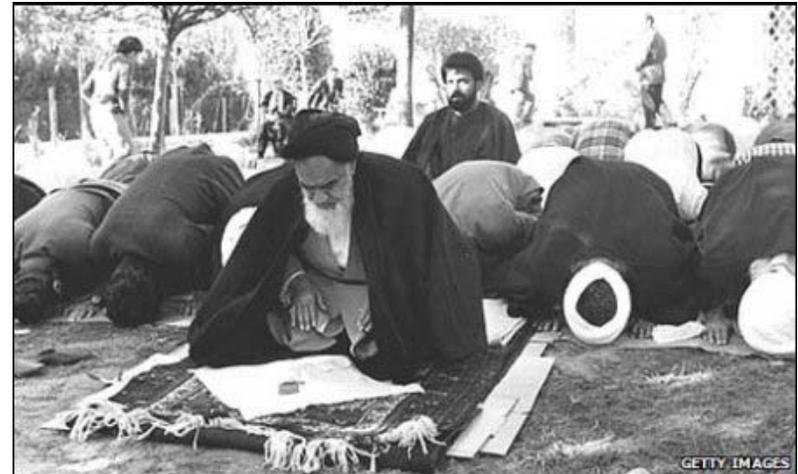
Catholic doctrine is for priests to prostrate themselves before the pope, which qualifies as worship (either as a deity, or as a king).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 19:10

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Yeshua. Worship Elohim! For the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy."

While the pope/little horn probably enjoys seeing his own priests prostrate to him, it stands to reason that what he would really like is to move his throne to Jerusalem, and be worshipped by those of other faiths as well. However, he cannot presently do this, as the sister-faith Islam presently controls the Temple Mount.

For their part, the Muslims bow down before an empty throne in Mecca. Below is Ayatollah Khomeini.



The Muslims control the Temple Mount, but they have no one on their throne. The pope sits on a throne, but he wants to move it to Jerusalem, so he can be worshipped by all religions. Is the connection obvious enough?



Above is a photo from the pope's 2006 trip to Istanbul (the earlier Constantinople), where he entered into the Blue Mosque, and joined his Muslim brothers in prayer. Some say the Pontiff only "meditated," but the point is that the head of the Roman leg of the beast joined together in worship with the Muslims from the other leg, while they prayed in the name of Allah. From there it is only a short stretch to accomplish joint worship on a much larger scale.

The Pope also went to the Temple Mount in 5/2009, to meet with Muslim leaders inside the Dome of the Rock.



Interestingly, both the Dome of the Rock (above and below) and Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome (below that) are patterned after the Temple of Jupiter Stator (far below). Notice the characteristic cupola with the "nipple-like" protrusion atop.



Two temples to Jupiter: mockup of the Dome of the Rock is above, while Saint Peter's Basilica is below.

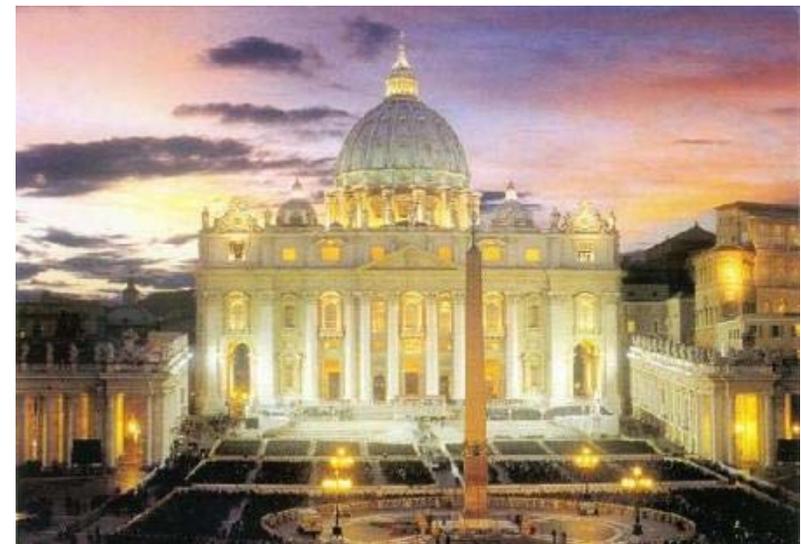


Diagram of the original Temple of Jupiter Stator is below.



We don't know this, but in addition to making a public show of Catholic-Islamic unity, the pope's trip may also been intended to solve some long-standing issues about how to move the papal throne to Jerusalem in ways that would also please Muslims. Below is a picture of the inside of the Dome of the Rock. Would the Pope put his throne on the rock (elevated)? Or would he put it at ground level? Where will all of the players be stationed, so that when Muslims bow they can pray both to Mecca and the pope at the same time?



According to our studies, the tribulation period is expected to be seven years long, based on Daniel 9.

Daniel 9:25-27

25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come (Titus) Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

It is clear that Yeshua fulfills verse 25. He also fulfills the first part of verse 26, in that He was cut off, but not for Himself. The prince to come was probably the Roman General Titus, who destroyed the city and the sanctuary. However, from here it may turn into a future fulfillment, as there was no "flood" in the first century, either literal or spiritual. However, we will see that there will be a spiritual "flood" after trumpet 7, at the time of the cups. There will be a "latter rain outpouring," and also the outpouring of the wrath of Elohim, in the cups.

Some say that Yeshua fulfilled verse 27, in that He established a covenant with many, but it is not clear that He "confirmed" a covenant with many for "one week." Rather, this seems to refer instead to a 7 year tribulation period that will be confirmed by the anti-messiah. It is expected that in the middle of the week he will bring an end to the sacrifice and offering, while one who makes desolate (perhaps the Islamic Mahdi) will be "on the wing of abominations," making Yahweh's worship desolate. If the consummation is the wedding feast (Armageddon, Revelation 19:11) then the "flood" would be the cup judgments, which will be poured out

on the desolate. Thus, those who have caused the desolation will themselves be made desolate in the day of Yahweh's wrath.

If the 7 year tribulation period is broken up into a time before the daily sacrifice is taken away, and a time after, then the first 3.5 years will likely be a time of establishing the pope (or his Islamic counterpart) as the worldwide authority. If that is the case, then the second 3.5 years would be the Time of Jacob's Trouble, when the persecution begins in earnest. This would also correspond to the time of the 2 witnesses' ministry.

This is an extremely believable scenario that would put the fifth beast (Rome and Islam) in full religious power; and it seems to be playing out right before our eyes. In November 2010 a group of sixty Catholic, Christian and Muslim leaders met in Geneva, Switzerland, to "call for the formation of a joint working group which can be mobilized whenever a crisis threatens to arise in which Christians and Muslims find themselves in conflict." In other words, the threat of war is on the minds of most Christians and Muslims, and they are looking for ways to avoid war. Catholics and Muslims officially agreed on several key points:

1. The Land of Israel is "occupied" by Zionist Jews and needs to be liberated.
2. Both Roman Catholicism and Islam are part of "God's" (read: Satan's) plan of saving mankind, since both represent the children of Abraham.
3. All religions express some truths about Elohim, and need to be included to make an fulfilled picture of the creator.
4. "Jesus" is the son of Mary.
5. World peace will first flow out from Jerusalem when the three present main religions are able

to live in peace, and come together as one voice
and offer Elohim interfaith prayers.

In the wake of a nuclear exchange in the Middle East,
the majority of Christians, Muslims and Jews would
likely agree to compromise on central tenets of their
faiths in order to avoid future nuclear exchanges,
particularly if urged by world leaders.