

The Rome Connection:

Bible Identification of the Antichrist

Introduction

1. The Pope's funeral (4/8) has raised awareness of Rome.
2. We pray for those blinded and deluded by her heresies.
3. II Thessalonians 2:3 proves that Antichrist comes before Christ's Second Coming, yet must defy and deny this.
4. The following explanations, especially II Thess 2, were once understood by most all Bible believers.
5. There are two errors stealing understanding today.
6. Futurism puts all New Testament prophecies far ahead.
7. Preterism puts all New Testament prophecies in 70AD.

Conclusion

1. There could be no better fulfillment of these prophecies than the Roman papacy.
2. The martyrs gave their blood and lives in faith that they were the prophesied victims of this murderous enemy.
3. It is my duty to remind you of these facts (I Tim 4:6).
4. It is our duty together to be thankful for God's election that saved us from such delusion (II Thess 2:13-14).
5. It is our duty together to hold the apostolic doctrine recorded in the New Testament (II Thess 2:15).