

End Time False Prophet- Part 2

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Intro:

The Catholic Church has named a new Pope - Pope Leo XIV. The first Pope from America but also a citizen of Peru.

From AP article:

He evoked his broad missionary experience in his first public remarks as pope, speaking in Italian, then switching to Spanish — and saying not a word in English as he addressed the crowd in St. Peter's Square.

"Together, we must try to find out how to be a missionary church, a church that builds bridges, dialogues, that's always open to receive — like on this piazza with open arms — to be able to receive everybody that needs our charity, our presence, dialogue and love," he said.

The selection of a U.S.-born pope could have profound impact on the future of the U.S. Catholic Church, which has been sharply divided between conservatives and progressives. Francis, with Prevost's help at the help of the bishop vetting office, had embarked on a 12-year project to rein in the traditionalist tendencies in the United States.

Why the name "Leo"? From National Geographic article:

*The name Leo means "**lion**" in Latin and carries with it a sense of regality, dignity, and leadership. Pope Leo I, the first of three popes in all of history who earned the title "the Great," embodies all of these characteristics within Roman Catholicism.*

Leo I became pope on September 29, A.D. 440, a formative time for the Church. As Catholicism spread and hammered out doctrine, new ideas and questions about details were quick to develop—leading to the rise of heretical groups. Pope Leo I immediately sought to eliminate these heretics and communicated with bishops across the Roman Empire to emphasize unity.

Pope Leo III was another pontiff who led during a formative time in Roman Catholicism. Elected in A.D. 795, Pope Leo III was the pope who [crowned Charlemagne](#) as the first Holy Roman emperor.

"Many historians credit Charlemagne with spreading Christianity across these formerly pagan regions, bringing a common culture and homogeneity to disparate tribes," [according to National Geographic's Inside the Medieval World](#). The ruler became defender of the Christian faith and, under him, the continent flourished.

Pope Leo III's decision to name the emperor as leader of the Church reaffirmed the relationship between the papacy and the Frankish rulers who would protect the Catholic Church against threats to its land and rights. It also set the stage for actions taken by

Pope Leo IX centuries later—when issues of authority and doctrine split Christendom in two.

From Wikipedia on Leo XIII, who the new Pope (I believe) said inspired him, a Pope who was very involved with geo-politics.. And as the end time false prophet will also be involved

*Throughout his entire pontificate he was able to keep **on good terms with France**, and he pledged himself to its Government that he would call on all Catholics to accept the Republic. But in spite of his efforts very few monarchists listened to him, and towards the end of his life he beheld the coming failure of his French policy, though he was spared the pain of witnessing the final catastrophe which not even he could have averted. **It was to Leo that France owed her alliance with Russia**; in this way he offset the Triple Alliance, hoped to ward off impending conflicts, and expected friendly assistance for the solution of the Roman question. **With Germany** he was more fortunate. On the very day of his election, when notifying the emperor of the event, he expressed the hope of seeing relations with the German Government re-established, and, though the emperor's reply was coldly civil, the ice was broken. Soon Bismarck, unable to govern with the Liberals, to win whose favour he had started the (q. v.), found he needed the Centre Party, or Catholics, and was willing to come to terms. As early as 1878 negotiations began at Kissingen between Bismarck and Aloisi-Masella, the nuncio to Munich; they were carried a step farther at Venice between the nuncio Jacobini and Prince von Reuss; soon after this some of the Prussian laws against the Church were relaxed. From about 1883 bishops began to be appointed to various sees, and some of the exiled bishops were allowed to return. By 1884 diplomatic relations were renewed, and in 1887 a modus vivendi between Church and State was brought about. **Bismarck proposed that Pope Leo should arbitrate between Germany and Spain.***

*In **Portugal** the Government ceased to support the Goan schism, and in 1886 a concordat was drawn up. Concordats with **Montenegro** (1886) and **Colombia** (1887) followed. The **Sultan of Turkey, the Shah of Persia, the Emperors of Japan and of China** (1885), and the **Negus of Abyssinia**, Menelik, sent him royal gifts and received gifts from him in return. His charitable intervention with the negus in favour of the Italians taken prisoners at the unlucky battle of Adna (1898) failed owing to the attitude taken by those who ought to have been most grateful. He was not successful in establishing direct diplomatic relations with the Sublime Porte and with China, owing to the jealousy of France and her fear of losing the protectorate over Christians. During the negotiations concerning **church property in the Philippines**, Mr. Taft, later President of the United States, had an opportunity of admiring the pope's great qualities, as he himself declared on a memorable occasion.*

*With regard to the **Kingdom of Italy**, Leo XIII maintained Pius IX's attitude of protest, thus confirming the ideas he had expressed in his pastoral of 1860. He desired complete independence for the Holy See, and consequently its restoration as a real sovereignty.*

Could he be the last pope? The one spoken of in prophecy? Time will tell. But we need to be watching.

Specific Purpose of This Message:

Today we will look and see what the bible says about the end time religious leader it refers to as a beast (one of two) and false prophet. Specifically we will consider what little we know of the new pope and how he could possibly fulfill these prophecies.

Need?

We are admonished to be watching so we are not caught off guard.

Mat 24:4 KJV - And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mat 24:5 KJV - For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:42 KJV - **Watch therefore:** for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Mat 24:43 KJV - But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Mat 24:44 KJV - Therefore **be ye also ready:** for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Mar 13:5 KJV - And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any [man] deceive you:

Mar 13:6 KJV - For many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and shall deceive many.

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Mar 13:22 KJV - For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect.

Mar 13:23 KJV - But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

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Mar 13:33 KJV - **Take ye heed, watch and pray:** for ye know not when the time is.

Rev 13:1 KJV - And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of **blasphemy**.

= the act or [offense](#) of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; [profane](#) talk.

As used in Scripture, the word "blasphemy" means **expressing something disrespectful or evil about God**. Among the worst forms of blasphemy are those which twist sacred truths about God into lies.

Rev 13:2 KJV - And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and **his mouth as the mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Dan 7:23 KJV - Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Dan 7:24 KJV - And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Dan 7:25 KJV - And he shall 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**.

NIV He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time [Or for a year, two years and half a year]

Rev 13:3 KJV - And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Rev 13:4 KJV - And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who [is] like unto the beast? **who is able to make war with him?**

Dragon = Rev 12:9 KJV - And the great dragon[G1404] was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and **Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Can they not make war with him or oppose him because he is so clever?

Rev 13:5 KJV - And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and **blasphemies**; and power was given unto him to continue **forty [and] two months**.

Rev 13:6 KJV - And he opened his mouth in **blasphemy** against God, to **blaspheme** his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

Rev 13:7 KJV - And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Rev 13:8 KJV - And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, *whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*.

Rev 13:9 KJV - If any man have an ear, let him hear.

Rev 13:10 KJV - He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Rev 13:11 KJV - And I beheld **another beast** coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns **like a lamb**, and he spake as a dragon.[Satan]

Rev 13:12 KJV - And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Rev 13:13 KJV - And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Rev 13:14 KJV - And **deceiveth them that dwell on the earth** by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

How does Satan deceive?

Gen 3:1 NIV - Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Gen 3:2 NIV - The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

Gen 3:3 NIV - but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

Gen 3:4 NIV - "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. **A LIE!**

Gen 3:5 NIV - "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **APPEALING TO OUR PRIDE & VANITY.**

Gen 3:6 NIV - When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Gen 3:7 NIV - Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Gen 3:8 NIV - Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Gen 3:9 NIV - But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Gen 3:10 NIV - He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Gen 3:11 NIV - And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Gen 3:12 NIV - The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Gen 3:13 NIV - Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me, and I ate.**"

From our Daniel Bible Study

40a: "**At the time of the end** the king of the South [*now probably an end-time Muslim leader*] shall attack him [*the king of the North, now the final end-time Roman ruler, an individual also known as 'the Beast,' Revelation 17:12-17*];...

DD - Why would this be? Why would the king of the South attack the king of the North? Could it be because he, the king of the South, is not happy with a treaty the King of the North made that allowed the Jews to reintroduce sacrifices on the Temple Mount? This promise is later broken. But it appears to be broken during the response of the King of the North to the attack by the king of the South. See the 70 weeks prophecy in Daniel 9, key verse 27:

Dan 9:27 NKJV - 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."

Verse 27 in the NLT:

The ruler will **make a treaty** with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."

Verse 27 from the Amplified Bible:

"And he will enter into a **binding and irrevocable covenant** with the many for one week (seven years), but in the middle of the week he will stop the sacrifice and grain offering [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and on the wing of abominations *will come*

one who makes desolate, even until the complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who causes the horror.”

How does the beast get the cooperation of the many? What is the role of the Pope ie the beast behind the beast? Is the Pope the diplomat to create these treaties?

Rev 13:15 KJV - And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Does the Pope give the Beast “credibility”?

Rev 13:4 KJV - And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who [is] like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

The nations won't be able to say no. They will be forced to agree to the treaty.

Example of Leo XIII making treaties, etc.

Idol worship

Rev 13:16 KJV - And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Rev 13:17 KJV - And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Rev 13:18 KJV - Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six.

Rev 16:13 KJV - And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.

Rev 16:14 KJV - For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

[Rev 17:1-6 NKJV] 1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on **many waters**,

2 "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

Why? To secure her place and possessions and power.

3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast [which was] full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

5 And on her forehead a name [was] written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

AntiChrist and How we Should Live - In the TRUTH! (Because the world will be DECEIVED)

1Jo 2:21 NKJV - I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because **you know it [the TRUTH], and that no lie is of the truth.**

1Jo 2:22 NKJV - Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist** who denies the Father and the Son.

1Jo 2:23 NKJV - Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1Jo 2:24 NKJV - Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. **[The TRUTH]** If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

1Jo 2:25 NKJV - And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.

1Jo 2:26 NKJV - **These things I have written to you concerning those who [try to] deceive you.** [Satan is the one who tries to deceive!]

Rev 12:9 NKJV - So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world;** he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

How will He try to deceive?

2Co 11:2 NKJV - For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

2Co 11:3 NKJV - But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2Co 11:4 NKJV - For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or [if] you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!

2Co 11:13 NKJV - **For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.**

2Co 11:14 NKJV - And no wonder! **For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.**

2Co 11:15 NKJV - Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

1Pe 5:8 NKJV - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the **devil** walks about like a roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour.**

1Pe 5:9 NKJV - Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1Pe 5:10 NKJV - But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle [you].

1Jo 2:27 NKJV - But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

1Jo 4:1 NKJV - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1Jo 4:2 NKJV - By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

1Jo 4:3 NKJV - and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And **this is the [spirit] of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

They had already split off from the truth and true Church... (See 2 Thess 2:7 below)

1Jo 4:4 NKJV - You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1Jo 4:5 NKJV - They are of the world. Therefore they speak [as] of the world, and the world hears them.

1Jo 4:6 NKJV - We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

2Th 2:1 KJV - Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 KJV - That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 KJV - **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;

2Th 2:4 KJV - 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, shewing himself that he is God.

2Th 2:5 KJV - Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 KJV - And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 KJV - For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 KJV - And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2Th 2:9 KJV - [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th 2:10 KJV - And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

2Th 2:11 KJV - And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th 2:12 KJV - That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Conclusion:

Will the new Pope, Pope Leo XIV, be the last Pope and fulfill many of the end time prophecies? Time will tell. But in the meantime we have a few things to be watching for:

- Will He get involved in geopolitics more than previous popes?
- Will he support a rising world leader in Europe?
- Will he continue false teachings that are contrary to God's word?
- Will he charismatically win the world over?

So armed with biblical truth, be watching diligently so you won't be caught off guard.

Luk 21:36 KJV - Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Additional Resources:

<https://apnews.com/article/prevost-american-pope-profile-leo-xiv-f9d14d75ae3bbe50bda121f27ee0e42b>

Article on Pope Leo XIII

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Catholic_Encyclopedia_%281913%29/Pope_Leo_XIII

National Geographic article on the Meaning of the name Leo.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/pope-name-pontiff-leo-meaning>

Bible Prophecy and You: The Beast, the False Prophet, and the AntiChrist.

<https://www.ucg.org/learn/beyond-today-magazine/beyond-today-magazine-july-august-2018/bible-prophecy-and-you-beast>

UCG MT Sermon and notes The End Time False Prophet by Daniel Deininger

<https://ucg-mt.org/sermons/end-time-false-prophet/>

UCG MT Bible Study Notes on Daniel 11:40-45 and parts of Chapter 12

https://ucg-mt.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Daniel-11_40-45-and-Daniel-12-Endtime-Events.pdf